

# Linden teen pleads guilty in school shooting plot

■ Stevens: ‘It was supposed to be a joke but it wasn’t funny’

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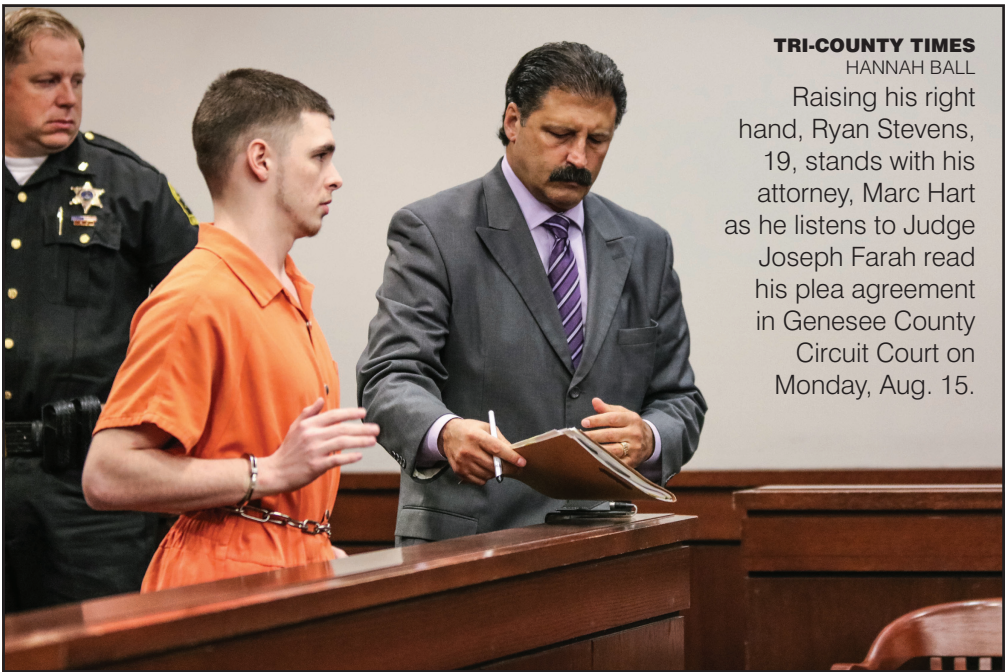
**Flint** — Ryan Stevens, 19, accepted a deal and pleaded guilty to false report or threat of terrorism in Genesee County Circuit Court on Monday, Aug. 15.

This offense is a five-year felony.

Karen Hanson, assistant prosecuting attorney for Genesee County, said Stevens was being charged with two counts — conspiracy to commit murder and false report or threat of terrorism.

She asked Judge Joseph Farah to dismiss the first count because of Stevens’ plea.

Stevens, and two other suspects, Kody Brewer and Lamarr Dukes, were appre-



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Raising his right hand, Ryan Stevens, 19, stands with his attorney, Marc Hart as he listens to Judge Joseph Farah read his plea agreement in Genesee County Circuit Court on Monday, Aug. 15.

“I made a post that threatened a government agency... It wasn’t serious. It was childish.”

**Ryan Stevens**  
Linden teen

hended after Argentine Township Police discovered social media posts about carrying out a potential school shooting.

They were charged with conspiracy to commit first-degree, premeditated murder, a felony punishable by up to life in prison and false report or threat of terrorism, a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison.

Farah asked Stevens if he understood the charges against him and if he understood the plea deal of plead-

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## Silver Lake Stables



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On Tuesday, carpenters build stable doors inside Silver Lake Stables, which is currently under construction in Fenton Township. There are 26 stables in the 11,250-square-foot area, with rich details of dark wood and brass. **See story on Page 7.**

## VA nurses go ‘above and beyond’

■ ‘We are proud to serve those who have served us’

**By Vera Hogan**  
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We often hear “stories” about veterans not getting the care they need in a timely manner at veteran hospitals and other medical facilities.

Politicians often use the “plight” of veterans as part of their platforms and offer promises to make things better for the men and women who sacrificed for our country.

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“Where else can you hear a firsthand account of D-Day?...”

**Lori Crawley, RN**  
Care Coordinator  
VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System-  
VA Ann Arbor Medical Center



## Lobdell Lake drowning is third in seven years

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TIM JAGIELO

A 50-year-old man was found floating face down Monday morning in Lobdell Lake near this beachfront. No foul play is suspected.

■ Foul play not suspected; victim’s name not yet released

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Just before 12 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 15, Argentine Town-

ship police and fire departments responded to the 16000 block of Oak Hill Drive on a report of a person floating face down in Lobdell Lake.

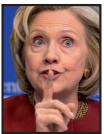
According to Argentine Township police, a male and female

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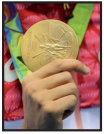
“There have been 99 people shot in Chicago in less than a week, more than 2,500 just this year. This is what happens when the mainstream media makes the cops out to be the bad guys. Thanks, Obama.”



“If you are going to vote, I ask only one thing from you. Please take the time to Google ‘Clinton body count’ before election day. It’s similar to reading the label on food products so that you know what you are buying.”



“I did not know that it was legal for a track runner to dive over the finish line. Seems like it is not in the spirit of the Olympic games to do that. If everyone did it, it would soon be outlawed. Her theatrics after the race were also quite odd.”



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## Novice and experienced gardeners alike are finding fresh success in this year's gardens

**By Sally Rummel**

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Nothing says summer like a big, red, juicy tomato plucked fresh from a Michigan garden.

Add a thick slice to a sandwich of bacon, lettuce and mayonnaise, and you just may have Michigan's best recipe for a cool, simple, seasonal dinner.

Tomatoes are the star of many local gardens, as they are easy to grow and can be enjoyed in so many different ways — from fresh to canned tomato sauce, salsa, spaghetti sauce and more.

A warm season crop, this year's unusually persistent hot, dry weather will bring a good crop to gardeners who helped Mother Nature along with irrigation or frequent watering.

But tomatoes aren't the only garden players. Cucumbers are

especially popular for making pickles, and peppers of all kinds, plus onions and tomatoes will be the main ingredients for salsa in many local kitchens.

In fact, making salsa, pickles and fresh-grown recipes is one of the things that inspired Brad Wright of Tyrone Township to put in his first garden ever in April.

"I've always thought I'd love a garden but our yard didn't have a lot of full sun," said Wright, 43. "We moved a year ago to the house I grew up in, with 11 acres. We talked about all the things we could do with this land — maybe chickens, maybe apple trees. I really wanted to garden."

In April, he parceled out a 30- by 60-foot plot of land, tilled it with a tractor, took off the topsoil and

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(Top) Brad Wright of Tyrone Township sits with his son, Joe, 8, in the family garden on Aug. 3. Wright started the garden in April with help from his family. They moved to his childhood home with a lot more room in the back yard. (Above) Wright believes there are 14 different produce items growing in the garden. They include Roma tomatoes, peppers, squash and zucchini.

## World's entire population can fit into New York City

**By Hannah Ball**

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The United States is the third most populated country in the world with approximately 324,260,700 people. This is not even close to India with 1.2 billion people and China with 1.3 billion, according to the United States Census Bureau (USCB).

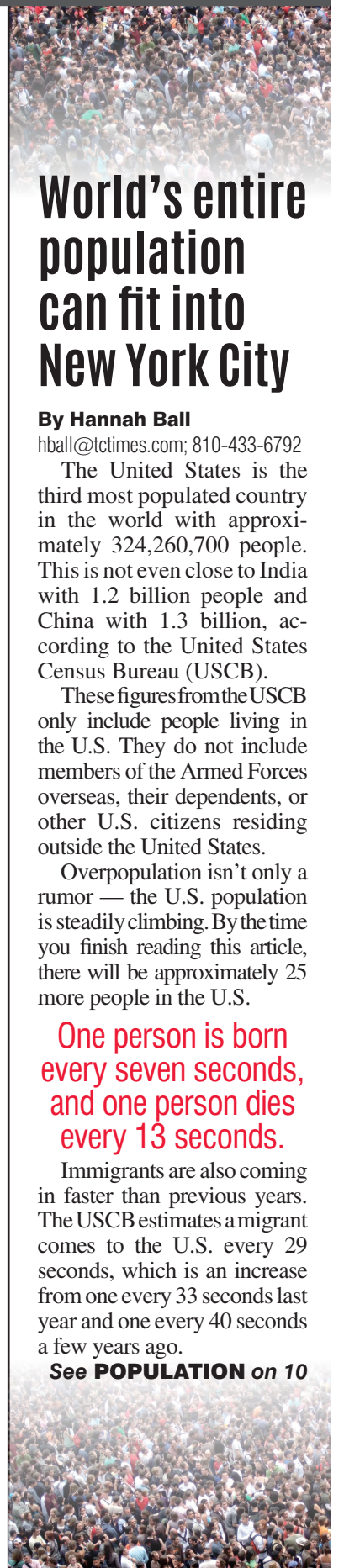
These figures from the USCB only include people living in the U.S. They do not include members of the Armed Forces overseas, their dependents, or other U.S. citizens residing outside the United States.

Overpopulation isn't only a rumor — the U.S. population is steadily climbing. By the time you finish reading this article, there will be approximately 25 more people in the U.S.

**One person is born every seven seconds, and one person dies every 13 seconds.**

Immigrants are also coming in faster than previous years. The USCB estimates a migrant comes to the U.S. every 29 seconds, which is an increase from one every 33 seconds last year and one every 40 seconds a few years ago.

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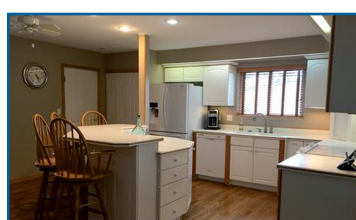
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## If I Were King...

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### We are running out of time

In 2004, it was George Bush. In 2008, it was Sarah Palin. In 2012, it was Mitt Romney. Now, in 2016, it's Donald Trump.

The media, just as it did in 2004, 2008 and 2012, treats every conservative candidate with disgust and ridicule, while sowing fear of the candidate. They ignore, or misrepresent, the candidate's actual ideological or policy perspectives, propagate the belief that anything the candidate says is untrue and foster a general state of unease and anxiety regarding the future of the country if that candidate is elected.

Why would the media do that? Here's why:

#### • Former ABC News executive

producer Ian Cameron is married to Susan Rice, Obama's National Security Adviser.

• **CBS President** David Rhodes is the brother of Ben Rhodes, Obama's Deputy National Security Adviser for Strategic Communications.

• **NBC is owned** and operated by Jeffrey Immelt, who also owns GE, which is the recipient of billions of dollars worth of government contracts to supply military equipment and Green technology. GE has, under Obama's watch, received over \$100 billion dollars in direct subsidies.

• **ABC News** correspondent Claire Shipman is married to former Whitehouse Press Secretary Jay Carney.

• **ABC President** Ben Sherwood is the brother of Obama's Special Adviser Elizabeth Sherwood.

• **CNN Executive** Virginia Moseley is married to former Hillary Clinton Deputy Secretary Tom Nides.

And now you know why it is no surprise that the mainstream media is in the Left's pocket. And has been for the last several elections.

In 2004, the media painted George W. Bush as a moron who was only elected because of his daddy and his name. The media also viciously attacked his wife and daughters. The media, especially NBC's SNL, couldn't attack a war hero such as John McCain in 2008, so they assailed Sarah Palin unmercifully, including her Downs child and her pregnant daughter. In 2012 a proven self-made multi-million-

aire, Mitt Romney, was mocked and denigrated for his religious beliefs and, unbelievably, for his success as a businessman.

Meanwhile, they never mention that Democrats gave former President Bill Clinton a pass for raping Paula Jones, raping Juanita Broadrick, sexually assaulting Kathleen Willey, and using Monica Lewinsky as a humidor in the Oval Office.

They never mention Hillary Clinton viciously attacking and destroying any woman who dared to step forward and reveal that her husband was a serial cheater and a liar.

The media had a field day when George Bush mispronounced 'nuclear,' but never mentioned the dozens of high profile gaffes by a bumbling Obama, such as calling dead Marines 'corpse men,' instead of corpsmen.

There's plenty more, but you get it...anyone with a brain knows in their heart what is going on but we simply choose to ignore it. The bottom line is that America and Americans are being enslaved by the very people we elected to serve us.

It's why we have the old saying that 'Politicians are our masters, disguised as our servants.'

Truth be told, they hate Trump for the simple reason that he is not part of the corrupt system. That's exactly the reason why we *should* be voting for him.

For God's sake people, pull your head out of your ass and think for yourself.

We are running out of time.

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**WHY WOULD YOU** complain about something that's getting kids out of the house, exploring downtown, and getting exercise?

**FOR THE DDA** to spend \$400,000 more helping to put up another too-big Cornerstone building downtown is absurd. The new buildings out at Target are darling and they cost the taxpayer nothing.

**NOSTRADAMUS PREDICTED THE** third anti-Christ. Which one are you going to vote for?

**VOTE FOR HILLARY** if you want more taxes, more spending, more debt, more corruption in our federal government.

**PERHAPS BEFORE THE** city of Fenton decides to help fund the building of yet another big building in downtown Fenton they should consider fixing the roads. The roads in most of Fenton are so poor the people who live in Fenton can't get from point A to B without destroying their car's suspension.

**READING ABOUT THE** second Cornerstone building proposal. They are asking for \$400,000 to make it work. When a municipality gives or loans money to a private business that is a subsidy. They are subsidizing a business that will compete with existing businesses that get no subsidy.

**MY NEIGHBORS HAVE** three chickens. I gave them nicknames — Eleven, Herbs

and Spices.

**THEY KEEP ASKING** why certain Republicans won't get on board with Trump. The answer would be they are the corruption he wants to get rid of in our government. Once he is in, they are gone. We really need to clean up our government and turn this world we live in around.

**THE PROPOSED NEW** building in downtown Fenton is asking for a \$400,000 subsidy from DDA. Subsidizing a new commercial building that will have businesses competing with existing business who get no subsidy is unfair to existing businesses.

**THE DEBATE OVER** whether the constitution allows us to have AR-15s is silly. If the founders wrote the constitution today they would say that we have the right to have rocket launchers and missiles. The whole point is to protect ourselves from a tyrannical government.

**DEMOCRATS ARE MAKING** stuff up about Donald? They don't have to. Donald Trump says crazy things daily to try to get the media to provide free advertising. The chickens are coming home to roost. A majority of voters are, thankfully, sane. Never Trump.

**IT WOULD BE** difficult for most people to enjoy a windchime that was stolen from a gravesite. It was a special gift in memory of a beloved husband and father.

**TRUE TO LIBERAL** Logic, anyone who votes for Trump is a racist, then anyone who votes for Clinton is a criminal.

**TO THE WOMAN** thinking Hillary is going to make a change for women in this world. HA! HA! HA! Hillary will make her and Bill richer. You will be in the same hole you are in. You need to get it together for yourself and stop trying to lean on other people to do it for you.

**WHAT EXACTLY DO** you not like about the direction of Fenton? From what I see, companies are investing and hiring, the population is growing, getting younger and more diverse. These are all great signs of success for our great city.

**SO, I UNDERSTAND**, the DDA is considering a proposal from a developer for a dollar store to be put at the site of the controversially destroyed home on Shiawassee.

**IF YOU ARE** an Olympics fan, I hope you have access to CBC broadcasts. The coverage on the other network is pathetic.

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## What is your favorite childhood summer memory?

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## streettalk



"There are a lot of them; that is a tough one. I think just being a free kid and not really having any responsibility."

— **Don DuBois**  
Linden



"Picnics with the family at my mom and dad's. All the family would get together."

— **Jennifer Morse**  
Linden



"Camping near Traverse City where I would go to a girl's camp. I went every summer from age 5-13 for about two to four weeks at a time. I loved summer camp and learned all sorts of activities."

— **Izora Cohle**, Fenton



"Whenever my parents would take us to the Great Lakes. We lived on a farm, so we were far from lakes. We would go there for picnics."

— **Geno Essenmacher**  
Linden



"Going to my grandma's beach house. The family would all go to hang out."

— **Danielle Fuller**  
Holly



## Shuttle to shop

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We have a situation in downtown Fenton. On one hand, it's a very good situation because the improvements that have been made there through Streetscape, and the new construction and businesses that have come in have truly made it a place where residents and visitors want to shop, eat and play.

But, here's the rub — parking, or lack thereof, is a problem. Councilwoman Pat Lockwood is right when she says one of the issues is lack of proper signage. A lot of people don't know (especially those who do not live in the city) that there is ample parking by Red Fox Outfitters, behind the police station, at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center and more. Signs directing people to those lots would be a huge help.

While the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the Fenton City Council have worked diligently to create a beautiful, walkable downtown aimed at drawing people in — it is not their job to make the businesses there profitable.

The downtown businesses need to take it from here.

I have never ever been one to try and force advertising down someone's throat. But I will tell you, I have seen many small businesses in Fenton close before I even knew they were there. Oddly enough, they advertise their 'going out of business sales.'

I wonder what they were thinking to be honest. Why would you spend your life savings or go into debt up to your eyeballs to open the business of your dreams — then rely on word of mouth or drive-bys to bring customers in.

Anyway, back to parking. Here's another thought. We could help these businesses out and get a shuttle bus and could call it the 'Dibbleville Express,' for example. I Googled these vehicles and there is a company called Cushman that has what's called a Shuttle8 and it's only about \$20,000 to \$25,000. It looks like a huge golf cart. That, in my opinion, would be DDA dollars well spent.

We have plenty of benches placed throughout the downtown now — those could be shuttle stops. Senior citizen volunteers could serve as drivers.

DDA Chairman Craig Schmidt mentioned at a recent meeting that 'fitness' is one of the reasons people like a walkable downtown.

That's fine if you're just going out to eat or go window shopping. For those of us who are now in their 50s and 60s and older, walking from the parking lot at Red Fox Outfitters to shop and actually spend money downtown can be physically challenging.

Hospitals have shuttles from the parking lot to the building, airports have them and even car dealerships use them to get customers to their back lots.

At that same meeting, someone said that people have no trouble walking around the big stores on the west end of town, so what's the difference. The difference is those big stores offer shopping

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Vera Hogan

## Holly DDA director takes on added duties

■ Holly Village Council votes to make Potter the assistant village manager-community development director

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In a vote of 6-1, the Holly Village Council made a switch and gave DDA Director Andy Potter some new responsibilities.

He has assumed the position of assistant village manager-community development director.

Councilman Robert Kleven cast the sole dissenting vote.

According to Village President Ryan Bladzick, when Jeff Wren, the former code enforcer/planning official left the village

in 2012, the council decided to save money in the budget by putting planning/zoning administration on Clerk/Treasurer Cathy Behren's desk.

"We wanted Cathy to devote more time to things that are actually the clerk/treasurer's job, like more aggressive management of investments, projective budgeting, etc.," said Bladzick of the recent change.

"We still can't afford a dedicated, full-time community development director, but most of what the DDA director does already covers that, so it'd be redundant anyway," said Bladzick. "We just needed to add those planning/zoning administrative duties, and revised the title and organizational chart to being an assistant village manager-community development director."

"This reflects our overall focus on eco-



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Holly's DDA Director Andy Potter has a new title. The Holly Village Council voted 6-1 on Aug. 10 to make him the assistant village manager-community development director.

conomic development throughout the entire village now," he added.

Bladzick said that Potter will continue to report directly to the DDA Board and is expected to devote 12 to 15 hours per month on village community development tasks.

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## DROWNING

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riding a personal watercraft on Lobdell Lake spotted a man floating face down in the water as they drove past that area of Oak Hill Drive.

Police will release the man's name once family members have confirmed his identity. They did say that they believe the man was 50 years old, lived out of state and was visiting family in the area.

The drowning victim was reportedly last seen on Sunday, Aug. 14 in the general vicinity off Oak Hill Drive, which is a popular swimming area for local residents.

The Genesee County Medical Examiner's Office transported the drowning victim to Hurley Medical Center in Flint where an autopsy will be performed. Toxicology testing will also be done.

Police do not suspect foul play as there were no obvious signs of trauma on the man.

This is the not the first drowning in Lobdell Lake.

In August 2015, Thomas Kelley, 47, of Argentine Township drowned after he dove into the water to help kids that had fallen off a tube, which his boat was pulling.

In July 2009, Gary Barcume Sr., 68, of Argentine Township drowned after his boat collided with a pontoon and he fell into the water.

In July 2007, three people were injured when a speedboat collided with a pontoon late at night.

## Tri-county fundraisers

### FIRST RUMMAGE SALE SET FOR NEW TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH IN FENTON

Trinity Lutheran Church's new building will host its first rummage sale this weekend on Friday, Aug. 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Clothing, books, toys, Christmas items, dishes, a unique clown collection and other household items will be for sale. Monies raised will support the purchase of needed items for the new church at 1025 S. Main St., Fenton., telephone (810) 629-7861.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**TO HILLARY DEFENDERS** let me ask you; does the fact that Adam Lanza was never convicted of murder in a court of law for the shootings at Sandy Hook mean he is innocent, too?

■■■■  
**A HOT-LINER WROTE**, 'Anything that can put out a couple of rounds in a minute is a WMD.' After I exposed the stupidity of that statement you claim it's a misquote. Typical Liberal move — trying to cover up one lie with another lie.

■■■■  
**HAVE YOU SEEN** the latest addition to the park on Margaret Drive? The neighbors have added a sign saying established in 1991.

## NURSES

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But there is at least one person trying to do her part to make sure these veterans get the loving, professional care and attention they deserve.

Lori Crawley of Fenton has been a registered nurse at the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System-VA Ann Arbor Medical Center for 16 years.

She said her primary reward is the privilege of taking care of veterans.

"They are truly amazing," Crawley said. "Whether it is the young soldier fresh from the service, or the soldier that saw combat in World War II, they are grateful and appreciative of the care we provide."

"Our patients come from all over and have different backgrounds, but in the end they all share a common bond — they are veterans," she said. "They share camaraderie and a kinship with each other and have similar experiences."

As a "care coordinator," her official title, Crawley assists the physicians in taking care of their patients. Care coordinators help by setting up tests and appointments, and by placing consultations and lab orders for veterans.

"We also gather records from other hospitals for the continuity of care of our patients," she said. "We help to coordinate a smooth transfer for veterans from inpatient hospitalization to outpatient follow-up care upon discharge."

"It is our mission to go above and beyond our call of duty to provide care to the whole patient, not just his or her medical problems," she added. "We are proud to serve those who have served us."

"I once worked with a veteran who had a prolonged stay in our Community Living Center, who had broken his eyeglasses and was unable to see without them," Crawley said. "I was able to contact the Battle Creek VA (where his original eyeglasses were made) and help get him a new pair."

"I also had a patient once who needed a TLSO (thoracolumbosacral orthosis) brace. I contacted the company and coordinated with the technician to come out and measure our patient and get the brace ordered," she added. "I also assist our patients by coordinating with VA Prosthetics to get the equipment they need"



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Lori Crawley of Fenton has been serving the medical needs of veterans at the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System-VA Ann Arbor Medical Center for 16 years.

to live at home safely, such as with ramps, shower rails, diabetic shoes and scales."

Crawley said she enjoys the opportunity she has to provide special assistance for her VA hospital's patients.

"For example, I made ice cubes of out Mountain Dew for a patient once because he could not eat but was allowed ice chips," she said.

"I enjoy sitting and listening to their stories and life experiences," Crawley said. "Where else can you hear a firsthand account of D-Day? I once held the hand of a veteran who cried and told me, 'I'm not the hero, they are buried in Normandy.'"

Crawley said there are some challenges to her position. Knowing that there are many veterans who may not be aware of the array of programs and services the VA has to offer them is frustrating to her.

She encourages all veterans to call the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System Health Benefits Unit at 1(800) 361-8387, option 4 to learn about the healthcare benefits for which they may be eligible. They are also available at [www.annarbor.va.gov](http://www.annarbor.va.gov) or on Facebook or Twitter @VAAnnArbor.

Nearly 30 percent of the employees at the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System are veterans themselves.



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## DUTIES

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Potter's salary did not change, but he was converted from a 1099 contract employee to a payroll employee, and the village assumed about \$4,000 in payroll costs in exchange for the 12 to 15 hours he will serve as the planning/zoning administrator.

"The position's take-home pay will actually decrease as a result of payroll deduction," Bladzick said.

Some have called the job change "double-dipping" from Holly taxes.

Bladzick said this is not true. "This is simply shifting a set of job duties onto a more appropriate employee who was doing 85 percent of those duties anyway and reclassifying the position."

The job change was discussed extensively at the July 26 Holly Village Council meeting. Several members of the audience expressed their displeasure with the move. As a result, the council tabled the matter, but took it up again at its Aug. 10 meeting.

Councilman Robert Kleven voted against

the job change at this month's meeting. He said Monday that the DDA is funded 100 percent by TIF (tax increment financing) money, which the commercial property owners in the DDA district pay. Not all commercial property owners are in the DDA district. But those that are, pay approximately \$96,000 a year.

"The DDA was getting 100 percent of the DDA director's time. His time is an asset," said Kleven. "Now they're not getting 100 percent of his time. Now they get a part-time director and are getting short changed, and the merchants are, too, because the merchants pay their rent which pays for TIF."

Kleven said he also has an objection to the title. "By calling him the assistant village manager, it gives the perception that he's going to be assistant to all matters relating to the village manager," he said.

"His only authority and responsibility will be community development," Kleven said. "I'm afraid this is going to morph into something else, something other than intended."



# New horse stables coming to Fenton Township

■ Riding lessons available to residents of all ages and experience

By Hannah Ball

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New horse stables and a riding academy are coming to Fenton Township this fall.

The family of Phil and Jocelyn Hagerman of Fenton Township are developing the Silver Lake Stables, which will feature 26 horse stalls and a riding academy available for the public.

Dan Farrell and his wife, Jen, have taken on the project. Farrell said the majority of construction is finished and they're working on the finer details.

"We're looking to open sometime in the middle of October or do a Halloween-type party so people can see what we're going to offer," he said.

Construction, which is being done by Jason Grout from Absolute Construction, started at the end of June 2015. Architect William Thomas, from William J. Thomas Studios, designed all the new renovations for the development.

"The original barn was built back in the early '80s," he said. "There really hasn't been any upgrade since the '80s. As far as construction, we pretty much took down the barn to the studs and brought it back up and updated it pretty much throughout."

They built an additional barn, added an outdoor arena and completed a new indoor arena. They're going to have a small kitchen to accommodate birthday parties and events.



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Silver Lake Stables houses an 11,675-square-foot indoor arena and observation area.

**“We just thought it’d be a great opportunity to bring that horse farm back and allow the kids in Fenton and surrounding areas to learn about horses and ride horses.”**

**Dan Farrell**  
*Silver Lake Stables*



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The 28-acre ranch is projected to be complete by October 2016.

Parents will be able to watch their children take lessons from the observation area of the indoor arena.

Farrell said their focus will be the riding academy, named the Silver Lakes Stables Riding Academy. They hired a couple, Wes and Sena Bowling, who operate their own stables in Davison to run the academy.

Beginner, intermediate, and advance classes will be available.

"I think there's going to be a good market to allow kids of all ages to take some riding lessons and not only learn about horse riding but also learn about caring for horses," he said.

They also want to provide horse riding lessons at an affordable price.

"We want to make sure anyone can come out for a ride," he said.

Prices have not been set yet.

By next spring, the stables will have approximately eight to 10 saddlebred horses and might bring in more, depending on how popular the academy is.

Farrell said down the road, they're thinking about boarding horses and breeding them.

The stables are located on approximately 28 acres on 15135 Pinewood Trail off Silver Lake Road. Farrell said the Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved to rezone one of the parcels from residential to agriculture in May 2015.

"The barn has always been there. We just thought it'd be a great opportunity to bring that horse farm back and allow the kids in Fenton and surrounding areas to learn about horses and ride horses," Farrell said.

## The best way to stop smoking

The Surgeon General says 90 percent of smokers start between the ages of 12 and 19. They start for reasons of defiance.

Rigidly over-controlled teens get sick of being told what to do and take a stand. They do this by adopting one or more of six defiant behaviors they're told never to do — smoking, drinking, drugs, sex, crime and overeating.

Medical professionals, as wonderful as they are, just don't get it. Telling smokers to stop doing the very thing they started doing to prove no one can tell them what



to do doesn't work. The more they feel pressured, the more they'll subconsciously dig in their heels.

According to published reports, going cold turkey has a 3.5 percent success rate, the patch/gum has a 7 percent success rate and Chantix has a 14 percent success rate. Nationally, four sessions of hypnosis has a 74 percent success rate.

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Tamara Read and Don Madison met three years ago and started dating soon after. Read is 34 while Madison is 49, creating a 15-year difference.

# Do May-December relationships work?

■ Local couples defy the odds when it comes to age difference

By Hannah Ball

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The majority of married couples, 33 percent, were born within one year of each other, according to the United States Census Bureau.

The bigger the age gap, the rarer the relationship.

These relationships are often called May-December relationships.

Relationships where the woman is two to three years older than the man account for 6.5 percent of relationships, and relationships where she's 10 to 14 years older account for 1 percent.

It's more common for the men to be older. Relationships where the man is two to three years older account for 20 percent of married couples, and relationships where husbands are 15 to 19 years older account for 1.6 percent.

Some local couples are in that 1.6 percent.

Tamara Read and Don Madison, both Fenton residents, are 15 years apart in age.

"I usually don't think much about the difference until we talk about when he was younger," she said. "I was just getting out of diapers when he was graduating high school. I do tease him for the '80s metal hair and tight jeans he rocked back in the day."

Read is 34 and Madison is 49. They met at a dog obedience class in the spring of 2013. She friend requested him on Facebook after the class ended, and they took their dogs to Seven Lakes State Park.

"I loved how much he loved dogs, and his passion for music," she said. "He is amazing at playing the guitar. He always makes me laugh. He's handsome."

One founder of a dating site found that age doesn't matter as much as maturity

## Age differences in relationships

Husband 20+ years older than wife .....	1 percent
Husband 15-19 years older than wife .....	1.6 percent
Husband 10-14 years older than wife .....	4.8 percent
Husband 6-9 years older than wife .....	11.6 percent
Husband 4-5 years older than wife .....	13.3 percent
Husband 2-3 years older than wife .....	20.4 percent
<b>Husband and wife within 1 year .....</b>	<b>33.2 percent</b>
Wife 2-3 years older than husband .....	6.5 percent
Wife 4-5 years older than husband .....	3.3 percent
Wife 6-9 years older than husband .....	2.7 percent
Wife 10-14 years older than husband .....	1 percent
Wife 15-19 years older than husband .....	0.3 percent
Wife 20+ years older than husband .....	0.3 percent

Source: United States Census Bureau

“The age difference actually inspired me to quit smoking, and with him being a non-smoker it just felt like it was the right time.”

Tamara Read  
Fenton resident

level. Many female clients seek a male partner who's 10 to 15 years older.

However, one study from Emory University found that the larger the age gap, the more likely the relationship won't last. Couples with big age differences might have different life experiences, one could be nearing retirement while the other is at the peak of their career, and one could want kids soon while the other doesn't.

Read and Madison seem to be defying these odds, having been together for almost three years. Read said the other part that warms her heart is that he took in her two kids as his own.

"He's never had kids, so it was an adjustment, but he's a champ. They love and adore him as much as I do," she said.

He also took it well when she adopted another dog named Norbert.

The age difference doesn't come up a lot. "He's more set in his ways in some aspects. It's really just the trivial stuff, like how he cleans and maintains the house differently than I do. That, we butt heads on," she said.

She didn't realize he was so much older until he turned 46. "He's into running and he said he wanted to see if his 46-year-old self could out run his 45-year-old self. He's very youthful so I was a bit surprised he was that much older," she said.

Many friends and family might not be supportive of big age differences. A few of Read's friends were concerned at first. "But once everyone met him, they absolutely love him. They could see how happy he makes me," she said.

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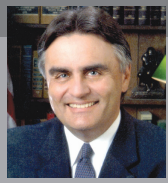
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In December of 1956, John D. Voelker was appointed to the Michigan Supreme Court by then Governor G. Mennen Williams. He served in this position until January of 1960.

He was born in Ishpeming. Previous to his appointment he had been in private practice and a prosecutor in Marquette County.

In 1958, the courtroom murder mystery book, 'Anatomy of a Murder' was published. It was written by Robert Traver and immediately became the number one best seller in the United States.

The story revolved around a murder in the Upper Peninsula and the ensuing trial and verdict. The book was made into a movie in 1959 and received seven Academy Award nominations.

There are a number of interesting stories about the book and the movie, but perhaps the most interesting from a legal perspective is the fact that John D. Voelker and Robert Traver were the same person. Robert Traver was a pen name that Justice Voelker used, which combined his deceased brother's first name with his mother's maiden name.

Justice Voelker was a very well respected justice and wrote a number of important opinions while on the bench.

Among his writings is this small 1958 sample: 'when a rule of law or its application becomes so divorced from the context of reality, from the living human situations to which it is to be applied, it becomes meaningless incantation and downright harmful. It isn't always what the rule says that is so bad, it is how it is applied.'

These are powerful words and is why the courts and the legislature are always reviewing the laws and ensuring that they are relevant.

A recent example of this was shown in a series of 2015 bills that the governor signed repealing a number of outdated, irrelevant, or unenforceable laws. These included prohibitions on duels; embellishing the national anthem; scalping railroad, steamship, or bus tickets; swearing in public within the hearing of a woman or a child; and promoting endurance contests such as a walkathon. A fuller list of the repealed laws can be found on the web in 2015 House Bills 2047, 2048 and 2050.

Keeping laws current and relevant and enforceable is extraordinarily important and I know Justice Voelker, aka Robert Traver, would agree.

## SHUTTLE

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carts that can be filled with hundreds of items, and they can be wheeled outside all the way to the shopper's trunk. We obviously don't have that downtown.

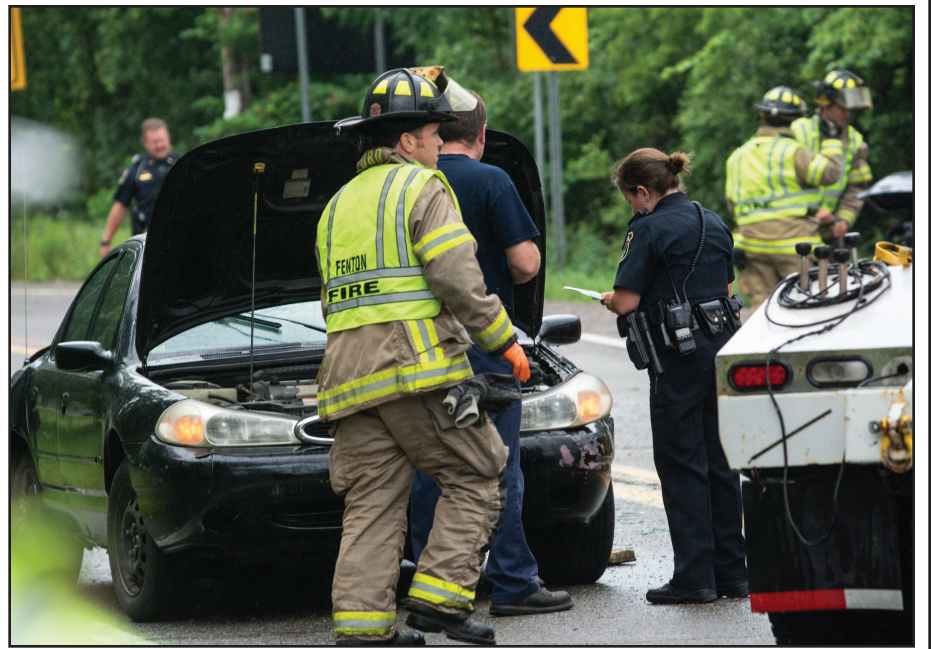
Imagine parking in the municipal parking lot behind the police station. Walking over to the Fenton's Open Book is no problem. But then you buy a couple of hardcover books and your load is suddenly a little heavier. Then you hit Iron Grate and buy a few more items there. Then you visit Kimberly Lenoir's new store, Northern Country Chic, and buy some of the cute stuff she carries. Oh, and then let's grab some dinner to go from Fenton House.

Before you know it, you're loaded down like a pack mule and the municipal parking lot suddenly looms large like Mt. Everest, with your car parked at the top.

We need a shuttle bus. We could rent one during the Christmas holiday season and see how it works out.

If we had a shuttle bus, I would try to do most of my holiday shopping downtown — but not if I have to haul a bunch of heavy bags to my car more than a few blocks away. Nope, not happening!

## Two injured in Tuesday morning crash



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Fenton police and fire departments respond to a crash on East South Holly Road in Fenton Tuesday morning. Lt. Jason Slater of the Fenton Police Department said the vehicles were traveling too fast for the conditions. The westbound vehicle crossed the centerline and the eastbound vehicle was unable to avoid it. Two motorists were treated for minor injuries.

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## POPULATION

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The U.S. has a net gain of one person every 11 seconds, according to the USCB.

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The most populous state is California with a population of 39,144,818, and a population per square mile of 251.3 people in 2015. The other most populous states include Texas (27,469,114 people), Florida (20,271,272 people), and New York (19,795,791 people).

The District of Columbia has the highest density with 10,994 people per square mile, followed by New Jersey with 1,218 people per square mile, and Rhode Island with 1,031.7 people per square mile.

## Michigan

Michigan is the 10th most populated state with 9,922,576 people and 175.5 people per square mile in 2015.

In the Great Lakes State in 2015, women outnumber men at approximately 50.9 percent, and approximately 23 percent of the population is under 18 years old.

Approximately 6.2 percent of Michigan's population in 2015 was foreign born.

## World

The world population clock is at 7,344,722,900 as this article is being written. The Washington Post suggests that the entire world population could fit into New York City if everyone stood shoulder to shoulder.

### Federally owned land

The federal government owns 47 percent of all the land in the West, according to the New York Times. This is because of all the national parks and reserves.

The United States Forest Service, the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Fish and Wildlife Service own and control a large portion of western states, like Nevada.

The federal government owns about 10 percent of the land in Michigan. Most central and eastern states contain less than 5 percent of federally owned land.

It's estimated that over 108 billion people have lived on earth, according to National Geographic.

There are more young people in the world than ever before, according to the United Nations Population Fund. Approximately 1.8 billion people in the world are between the ages of 10 and 24. Many are concentrated in developing countries.

By the end of the century, the world's population could be as high as 17 billion or as low as 7 billion, according to the United Nations. This depends on fertility rates and life expectancy.

In the early 1970s, women had 4.5 children on average and by 2014, women had 2.5 children on average.

The U.S. is on track to overpopulating. Since Aug. 16, 2015, the U.S. population has increased by approximately 2.5 million people. That's an increase in population size of approximately 0.73 percent.



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Fenton Township held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the developing dog park on Thompson Road in November 2015.

## Communities join efforts in developing dog park

By Hannah Ball

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**Fenton Twp.** — The Fenton Township Dog Park, now called the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park, has not been put on hold — things are simply taking longer than expected because other municipalities have joined the township to complete the park.

Fenton City Councilwoman Patricia Lockwood said she's grateful they've included Fenton in the park. She said Fenton received a \$10,000 donation for a dog park, but the city doesn't have the land.

"Why don't we combine our efforts? (Fenton Township) is just great, they said we would love to work with you guys. It's almost like a perfect combination," she said. "We are on board with them and we're willing to help with fundraising. It's a great opportunity to see how regional shared services can be so effective with communities."

The two municipalities joined forces to develop the park.

"Fenton has been very active and enthusiastic to a partnership," he said.

The 2.2-acre dog park, part of a larger approximately 36-acre park, is located on Thompson Road, just east of Wiggins Road.

The Fenton Township Board unanimously voted to approve the park in October 2015.

The bigger park will include baseball diamonds and soccer fields. The area will be handicap accessible, with hardtop surfaces for parking and a path.

Krug said they have all the necessary permits.

He said their initial fundraising goal was \$25,000, which would pay for infrastructure like the fencing, well, driveway, and parkway. They're going to ask that each involved municipality keeps ap-

proximately \$3,000 in their budget for maintenance for the park, and he doesn't expect that to be an issue.

A group of volunteers continues to meet a few times a month to discuss planning.

Anyone can donate at [youcaring.com](http://youcaring.com). Just search for the Fenton Township dog park to find the correct page.

Led by Amy Krug at the Wednesday, Aug. 10 meeting, the group of volunteers discussed fundraising. She said she's working on applying for a grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Flint.

"It's going pretty smoothly. I think we've got some pretty strong support just knowing the folks who are on the committee. They're very supportive of this idea," she said.

She said an estimation of the total cost of the park is around \$120,000, and their initial goal of raising \$25,000 is a really strong proposal for receiving grant money.

They raised approximately \$1,000 at a fundraiser during the weekend of Aug. 6 and

they're exploring the idea of sponsorships in order to raise more money. "To be safe, we probably need to raise another \$5,000 to \$10,000 to reach our goal. If we exceed our goal, there's other things we can do to improve the park," she said.

The public will be able to support the dog park by buying parts of it to help people memorialize their love for their dogs. The group will sell 10-foot sections of the fence for \$500 and for \$250. Donors can put up a sign with a picture of their dog, family, business logo, other like images and they will sponsor that section of the fence for approximately two years. The group is still ironing out details so the duration of the sponsorship could change. The public can also donate \$100 for gold status, \$50 for silver, and \$25 for bronze as general sponsorships.

Down the line, donors could have the option of sponsoring a bench with a permanently attached plaque. Other sponsorship opportunities may be available in the future.

"We talked about larger sponsorship options," she said. "If someone wants to sponsor the whole park, or wants to pay for all the fencing, we will pretty much entertain any offer someone comes in with."

To learn more about the park and how to become a sponsor, email [fentontownshipdogpark@gmail.com](mailto:fentontownshipdogpark@gmail.com) or visit their Facebook page.

**“I think we’ve got some pretty strong support just knowing the folks who are on the committee. They’re very supportive of this idea.”**

**Amy Krug**  
Thompson Road Regional  
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## GUILTY

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ing guilty to false report or threat of terrorism.

Stevens said he understood.

Farah asked Stevens if he knew why the charges were brought against him.

"In other words you were hoping people would take it seriously, but it wasn't a serious threat," Farah said. "Or was it serious?"

"It wasn't serious. It was childish. It was supposed to be a joke but it wasn't funny," Stevens said.

Hanson asked Stevens if it was true that he, Dukes, and Brewer exchanged text messages about buying guns.

"Or was it also just things you and Brewer and Dukes were making up?" she asked.

Stevens said yes, they were just making it up.

Hansen asked if he knew anything about the pictures of Dukes and Brewer holding guns.

Stevens said he didn't know anything about those.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | HANNAH BALL

Genesee County Judge Joseph Farah listens to Genesee County Assistant Prosecutor Karen Hanson as she reads Ryan Stevens' plea deal on Monday, Aug. 15.

"And the person in Detroit you were going to get guns from?" she asked.

Stevens said it was just for show and he was just boasting.

Farah dismissed the first count of conspiracy to commit murder and accepted the plea deal.

Farah said Stevens and Dukes are expected to testify against Brewer at a later date.

Stevens will be sentenced on Sept. 13.

## GARDENS

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brought in 30 yards of black dirt and peat. "I'm partnering with my brother-in-law, Chris Phillips," said Wright.

He started his garden using peat pellets as seed starters, plus transplants, growing a variety of tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, green beans, squash, kale, lettuce, zucchini and pumpkins.

"We've been harvesting cukes and making pickles," said Wright. His whole family has gotten involved, including his wife, Jennifer, and three kids who still live at home. "It's been a lot of fun to go out there and see what's grown."

The Wrights have tried to do more cooking using fresh produce from their garden. A recent vegetarian meal of ratatouille wasn't a big hit, but Jennifer's zucchini chips were. Wright estimates he spends at least one or two hours a day in the garden. "I've got time now to take care of it," said Wright, a vocal education teacher at Fenton Schools.

A more experienced gardener, Cynthia Taylor of Fenton, had a special reason for taking extra care of her city garden this year. Recently, she and her husband, Dan, hosted a backyard baby shower



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Joe Wright, 8, and his sisters initially helped stake the fence and plant the seeds.

**"I hate to see my water bill. With all the extra water and heat, the plants grew like crazy."**

**Dan Taylor**

*Gardener in the city of Fenton*

for their daughter, Molly Lee, 32, and the couple's first grandchild.

"I wanted the garden to be perfect," she said. Taylor got what she asked for — her garden has never been bigger, with bumper crops. "We extended the garden a bit, plus used 17 wheelbarrows of compost from our

compost bin in the spring. That made a huge difference."

"I hate to see my water bill," said Dan. "With all the extra water and heat, the plants grew like crazy. The warm nights also helped grow the tomatoes."

## RELATIONSHIPS

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Relationship experts say couples with big age differences have to go into the relationship crystal clear on what they want. Read said that's exactly what they did.

"I knew from our first kiss and the way he hugged me, he was it. I've been hooked on him ever since. I can't help that he's older," she said. "The age difference actually inspired me to quit smoking, and with him being a non-smoker it just felt like it was the right time. I quit the same day he moved in and haven't touched a cigarette since."

**What happens when the woman is older?**

Local resident Debora Barber was born in July 1965, and her husband, Mike, was born in June 1974. She's nine years older than him. They met in July 1998, when they were both going through a divorce. They were neighbors.

"During the earlier years, age was not an issue at all, but as time passes it seems to have its struggles," she said. "I am ready to think about downsizing and simplifying life as all our kids are getting older, but he is just reaching the height of his career and seems to be on a different page at times."

They used to joke about their age difference 10 to 15 years ago, but not as often now.

Barber said her friends and family gave her a hard time at first, "robbing the cradle and all that nonsense," she joked.

"One friend asked one time if I sent him to school with lunch money," she said.

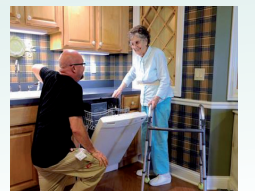
She said their age difference is noticeable with where they are in life. "But we are the very best of friends and that in itself has carried us through during many difficult times," she said.



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Local couple Debora Barber and her husband, Mike, represent a May-December relationship because she's nine years older than he is.

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# Times Sports

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Allyson Geer defended her Michigan Women's Amateur Championship, beating Emily White 5&4 in the title match at Spring Meadows Country Club on Friday.

## Allyson ups her game another 'geer'

■ Geer defends her Women's Amateur Championship at Spring Meadows

By David Troppens  
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**Linden** — As strong as Allyson Geer was playing in the championship match of the 100th Michigan Women's Amateur Championship at Spring Meadows Country Club on Friday, it seemed her only real opponent was the weather.

But the teenager from Brighton, who turned 18 on Monday, was even too good for Mother Nature.

Geer defended her Michigan Women's Amateur Championship by defeating Saline's Emily White 5&4 during a rainy match-play final. She did so playing some incredibly strong golf, recording four birdies in the 14 holes played in the title match. Geer never missed a fairway and hardly missed a green in regulation. When

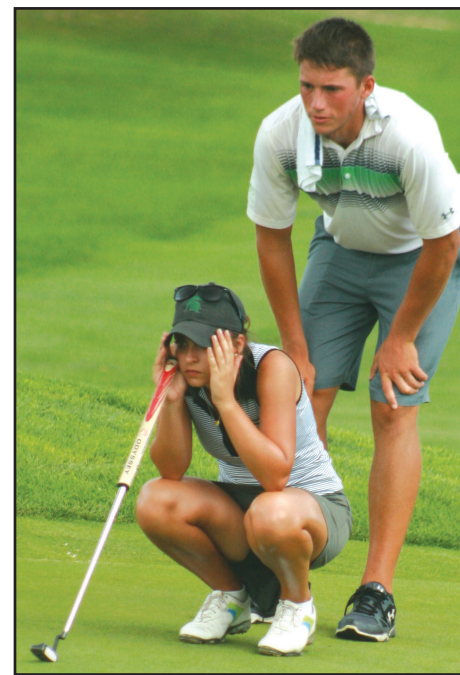
she did, Geer was always in manageable position, recording a bogey on the first hole of the round not another one the rest of the event.

Geer, who won last year's title match in 19 holes, was outstanding all week. She earned the No. 1 seed for the match play rounds with the top 36-hole score and never looked back, defeating all four of her match play opponents — Natalie Johnson by a 5&4 score, Kaitlyn Watkins in 19 holes, and Nichole Cox by a 1 up score in the semifinals.

"This has been an incredible week. To win it last year was amazing and this year I'm so humbled," Geer said.

"Today I made a couple of more birdies and I tried to match (White) with everything. When she hit to 30 feet, I would pressure myself to hit it inside 15 feet. I do little things like trying to force myself to do (better), and now I can do them. Last year it was a little bit harder, but now I've made it work. This year the experience of being in situations helped me a lot."

Geer never trailed in the final. Both opponents bogeyed the par 4 first hole, See **ALLYSON** on 15



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Brighton resident Allyson Geer tries to read a putt with her caddy Nick Park behind her. Geer captured the Michigan Women's Amateur Championship at Spring Meadows Country Club on Friday.



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Linden's linemen do an agility drill during Thursday's practice session. It was one of the first sessions players were allowed to wear pads.

## Pads, heat added to area football practices Linden Eagles still remain enthusiastic preparing for season

By David Troppens  
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**Linden** — The opening Monday of football practice was about as beautiful of weather anyone could've hoped for in August.

The temperatures were cool and the weather was pleasant. And, of course, the players weren't wearing their pads yet either.

However, as the first week of prep football practice that changed a little bit. By Thursday temperatures were in the low 90s during most of the day. There was humidity and there was plenty of sunshine. About the only relief the en-

vironment gave the Linden varsity football team when the program started its practice on Thursday at 4 p.m. was a decent breeze taking a little bit of an edge off the heat.

Also, what had changed was what the players were wearing. They had pads, making the situation a bit more demanding. But, if you play football, chances are you've gone through these practices before.

Located at the practice field were plenty of sources of cool water with coaches and a training staff fully aware of the weather issues. So, practice went on just as it

always does during August.

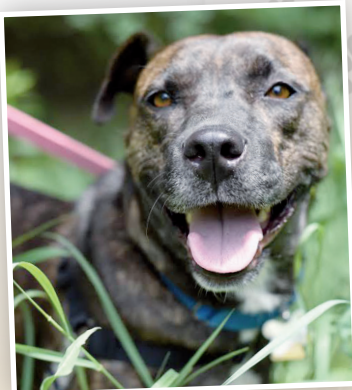
"It's tough, but we all get here and we all get our hard work done," said Linden senior Jaylin Steedman. "Days like this the coaches give us more water breaks, but we still get equally as much done."

"I'll take the heat versus the cold any day," Linden co-head varsity football coach Denny Hopkins said. "The kids are doing well. We keep them hydrated and our trainer (Shari Oole) keeps us abreast of the heat index. The other day we took our helmets off for awhile to keep

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# Linden XC family get together for alumni run

**By David Troppens**  
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**Linden** — On Saturday morning it looked like rain.

In fact, it already had rained and it was raining again while about 60 runners prepared for the third-annual Linden Alumni Race and Scrimmage race at Linden's home cross country course at Linden Middle School.

Fortunately for the runners, the weather cleared right before the start of the race, enabling all those attending a chance to enjoy having this year's version of the Linden varsity cross country program run alongside Linden alum like Gary Mundy. Mundy was a 1963 graduate of Linden High School, but unfortunately he didn't run cross country when he went to the school. Why?

"The school didn't have a team back then," the 71-year old and physically fit Mundy said.

Fun was had by all during Saturday's event which started at about 9 a.m. The course was laid out as it would be for a regular season race, there was music and, of course, there were puddles right at the start of the race. In what serves as a scrimmage for the current runners, serves as a chance to have some fun with the runners of



the past. And when the racing is all over, the group congregated in Linden Middle School for a pancake breakfast. "This is our third year doing it," Linden varsity boys cross country coach Clint Lawhorne said. "We thought it would be fun to get the kids to come back and the adults to come back and run. I thought there maybe enough interest and it turned out there was."

One can argue that the Linden boys and girls cross country programs have been among the most successful in the tri-county area over the last 10 years.

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Linden cross country runners and some of the program's alumni run in Saturday's third-annual Alumni Race held at Linden Middle School. Twenty alums returned to compete against runners on the current team.



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DAVID TROPPENS

Emily White watches one of her shots during the Michigan Women's Amateur Championship at Spring Meadows Country Club on Friday. She finished second to champion Allyson Geer.

## ALLYSON

**Continued from Page 14** but Geer answered back with a 10-foot birdie putt on the par 5 second hole, taking a one-up lead. Geer followed that birdie with six straight pars, eventually winning another hole on the par 4 seventh when White missed bogey putt. It wasn't until the ninth hole that Geer really got hot, recording birdies on three straight holes. She made a six-foot putt on the par 4 ninth hole, a 20-foot putt off the fringe of the green on the par 4 10th hole and a six-foot birdie putt on the par 5 11th hole.

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Linden varsity football player Seeger DeGayner cools off his head prior to the start of football practice on Thursday at Linden High School. As practices continued last week, temperatures raised into the 90s.

## EAGLES

**Continued from Page 14** them cooler. We have the best interest of the kids in mind." The season starts in August as well — Aug. 25th against DeWitt at Linden High School at 7 p.m. to be precise — so heat may be something the players have to deal with even during their first games. And, of course, the players have to learn to deal with their pads as well.

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## It's football time!

The prep football season has started with practices all around the state. Another tradition is the Tri-County Times' annual football special section. We'll preview all four of our area squads and provide all of the fall athletic schedules within our publication. Also included will be our annual Take Five question and answer features and a year-by-year look back at each team's previous four seasons of records. Look for it in the Aug. 21 edition.



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**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)**  
Venus might be your ruling planet, but Mars is in the picture as well. So don't be surprised if your romantic relationships are a bit rocky at this time. But they'll soon smooth over.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)**  
Geminis might rush into romance and risk being wrong about someone rather than be left with no one. But this is one time when it's wiser to be wary of where your heart takes you.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)**  
With all (or most) of those pesky problems behind you, take time for your family and friends. Travel aspects are favored, with long-distance journeys high on the list.

**LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)**  
You might have started to question the wisdom of being open with someone you hoped you could trust. But be assured you won't be disappointed. You'll soon hear good news.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)**  
You have a reputation for honesty and integrity, and that will help turn around a situation that was not only disappointing but also quite unfair. Good luck.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)**  
A happy event creates a closer tie with a family member who seemed hopelessly estranged. Positive aspects also dominate in important career matters.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)**  
Your ruling planet, Pluto, helps you adjust to change. So, stop putting off that long-delayed move, and make it with the assurance that you're doing the right thing.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)**  
You have a wonderful capacity to learn quickly and well. This will help you when you are faced with an opportunity to move on to a new path in life.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)**  
Good news: You suddenly find that you're not facing that new challenge alone. You now have someone at your side, ready to offer whatever support you might need.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)**  
Your versatility — which is just one of those aspects of yourself that make you so special — helps you adapt to the challenges of a new and exciting opportunity.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)**  
Your sensitive nature picks up on the needs of others. But what about your desires? You need to take more time to assess what your goals are and, if necessary, redirect them.

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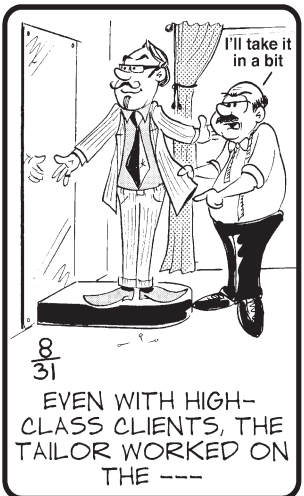
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### JUMBLE

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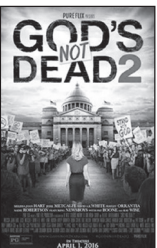
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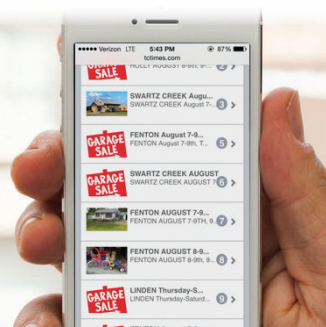
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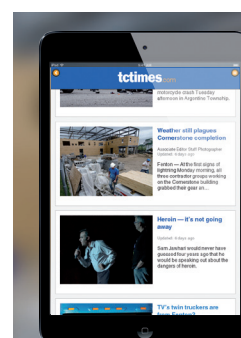
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## Diane Rita Redmer 1935-2016

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Private family services have been held. Memorial contributions may be made to

Karmanos Cancer Institute. Diane was born June 16, 1935 in Detroit, the daughter of Carl and Lolo-belle (Chartier) Vogel. She married Gerald Redmer on June 16, 1956. Surviving are: husband, Gerald; six children, Randy (Julie) Redmer, Robin (John) Hicks, Russell (Sherri) Redmer, Robert (Amy) Redmer, Richard Redmer, Ronald (Tracy) Redmer; 14 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; sister, Dawn (Jim) Rigley; sister-in-law, May Regnier. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituary page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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