

15-year-old killed by train hours after fatally stabbing grandmother



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office investigates the scene of a fatality at the train tracks in Holly Village, just south of downtown on Tuesday, Aug. 23. Investigators believe the victim is the same 15-year-old male who stabbed his grandmother to death and fled in her car Tuesday morning.

State police, Holly police, and CN Railroad police continue to investigate

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The Oakland County Sheriff's Office believes that a 15-year-old suspect in a fatal stabbing, which took place early Tuesday morning, Aug. 22, in Springfield Township, was struck and killed hours later by

a passing train in Holly Village.

The sheriff's office issued an earlier statement asking for the community's assistance with locating Steven Kelvin Wilkerson, 15. The teen was suspected of stabbing his grandmother to death early Tuesday morning at her

Springfield Township home on Sleepy Hollow.

Wilkerson reportedly fled the scene in his grandmother's black 2006 Pontiac G6.

The sheriff's office received a call at 5:42 a.m. advising them that a woman had been

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Russ Ciesielski named Linden superintendent

■ Board of Education approves with 5-1 vote

By Hannah Ball

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Russ Ciesielski is the official superintendent of Linden Community Schools.

On Wednesday, Aug. 16, the Linden Board of Education voted 5-1 on the matter. Ciesielski was appointed to serve as interim superintendent in early July, following the retirement of former superintendent Ed Koledo.

"I am extremely excited, humbled, and ready for this journey. I realize that I have big shoes to fill (following Ed Koledo), but I

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"I am excited to be part of a team that is committed to building educational leaders."

Russ Ciesielski
Linden superintendent

Marijuana still not legal in Fenton Township

By Hannah Ball

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Fenton Twp. — It is now illegal to possess marijuana in Fenton Township.

The Board of Trustees voted 7-0 to create an ordinance prohibiting the possession of marijuana.

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Fenton opens football season at Michigan Stadium

■ Kick off is at 4 p.m. Saturday in Ann Arbor

By David Troppens

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The Fenton football players, fans and coaches have been talking about it since spring.

But for months it was the game that's months away. That's not the case now. When the Fenton Tigers open the 2017 varsity football season against the Brandon Blackhawks on Saturday, Aug. 26

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"What is worse? The hate the white supremacist have toward blacks and Jews or the hate the Democrats have toward our sitting president? Hate is wrong in every form."



"'Linden City starts talks on building river walk?' I thought they'd been talking about it for the last decade or so. I'm hoping it gets built during my lifetime."



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Differences in generations show in work, attitudes

■ Not all generations are the same, but they share similar characteristics as a group

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At 41, Marcy Deffendall is a Generation X'er whose family understands all about working with different age groups and generations.

Owners and operators of several local Tim Hortons Café & Bake Shops, including two in Fenton, they employ dozens of people to perform various tasks at their restaurants.

SUMMARY

■ The U.S. population is made up of six generations, all making their mark in some way through achievement, longevity, work ethics, attitudes.

"I employ people from almost all generations," said Deffendall. "The differences between them are a regular topic in our household, in work ethic, attitude, behavior."

With so many negative portrayals of young people in the media, Deffendall has seen an amazing shift in their attitudes and behavior, and it has all been positive.

"Some of the stereotypes of generations are accurate, but we're seeing a shift," she said. "The youngest Millennials, like those 20 and under, have almost returned back to the old values of hard work and respect, back to the kind we think of in an older generation. These 15- and 16-year-olds we're hiring have that mentality of getting a job, buying a car—things that kind of got lost after my generation."

It has been a noticeable shift from the entitlement attitudes she has experienced with hiring many older Millennials in their mid-20s and early-30s.

"I really think we have shifted as parents," said Deffendall, mother of two teens, ages 15 and 18. "The 'trophy for just showing up' approach really didn't work. It's not their fault; it's how these kids were raised. I've seen a lot of respect lacking for every

“Some of these stereotypes are accurate, but we’re seeing a shift.”

Marcy Deffendall
Tim Horton Café & Bake Shop
owner/operator

generation under the Baby Boomers. Now it seems to be coming back."

Differences in the generations have been around forever.

If you're old enough to remember The Who singing "My Generation" in 1965, you're likely a Baby Boomer, who has probably changed his or her tune about one of the lyrics, "I hope I die before I get old."

That's because you're now between the ages of 53 and 71 and while you might be retired or thinking about it, the last thing on your mind is dying, when you're still busy living. You're more likely to be traveling, skydiving,

into fitness or taking up new hobbies.

Baby Boomers, born between 1946 and 1964, were defined by the boom in U.S. births following World War II.

Also known as the "Me" generation, they loved rock 'n roll and included two subsets: 1) Save-the-world revolutionaries of the '60s and '70s and 2) the

See **GENERATIONS** on 8



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All four generations of Karen Welker-Self's family lives in the Linden-Fenton area, including her grandfather, Jim Welker (left), father, Tim Welker, brother, Jeffrey and her son, Merrick. Welker-Self is on the older end of the Millennial generation, while her son is a member of the youngest generation, Generation Z.

While the Baby Boomers and Millennials seem to get the most attention in the media, here's a look at the other generations in the U.S.

• **The Greatest Generation** is made up of those **born between 1901 and 1926**, children of the World War I generation and fighters in World War II and growing up in the Great Depression. They saved the world then built a nation. Their personal morality was strong with near-absolute standards of right and wrong. Marriage was for life. You worked until you died or couldn't work anymore. They avoided debt, saved and bought with cash. They are the generation that remembers life without airplanes, radio and TV.

• **The Silent Generation** is made up of people **born between 1927 and 1945**, also known as the Korean and Vietnam War generation. They grew up among postwar happiness in the U.S. amidst peace, jobs, suburbia, television, big band/swing music with an introduction to rock 'n roll, cars and Playboy magazine.

Women generally stayed home to raise their children, and men pledged loyalty to the corporation and kept their jobs for life. The biggest teacher complaints for their grade school students were about chewing gum and passing notes in class. This generation is defined by discipline, self-sacrifice and caution.

• **Generation X** is made up of the "latchkey kids" **born between 1965 and 1980**, often with divorced or career-driven parents. They are very individualistic and entrepreneurial, and often feel misunderstood by other generations.

They were raised in a transition between the written word and digital technology; most remember being in school without computers until middle school or high school. They are described as a group committed to one's self rather than an organization or specific career and are later to marry and quick to divorce.

• **Generation Z/Boomerlets** are today's youngest generation, **born after 2001**. With a record number of births in the U.S. in 2006 and 49 percent of those Hispanic, the American melting pot is changing in terms of behavior and culture.

This generation has never known a world without computers and cell phones. They become less interested in toys at a younger age, today by age 4 or 5, and begin to desire electronics such as cell phones and video games.

You can watch three generations of family, totaling 25 people living under one roof, in TLC's new television show, "Meet the Putmans."



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Liberal logic

■ **Cops are bad**, criminals are good.
 ■ **It is greedy** to want to keep the money you've earned, but it is not greedy for politicians to confiscate that money and give it to welfare recipients in order to buy votes.
 ■ **Obamacare is good** for all Americans. President Obama and Congress are exempt from Obamacare.
 ■ **Cigarettes are bad**, marijuana is good.
 ■ **Liberals want free** food, free healthcare, free housing and that only the police should have guns. We already have that...it's called prison.
 ■ **Every American citizen** must provide proof they have health insurance but it's illegal for police to ask for proof of American citizenship.
 ■ **Destroying an eagle's egg** is punishable by a \$250,000 fine. Killing a baby is legal.
 ■ **Any CEO who makes** millions is greedy. Any actor or entertainer who makes millions earned it.
 ■ **Blatant XXX pornography** and f-bombs on our TVs and the internet is okay. Bringing a Bible to school is illegal.
 ■ **Executing a convicted** mass murderer is morally unacceptable. Cold-blooded killing of an innocent baby is morally acceptable.
 ■ **Don't judge all Muslims** by the actions of a few lunatics. Judge all gun owners by the actions of a few lunatics.
 ■ **Murdered a pregnant woman**: should be kept alive at taxpayer's expense. Unborn baby: should be killed at taxpayer's expense.
 ■ **Affirmative Action**: A liberal-backed law in which blacks are treated differently than whites because in the past blacks were treated differently than whites.
 ■ **Save the whales**, kill the babies.
 ■ **The Supreme Court** ruled we can be fined by the government if we don't purchase insurance to protect our health. But you must take a class, pass a test and get a license to purchase a gun if you want to



protect your life.
 ■ **A 25 year old** is immature enough to still be covered by mommy and daddy's health insurance. A 12 year-old girl is mature enough to have an abortion without parental permission.
 ■ **You should be** arrested for introducing Christian speech in a public venue. You should not be arrested for entering this country illegally.
 ■ **Oil companies make** 8.3 -cent profit per gallon of gas. Greedy! Government taxes are 13 cents per gallon of gas. FAIR!
 ■ **Politicians live in** walled and gated communities with armed guards. Average American citizens shouldn't have guns to protect themselves.
 ■ **If abortions are** banned, women will still get them at back alley clinics. If guns are banned, criminals won't be able to get guns.
 ■ **Liberal logic**: "If banning guns save just one child, then it is worth it." Liberal logic: over 52 million abortions performed since Roe v. Wade.
 ■ **Since the Iraq** war started in 2003 there have been 3,542 American soldiers killed in combat. During that same period, 4,770 American citizens have been murdered in Chicago, which has been under liberal rule for 84 consecutive years.
 ■ **Liberals want** fewer wealthy people. Conservatives want fewer poor people.

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HAVE YOU EVER wondered where those really nice looking signs come from at anti-Trump rallies? Who pays for them? Maybe TCTimes can find out.

WHY IS IT that every time we get a Republican president we get into another war? Unfortunately, every Republican president is preceded by an ineffectual, spineless Democrat.

MISSING FROM YOUR list of Hollywood's tornado movies is the most successful one of them all — Sharknado. This film has spawned four sequels with the latest being 'Sharknado 5: Global Swarming.' What other tornado movie has had a sequel?

THE HOT LINES is a place for people to express their opinions. Right or wrong, it is left for the reader to decide. Opinions are called out throughout every edition thus negating your claim of zero meaningful discourse. To deny a person the right to express their opinion is called censorship.

NEANDERTHAL TO APEMAN, if evolution is not a theory, what exactly is it? Where's the missing link?

I'M SO TIRED of all the labels people use to describe others. Why can't we just let everyone come to their own conclusion by observing their actions.

NO NEED TO stoop to name-calling. There are scientific laws (gravity, motion, thermodynamics, etc.), and scientific theories (big bang, evolution, etc.). Many people confuse the two, so you are not alone.

TRUMP HAS TOLD the truth twice in the last year. One is the Russians are influencing the American election. The other is if you vote for Clinton, there will be investigations from day one of the presidency. I voted for Clinton and there has been investigations of Trump since then.

I AM SO tired of the cats in my neighborhood using my garden as a litter box and bird feeder as a place to snack that starting Aug. 24, I will be placing a live trap in my yard. If your cat comes up missing, check with the Humane Society or Genesee County Animal Control.

WHAT'S WITH THE half of a house on Michigan Street in Holly?

IF THE DOW and NASD are doing so well why are the rest of our savings accounts still getting less than 1 percent?

THE REASON WHY people don't use the wooden park in Linden, is because it is nothing but a drug dealers' hangout. Maybe if the Linden police would do their job, people would use it again.

YOU ARE TRULY mean if you think anyone who does not share your religious beliefs will be punished. You are also arrogant if you tell others that.

I AGREE WITH the Hot line that no more tax money goes to the DDA until all the streets and sidewalks in Fenton are repaired.

LIFE GETS IN the way to keep up with so much bad news around the world. Good thing the Tri-County includes good stories, too.

THE CIVIL WAR was about keeping the institution of slavery legal in the South. Northern states were slowly putting an end to slavery and southern states, seeing the writing on the wall, tried to succeed invoking 'State's Rights' for cover. They lost and rightly so. Get over it.

YOUNG PEOPLE ARE killing themselves with drugs. Drug dealers don't come to their house and force them to OD. What is wrong with our society today is that no one wants to take responsibility for their own actions. It is much easier to blame other for your faults.

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What did you think of all the eclipse hype?



"Everyone hyped it up; I didn't think it was too spectacular."

— **Zach Miller**
Holly Township



"It's interesting, but a little too overrated. If you have time to watch it, then sure."

— **Chris Harper**
Fenton



"I did think it was a bit much. I tried to watch, but it was cloudy."

— **Alyssa Booten**
Grand Blanc



"I think it was too much. I saw it a lot on social media."

— **Elyse MacDougall**
Highland Township



"The lead-up was great, the actual event, less than breathtaking. I did like that the news had something besides civil discord to talk about for a change."

— **Jamie Heitman**
Rochester Hills

streettalk

Genesee County to host recycle event on Saturday, Aug. 26

■ Hazardous waste and hard-to-recycle items will be accepted

Genesee County has announced a countywide Recycle Day, a collection event for hard-to-recycle items such as household hazardous waste, electronics, tires and appliances.

The event will be at Flushing High School (5039 Deland Rd., Flushing) and the Flint East Service Center (3310 E. Court St., Flint) on Saturday, Aug. 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Another Recycle Day is scheduled for Oct. 21 at Bentley High School and Flint East Water Service Center.

The Recycle Day event allows county residents to bring materials in their vehicle to either location during the listed hours. Recycle Day staff will be available to assist attendees in navigating through the event site and to unload items from vehicles. Many of the hard-to-recycle items being accepted at this event are harmful to the environment. This event provides a free and convenient way for residents to responsibly recycle them.

In 2016, approximately 4,700 residents attended Genesee County Recycle Day events and more than 465,000 pounds of waste was collected.

For more information about the event, contact the Genesee County Recycle Hotline at (810) 762-7744, email Recycle@co.genesee.mi.us, or visit www.gcmpc.org/environmental.

ITEMS ACCEPTED:

- Oil based paint and solvents
- Aerosols
- Corrosives (acids/bases)
- Pesticides/Herbicides
- Reactives/Oxidizers
- Automotive fluids
- Mercury (elemental)
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Electronics - all kinds
- Old prescriptions
- Fire extinguishers
- Smoke detectors
- Tires — up to 7 (on/off the rim)
- Appliances
- Air conditioners
- Propane cylinders (up to 30 lbs each)
- Batteries — household & auto
- Biomedical sharps (In rigid/sealed containers)

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

- Construction materials
- Industrial/commercial waste
- Paper/documents for shredding
- 55-gallon drums of waste
- Radioactive materials
- Compressed gas cylinders (other than propane)
- General refuse
- Yard waste
- Weapons
- Explosives
- Ammunition
- Fireworks

RECYCLE DAY TIPS

- With a large turnout, please expect wait times.
- Stay in your vehicle, staff will unload items.
- Refer to the maps for event entrances.
- No left turns off Deland Road in Flushing. Please use Carpenter Road from Elms Road to south on Deland

Police&Fire report

POLICE ARREST DRIVER FOR TEXTING AND POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA

At 12:47 a.m., on Aug. 13, a Fenton police officer initiated a traffic stop after observing a vehicle drift over the white fog line multiple times. The driver also failed to use a turn signal. The officer made contact with the driver, a 32-year-old Florida man, at a gas station on Owen Road at U.S. 23. The officer saw a blue marijuana pipe and a grinder on the center console of the car. A bag containing a considerable amount of marijuana, along with marijuana wax (residue) was found during a consent search of the car. The car was impounded and the driver was issued court appearance tickets for possession of marijuana and operating a vehicle while texting on his phone.

DRUNK DRIVER FLEES TWO HIT-AND-RUN CRASHES

At 7:57 p.m., on Wednesday, Aug. 16, Fenton police responded to South Lemen Street on a report that a car had backed out of a driveway and then struck a neighbor's fence causing damage. The driver of the blue Chevy Cavalier kept driving. While the officer was investigating, dispatch advised them that a vehicle matching the same description had just struck a car in a restaurant parking lot at North Road and LeRoy Street. A second officer responded to the parking lot

and learned that the driver of the car reportedly did not stop and drove away. While the first officer was still investigating the fence damage on Lemen Street, the car matching the same description returned to a home on Lemen. The officer made contact with the driver and determined that the 43-year-old Fenton man was highly intoxicated. He was arrested for drunk driving and two hit-and-run crashes. A breath test revealed the man had a blood alcohol content (BAC) of four times the legal limit. He is to appear in court on Sept. 25.

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RATHER THAN THESE groups constantly trying to find something to protest about, they should pray for the safety of all and pray that the president of the United States remains a good leader. He will be president until his term ends, whether you like it or not.

■■■
WITH REPUBLICANS IN control of the presidency and both the Senate and the House, and approval of each by the public so dismal, I pose the question: How can voters be so wrong?

■■■
WRONG, THE CIVIL War was all about slavery. If there were no slaves, the South would not have wanted to leave the union. You need to read more.

■■■

IF THE STATE of Michigan cut university funding by only 30 percent from 2003 to 2017, then why has tuition increased over 150 percent for the same period? Even when adjusted for inflation, the math doesn't add up.

■■■

I AM A proud supporter of President Trump. The stock market is up, unemployment is down, illegal immigration is down, he is fighting ISIS. Turn off CNN and you will realize he is making America great again.

■■■

THE PERSON WHO writes 'another Republican President, another war,' lacks the knowledge of history. Woodrow Wilson (WWI), Franklin Roosevelt (WWII), Harry Truman (Korea), John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson (Vietnam) and Obama (Iraq) were all Democrats.

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Holly Academy hosts eclipse viewing party

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Holly — The total eclipse over the span of the United States on Monday, Aug. 24, offered a rare viewing opportunity. The significance was not lost in the tri-county area, where a festive atmosphere brought people out of their offices to watch the event.

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Perhaps the most festive spot was Holly Academy, which brought 200 students (past, present and future), friends, and family out to watch the sun, but also use the playground, lounge in the shade and chat.

It blew away organizer and kindergarten



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Elijah Patz, 11, of Swartz Creek watches the peak of the solar eclipse at Holly Academy Monday afternoon, with Dwight Van'Tzeldfde, 11, of Holly, Maggie Steudle-Schaffeer, 15 (left), and Mikayla Stinde, 16, of Holly. Approximately 200 gathered to view the event.



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Holly Academy quickly sold 40 of these eclipse viewing glasses, and reserved 10 others to share.

ten teacher Marni Idoni's expectations — she ordered 50 eclipse glasses from NASA, and quickly sold 40, leaving 10 to share. "I'm just happy to see so many people here today," she said. "This only happens every 24 or 25 years, so we wanted to witness it together."

Across the lawn of the school, adults and children took photos and viewed the eclipse through cardboard contraptions.

"I like that the next time this happens I'll either be very, very old or I won't even be here," said Mikayla Stinde, 16, of

Holly. "So this is like a once-in-a lifetime opportunity."

She watched, perched atop playground equipment, with four other friends. She's already looking forward to the total lunar eclipse set to happen in January 2018.

The eclipse passed over mid-Michigan, shrouded in clouds, at 2:24 p.m., diffusing the peak moment and not darkening the sky like in other regions of the U.S.

Still, everyone seemed excited to be brought together by a real-life science event, which can be referenced in school science classes. "Now they've lived it, so when they're going into their science classes they'll have prior knowledge," said Idoni. "They'll definitely be talking about this."

The next total solar eclipse to travel across Michigan is in 2099, according to greatamericaneclipse.com.

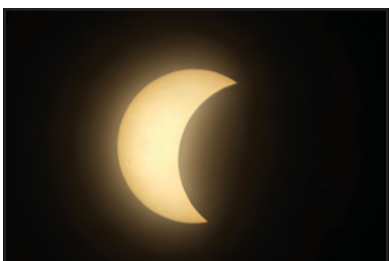
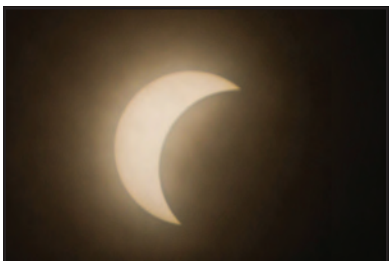
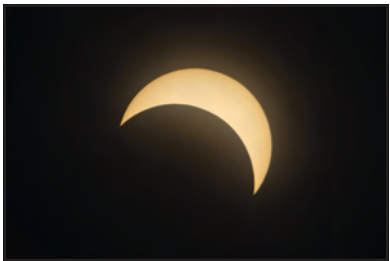
An eclipse on April 8, 2024 will actually offer better viewing than the one this week.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO WITH THOSE ECLIPSE GLASSES?

You can't save them for the next solar eclipse. According to Smithsonian.com, they're really only effective for three years. However, "Astronomers Without Borders" is developing a program to facilitate getting used glasses to children in regions due for another solar eclipse. In 2019, there is an eclipse in South America and parts of Asia. Go to AstronomersWithoutBorders.org, and click "donate." The original manufacturer may be able to take your glasses back and donate them.

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Marni Idoni
Eclipse viewing organizer,
Holly Academy kindergarten teacher



MORGAN ANDREW SOMERS
Photographer Morgan Somers, originally of Fenton, took a series of photographs in northern Michigan, during the eclipse.

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Aside from proper eclipse viewing glasses, attendees to Holly Academy's party, like Greg Kowalski of Grand Blanc (center left) and his son, Ben, 11 (center right), used sheets of paper.

New law gives tax revenue to companies that create jobs

■ 'Good Jobs for Michigan' program aims to boost economic development

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On Wednesday, Aug. 16, Gov. Rick Snyder signed into law a package of bills that will authorize certain businesses to use tax capture revenue to create more jobs.

The bills, Senate bills 242-244, create the "Good Jobs for Michigan" program.

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51), who voted for the bills, said, "I believe these bills will help Michigan continue to be a welcoming state for businesses looking for a new location or seeking to expand their current operations," he said. "The Good Jobs legislation creates a program for companies with large-scale projects to locate in Michigan without costing one cent of existing tax revenue."

Senators Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) and Dave Robertson (R-Dist. 14), and Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) also voted in favor of the bills.

This new law requires the Michigan Strategic Fund to create and operate the program, and to transfer certain portions of withholding tax capture revenue to businesses involved in the program.

The Department of Treasury cannot create more than 15 new agreements with companies each year, nor can it commit more than \$250 million in total withholding tax capture revenue.

Authorized businesses would be able to enter an agreement by proving they have plans to create a certain amount of jobs.

These businesses, called "eligible businesses," would have to either create a minimum of 500 certified new jobs with an annual wage equal to or greater than the prosperity region average wage, or create 250 certified new jobs with an average annual wage equal to 125 percent or more of the prosperity region average wage. The program will authorize the transfer of the dedicated portion of withholding tax capture revenues to these businesses.



Gov. Rick Snyder

The prosperity region will be defined by the Department of Technology, Management and Budget.

Retail establishments, professional sports stadiums, or casinos are not eligible.

"We have already seen the benefits of economic reform in the past six years, and the Good Jobs legislation helps us compete with other states for big economic development projects," said Graves. "Our state will be left behind in the competition for large-scale job providers if we don't offer these programs."

Each company must disclose to the

state its tax return to report the portion of taxes withheld that were attributed to certified new jobs.

SUMMARY

■ A package of bills aimed at creating jobs in Michigan could be signed into law by Gov. Rick Snyder.

If a company that entered into this agreement fails to meet the requirements, it would forfeit its payment for that calendar year.

The package of bills received bipartisan support, passing in the Senate in

March and in the House in July.

“The Good Jobs legislation creates a program for companies with large-scale projects to locate in Michigan without costing one cent of existing tax revenue.”

Joe Graves

Michigan representative (R, Dist-51)

Calendar of events

Blood drive on Aug. 30

The American Red Cross is holding a blood drive at First United Methodist Church at 119 S. LeRoy St. in Fenton on Wednesday, Aug. 30, from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. To schedule an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: (FentonFUMC) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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Police&Fire report

MOTORCYCLIST IN CRITICAL CONDITION AFTER CRASH

On Sunday, Aug. 20, at approximately 5:30 p.m., troopers from the Michigan State Police Metro North Post responded to a traffic crash at Groveland Road near I-75 in Groveland Township. Preliminary investigation revealed that an SUV turned off Grange Hall Road to the northbound ramp to I-75 in front of two motorcycles, striking one. The motorcycle driver was transported to a local hospital in critical condition. The driver of the SUV is suspected of being under the influence. This investigation is ongoing and will be forwarded to the prosecutor when completed.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LAKE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR CRANE LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

To the residents and property owners of the Charter Township of Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan, and any other interested persons:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of petitions of property owners within the township signed by the record owners of land whose area constitutes more than 50% of the total area of the hereinafter described Crane Lake Improvement Special Assessment District, the township board of the Charter Township of Fenton proposes to continue a lake improvement program on Crane Lake consisting of the eradication and/or control of aquatic weeds and related services, and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the District within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be made and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as follows:

All parcels of land with frontage on Crane Lake

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the township board has received preliminary plans showing the improvements and an estimate of the costs of such improvements in the approximate amount of \$32,240, has placed the same on file with the Township Clerk, and has passed a resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make the improvement and to create the special assessment district. The township board has also tentatively found the petitions to be in compliance with statutory requirements.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said plans, estimates of cost, proposed special assessment district and petitions may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk from the date of this notice through the date of the public hearing and may be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing on the petitions, plans, district and estimate of costs will be held at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan, commencing at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday September 5, 2017.

At the hearing, the board will consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters filed with the board at or before the hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments or changes to the plans, estimates, costs or special assessment district.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the hearing and to submit any comments they may have.

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am up for the challenge. Linden is a great place to be, the schools are staffed with outstanding teachers, the community is very supportive of our educational system, and the students are awesome,” Ciesielski said.

Ciesielski graduated from Linden High School in 1991, and came back to the district in 2001 as an educator. He has served as a teacher, athletic director, assistant principal and principal. He served as the interim superintendent while Koledo was on active duty during the 2015-2016 school year.

“My goals for the district include continued growth in student achievement, more communication and trans-

parency with our stakeholders, the development of a new strategic plan, and a long term vision of a successful district,” he said. “I am excited to be part of a team that is committed to building educational leaders.”

Linden Board of Education Vice President Steve Murphy cast the dissenting vote. In July when Ciesielski was named interim superintendent, Murphy said he would rather give Curriculum Director Julie Brown a shot at the job.

Ciesielski has been married to Heidie Ciesielski for 17 years. She is principal of AGS Middle School in Fenton. Their children, Maxwell, 13, and Madelyn, 9, are students in the the Linden Community Schools district.

SUMMARY

■ Russ Ciesielski, who served as Linden High School principal and interim superintendent during Ed Koledo’s absence, has been named superintendent of Linden schools.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PAVING PROJECT FOR DARTMOUTH DRIVE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, GENESEE
COUNTY, MICHIGAN

To the residents and property owners of the Charter Township of Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan, and any other interested persons:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of petitions of property owners within the township signed by the record owners of land whose footage constitutes more than 50% of the total footage of the hereinafter described Dartmouth Drive Street Improvement Special Assessment District, the township board of the Charter Township of Fenton proposes to construct street improvements on Dartmouth Drive from Darts Drive to approximately 30 feet from the northerly end of said street, and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the District within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be constructed and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed shall include the following parcels of land:

06-23-200-001	06-23-200-013	06-23-526-012	06-23-528-004
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06-23-200-003	06-23-200-015	06-23-526-014	06-23-528-006
06-23-200-004	06-23-200-021	06-23-528-001	06-23-528-007
06-23-200-005	06-23-526-010	06-23-528-002	06-23-528-008
06-23-200-006	06-23-526-011	06-23-528-003	

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the township board has received preliminary plans showing the improvements and an estimate of the costs of such construction in the approximate amount of \$92,000, has placed the same on file with the Township Clerk, and has passed a resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make the improvement and to create the special assessment district. The township board has also tentatively found the petitions to be in compliance with statutory requirements.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said plans, estimates of cost, proposed special assessment district and petitions may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk from the date of this notice through the date of the public hearing and may be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing on the petitions, plans, district and estimate of costs will be held at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan, commencing at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday September 5, 2017.

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GENERATIONS

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party-hardy career climbers (Yuppies) of the '70s and '80s.

Millennials, defined by Pew Research as those born between 1981 and 2000, now outnumber the Baby Boomers, with 83.1 million in the U.S. Their population growth is largely due to young immigrants, according to Pew Research.

Living in the shadow of 9/11 and school shootings, they learned early that the world isn't a safe place, yet they remain optimistic and focused. They schedule everything and

envision the world as a 24/7 entity and want fast and immediate processing.

They prefer a more relaxed work environment and working as a team. They are accustomed to accolades and feeling special, raised by omnipresent parents. They feel enormous academic pressure and have great expectations for themselves.

Whether Boomers want to admit it, their numbers are shrinking. With 76.4 million in the U.S. today, they peaked in 1999 with 78.8 million and are expected to dwindle to 16.6 million by mid-century.

Source: Pew Research Center

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■■■
THERE ARE SOME less than honest contractors around. Before hiring any contractor, get a copy of their license and their insurance. 'DBA' stands for 'Doing Business As.' It is not a license to work on your house.

■■■
THE DEMOCRATS HAVE dismissed their accusations against President Trump colluding with the Russians and are now obsessed with the white supremacist accusation. I guess it's OK for Democrats to protest

and riot and tear down statues. Just proves there are different laws for Democrats than there are for the rest of us.

■■■
TO THE PERSON believing Mark Zuckerberg will someday run for president and buy votes, how and why is that even something that concerns you in life? Sad.

■■■
I'M SO SAD because of Nancy Pelosi and her wanting to tear down statues. She is the worst example of American women.

■■■
IT'S NOT THE drug dealer that kills users, it's the users themselves that kills oneself.

FOOTBALL

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at 4 p.m., they will do so at Michigan Stadium. Some call the 100,000-plus attendance facility the Big House.

"I'm excited," Fenton senior Grady Sondgeroth said. "I've never been to Michigan Stadium and I went to the spring game to experience to see what it is like. It's huge and crazy."

"It's definitely an honor," fellow Fenton senior Trevor Edgar said. "It's going to be a lot of fun. We've never done anything like it. Grand Valley (State University) is one thing, but this is a 100,000-seat stadium. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

Dubbed "The Battle at the Big House" the Fenton-Brandon Metro League confrontation is just one of six games being played at Michigan Stadium during the opening week of the prep football season. Muskegon Mona Shores battles Canton at 1 p.m. on Saturday prior to Fenton's contest against Brandon at 4 p.m. Fenton's contest will be the last game played during the three days. On Thursday, Saline faces Rockford at 4 p.m. and Belleville plays Brighton at 7 p.m. On Friday, Romeo faces Oxford at 4 p.m. and Lapeer plays Clarkston at 7 p.m.

Fenton varsity football coach Jeff Setzke says it's a little too early to sense player jitters at practice. He said that last year's opening contest at Grand Valley

State University, a 55-52 loss to Caledonia, has helped the team prepare for games in special venues like the Big House.

"Obviously Michigan will be different than Grand Valley, but we had an opportunity like this last year," Setzke said. "We understand it and learned things as a coaching staff to prepare us for that. We'll keep the kids grounded."

The seeds for the game started when Setzke was at the all-league meeting and Brandon's head coach Tim Pizzala brought up the possibility of playing at Michigan. The idea came up again when Setzke talked to Lapeer coach Mike Smith, who helps coordinate the games. Eventually the teams were asked to attend. Of course, they agreed. Setzke said there should be a good attendance.

"We had 1,500 presale tickets and 1,400 are gone," Setzke said on Monday afternoon. "Brandon has sold 1,300, so between the two schools there should be 3,000-plus in attendance. Plus, there will be everyone else who is watching the games during the opening weekend. It will be a nice turnout."

The contest pits the six-time defending Metro League champion Tigers against last season's second place squad. Fenton edged Brandon 28-22 last season.

Tickets are \$10 and will be available at the contest.

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MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, Aug. 11.

The Legislature is on a summer break with no sessions scheduled until Aug. 16. Rather than votes, this report contains some interesting or noteworthy bills introduced during the first half of the year.

Senate Bill 395: Make it a crime for ballot access petitioners to lie

Introduced by Sen. Curtis Hertel, Jr. (D), to make it a crime for a ballot access petition circulator to misrepresent the contents of a ballot question or recall petition, or whether the circulator is paid or a volunteer. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4377: Require advance notice of corporate subsidy claims

Introduced by Rep. Robert Kosowski (D), to require the beneficiaries of very large corporate subsidies that were granted to select firms in the 2000s to notify the Department of Treasury 90 days in advance of when they plan to collect tax "credits," which in most cases are likely cash payments from the state (although the details are kept secret). Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4503: Ban using zoning to ban Airbnb-type rentals

Introduced by Rep. Jason Sheppard (R), to prohibit local governments from using zoning laws to prohibit homeowners from letting out their property for vacation or short-term rentals, which would apply to using services like Airbnb. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4530: Establish seven-year sunset on administrative rules

Introduced by Rep. Shane Hernandez (R), to place a seven-year sunset on any new rules or regulations imposed by a state agency under administrative law powers delegated to it by the legislature. At the end of seven years, the rule would remain in effect only if the agency requested an extension and the legislature approved it. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bills 4570 to 4572: Increase state regulation of gas and oil pipelines

Introduced by Democratic Reps. Tom Cochran, Kristy Pagan and Yousef Rabhi, to increase state regulations, oversight and inspections of oil pipelines on Great Lakes bottomlands. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4573: Let townships impose property tax for mosquito control

Introduced by Rep. Tim Sneller (D), to permit townships to impose special assessment property taxes for mosquito abatement, which would permit them to use existing tax revenue for other spending instead. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4578: Increase tobacco and e-cigarette taxes

Introduced by Rep. Henry Yanez (D), to increase the state cigarette tax by \$1.50 per pack, which would bring the total state tax up to \$3.50 per pack, plus another \$1.01 imposed by the federal government. The tax on cigars and other types of tobacco including electronic smoking devices would be raised from 32 percent of the wholesale price to 81 percent. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.



Mark McCabe
67th District Court
Ask the
judge

Courage

I am quite sure that over time we all have seen examples of people doing things that would be considered courageous.

"Courage" probably means different things to different people. A good dictionary definition of the word is that courage "is the mental or moral strength to venture, persevere, and withstand danger, fear, or difficulty."

Nelson Mandela was a South African anti-apartheid leader who was imprisoned for his views in the early 1960s. He eventually was set free and became South Africa's president in the 1990s. He told us, "Courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear."

I can't define it better than President Mandela.

Recently we have all heard of United States Senator John McCain's diagnosis of brain cancer.

This past Monday, an Associated Press headline summed up how he is dealing with all of this "Senator McCain Faces Cancer Battle With Typical Feistiness."

For those who don't know about Senator McCain a question to be asked is what is meant by the term "typical feistiness?"

The answer lies in the fact that from his earliest days he has shown himself to be a man of great courage.

I won't detail his whole life's story here, but from October 26, 1967, when his jet fighter was shot down, through March 14, 1973, he was a P.O.W. during the Vietnam War.

He was offered the chance for release in 1968 due to his father's (Admiral Jack McCain) status as Pacific Commander in Chief (including Vietnam), but heroically turned it down unless every man captured before him was also released. Of course this did not happen.

Fast forwarding back to the present, we wish Senator McCain a speedy recovery. I firmly believe that all of us can learn about courage and life from his example and the examples of countless others both famous and not so famous.

Since this is a column about the law, I would suggest, as an example of courage, reading about the English lawyer Sir Thomas More, who stood up for his principles and defied English King Henry VIII, and was executed as a result.

Ernest Hemingway once said that courage is grace under pressure. He was right.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office closes Railroad Street in downtown Holly on Tuesday to investigate the train fatality. The Canadian National Railway Police and Holly police were on hand to assist.

KILLED

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stabbed to death. The caller said that his son had left a note at his home saying he was going to kill his grandmother. The stabbing occurred between the hours of midnight and 5:30 a.m.

The 65-year-old victim was found in a bedroom at her residence with multiple stab wounds. The suspected murder weapon, a large kitchen knife, was recovered by deputies at the scene.

The victim's vehicle was located in the village of Holly.

Detectives also located a body, believed to be the suspect, on the railroad tracks in the village of Holly. It was reportedly obvious the body was struck by a passing train.

The sheriff's office is working with the Holly Police Department and CN railroad police and will continue the investigation.

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It’s legal to be a Nazi?

■ What ‘freedom of speech’ gives American citizens

By **Hannah Ball**
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Hate speech may not be morally right, but that doesn’t mean it’s illegal or not protected by the Constitution.

Hate speech is defined as speech that offends, threatens, or insults groups based on race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability or other traits, according to americanbar.org.

While the Supreme Court has ruled that the First Amendment of the United States Bill of Rights does not protect against certain speech, like obscenity or creating danger, the justices have routinely voted to protect hate speech and the rights of protestors.

In *Texas v. Johnson* in 1989, the Supreme Court ruled in a 5-4 vote that burning the American flag was a form of symbolic speech and was protected by the First Amendment.

Cross burning was also protected in one case. In *R.A.V. v. the city of St. Paul* in 1992, a few teenagers burned a cross on a black family’s lawn. They were charged with a criminal ordinance, which prohibits the display of symbols, which “arouse anger, alarm, or resentment in others on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, or gender.”

The Supreme Court held that the ordinance was invalid because it prohibits speech on the basis of the subjects the speech addresses.

In *Snyder v. Phelps* in 2011, the Westboro Baptist Church picketed the funeral of Lance Corporal Matthew Snyder, who was killed in Iraq. The court upheld the church’s right to picket.

Another more recent controversial situation took place in Virginia.

Conversation surrounding the “Unite the Right” rally in Charlottesville, Virginia has to do with hate speech and free speech.

The protest, which started with white supremacists with Nazi symbols chanting Nazi anti-Semitic sentiments, was received with backlash when counter protesters showed up. It got violent and

one woman died after a white supremacist from Ohio rammed his car into a group of people.

The main issue isn’t the violence — the main issue is if those white supremacists and Nazis had a right to express their views, or what many classify as “hate speech.”

The white supremacists and Nazis do have the right to propagate hate speech. Freedom of speech is a constitutional right given to all Americans since the Bill of Rights were ratified in 1791.

However, freedom of speech means freedom from government interference, not freedom from criticism or counter speech from the public.

Thomas Waun, managing partner at Johnson Law, said, “If the government starts reg-

ulating what people think, where do you draw the line? Most people would agree that Nazism is not a good way to live and not a good way to think, but if the government is allowed to prohibit people from thinking that way, then I can see the government regulating some other issue that may not seem so damaging.”

The Unite the Right rally almost didn’t happen. The group was represented by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) in court, which defended their right to free speech and assembly.

“Their goal is to protect the Constitution and protect free speech in general,” Waun said.

Freedom of speech means freedom from government intrusion and discrimination from the government, but it does not mean freedom from lawful actions taken against someone who propagates hate speech. Waun said he has the right to fire someone for expressing Nazi ideals, but if that person was employed by the government, the government could not fire them.

“When you let the government trample on constitutional rights, they’ll keep doing it. It’ll start as a small intrusion and it’ll grow into a big intrusion,” he said.

This is the beginning of a series on landmark decisions made by the Supreme Court and what these decisions mean to American citizens.

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Thomas Waun
Johnson Law managing partner

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A REVISED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE LOON LAKE IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

To the residents and property owners of Fenton Township, Genesee County, Michigan, the owners of land within the Loon Lake Improvement Special Assessment District, and any other interested persons:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that that Supervisor and assessing officer of the township has reported to the township board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a revised special assessment roll prepared by her covering all properties within the Loon Lake Improvement Special Assessment District benefited by the proposed revisions to the existing lake improvement project. Said revised special assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the revised costs of the eradication and control of aquatic weeds in Loon Lake and work incidental thereto within the aforesaid assessment district as more particularly shown on the plans on file with the Township Clerk at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan within the township, which assessment is in the total amount of \$59,624.00.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the assessing officer has further reported that the assessment against each parcel of land within said district is such relative portion of the whole sum levied against all parcels of land in said district as the benefit to such parcels bears to the total benefit to all parcels of land in said district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the township board will meet at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan on Tuesday September 5, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing said revised special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto. Said roll may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours of regular business days until the time of said hearing and may further be examined at said hearing. Appearance and protest at the hearing held to confirm the special assessment roll is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

An owner, or party in interest, or his or her agent may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. (The owner or any person having an interest in the real property who protests in person or in writing at the hearing may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 35 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll.)

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MARIJUANA

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“What this does is criminalize the possession of marijuana,” said township Attorney Jack Belzer.

The ordinance does not apply to lawful medical marijuana card carriers.

The new law will take effect 30 days after publication. The penalty is a criminal misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500 and/or 90 days in jail.

The board also

voted 7-0 to amend the disorderly persons ordinance and strike language pertaining to growing and cultivating marijuana.

“Marijuana is not going to be legal in the township. This just... makes sure you don’t have situations where somebody comes in with a 500- or 1,500-plant grow operation,” Belzer said.

The change to the disorderly persons ordinance and the new ordinance prohibiting the possession of marijuana will go into effect at the same time.

“This just... makes sure you don’t have situations where somebody comes in with a 500- or 1,500-plant grow operation.”

Jack Belzer
Fenton Township attorney

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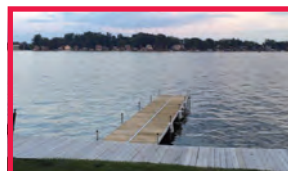
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Eagles looking to continue their impressive playoff streak

■Fenton football gunning for deep playoff run

By David Troppens

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Fifteen seasons.

That's how many years the Linden varsity football team has made the state playoffs.

Only Rockford, Menominee, Lowell and Stevensville Lakeshore have longer current streaks in the entire state of Michigan.

So while one can look at the Linden Eagles and see that many quality players are gone from last season's squad that posted a 7-4 mark, there are certainly some positives as well.

The Eagles are not a squad that rebuilds. They clearly re-load. So far, co-head football coach Denny Hopkins, who has been around for all 15 of those consecutive playoff seasons, is encouraged about what he's seen from his squad during the preseason.

"It's not been too bad," Hopkins said. "We have had some bumps and bruises. We lost one boy to a knee, and we are hoping we won't lose anyone else."

"The kids are working pretty hard. They are a good group. If they stay healthy we'll be OK."

Offense

Of course when most think about Linden football, the spread offense with dynamic quarterbacks is the first thing that comes to mind. The Eagles lost one of those dynamic signal-callers to graduation (Aaron Sarkon), meaning the battle to be the next in the line of quality Linden QBs is up for grabs. As this week's practices for Thursday's opener against Flushing started, the Eagles were still in the middle of a QB battle between junior George Walterhouse and sophomore Phoenix Dickson.

"They are still battling it out. Nothing has been decided yet," Hopkins said. "We hope by Tuesday we'll know. Both played well in the scrimmage, so that's a

good sign."

There are plenty of running backs returning. That list includes Cade Dickson, Josh Abernathy and Hunter Babcock.

"Cade and Josh are seniors, so they are leading the pack," Hopkins said.

Of course, to have a dynamic spread offense, a team needs receivers. It seems the Eagles always have a bunch of them, and this year is no different. The list of receivers includes Corbin Sines, Travis Klocek, Luke Kenney, Avery Jacobs, Jake Conly, Easton Giacomantonio, Noah Giacomantonio, Seegar DeGayner, Jacob Kitowski, Luke

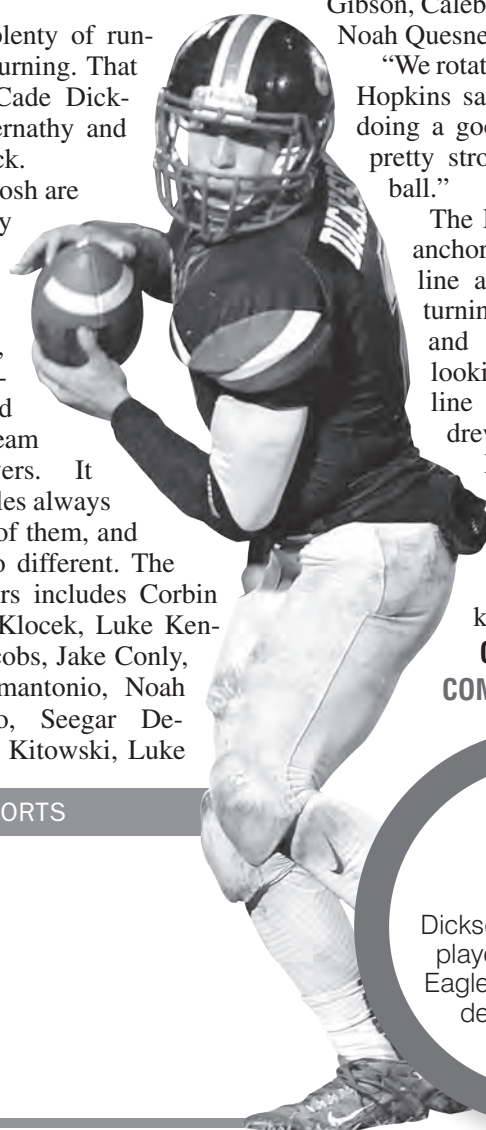
Gibson, Caleb White, Damon Wiesman, Noah Quesnelle and Mykel Layer.

"We rotate about 10 kids out there," Hopkins said. "We have some guys doing a good job out there. We are pretty strong at catching the football."

The Eagles have a few strong anchors back on their offensive line as well, starting with returning starters Eddie Grode and Garrett Durkac. Others looking to earn spots on the line are Owen Wagnitz, Andrew Armstrong, Zac Brown, Black Knox, Kyle Hart, Nick Perkins and Donovan Croteau.

"They are all working pretty hard," Hopkins said.

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CADE DICKSON

Dickson will be a major player for the Linden Eagles on offense and defense this fall.

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Some returning players for the Fenton Tigers are starting quarterback Josh Czarnota (left), Lance Mercord (bottom left) and Chanse Setzke (bottom right).

Tigers gunning for seventh straight Metro League championship

■Fenton football gunning for deep playoff run

By David Troppens

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The Fenton varsity football team experienced a fine season in 2016.

It didn't start that way with a 0-2 non-league start. However, after those first two games, the Tigers rattled off seven straight Metro League victories — extending their league winning streak to 21 victories — en route to a sixth straight conference championship. Once in the playoffs, the Tigers captured third district championship (first since 2012) and posted their third straight nine-win season.

What's scary about 2017? Sure the Tigers graduated some quality players from last season, but plenty of talent returns to make outsiders think this year could be even better than a season ago. And now, if it wasn't obvious the previous five or so seasons, the Tigers have

proven to be a successful program. They don't rebuild. They reload.

"Our program speaks for itself," Fenton varsity football coach Jeff Setzke said. "Our kids stick with it. They are having fun and they have been successful over the years. ... One thing we do is we engage and have contact with the youth coaches right to the varsity program. We are one big football family. We try to help them and by the same token we ask them to help us."

Offense

The Tigers have plenty of quality players returning starting with quarterback Josh Czarnota. Czarnota helped lead the Tigers to a school-record 500 team points, completing 191-of-270 passes for 2,293 yards and 27 touchdowns. He also ran for 1,279 yards on 191 carries, scoring 17 touchdowns.

"He doesn't get the accolades all the bigger kids get who get the D1 offers, but I would not trade Josh for anyone else," Setzke said. "He throws as well as anybody in the state and he rushed for 1,200 yards and 17 TDs. He's a running back in the backfield and can throw the ball as good as anyone in the state."

Czarnota is going to be well protected, behind an offensive line with four returning starters. That list of starters includes three-year starter center Grady Sondgeroth and fellow team captain and right guard Trevor Edgar. Logan Prater started every game at

right tackle as a sophomore a year ago while Tyler McIntosh returns at left tackle. The left guard spot remains up for grabs between Dane Dean and Will Smith.

The Tigers lost Dylan Crankshaw at running back, but still has plenty of talent in the backfield. Josh Maher was the team's third-leading rusher a year ago, and should also see time at slot receiver as well. Lance Mercord spent time in the backfield a year ago and should be more than capable. Finally, Spencer Rivera has transferred from Linden and Setzke calls him "a faster version of Dylan Crankshaw."

Chanse Setzke steadily got better last season, to the point of being one of the area's best receivers. He returns this season. John Sage was described as "the fastest football players I've ever coached in my life" by Setzke, and he'll also be a key receiver. Other receivers to watch out for include Ryan Miller, David Pietryga, Ethan Fulton, Logan Welch, A.J. LePage and Cameron Steeves.

"The offense certainly has potential," Setzke said.

Defense

The defensive side was atypically suspect a year ago, so it will be the side of the ball people will expect to get better.

There is talent returning. Hunter Chappell returns to defensive end where he was an all-league player. Meanwhile Devin Fuller also returns at tackle. There are plenty of players battling for the other line spots.

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FENTON TIGERS

RECENT WIN/LOSS HISTORY

2016

Caledonia	52-55L
Temp-Bedford	28-51L
Brandon	28-22W
Kearsley	44-24W
Clio	55-6W
Holly	54-35W
Flushing	44-20W
Swartz Creek	48-28W
Linden	28-21W Metro title
Car-Ainsworth	49-19W district opener
Midland Dow	49-42W district final
WL Western	21-61L regional

2015

Davison	26-29L
Temp-Bedford	34-21W
Swartz Creek	41-20W
Brandon	42-10W
Kearsley	53-22W
Clio	55-0W
Flushing	34-28W
Linden	30-27W
Holly	21-20W Metro title
Midland Dow	14-41L district opener

2014

Davison	35-0W
Temp-Bedford	17-8W
Swartz Creek	35-19W
Brandon	41-0W
Kearsley	43-2W
Clio	35-3W
Holly	35-3W
Flushing	49-21W
Linden	35-29W Metro title
FH Harrison	10-35L district opener

2013

Linden	39-27W
Adrian	43-7W
Holly	20-0W
Brandon	28-14W
Clio	31-8W
Lapeer East	30-7W
Kearsley	48-0W
Swartz Creek	22-7W
Lapeer West	13-14L co-Metro title
Midland Dow	21-30L district opener

2012

Linden	15-17L
Adrian	34-6W
Holly	36-34W
Brandon	41-0W
Clio	39-7W
Lapeer East	54-21W
Kearsley	54-0W
Swartz Creek	55-28W
Lapeer West	30-21W co-Metro title
FH Harrison	22-19W district opener
WL Western	27-49L district final

LINDEN EAGLES

RECENT WIN/LOSS HISTORY

2016

DeWitt	14-42L
Goodrich	41-6W
Swartz Creek	41-16W
Flushing	33-18W
Brandon	14-38L
Kearsley	42-0W
Clio	35-0W
Holly	30-27W
Fenton	21-28L
Brandon	34-7W district opener
OL St. Mary's	14-49L district final

2015

DeWitt	14-38L
Fowlerville	57-14W
Holly	14-13W
Swartz Creek	32-24W
Flushing	21-20W
Brandon	34-28W
Kearsley	33-7W
Clio	42-6W
Fenton	27-30L
Brandon	20-3W district opener
OL St. Mary's	14-55L district final

2014

DeWitt	0-39L
Fowlerville	27-14W
Holly	23-6W
Swartz Creek	48-16W
Flushing	15-36L
Brandon	28-24W
Kearsley	53-7W
Clio	48-23W
Fenton	29-35L
Mason	13-28L district opener

2013

Fenton	27-39L
Holly	21-7W
Clio	38-12W
Kearsley	42-17W
Lapeer West	11-33L
Southwestern	35-34W
Brandon	15-22L
Lapeer East	17-13W
Swartz Creek	40-37W
Lapeer West	10-7W district opener
DeWitt	14-27L district final

2012

Fenton	17-15W
Holly	37-14W
Clio	49-0W
Kearsley	55-14W
Lapeer West	10-13L
Southwestern	49-6W
Brandon	40-0W
Lapeer East	49-0W
Swartz Creek	43-0W co-Metro title
Waverly	55-13W district opener
DeWitt	44-45L district final



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Linden's varsity boys and girls cross country teams placed first at the Durand Invitational.

Linden XC teams take first at Durand invite

By David Troppens
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The Linden varsity cross country program experienced a pretty nice way to begin the 2017 season.

Both varsity squads captured titles at the Durand Invitational on Friday.

The Linden boys won by scoring 18 points, 62 less than second-place Bath. The Linden girls won with 42 points,

nine less than second-place Marshall. Linden also had both overall first-place finishers. For the boys, sophomore Tyler Buchanan won with a time of 17:01.47, about 18 seconds ahead of his own teammate Tanner Blaney (17:19.96), who placed second. Audrey Steiert won the girls race by more than 20 seconds, posting a 5K time of 20:43.80.

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Fenton cross country performs well at A2 preview

The Fenton boys cross country team placed six runners in the top 20 en route to a strong beginning of the season at the the A2 Fall Preview held at Huron Meadows Metropark. The Fenton girls had four in the top 20. No team scores were kept.

Adam Jesse won the boys race with a time of 17:01.0, almost six seconds ahead of the field. After Jesse, Mitchell Chabot (17:41.2), Nolan Day (17:47.3) and Ben Sheffield (17:50.5) placed ninth, 10th and 11th, respectively.

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Fenton volleyball reloads, wins first tourney of season

The Fenton varsity volleyball team lost seven seniors from last year's state semifinalist squad.

Yet, the beat went on at least for the first tournament of the 2017 season.

The Tigers began their season with an impressive 5-0 record earning the tour-

namment title at the West Bloomfield Invitational on Saturday. "Obviously graduating seven seniors always is a big concern," Fenton varsity volleyball coach Jerry Eisinger said.

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PREP REPORT

BOYS TENNIS

► **Fenton wins St. John Redwing Invitational:** The Tigers captured first in four flights. Logan Scarberry and Trevor Bloss (No. 2 doubles) had a strong showing, earning wins by 8-0, 8-0 and 8-1 scores

BOYS SOCCER

► **Fenton 1, Swartz Creek 0:** The Tigers won the contest with a goal from Marco Rivera-Gomez in the first half. Alex Flannery assisted the goal. Noah Martin posted a shutout in net.

► **Holly 2, Carman-Ainsworth 1:** Ethan Postma and John Kuslusi scored goals, leading the Bronchos (1-1) to the victory.

► **South Lyon 6, Holly 1:** South Lyon scored six first-half goals to earn the victory.

GIRLS GOLF

► **Fenton places fifth at Lober Classic:** The Tigers posted a team score of

384-359-743. The best rounds by the Fenton girls at Wolverine were: Molly Gundry with a 77, Brook Herbstreit, 91; Angala Hanners, 98; and Lily Horning, 104. Keegan Miller shot an 82 on Spruce Run.

► **Fenton, Linden at Hartland Invitational:** Fenton placed fourth with a 341 while Linden placed 19th with a 416. The Tigers were paced by Keegan Miller, who shot a 79, placing eighth. Miller was followed by Margaret Berry's 82, Molly Dundry's 88 and Lily Horning's 92. Payton Leedle led the Eagles with an 82 while Deanna Jenkinson shot a 102. Heather Crampton carded an 111 and Hanna Baldwin shot a 121.

► **Linden at Lapeer Tune-up:** The Linden Eagles (420) placed 18th at the event, with Payton Leedle leading the squad with an 86. Heather Crampton followed with a 107 while Deanna Jenkinson shot a 113. Hanna Baldwin shot a 124.

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Doreen Pearl Chisnell

1940-2017
Doreen Pearl Chisnell - age 76, of Fenton, died August 17, 2017 at Genesys Health Park. Funeral service will be held 1 PM Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd, Fenton. Burial will follow in Oakwood Cemetery, Gaines. Visitation was held 4-8 PM Tuesday, August 22, 2017. Contributions can be made to the family. Doreen was born on October 19, 1940 in Flint, the daughter of David and Lavena (Long) Sprague. She owned and operated a home day care. She enjoyed decorating cakes, cooking, baking, crocheting and visiting with family and friends. Surviving are daughters; Pearl (Mike) Peters, Marie (Rogelio) Sanchez, grandson; Michael Peters II, two step-grandchildren; Elicia (Chris) Raymond, Aaron Peters and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and four brothers. Tributes can be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Timothy David Orsini

1967-2017
Timothy David Orsini - age 49, of Linden, died peacefully in his sleep on Friday, August 18, 2017. Services will be held 12 PM Thursday, August 24, 2017 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Pastor Steve Kazer officiating. Visitation will be 12-9 PM Wednesday, August 23, 2017 with a rosary service at 7 PM and 10 AM until the time of service Thursday. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. Timmy was greatly loved by all who knew him. He was a cherished husband, father, son, brother, uncle, friend and co-worker. Tim went the extra mile and would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. Tim always went above and beyond. He will be dearly missed by everyone that had the honor to know him. He is preceded in death by his brother, Christopher Orsini and his grandparents, Antonio & Antoinette Orsini and Benjamin & Leona Laudenslager. He is survived by his wife, Kristi Orsini; his son, Dominic Orsini; his daughter, Isabella Orsini; his mother, Karen Kluewe; his father, Remo (Sandy) Orsini; his sisters, Teresa (Micah) Webner and Chris (Jess) Mohler; his brother, Joey Klauza; his mother-in-law, Kara Voss; his sister-in-law, Stepheni Voss; his brother-in-law, Jason (Kim) Voss; his nieces, Marissa & Anna Webner and Sydnie & Alexa Klauza; his nephews, David & Dakota Solomon and Deklan Voss; and Jake, man's best friend. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Alice Jean Annette "AJ" Winchester

1940-2017
Alice Jean Annette "AJ" Winchester age - 77, of Fenton died in her home on August 15, 2017. She was born in Highland Township, the daughter of Stephan and Betty Winchester. She leaves behind three children, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Daughter, Kimberly Jean Bowman of Spokane, WA; son, Bradley Rolfe Bowman of Palm Coast, FL, and son, Todd Hugh Lane of Fenton; grandchildren, Jordan Haddeland, Ashley Goetsch, Lindsay Bowman, Harrison Lane, Hunter Lane, Heston Lane; great-grandchildren, Anniston Goetsch and Aria Goetsch. She also leaves behind a brother, Albert Winchester of Holly; sisters, Karen Fraley of Davisburg, Gail Berutti of White Lake, MI; several nieces and nephews, and countless friends. She was predeceased by her brothers, Larry Winchester and Steve Winchester. Ms. Alice Winchester was employed by the Livingston County Court system as a foster care home supervisor for many years where she took care of as many as 32 children at one time. In 1986 Alice was president to the Flint Chapter of the National organization of Women, (N.O.W.) where she was a definite proponent of equal rights. Earlier in life, AJ was an airline stewardess and a Playboy Bunny for the Detroit Playboy Club. She studied Art in Paris, has a Bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Michigan and a Master's degree in Education from Wayne State University. For many years AJ spent countless hours substitute teaching in the surrounding school districts. AJ loved art of all kinds and surrounded herself by it. Everything was a canvas to AJ and she enjoyed finding the beauty in the world around her. She lived a humble life in her home hidden by majestic oaks in Fenton. She loved the companionship of her dogs and ducks and she had a love for nature. Where ever she went she made friendships that lasted a lifetime. She is loved by many and will be missed by us all. Rest in Peace Mom, I will forever miss you. Funeral services are private and will be held at the convenience of the family. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are being handled by the Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. Holly, MI. **www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com**



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Horoscopes

For the week of August 21, 2017

ARIES
Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, even though you need to concentrate, do not turn up the intensity so much that it becomes stressful. Take a break every now and then to unwind and get away.

TAURUS
Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, you are eager to listen and learn, but you also want to create your own experiences and share them with others. Find a balance between being a teacher and a student.

GEMINI
May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, you excel at thinking through decisions before making them. This careful approach tends to work in your favor, but some decisions can be made more quickly than others.

CANCER
Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, an important decision must be made in the very near future. Your judgement may be clouded by extraneous information, so try to block unnecessary noise.

LEO
Jul 23/Aug 23
You are at a turning point in your life and now may be a good time to make a few key changes, Leo. They may involve making new friends or exploring a new career.

VIRGO
Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, even if you have a lot to get done, you will be able to make decisions on your feet and adapt as the situation calls for it this week. Changes can come about quickly.

LIBRA
Sept 23/Oct 23
Actively explore any impulses you may have over the next few days, Libra. You may not have the freedom for such exploration beyond this week, so act soon.

SCORPIO
Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, some time relaxing seems like the ideal scenario right now. But you're not prone to sitting still too long. Look for activities that keep you engaged.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov 23/Dec 21
You are in your element this week, Sagittarius. Expect to be soaring on good vibes for several days. There is nothing pressing to pull you in another direction, so keep sailing along.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, now may seem like a good time to allow your imagination to run wild, especially if the going gets tough. However, you need to be fully present this week.

AQUARIUS
Jan 21/Feb 18
Optimism is always good, Aquarius. But you may need to look at all sides of the situation right now if you are to make an informed choice about something important.

PISCES
Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, if you are having difficulty asking for something you desire, practice what you want to say and test out your delivery on a friend.

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

DUBYD
[Grid with circled letters: U, B, Y, D]

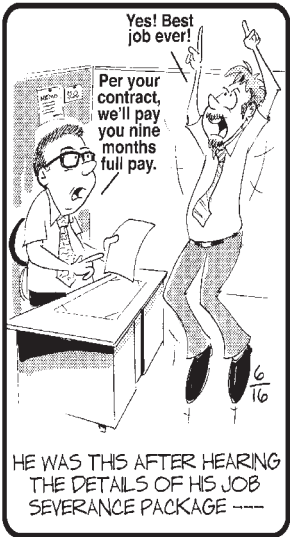
FREAT
[Grid with circled letters: F, R, E, A, T]

PIPTUL
[Grid with circled letters: P, I, P, T, U, L]

XESESC
[Grid with circled letters: X, E, S, E, S, C]

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



HE WAS THIS AFTER HEARING THE DETAILS OF HIS JOB SEVERANCE PACKAGE ---

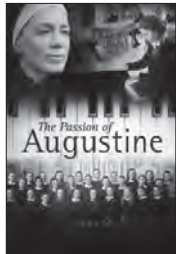
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here: [Grid of circles]

Answers in this Sunday's edition of the Tri-County Times

DVD RELEASES

75% liked it
(Audience score on rottentomatoes.com)



THE PASSION OF AUGUSTINE
The Passion of Augustine stars Céline Bonnier as Mother Augustine, a Roman Catholic nun who teaches music in a convent school in rural Quebec in the 1960s and who is fighting to preserve her school

against the backdrop of the social changes wrought by Vatican II and Quebec's Quiet Revolution. When her talented but rebellious niece joins the convent, and when the government threatens to shut down the school in favour of public education, her world is suddenly turned upside down. She and her fellow nuns are forced to confront the waves of modernity, and Mother Augustine herself must search her soul for a new calling. Can she accept her past in order to move forward? Or will she perish with tradition?

NR, 1 hr. 43 min.
Art House & International, Drama

58% liked it
(Audience score on rottentomatoes.com)



ALIEN: COVENANT
Ridley Scott returns to the universe he created, with Alien: Covenant, a new chapter in his groundbreaking Alien franchise. The crew of the colony ship Covenant, bound for a remote planet on the far side of the

galaxy, discovers what they think is an uncharted paradise, but is actually a dark, dangerous world. When they uncover a threat beyond their imagination, they must attempt a harrowing escape.

R, 2 hr. Action & Adventure, Mystery & Suspense, Science Fiction & Fantasy



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Wednesday Sudoku

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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Level: Intermediate

KING FEATURES

Wednesday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Moby-Dick's pursuer
- 5 Strange
- 8 Slight coloration
- 12 Disturb
- 13 Hawaiian neckwear
- 14 Reed instrument
- 15 Tunes
- 17 Diamond source
- 18 Court
- 19 Spring, for one
- 21 Unspoken "I dunno"
- 24 Leave suddenly
- 25 Henhouse
- 26 Became less harsh

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- 30 Everything
- 31 Bisect
- 32 Commotion
- 33 Creator of 1-Across
- 35 "Phooey!"
- 36 Shoppe describer
- 37 Greedy one's cry
- 38 Wheedle
- 41 "A mouse!"
- 42 Enthusiastic
- 43 Rapid decline
- 48 Equestrian game

- 49 Type squares
- 50 Concept
- 51 Aware of
- 52 Regret
- 53 Retain

- 10 Taboo, to a child
- 11 Adolescent
- 16 Pooch
- 20 Model
- Macpherson

- 35 Long-snouted antelope
- 37 Obtain
- 38 Crime boss
- 39 Shakes-peare's river
- 40 Leave at the altar
- 41 Different
- 44 Ostrich's cousin
- 45 Rhyming praise
- 46 Teensy
- 47 Siesta

DOWN

- 1 Upper limb
- 2 Weeding tool
- 3 Have a bug holder
- 4 Explode
- 5 Hodgepodge
- 6 Cee follower
- 7 Turn to liquid
- 8 Beefsteak or plum
- 9 Sacred bird of Egypt
- 21 Con game
- 22 Golf target
- 23 Hot dog
- 24 Southern lass
- 26 Seasickness
- 27 Friendly
- 28 Dutch cheese
- 29 Be too fond
- 31 Jack and Jill's terrain
- 34 Type of doll

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A pair of dark, possibly black or dark grey, trousers and a pair of brown leather shoes are laid out on a plain white surface. The trousers are positioned horizontally, with the waistband at the top and the legs extending downwards. The shoes are placed at the ends of the trousers, with the soles facing upwards. The soles of the shoes are a light brown color, showing signs of wear and discoloration. The overall composition is simple and clean, with a focus on the textures and colors of the clothing and footwear.

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