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See MARIJUANA on 10

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

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.

By Sharon Stone
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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 killed.

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

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Russ Ciesielski named Linden superintendent

■ Board of Education approves with 5-1 vote

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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 am looking forward to serving the students, parents, and staff of the Linden Community Schools.”

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, kick off is at 4 p.m. in Ann Arbor.

See FOOTBALL on 8

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

Russ Ciesielski
Linden superintendent

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.

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Differences in generations show in work, attitudes

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

By Sally Rummel
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At 41, Marcy Deffendall is a Generation X’er whose family understands all 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. “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 behaviors, 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 generation under the Baby Boomers. Now it seems to be coming back.”

Differences in the generations have become 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 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 remembering 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/Boomers 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.

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 saw 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 were 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 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 remembering 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.

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Liberal logic

- Caps 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.
- 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. 
- 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 with 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!
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Compiled by Tim Jagielo, media editor
Genesee County to host recyle 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.

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FIRE & POLICE

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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HOT LINE CONTINUED

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?

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- Old prescriptions
- Fire extinguishers
- Smoke detectors
- Tires — up to 7 (or/ 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

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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Wednesday, August 23, 2017
Holly Academy hosts eclipse viewing party

By Tim Jagielo

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.

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 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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Eclipse viewing organizer,
Holly Academy kindergarten teacher

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

By Hannah Ball

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.”

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 enter into agreements by proving they have state its tax return to report the portion of taxes withheld that were attributed to certified new jobs.

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)

Summary

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

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.

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 Department of Technology, Management and Budget

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

“These businesses, called “eligible businesses,” would have to either create a minimum of 300 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.

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

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

PLEASE TAKE 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 improvements 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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Ciesielski was named interim principal and interim superintendent during Ed Koledo’s absence, and has been named interim superintendent of the Linden schools.

“My goals for the district include maintained growth in student achievement, more communication and transparency 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 a 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.

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

Mid-Canadians, defined by Pew Research as those born between 1981 and 2000, 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, these two camps are similar. 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

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.

“Mr. Ciesielski is very supportive of our educational mission, more communication and transparency 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 a part of a team that is committed to building educational leaders.”

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FOOTBALL
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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 want to go 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 dream for us. 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 weekend 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 Clinton at 7 p.m.

Fenton varsity football coach Jeff Setzke says it’s a little too early to sense any specialness for the rest of us.

“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. 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.

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 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:

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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.

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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HOT LINE CONTINUED

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.

STATE OF THE PERSON believing Mark Zuck- erburg 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 drunk driver that kills users, it’s the users themselves that kills oneself.

TO THE PERSON asking is Darnell Bullock Jr. cancer free, answer is yes. Darnell is cancer free.

TO THE PERSON asking about the pointing people in the crowd at the Liberty Bell, it’s someone who’s wearing a red jacket.

TO THE PERSON asking about chess in Genesee County, answer is there’s nothing in Genesee County.”
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,Desteny 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: Ban using zoning to ban Airbnb-type rentals
Introduced by Rep. Tom Backman (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.

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 fear, 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 Mc- Cain’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.

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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.
It’s legal to be a Nazi?

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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 americabart.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 protesters.

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 freedom.

“The goal is to protect the Constitution and protect free speech in general,” Johnson Law managing partner Thomas 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 one of a series of landmark cases decided by the Supreme Court that are the subject of current news and what these decisions mean to American citizens.
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Linden
Bedrooms, dressing,"
Eagles looking to continue their impressive playoff streak

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, Seegar DeGhayner, 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.

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

Tigers gunning for seventh straight Metro League championship

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. It took a little bit longer this year to get better.

One thing we do is we engage and have contact with the youth coaches right away. Those coaches don’t have the luxury of seeing kids their junior year. So, the Tigers have been successful in these years. … One thing we do is we engage and have contact with the youth coaches right away. Those coaches don’t have the luxury of seeing kids their junior year. So, we engage them right away. … One thing we do is we engage and have contact with the youth coaches right away. Those coaches don’t have the luxury of seeing kids their junior year. So, we engage them right away.

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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 Tyker 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 Mahler 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.”

Chase 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 Stevens.

“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
Davidson 26-29L
Temp-Bedford 34-21W
Swartz Creek 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
Davidson 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

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 Marhak posted a shutout in net.

► Holly 2, Carman-Ainsworth 1: Ethan Postma and John Kusluski 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; and Lily Horning, 92. Payton Leedle led the Eagles with an 82, Molly Dundry’s 88 and Lily Horning’s 92. Miller was followed by Margaret Berry’s 82 while Deanna Jenkinson shot a 102.

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 21-26L
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 34-20W
Flushing 21-20W
Brandon 34-28W
Kearsley 33-7W
Clio 42-6W
Fenton 27-30L
Brandon 20-3W district opener
OL St. Mary’s 14-35L 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 33-34W
Brandon 15-22L
Lapeer East 17-13W
Swartz Creek 40-16W
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 69-6W
Brandon 40-0W
Lapeer East 49-0W
Swartz Creek 43-0W co-Metro title
Waverly 55-19W district opener
DeWitt 44-45L district final

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

Fenton cross country team placed second.

The Tigers won the contest with a goal from Keegan Gundry who shot a 79, placing eighth. The Tigers began their season with an impressive 5-0 record earning the tour-

nine less than second-place Marshall. Linden also had both overall first-place finishers. For the boys, sophomore Tyler Buchan won with a time of 17:01.47, about 18 seconds ahead of his own team-

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Fenton volleyball reloads, wins first tourney of season.

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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,

Linden XC teams take first at Durand invite.

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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 Thursday, August 23, 2017 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd, Fenton. Burial will follow in Oakwood Cemetery, Gains. 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, grandsons; Michael Peters II, two step-grandchildren; Elcisa (Chris) Raymond, Aaron Peters and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and five brothers. Tributes can be shared at www.sharfuneralhomes.com.

Timothy David Orsini 1967-2017
Timothy David Orsini - age 49, of Linden, died peacefully in his sleep on Friday, August 18, 2017 at Sharp Memorial Hospital. 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 held 10-12 AM the day of the service. 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 survived by his wife, Kristi Orsini; his brother, Christopher Orsini and his grandparents, Antonio & Antoinette Orsini and Benjamin & Leona Laudenslager. He is survived by his wife, Kristi Orsini; his daughter, Dominica Orsini; his daughter, Isabella Orsini; his mother, Karen Kluver; his father, Renno (Sandy) Orsini; his sisters; Theresa (Micah) Webner and Chris (Jess) Mohler; his brother, Joey Kluza; his mother-in-law, Kara Voss; his sister-in-law, Stephen Voss; his brother-in-law, Jason (Kim) Voss; his nieces, Marissa & Anna Webner and Sydney & Alexis Kluza; his nephews, David & Dakota Solomon and Deklan Voss; and Jake, man’s best friend. Tributes may be shared online at www.sharfuneralhomes.com.
**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 22  
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 23/Sept 22  
Virgo, even if you have a lot to do 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 22  
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 23/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.

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**DVD RELEASES**

**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 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?

**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.

**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.

**KING FEATURES**

**Wednesday Crossword**

ACROSS  
1 Moby-Dick’s pursuer  
5 Strange  
8 Slight coloration  
12 Disturb  
13 Hawaiian necklace  
14 Reed instrument  
15 Tunes  
17 Diamond source  
18 Court  
19 Spring, for one  
21 Unspoken ‘I dunno’  
24 Leave suddenly  
25 Henhouse

DOWN  
1 Upper limb  
2 Weeding tool  
3 Have a bug  
4 Explode  
5 Hodgepodge  
6 Coco follower  
7 Turn to liquid  
8 Beefsteak or plum  
9 Sacred bird of Egypt  
10 Taboo, to a child  
11 Adolescent  
12 Pooch  
13 Model  
14 Macpherson  
15 Con game  
16 Golf target  
17 Hot dog  
18 Holder  
19 Southern lass  
20 Seaickness  
21 Friendly  
22 Dutch cheese  
23 To be fond  
24 Type of doll

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