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

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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.

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

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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.

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Holly DDA director takes on added duties

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

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 Bladzik, when Jeff Wren, the former code enforcement/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 Bladzik 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 any way,” said Bladzik.

“We just needed to add those planning/zoning administrative duties, and revised the title and organizational chart to being manager/community development director.

“This reflects our overall focus on economics development throughout the entire village now,” he added.

Bladzik 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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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 speed boat collided with a pontoon late at night.

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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 back grounds. Some we know, they all share a common bond—they are veterans,” she said. “They share camaraderie and a kinship with each other. Our patients socialize 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 the transfer for our 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 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 our Mackinac Island fish 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. “The fact that they are willing to share their stories and life experiences is inspiring to me. I feel I’m once family members have confirmed his identity. 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 (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 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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Population’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,” Bladzik said.

Some have called the job change “double-dipping” and a conflict of interest.

Bladzik 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 shortchanged, 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.”

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New horse stables coming to Fenton Township

Riding lessons available to residents of all ages and experience

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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 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.

“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.

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

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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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Do May-December relationships work?

Local couples defy the odds when it comes to age difference

By Hannah Ball

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 does. 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 outrun 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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THE IMPORTANCE
OF GOOD LAWS

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

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.
You can watch the population clock on census.gov.
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
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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 overpopulation. 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 0.75 percent.

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.

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 Council woman 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 parking. 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 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."
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What happens when the woman is older?
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in July 1965, and her husband, Mike, was
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Taylor got what she asked for — her garden has never been bigger, with bumper crops. “We extended the garden a bit,
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### 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 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.”

### GARDENS

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Allyson Geer defend her Michigan Women’s Amateur Championship at Spring Meadows Country Club on Friday.

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 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.”

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Linden XC family get together for alumni run

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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 alumn 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 too. 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.

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.

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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
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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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You sometimes go to extremes to prove a point. But this time, you won’t have to. Supporters are ready, falling over themselves to help you make your case.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
Veinus 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.

PISES (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.

WEDNESDAY SUDOKU

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ANGRY BIRDS
In the 3D animated comedy, The Angry Birds Movie, we’ll finally find out why the birds are so angry. The movie takes us to an island populated entirely by happy, flightless birds—or almost entirely. In this paradise, Red (Jason Sudeikis), a bird with a temper problem, speedy Chuck (Josh Gad), and the volatile Bomb (Danny McBride) have always been outsiders. But when the island is visited by mysterious green piggies, it’s up to these unlikely outcasts to figure out what the pigs are up to.

PG, 1 hr. 35 min.
Rude Humor & Action

GOD’S NOT DEAD 2
A high-school teacher (Melissa Joan Hart) fights for the right to discuss Jesus in her public classroom. This sequel to the 2014 faith-based box office hit God’s Not Dead also stars Jesse Metcalfe, David A.R. White and Ray Wise.

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Position 3) Heavy Equipment and Horse Care Position 5 hours a day, two days a week. Care of pastures and farm (including drag, brush hog, spreader), hay, clean water troughs and run-in sheds.

Background Requirements for Position 1 and Position 2:
1. Basic equine first aid knowledge.
2. Blanket/unblanketing.
3. Clean barns, run-in sheds (only Position 1), and water troughs.
5. 5+ Years of experience in all of the above. (Ideal if you grew up with cows as well as horses.)

Position 3) Heavy Equipment and Horse Care Position:
1. Ability to operate equipment (tractor, spreader, brush hog, drag pastures).
2. Clean run in sheds and water troughs.
3. Ability to make repairs.
4. 5+ Years of experience in all of the above (ideally with horses but if not other livestock).
Pay: $75/day with raise potential.

To apply: Please email to hr@alliedmoca.net.
Diane Rita Redmer
1935-2016

Diane Rita Redmer — age 81, of Fenton, died Friday, August 12, 2016 at Genesys Health Park.

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. Survivors include: husband, Gerald; six children, Randy (Julie) Redmer, Robin (John) Hicks, Russell (Sherri) Redmer, Robin (John) Redmer, Ronald Redmer, Robert (Amy) Redmer; 14 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; sister, Dawn (Jim) Rigley; sister-in-law, May Regnier. Friends may view the obituary of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com. Funeral Home.

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