

Silver Lake Road study to be released soon

■Traffic is congested, potentially dangerous, due to two U.S. 23 exits

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The approximate half-mile of Silver Lake Road from Silver Parkway to Fenway Drive contains two exits and two entrances to U.S. 23, three traffic lights, and three

driveways. It's also a popular topic to complain about in the Hot lines.

The public may soon learn about this corridor and potential remedies from a study completed by Progressive AE of Grand Rapids, Fenton City's traffic engineering consultants.

The study is expected to be discussed at the Fenton City Council's next work session Monday, July 2, after Pete LaMorie of Progressive AE, presents it.

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Depending on the time of day, the intersection of Silver Lake Road and U.S. 23 ramps can be congested and difficult to navigate safely.



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Clerks looking to hire election inspectors

■Even 16- and 17-year-olds can apply, earn \$150 per election

By Hannah Ball

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Fenton Twp. — On Thursday, June 14, Fenton Township held election inspector training for people interested in working the elections. However, the turnout was less than hoped for by Thomas Broecker, Fenton Township operations manager/deputy clerk.

With election season coming up and the primaries this August, local clerks are looking for inspectors to work the polls.

"They make sure the election is run according to law," Broecker said. "I think it's a fun job. I've been doing it for 24 years and I still look forward to election days."

They verify IDs, issue the ballots, answer questions, demonstrate how to

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'Disney Day' at the dentist



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On Monday, June 18, at Rachor Dental Care, Dr. Mallory Still (left) examines the teeth of Elias Eimers, 3, after dental hygienist Katie Figgins cleaned his teeth. Still greeted her patients as Disney character Belle from "Beauty and the Beast," while Figgins was Elsa from "Frozen." There were 19 staff members dressed as Disney characters just for fun on Monday and Tuesday. See **story** on Page 7

Officials give themselves 12-percent pay raise

■Supervisor says salaries are \$10,000 below other nearby communities

By Vera Hogan

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The Rose Township Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting Wednesday, June 20 (today), starting at 6 p.m. to vote on the township's fiscal year 2019 budget, and 2018 budget amendments.

Salary increases for board members and township employees are part of the 2019 budget.

At the Wednesday, June 13 meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees, Adie Eddington asked about the proposed pay increases during public comment.

Supervisor Dianne Scheib-Snyder said she prepares the budget that officials are expected to approve tonight.

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Summer officially begins tomorrow

■June 21 is the summer solstice and longest day of the year

By Sally Rummel

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Get ready for your longest day of

summer fun this Thursday, June 21.

As the date of the summer solstice, it's the official arrival of summer in the Northern Hemisphere and the longest day of the year. For many, it's a day to celebrate.

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FILE PHOTO

Heron Beach at the Holly Recreation Area was packed during the sweltering 2018 Memorial Day on Monday, May 28.



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“Remind Heller that most people wouldn't mind an increase in taxes if the government were more efficient. If businesses were run like the government, all would be bankrupt. Everyone else has a budget to keep, but they never last.”



“To the Lake Fenton Property Owners Association. Glad the weed treatment program is such a success. Not a grasshopper, snake or freshwater clam, very few dragonflies, even fewer butterflies, and not one fish rolling down by my beach. Thanks for killing everything.”



COMMENT
OF THE WEEK

“Linden might not allow tents in front/side yards. And, if that ordinance passes, existing tents might not be grandfathered in. Earlier, Linden citizens were told that they cannot park in their front yards. Don't forget that citizens pay taxes. And, it's the citizens who own their property, not the government.”

You may know this Uber driver

■ Lake Fenton coach and tutor has logged almost 2,000 miles behind the wheel

By Sally Rummel

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When former Lake Fenton High School teacher Hewitt Judson isn't tutoring in the classroom or coaching in the field, he's on the road as an Uber driver.

Uber is a ridesharing service that connects drivers with passengers by using a smartphone app. It's a popular service in 83 countries and 674 cities worldwide, according to Uber.com.

Smaller towns like Fenton that are closer to more populated areas such as Flint are getting more rideshares as more drivers register to become Uber driv-

ers. "However, Uber service is still 'hit or miss' in Fenton," said Judson, 71. Most of his calls originate from Flint or Grand Blanc, although he's driven as far as Midland, Downriver in Lincoln Park, and more.

Whoever is closest to an incoming call can accept the job or choose not to take it, all on the app. "I don't know where they are going until I pick them up, although I do get a notification if their destination is 45 miles or more away," Judson said.

There are certain minimum requirements to become an Uber driver, including an age limit of 21 or older, having a valid license, a four-door vehicle, and passing a criminal/background check.

For security purposes, both drivers and riders are registered with Uber. "That's why I didn't understand a recent (Times)

"I don't do it to make money; I just do it for something to do. When I get tired, I turn off my app and go home."

Hewitt Judson

Retired Lake Fenton educator and Uber driver



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Hewitt Judson of Fenton Township will shuttle 30 to 50 Uber clients in southeast Michigan each week. Judson, who likes to stay busy, is also a tutor and coach at Lake Fenton High School.

Hot line that compared the safety of being an Uber passenger with the danger of hitchhiking," Judson said. "Uber drivers are registered, the same as a person who

asks for a ride. There's an electronic trail."

Judson signed up to be an Uber driver 15 months ago and has already logged almost 2,000 miles. This Fenton Township resident admits he can't sit still for long and loves to meet people, so he decided to be an Uber driver to fill in the gaps in his schedule.

"I don't do it to make money; I just do it for something to do. When I get tired, I turn off my app and go home," Judson said.

The extra income is helpful, though, he admits. Working part time, Judson earns about \$300 to \$400 per week, but has to take expenses out of that, including gas. "Gas is usually about \$120 a week," he said.

He picks up a lot of people who live in apartments and don't have a car, including foreign students who are in medical school doing their rotations at area hospitals.

Some of his most interesting riders have included the owner of High Times from Los Angeles, who was in town for the Cannabis Cup (marijuana advocacy event) in Clio; the dean of the University of Detroit Law School; a woman who owned the company that did makeup for movies and TV, including "The Walking Dead." Her car was in the shop and she needed a ride.

His only bad experience so far was a very drunk, rude woman who lit a cigarette in the back of his car. That's a big no-no in Uber etiquette. "Passengers can't drink or smoke

or make sexual overtures," Judson said. "Normal rules of courtesy apply."

Judson admits that he much prefers to be busy and to be out meeting people.

"I'm an adult with A.D.D. (Attention Deficit Disorder)," he said. "I'll keep doing it as long as it continues to be fun."

SUMMARY

■ Hewitt Judson has been well-known in the Lake Fenton community as a teacher and coach for decades. Now he has added "Uber driver" to his resume.

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Experience the arts in Fenton this summer

■ 'Arts Are the Heart' and 'Fenton Artwalk' coming in July

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Fenton — Inside the Fenton Community and Cultural Center, a 3-D printer whirs away as it builds a tiny robot while outside, children play with drums, paint and help decorate cardboard boats.

On Friday, June 15, Rackham Park was again taken over by the Fenton Arts Council (FAC) signature series event, Arts Are the Heart. The community will get another chance to attend events July 20 and Aug. 18.

"Art always adds to a community, it adds value to a community," said Joan Horcha, FAC president.

The normally open grassy park with meandering river walk was filled with nearly 20 different activities including "Creation Stations," hand drumming, outdoor painting, mini obstacle courses, and lots of music and performances. "We offer new and different activities at each event, as well as favorites from previous events," Horcha said.

A consistent theme of these series events is collaboration. This year, visitors can help decorate cylinders, which will eventually become hand drums that will be donated to area elementary schools when completed.

Other indoor actives included bubble painting by the Flint Institute of Arts, and 3-D printing by the Fenton Jack R. Winegarden Library.

Arts Are the Heart is funded by the Hagerman Foundation. "These events were planned to celebrate arts and culture and bring our community together, to enrich the lives of Fenton area families through art," Horcha said.



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(Top photo) There were several live performances, including dancing, music and living statues. (Bottom left) One option for adults and children was "plein air," which is simply painting outdoors. (Bottom right) Art camp inside the community center includes bubble painting, 3-D printing and the hand drum community decorating projects.

The next Arts Are the Heart event is **July 20, from 4 to 7 p.m.**

The World of Wonder, 404 W. Ellen St., Fenton, will host an event **Saturday, Aug. 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

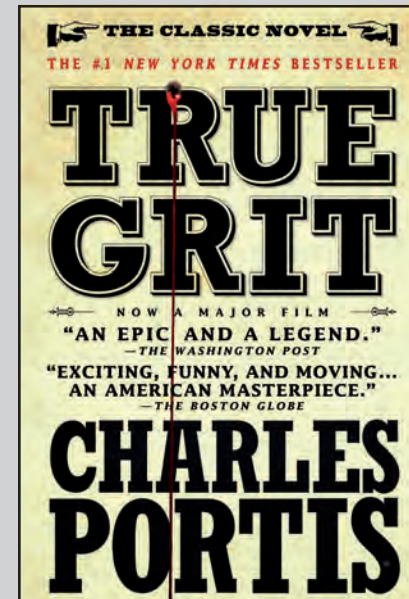
For more information, visit the *Fenton Arts Council Facebook page* or *fentonartscouncil.com*.

Fenton Artwalk by Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation is **Saturday, July 14, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.**



A LOOK BACK at 1968

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'True Grit,' the novel published in 1968

■ First published as 22-week serial in 'The Saturday Evening Post'

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Diehard John Wayne fans never tire of this story — published 50 years ago.

"True Grit" is a 1968 novel by Charles Portis that was first published as a 1968 serial in *The Saturday Evening Post*. It ran for 22 weeks. The novel is told from the perspective of a woman named Mattie Ross, who recounts the time when she was 14 and sought retribution for the murder of her father by a scoundrel, Tom Chaney. It is considered by some critics to be "one of the great American novels."

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If I Were King...

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The sounds of summer

I feel bad for most kids today. They are missing out on one of the most wonderful sensorial experiences in the world — the sounds of summer.

When I was a kid almost every home kept its doors and windows wide open 24 hours a day in the summer. The main reason was that very few households had air conditioning and the summer breezes blowing through the screened doors and windows were necessary to provide relief from the heat.

Additionally, there was little or no crime, and houses and lots were much smaller then, so most of us lived in tightly packed subdivisions or neighborhoods where everybody knew everybody, and everybody looked out for their neighbor and their neighborhood.

But, I digress. The result was that sounds from inside the homes could be heard from the outside, and sounds from outside the homes could be heard from the inside. It was a win-win for all involved.

Most kids today have never awakened to the sound of birds singing and chirping outside their window at the crack of dawn. Nor have they ever heard a noisy milk truck chugging down their street, stopping at every home to place milk, butter and ice cream into the two-way chutes that nearly all homes had back then. Few know what the slap of a morning newspaper landing on the front porch sounds like or the hydraulic whine of garbage trucks stopping at every home. Clocks ticked, bees hummed, toilets flushed and babies cried. It was a sunrise symphony repeated each summer morning that was as comforting and reassuring as a mother's voice.

Evenings provided an even more

entertaining cacophony. The Missouri twang of Ernie Harwell as he broadcast Detroit Tiger baseball games could be heard throughout the neighborhood. Crickets chirped and cicadas buzzed. Laughter emanated from windows dimly backlit by TVs. The riff of cards being shuffled at weekly euchre games. The inevitable bickering of children playing hide-and-seek or tag. This ritualistic and reassuring din would wane as the sun sank in the west, replaced by the pop and crack of the streetlights coming on in concert with the mournful, loon-like calls of distant train whistles.

Few kids today venture outside their homes in the evening, preferring to stay inside mindlessly clicking away on their electronic devices, watching inane television shows or listening to music wearing earbuds, oblivious to the sounds of life taking place outside.

Nowadays it is not uncommon for neighbors who have lived next door to each other for years to hardly know one another. Bigger yards and bigger homes are partially responsible for some of this anomaly, compounded by over-protective parents and a loss of the neighborhood comradeship that existed innately a mere two generations ago.

It's a shame that so many kids are missing these magical summer sounds. For me, they epitomize the best of a wonderful childhood where we didn't have much, but wanted for nothing.

The sounds of summer — they're still out there, we just need to listen.

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WAKE UP, HOLLY. Holly Hills expansion will affect us all with water, sewer, roads, traffic, and schools. Who do you think is going to pay for all this?

THANK YOU LADIES for caring about my dog. Sorry it turned into a big argument. I was in the store no longer than 20 minutes so the air conditioning must only last 10 minutes. He was fine with the windows and sunroof cracked open. He had a Frosty Paw when he got home. I will watch my time a lot closer now. Your vigilance was not in vain.

GOOD MORNING, TRI-County Times. I'm just wondering whatever happened to the Democratic Party, the party of our fathers and grandfathers. It used to be for the working people. Right now, our economy is running at a 4.6-percent growth rate. And we can thank Donald Trump for that and he certainly is not your typical Republican. Very fortunate that things are improving.

WITH NEARLY 4,000 residents, the city of Linden received two formal complaints about storage tents so now we need an ordinance? Wow.

BIG ISSUE, CHILDREN separated from illegals. Those who think this practice is inhumane, please explain why an illegal gets to keep smuggled children.

A DEFENSIVE, DEMOCRAT Hot-liner wrote, 'not all Democrats support

abortion!' Many Republicans agree that rape and incest may be legitimate reasons for abortion. Excluding the 1 percent of rape and incest abortions, what is the Democrat's reason to support the 99 percent of the 57 million American abortions that the party defends?

REMEMBER THE HOT lines complaining about Obama golfing excessively, complaining about too many executive orders and complaining that Obama bowed to the King of Saudi Arabia? Trump has golfed more, has issued more executive orders and has saluted a North Korean general.

PAUL MANAFORT, TRUMP'S campaign chairman from March to August 2016, got his wish. After asking a Russian Oligarch to be 'made whole,' the judge put him in one.

DDA MONEY CANNOT be used on roads. The city is not paying for buildings being built by developers. How on earth can you be so ignorant about such simple topics?

IN A RECENT interview on ESPN, entertainer Steve Harvey called members of the NBA champions Golden State Warriors gorillas. Where is the media outrage? Oh that's right this is America. Home of the double standard.

FED. LAW TITLE 4, Chp.1, code 6 requires flags flown after dark to be lighted. Most are not, especially those in front of million dollar homes.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

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Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

What's your favorite hobby, craft or art to do?

streettalk



"Probably just exercising. Going for a run or a walk. I do that a lot."

Meaghan McArdle
Fenton



"Doing holiday arts and crafts with the kids. We do painting and we built some bird houses. We plant a garden every year."

Erin Hibbard
Grand Blanc Township



"I like to do things with wine corks. I made a dart board wall protector. It's in a frame."

Maureen Utt
Fenton Township



"Reading, definitely. Pretty much anything fiction, like crime. Michael Connely-type books."

Joe Kuptz
Linden



"Golf, although I'm no longer able to play it. Reading John Grisham and David Baldacci."

Mike Sperry
Fenton

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The novel was adapted for the screenplay of the 1969 film "True Grit" starring Kim Darby as Mattie Ross, Glen Campbell as Texas Ranger La-Boeuf and John Wayne as U.S. Marshal Reuben J. "Rooster" Cogburn.

Six years later, in 1975, Wayne reprised his Academy Award-winning role as the tough hard drinking one-eyed lawman in the sequel film "Rooster Cogburn," with co-star Katharine Hepburn.

The movie was remade again in 2010, with Jeff Bridges playing the part of Cogburn, and Josh Brolin as Chaney.

The narrative belongs to the aging, cranky bounty hunter Rooster Cogburn who finds himself cornered one day by the extremely persistent Mattie, who is determined to avenge the murder of her father by the renegade Tom Chaney. Not only does Mattie hammer at Rooster until he agrees to go catch the killer, he is unable to dissuade her from coming with him, even into the wilds of Indian Territory, where they are joined in their search by a Texas Ranger, La Boeuf, played in the 2010 movie by Matt Damon. In the wilderness of the Choctaw Nation, this quarrelsome threesome develop bonds that are tested in violent conflict of a sort common in frontier yarns.

Portis, the author of the 1968 novel on which the new film is based, shies away from fame. He was occasionally spotted in Little Rock, Arkansas. He also went to a gala sponsored by the Oxford American, a literary magazine, and consented to receive a lifetime achievement award, though he sat in the 14th row, or as far from the stage as he could. Portis doesn't use email, has an unlisted phone number, declines interview requests and shuns photographs. Today he is 84 years old.

In the early 1960s, Portis was a reporter for The New York Herald Tribune. He was a newspaper reporter who didn't have a phone. The Tribune had to make him get one. So even back then the pattern was there.

"True Grit" appeared on the New York Times best-seller list for 22 weeks. One other novelist, Donna Tartt, considered it his masterpiece, a work comparable to "Huckleberry Finn."

Being the shy man that he was, it has been reported that Portis himself was a little embarrassed by the success of "True Grit."

Source: nybooks.com

911 Fire reports

911 FIRE ALERTS FROM
TUESDAY, JUNE 12 TO MONDAY, JUNE 18

TUESDAY, JUNE 12

Holly Village and **Groveland** fire respond to the 300 block of Sherwood Street at 4:17 a.m. on June 12 for a 90-year-old who had fallen.

Argentine Township fire responds to the 8200 block of Silver Lake Road at 12:36 p.m. for a female requesting transport to an area hospital.

Fenton Township fire responds to Livingston County at 3:29 p.m. for a 59-year-old woman experiencing vertigo.

Fenton Township fire responds to the 12000 block of Water Greens Court at 3:56 p.m. for a residential structure fire. Fenton City, Linden City, Argentine Township, North Oakland County Fire Authority assisted. Linden City fire responds to the area of Andrea Avenue and Laura Lane at 5:05 p.m. for a grass fire.

Fenton City fire responds to the 900 block of Grant Street for a commercial fire alarm at 7:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

Holly Village and **Groveland** fire respond to the 3300 block of Grange Hall Road at 4:39 a.m. for an 84-year-old male who had fallen.

Argentine Township fire responds to the 16000 block of Hilltop Drive at 6:35 a.m. for a female who had broken her foot.

Holly Village and **Groveland** fire respond to the 400 block of North Street at 7:35 a.m. for a female complaining of pain.

Linden City fire responds to the area of Bridge and Broad streets at 5:18 p.m. for a medical emergency involving a 6-year-old.

Argentine Township fire responds to Charles Drive, west of Murray Drive, for a recreational fire complaint at 7:18 p.m. The caller said the top of a tree was on fire.

Fenton Township fire responds to the 13000 block of N. Horrell Road at 9:44 p.m., for a medical emergency involving a 79-year-old male.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14

North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) responds to a personal injury crash at 6:37 a.m. on southbound I-75 at Belford Road. A caller reported that an SUV had rolled over and was in the median. The driver was seen removing the license plate and walking southbound.

Fenton Township fire responds to a medical emergency in the 2200 block of N. Long Lake Road at 9 a.m. for a medical emergency involving an 88-year-old male with chest pains.

Linden City fire responds to the 200 block of S. Bridge Street at 9:33 a.m. for a medical emergency involving an elderly patient.

Argentine Township fire responds to a commercial fire alarm in the 7000 block of Silver Lake Road at 11:52 a.m.

Fenton Township fire responds to the 4000 block of Vicinia Way at 1:44 p.m. for a medical emergency involving an 82-year-old female having difficulty breathing.

Fenton City fire responds to Livingston County at 5:53 p.m. on a report of exposed electrical box wires in the area of Denton Hill and Jayne roads.

Fenton City fire responds to a minor injury crash involving a motorcycle and a car at 7:17 p.m. at the intersection of E. Ellen and S. Pine streets. The motorcyclist was wearing a helmet.

Fenton Township fire responds to Hogan and Rolston roads at 7:39 p.m. on a report of a Ford Explorer that had rolled over. The driver was entrapped, but not injured.

Fenton Township fire responds to Lake Fenton Middle School at 8:37 p.m. on a report of a male umpire being struck by a ball in the ribcage.

Linden City fire responds to a possible structure fire at Bird and Lahring roads. Smoke was seen, but no flames at 10:02 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 15

Argentine Township fire responds to the 5000 block of Joyce Drive in Gaines to assist with a structure fire at 1:38 p.m.

Fenton City assisted with backup.

Fenton Township fire responds to the 8400 block of Turner Road in Livingston County for a medical emergency at 2:17 p.m.

Fenton Township fire responds to the 12400 block of Linden Road for a 65-year-old unconscious male at 3:42 p.m.

NOCFA responds to a personal injury crash at Grange Hall and Rood roads at 4:02 p.m. A sedan was in the ditch.

Argentine Township fire responds to the 11000 block of Markley Road for a medical emergency involving a 93-year-old female at 5:15 p.m.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHEN GEORGE W. Bush's first budget took effect, our debt was \$5.8 trillion. On the last day of his eighth budget, the debt was \$12.8 trillion. Hot lines are opinions but if you insist on publishing those that contain 'alternative facts,' shouldn't you note it if you're a legitimate newspaper?

■■■■
THE UNITED STATES priority is to preserve continued existence of the United States. Nowhere is there mention of human rights, immigration, or doing what's good for other countries. Support the United States as others support their country.

■■■■
TO THE PERSON in Sunday's paper who said Trump sent a bill to Congress to cut \$800 million from Social Security, Medicare or Medicaid. I listen to the news every day and have not heard this. What station did you get this information from?

■■■■
TO THE PERSON in Sunday's paper talking about an EBT card person in a store. To the best of my knowledge, you do not receive cash back from an EBT card, ever. If this store is doing this that means they are paying out less than the card value. That is illegal.

■■■■
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■■■■
TO THE HOT-LINER who loves living in Linden and wants it to remain a bedroom community, yet wants Mill Days back. May I suggest you step forward to create a group to put this on and raise the necessary funds it takes. That is all that is needed — money and volunteers.



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NOT ALL DEMOCRATS were mad that President Trump called MS-13 animals but all those who did were Democrats. Pelosi said they had a spark of humanity in them, or words to that effect, as did many other leftist Democrats.

■■■
TO THE PERSON stating that Trump's approval rating of 45 percent is higher than Obama's ever was. This is false. Obama's high was 69 percent. Please stop making up facts to promote your agenda.

■■■
WE SURE SEEM to have a lot of right-wing Republicans in this town. I love your made up facts to justify your position. If you are going to use numbers, please make sure they are based on fact; it makes your argument valid.

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IF THE DEMOCRATS are so concerned about the children of illegal immigrants why don't they support the wall so the illegals can't get in? If illegals cared about their children, why would they cross a border, which could separate them from their children?

INSPECTORS

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vote with the ballot when necessary, and make sure the election flows smoothly. Applicants must fill out an election inspector application and attend election inspector certification training. There's no test to pass. An election worker must be 18 years or older and a registered voter, or age 16-17 and a Michigan resident.

The certification is good for two years. Inspectors earn \$150 per election, and precinct chairpersons earn \$200. The days are long, from reporting at 6 a.m. and finishing things around 9 p.m. Inspectors get two meal breaks. You don't have to live in the area where you work as an inspector.

One concern is trying to have an equal number of Republican and Democrat inspectors.

According to the Michigan Bureau of Elections official manual, "The election commission is required to appoint at least one election inspector for each major political party." In addition, the election commission is required to politically balance each precinct board "as nearly as possible."

"To the extent possible, we try to balance that as much as we can," Broecker



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By 9 a.m., Election Day, Nov. 8, 2016, Fenton Township residents had already cast approximately 1,100 ballots, according to Thomas Broecker, operations manager and deputy clerk.

said, adding that it's difficult to balance the number of chairpersons, who oversee the six precincts, because he only has so many people with enough experience to

fill the position.

"Within each precinct, it's generally never more than off balanced by more than one," he said. If he has four people working in each precinct, he aims to have two Republican and two Democrat inspectors. There are many procedures that require one of each, such as verifying seals at the end of the night.

For the primary elections in August, Broecker hopes for seven precinct chairpersons, 23 election inspectors, three help desk workers and one shuttle cart driver. For November, he hopes to add one more chairperson, 17 more inspectors and one more help desk worker.

Broecker expects an 18-percent voter turnout at the primary elections in August.

Linden Deputy City Clerk Erica Armstrong said, "We like our inspectors to be Linden residents, but we also need to supplement our pool of inspectors sometimes in order to balance the number of Republican and Democrat inspectors who are working in each precinct on election day. We also have inspectors who work on our absent voter counting board behind the scenes on Election Day."

Election inspector classes

Linden is holding classes July 11 at 9 a.m. and at 6 p.m., and July 24 at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Linden Deputy City Clerk Erica Armstrong said that people wishing to become inspectors should contact their city or township clerk to register for the course before attending.

Contact your clerk

Fenton Township

Clerk Bob Krug and/or Deputy Clerk/Operations Manager Thomas Broecker at (810) 629-1537

Linden

Clerk Lynn Henry at (810) 735-7980 or clerk@lindenmi.us

City of Fenton

Clerk Sue Walsh at swalsh@cityoffenton.org or (810) 629-2261

Argentine Township

Clerk Denise Graves at (810) 735-5050

Village of Holly

Clerk/Treasurer Deborah Bigger at (248) 634-9571

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Clerk Karin Winchester at (248) 634-9331

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California's three state initiative and admission to statehood

An interesting story is developing out West with the June 12 announcement by California Secretary of State Alex Padilla that he will certify a voter initiative on June 28, which will appear on the November general election ballot, and ask California voters if they wish to divide California into three separate states.

Approval of the initiative appears unlikely as only 17 percent of California voters are in favor of it and there are some significant legal hurdles to overcome.

However if it were to pass, the question is under the law what would happen next?

The answer is found in our United States Constitution Article IV Section 3, which controls all statehood proposals. Without quoting it verbatim, in such cases approval by the legislature of the state involved and by Congress is required before admission to statehood can be granted.

One of the legal hurdles here, is that the initiative seeks to bypass the California legislature.

This isn't the first time in our country's history that partitioning an existing state to form new states has been tried and there have been three past successful partitions and admissions into the Union — Kentucky was part of Virginia and admitted in 1792; Maine was part of Massachusetts and admitted in 1820; and West Virginia was part of Virginia and admitted in 1863.

Michigan counts itself as being among the states where there have been unsuccessful partition attempts.

These attempts all involved Michigan's Upper Peninsula which some residents felt and still feel doesn't get enough support or attention from state government in Lansing.

The first attempt was in 1858 when a convention was held in Ontonagon to form a new state combining the Upper Peninsula, northern Wisconsin and northeast Minnesota. It was to be called "Ontonagon" or alternatively "Superior."

Various attempts have been made since then and there was even an Upper Peninsula Independence Association formed in 1962 to promote the idea of a new state. The last serious proposal was in the mid 1980s, but the idea hasn't gone away.

Although California's initiative is unlikely to succeed, it is comforting to know that in these situations our United States Constitution invariably contains the answer as to the laws and procedures that must be followed.

'Take Your Dog to Work Day' this Friday

■ Send the Times photos of your dog at work on Friday, June 22

By Hannah Ball

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Leaving your dog home while you go to work can be very sad, as your pet watches you leave with a heartbroken expression. On June 22, that could change — if your boss agrees to it.

This Friday is National Take Your Dog to Work Day. It's planned every year for the first Friday after Father's Day, and has been celebrated since 1999.

An estimated 300 businesses participated in the first event, according to Pet Sitters International, the organization that created the unofficial holiday. The company wanted to encourage dog adoption and to celebrate the love and joy these animals bring to their owners.

"PSI feels that through the events, non-pet owners are able to witness the special bond their co-workers have with their pets firsthand and be encouraged to adopt a new best friend of their own," according to the company website.

If you're looking for ways to celebrate, here's how:

- Bring your dog to work. Clear it with your boss and coworkers first to make sure no one has any allergies or other issues. If you take your dog to work, the Times would love to see a photo. Please tag us in any photos.

- Organize a visit to the local animal shelter with your company. Or, if they're open to it, have the animal shelter bring dogs to your workplace.

Search the hashtag #takeyourdogtoworkday on Instagram and Twitter to see different companies and employees posting photos of their dogs at work.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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FOSTER CHILD'S HEARTWARMING article on Father's Day was in the Midweek Edition while Heller's hard-hitting article (joke) on Domino's Pizza was in the Weekend Edition. I would guarantee that every article by Heller is some nonsensical article that nobody cares about and has nothing to do with anything intelligent.

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AS A VETERAN, I found President Trump's salute of a North Korean General to be totally disrespectful to all free people.

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PROUD TO CALL Cherie Smith my representative.

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POLI-SCI BEING my favorite, I was shocked to find our constitution is a mere suggestion. Right on, baby. My sentiments revised. Thank you.

■■■■
DON'T LIKE KIDS being separated from parents at the border? Then stop using kids as tools for criminal activity. Illegal immigrant families being torn apart are not the result of bad federal policy. The fault rests solely with the illegal parents bringing the kids.

■■■■
BIKE LANES ON city streets are a complete waste of resources.

'Disney Day' at the dentist

■ Dressed in Disney costumes, dental hygienists clean the teeth of many smiling children

By Tim Jagielo

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Fenton — At Rachor Dental Care, Elias Eimers, 3, had his teeth cleaned for the first time by Queen Elsa of Arendelle, and an exam by Belle herself, complete with a gold gown.

Instead of regular scrubs, on Monday June 18 and Tuesday June 19, the staff at Rachor Dental Care wore Disney character costumes of their own choice. Costumes included Tinkerbell, Anna, also of "Frozen," and Mickey Mouse from "Fantasia."

The waiting area also was decorated, and a castle background was set up for photos. Children left with a Disney balloon, coloring book and crayons.

Dr. James Rachor wandered the halls as Capt. James Hook. He said after 30 years in business, he wanted to give back. A staff member suggested



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Office Manager Linda Sarkon, dressed as Maleficent, talks with Assistant Manager Alison Tomczyk, dressed as Cruella De Vil. In the foreground is Terri Steeves, dressed as Mickey Mouse from "Fantasia."

holding a "Disney Day," and it ended up being two days instead.

In all, 19 staff members wore costumes, and 14 children experienced a Disney teeth cleaning for their first time at the dentist. "They'll never forget it," Rachor said.

Linda Sarkon, office manager, was dressed as Maleficent. "They've been so excited; the smiles have just been a mile wide," she said.

Sarkon said between 50 and 60 kids got the Disney experience, and that the event took six months to plan. "With how much fun everyone had, we do plan on doing it again next summer," she said.

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SUMMER

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The Northern Hemisphere includes North America, Europe, two-thirds of Africa, most of Asia and northernmost section of South America.

However, if you live in the Southern Hemisphere (South America, Antarctica, Australia and a small part of Asia), this date is known as the winter solstice and marks the beginning of winter, as well as the shortest day of the year.

The summer solstice can happen anytime between June 20 and June 22. However, June 22 solstices are rare. The last time it took place was in 1975 and it won't happen again until 2203.

Solstice comes from the Latin words "sol," meaning Sun and "sis-ter," meaning to stand still.

The reason there are solstices and seasons is because Earth's axis of rotation is tilted about 23.5 degrees, according to NASA.com. This tilt causes each hemisphere to receive different

amounts of sunlight throughout the year as Earth orbits the sun.

The June solstice occurs when the sun's direct rays reach their northernmost point with respect to Earth's equator. At that moment, the sun shines directly overhead along the Tropic of Cancer, at 23.5 degrees north latitude.

The opposite happens during the December solstice. Then, the sun reaches its southernmost position in the sky, the Tropic of Capricorn, stands still and then reverses its direction toward the north.

How long of a day it will be depends on where you are. In the tri-county area, sunrise will take place at 5:55 a.m. and sunset at 9:12 p.m., giving us 15 hours, 16 minutes and 51 seconds of daylight.

In Michigan's Upper Peninsula, daylight hours will be even longer, because the sun won't set until 9:58 p.m. at Isle Royale National Park, for example.

Even though we slowly start to lose daylight after the solstice, summer really is just getting started. This is a day to celebrate by enjoying outdoor activities later in the evening, so take full advantage of this once-a-year astronomical event.

SOURCES: NASA.com, Timeanddate.com, Washingtonpost.com

SUMMARY

■ This Thursday, June 21 is the summer solstice and the longest day of the year.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

HOLLY AREA SCHOOLS HOLLY HIGH SCHOOL BOILER REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Holly Area School District will receive firm prime contractor bids for the Boiler Replacement at Holly High School located in Holly, Michigan.

The bidding documents consist of plans and specifications as prepared by GMB Architecture + Engineering 85 East Eighth Street, Suite 200, Holland, MI 49423. Documents may be downloaded from Pipeline Suites. Contact Joe Evangelista or Shawn Debo at the George W. Auch Company 248-334-2000 if you need assistance viewing or obtaining documents from Pipeline Suites. A copy of the documents will also be available for review at the offices of the George W. Auch Co., 65 University Drive, Pontiac, MI, 48342, 248-334-2000, on or after June 15th, 2018.

A Pre-Bid meeting will be held at Holly High School, located at 6161 E Holly Rd, Holly, MI 48442 on **Thursday June 21, 2018 at 9:00 AM.**

An opaque envelope bearing your proposal must identify your company, the project being bid "Holly High School Boiler Replacement" and "Sealed Bid, Do Not Open". The proposal shall be addressed to the attention of Mr. Scott Roper, Superintendent, Holly Area Schools, 920 Baird Street, Holly, MI 48442.

Bids must be delivered no later than **12:00 noon, Tuesday July 3, 2018** to Holly Area School District at the address noted above or the George W. Auch Company. Each proposal must be submitted on the forms furnished by the Construction Manager and must be completed in full. Familial Disclosure Statement and the Affidavit of Compliance to the Iran Economic Sanctions Act must both be completed and notarized. A bid bond executed by a U.S. Treasury Listed Surety Company acceptable to the George W. Auch Company or a cashier's check in the amount of at least 5% of the sum of the proposal payable to Holly Area Schools shall be submitted with each proposal in excess of \$23,881. All proposals shall be firm for a period of sixty (60) days.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at a meeting convened at the Holly Area Schools Administration Building located at 920 Baird Street, Holly, MI 48442 starting at 1:30 PM on July 3rd, 2018.

Successful bidders whose proposals are \$50,000 or more will be required to furnish a Satisfactory Performance and Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of their bid. The cost of the Bond shall be included in each proposal.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids in whole or in part and to waive any informalities therein. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept that bid which in its opinion, is in the best interest of the Owner.

Linda Blair
Secretary Board of Education
Holly Area Schools



SWEDEN

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Celebrating the summer solstice around the world

By Vera Hogan

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The longest day of the year — the summer solstice — will begin at 6:07 a.m. on Thursday, June 21. Here in the United States, that might mean a longer day out on the lake, more time to get outside chores done, having to wait longer to steal a little kiss in the dark — the possibilities are endless.

Other countries have a variety of unique ways to celebrate the longest day of the year. Here are a few of them:

Sweden

Sweden is surely the unrivalled champion of midsummer celebrations. Traditional foods, such as pickled herring, salmon, and potatoes are enjoyed by flower-wreath-wearing revelers, and maypole and folk dances — such as the *Små grodorna* — take center stage. It's even said that if unmarried girls place seven flowers under their pillow on midsummer, they'll dream of their future husband.

Other Nordic countries

Norway, Finland and Iceland share some remarkable similarities when it comes to celebrating the summer solstice. In Norway, enormous barrel bonfires are popular, and Finland celebrates several extra hours of light by also crafting huge bonfires. Iceland, on the other hand, celebrates their 21 hours of daylight by throwing a huge three-day "Secret Solstice Midnight Sun Music Festival."

UK and Ireland

Festivities in pre-Christian times focused on fairies, unicorns and other suitably mystical creatures, until Christianity duly stamped these tradi-



UK and Ireland

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tions out. Nowadays, certain areas are reviving these processions and plays, while bonfires are still typical in Cornwall and Ireland. Stonehenge is an ancient prehistoric site, which may have been a place of worship and celebration at the time of summer solstice for thousands of years. The giant stones are believed to have stood in the same spot since 3,000 to 2,000 BC, and are positioned to align with the sunrise on the two annual solstices. If you stand in just the right place inside the Stonehenge monument on the day of the summer solstice, you will see the sunrise directly above the Heel Stone, which stands just outside the circle to the northeast.

Spain

Bonfires and firework displays are popular in Spain when it comes to celebrating midsummer, and special beacons are ritually lit throughout the Pyrenees, in Spain, Andorra, and France. Midsummer in that region is tied to feelings of belonging, and marks a transition into adulthood for many adolescents. However, Spain in particular seems to celebrate more of a mishmash between Christian culture and pagan ritual.

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911 FIRE

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Linden City fire responds to a commercial fire alarm at 6:41 p.m. in the 200 block of S. Bridge Street.

Holly Village and **Groveland** fire respond to the 1100 block of Odessa for a medical emergency involving a 16-year-old at 7:25 p.m.

Fenton City fire responds to the 11300 block of Old Wood Trail for a reported gas leak at 8:10 p.m.

Holly Village and **Groveland** fire respond to the 500 block of N. Saginaw Street for a medical emergency at 10:30 p.m.

Fenton Township fire responds to the 14200 block of Eastview Drive at 11:52 p.m. for a medical emergency involving a 31-year-old female.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

Fenton City fire responds to southbound U.S. 23 near Silver Lake Road for a car crash at 7:03 a.m. A motorist was bleeding from the face.

Holly Village and **Groveland** fire respond to Holly Middle School at 9:57 a.m. for a medical emergency involving a 14-year-old on the soccer field.

Fenton Township fire responds to the 14200 block of Eastview Drive for a medical emergency at 12:11 p.m.

Fenton City fire responds to the 1000 block of Georgetown Parkway for a smoke investigation at 9:21 p.m.

Fenton City fire responds to the 700 block of Whisperwood Trail for an alarm going off at 10 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

Fenton Township fire responds to the 13000 block of Stoneybrook Pass for a carbon monoxide alarm at 1:44 a.m.
Fenton City fire responds to the 800 block of Oakwood Circle for a smoke alarm at 6:37 a.m.

Argentine Township fire responds to the 16100 block of S. Sheridan Road for an 82-year-old female having a possible stroke at 8:30 a.m.

Fenton City fire responds to Trealout Drive at 12:14 p.m. for a smoke investigation at an apartment laundry room.

Holly Village and **Groveland** fire respond to the 15000 block of N. Holly Road for a medical emergency at 1:41 p.m.

Linden City fire responds to the 800 block of S. Bridge Street at 2:52 p.m. for an unconscious female.

Argentine Township fire responds to the 16100 block of Softwater Lake Drive at 7:07 p.m. for an unconscious 56-year-old.

MONDAY, JUNE 18

Linden City fire responds to the 800 block

HOT LINE CONTINUED

ESSAY QUESTION FOR new graduates — Is political correctness so well established that someone who challenges it is an iconoclast? Just kidding about the essay.

NOW THAT THE Linden officials have handled their urgent problem (parking on the lawn) and tabled the critical issue of temporary tent covers over valuable vehicles, isn't it time to spend their efforts on repairing Main Street, also known as 'Pothole Avenue'? Do your job with current funding or resign and let new people come in.

OUR DEPARTMENT OF public works is

of Beach Buggy Lane at 5:15 a.m. for an 83-year-old having chest pain.

Linden City fire responds the 100 block of Old Mill Point for a 73-year-old male with low blood pressure at 12:47 p.m.

Fenton Township fire responds to the 8200 block of Feather Hollow at 1:12 p.m. in Livingston County on a report of a small child, possibly an infant, locked in a vehicle. Responders forced their way into the vehicle.

Holly Village fire responds to the 300 block of Sherwood Street at 1:23 p.m. for a 64-year-old woman who had fallen.

NOCFA responds to the 6000 block of Grange Hall Road in Holly Township at 3:15 p.m. for a 59-year-old resident having difficulty breathing.

Fenton Township fire responds to Linden Road, just south of Thompson Road, at 8:05 p.m. on a report of a male lying on top of a blue pickup truck. The caller said the male was not moving.

Fenton Township fire responds to the 5300 block of Lobdell Road at 8:10 p.m. for a resident having difficulty breathing.

Holly Village fire responds to the 100 block of N. Corbin Street at 8:41 p.m. Police were on scene with a highly intoxicated man.

Fenton Township fire responds to the 13000 block of North Road, near Lahring Road at 10:22 p.m. for a carbon monoxide alert. The caller said they smelled propane and their detector was sounding.

Fenton Township fire responds to Fenton Road, just south of Thompson Road, for a minor personal injury crash at 10:26 p.m. A 43-year-old man was bleeding from the face and requested an ambulance.

Fenton Township fire responds to the 16400 block of Highland Trail at 10:55 p.m. for arcing wires, which were touching a tree.

awesome. In just one half of a day they fell one of Michigan's largest and oldest trees. I'm impressed.

PEOPLE KILL PEOPLE, not guns, but it's the wrong people with guns who kill people. All we're asking for is that the government does its due diligence.

WHEN THE WORKERS repaired the railroad tracks in Linden, why didn't they repair the bumpy patch south, right next to tracks?

THE CITY OF Linden never ceases to amaze. The council is upset with some aesthetically pleasing hard framed storage tents, but won't do a thing about illegal fireworks every weekend. Fireworks are legal one day before or after approved national holiday. Please Linden, enforce the fireworks laws.

REMEMBER, THE TYRONE Township tax for Public Safety is actually a tax for the sewer fund.

I THANK GOD that we don't have to deal with the incompetent Obama and the corrupt and crooked Hillary Clinton anymore.

WHY WEREN'T ANY of those 5,000 little flags (that were put on the graves of soldiers) saved and used again next year?

IT'S COMICAL THAT our government is frustrated about illegals being separated from their families at the border. If an American citizen does something illegal and he is sent to jail, isn't he separated from his family? It's amazing that our government will want a different standard for non-citizens.



Russia and Ukraine

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SOLSTICE

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Russia and Ukraine

Midsummer celebrations in Russia and Ukraine are remarkably similar to, and share many likenesses with, other European festivities, particularly the Latvian penchant for jumping over burning bonfires, although they also embrace skinny dipping. Other water-based activities common over the summer solstice include floating flower garlands in water and making predictions based on their movements. Known as Kupala Night or Ivan's Day in Russia and Ukraine, it has roots in pagan fertility festivals, but a name inspired by the Russian name for John the Baptist.

Austria

Just as communities in the Pyrenees celebrate midsummer by lighting beacons, Austria comes together to light hundreds of mountain fires to mark this magical time. Stemming from a medieval tradition, it's thought that these fires were ways to worship the earth. Today, revelers can make use of cable car systems to get a bird's eye view of the tradition.

Source: Theculturetrip.com

STUDY

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The City Council spent \$17,830 on the study in February. It encompasses a traffic review of each of the intersections within the Silver Lake Road corridor, from Silver Parkway to LeRoy Street, including traffic counts and turning movements.

Common complaints about the area include the number of people traveling the area, especially during morning and afternoon rush hours. With two exits and entrances to U.S. 23, it's a popular spot to get on and off the highway. For people heading east, they're slowed down by the traffic light at Fenway Drive. For those heading west on Silver Lake Road, they're stopped by the light at Silver Parkway.

Another complaint involves drivers

exiting U.S. 23 just west of Fenway Drive. With no light, they are dependent upon drivers already on Silver Lake Road letting them on the road. Drivers turning left off U.S. 23 are at the mercy of people who don't block the intersection.

Drivers turning west off U.S. 23 are at the mercy of drivers headed eastbound.

In a February memo from Public Works Director Dan Czarnecki to City Manager Lynn Markland, the study was necessary due to traffic concerns and complaints during the busiest times of the day.

"The city would like to find solutions to the congestion ... the study will examine the existing geometrics and analyze if changes would improve the flow of traffic. Future traffic growth will also be considered, as well as current signalization. If necessary, a signal analysis of the northbound U.S. 23 off ramp intersection will be made."

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

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DRIVERS, PLEASE WATCH out for fawns on our roads. Saw two sets the last few days. Slow down and use caution when you spot one — their movements are unpredictable.

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HOW CAN A president allow children to be separated from their mothers? Why do you think they want to come to this country in first place? To escape the horrors of their own country. We are a nation of immigrants. This means you.

■■■
THE DUCKS HERE in the millpond are gone. The new leadership of this town relocated them several years ago. They had been here since at least 1970. People would take their kids to feed them bread and corn — especially when they had baby ones. It is a sight and activity that I miss.

■■■
AFTER LIVING IN Linden for most of my life I cringe at some of the comments I read in the Hot lines attacking truth, decency and democracy.

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WE DON'T NEED a border wall to reunite children with their parents. Stop.

News **briefs****Shiawassee Riverfest this Sunday**

The community is invited to attend the Shiawassee Riverfest fundraiser this **Sunday, June 24, from 12 to 7 p.m.**, at the Linden Mill Pond in downtown Linden. Admission is free. Included in the festivities are live music, arts and craft vendors, kayak raffle, duck race, fishing tournament, swap meet, kayak and standup paddleboard demonstrations, cardboard boat regatta, kids' zone, free bounce houses, and so much more. Keepers of the Shiawassee host this fundraiser. Contributions are tax deductible. For more information, visit www.keepersoftheshiawassee.com. Keepers of the Shiawassee is an all-volunteer group dedicated to keeping the river clean and passable to river enthusiasts.

PAY RAISE

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The annual pay increase for the supervisor and the treasurer, which is now \$48,600, will go up to \$54,000, a nearly 12-percent increase. Clerk Debbie Miller, whose annual salary is \$52,000, will go up to 54,000, about 4-percent increase. These figures do not include cost of benefits.

Salaries for the trustees will remain at \$600 per meeting. There are 12 meetings per year. Township employees will see a 4-percent increase in their paychecks as well.

"I thought the clerk made more money because of her workload," Eddington said. "She does a tremendous amount of work."

After some discussion, Eddington said she believes everyone deserves a raise from time to time but thought these figures were somewhat high. She later asked Clerk Debbie Miller, "Are you satisfied with that?"

Miller said nothing.

Scheib-Snyder said during the meeting (which is broadcast on YouTube) that the increase in the supervisor and treasurer salaries brings it up to what the

clerk earns. She said that's how it was in the past.

She also said Rose Township officials earn less money than other surrounding communities. What Rose Township officials will get is "\$10,000 or more below other townships," including Holly and Groveland townships, Scheib-Snyder said.

In February 2016, then-Rose Township Supervisor Paul Gambka earned the second highest salary among tri-county area supervisors at \$45,000 per year. Today, he is the Rose Township treasurer.

According to the Times' February 2016 article, Robert DePalma, supervisor for Groveland Township earned \$61,037 per year. After the recession of 2008 Groveland Township officials went five years with 0-percent increases.

On the other side of the tri-county area is Argentine Township. Then-Supervisor Bob Cole earned \$19,195 a year for his services, and received an additional \$5,000 a year for attending meetings outside of Argentine Township.

The following is a listing of what township supervisors, treasurers, clerks and trustees earned in February of 2016. It is unlikely that any of them decreased since that time.

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More than 200 teams are expected to compete in the fourth annual Linden Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament starting on Saturday. The event is being held at Linden Elementary School.

45 years later, McNeal's Gus Macker tournaments still going on strong

■ Linden's fourth annual event begins Saturday

By David Troppens

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Scott McNeal had an idea 45 years ago.

He wanted to host a 3-on-3 halfcourt basketball tournament in his parent's driveway.

"It was in 1974 and we had 18 kids and it was during March Madness," McNeal said. "We had everyone pay \$1 and the winning team won the \$18."

With that single tournament, one of basketball's most legendary tournaments began. For 45 years the Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournaments have thrived around the nation. And for the fourth straight year, Linden will be hosting its own Gus Macker Tournament. It begins Saturday and continues through Sunday at Linden Elementary School.

McNeal, the creator and owner of the Gus Macker product, quickly earned the nickname Gus Macker. His second tournament grew from 18 to 30 players, and then 36

players the third year.

"That's when the athletic director called us and told us someone could lose their amateur status," McNeal said. "So that's when we decided to play for trophies, and expand the event from my mom's driveway into the streets."

By the mid-1980s, McNeal's Gus Macker tournament creation was booming, and eventually started hosting tournaments around the country. In 1985, Sports Illustrated made sure the nation knew about it by publishing a story on the 80

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FirstTry Triathlon continues its success

■ 'Veteran' weekend warriors make their presence felt at event

By David Troppens

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Fenton Twp. — One would think age wouldn't be an ally in a triathlon.

But when checking out the results at the eighth annual FirstTry/FastTry Triathlon, it seems the "veterans" have the edge on their younger counterparts.

About 200 people competed in the eighth annual FirstTry/FastTry Triathlon hosted at Clover Beach and Linden County Park, with competitors ranging from as young as 12 to someone as old as 72. Athletes took part in the 300-yard swim, followed by a new 11.4-mile bike ride (made necessary due to the road construction in Linden) and two-mile run on Saturday. About half were competing in their first, while the other half were return customers. In fact, many have come to darn near all eight events. And many of those competitors are well beyond their 40th birthdays. And that fact isn't keeping them from having success at the event.

"I may have missed one, otherwise I've been to almost every single one. I've done at least six of them," said one of the tri-county's most decorated road racers, Lisa Veneziano.

Now 54, Veneziano continues to defy age, capturing the female open title in the FastTry event. She finished the swim in 10:18, over four minutes slower than the leader in her gender. However, Veneziano finished the bike portion in 34:03, and led the field by about four minutes by the time she finished the cycling portion. And then, of course, it was going to be nearly impossible to catch her considering she's known best for her running ability. She finished the two-mile run in 12:57, becoming the only woman to finish the triathlon in under an hour,



Nearly 200 athletes competed in the eighth annual FirstTry/FastTry Triathlon at Clover Beach and Linden County Park Saturday. Competitors (left) begin the swimming portion of the event.



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Athletes reach the transition station (above left) between the swim and the bike portions of the FirstTry/FastTry Triathlon. Lisa Veneziano (front) won the women's competition. The overall winner was Luke Hawley (above right), who finished the event in 50:25.

in 59:12.

"I'm not a good swimmer," Veneziano admitted. "I do this because it has a shorter swim, but it's still hard for me. It means a lot. This means I'm able to come out, compete, make it up on the bike and run and force myself to do something I'm not comfortable with, the swim."

Veneziano has an obvious answer why she attends routinely.

"Because it's a hometown triathlon. It's nice and short," Veneziano said. "I don't have to do any swimming practice for it. I just go out and get the swim done and then I kick butt on the bike and the run."

"Never give up no matter how old you are."

Milford's Ed Nicholson and Clarkston's Derek Fries probably embrace Veneziano's final message as well. Grand Rapids' Luke Hawley, 24, won the men's overall division in the FastTry event with a time of 50:25, but two of his biggest competitors were double his age. Nicholson, 55, took second (52:02) while Fries, 65, took fifth overall in 53:59. Finishing third was Fenton's Joe Christopher, 44, in 53:16, while Adrian Forbes, 44, was the Male Masters

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Holly resident Jaelynn Mortinsen attempts a pitch in a recent contest. She recently competed at Comerica Park in a Pitch, Hit and Run competition, trying to qualify for the national event. She placed second at Comerica Park.

Mortinsen competes at Comerica Park

■ Advances to state level of Pitch, Hit and Run competition

By David Troppens

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Jaelynn Mortinsen is only 8-years old, and yet she's accomplished a goal of thousands of people double and triple her age recently.

Mortinsen has competed at Detroit's Comerica Park in a national competition.

Mortinsen, a Holly resident and an area softball player, qualified to compete at Comerica Park in the Detroit Tigers Team Championship, of the Pitch, Hit and Run competition, taking second place in the overall 7/8 Softball Division standings.

She won the pitch and hit competitions, but didn't win the run event, enabling Lapeer's Jenna Hill to sneak into first place.

"I was very excited," Mortinsen said.

Mortinsen's competition began with a local event at Hartland. She won that event, qualifying her for the next round in Brighton.

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Powers soccer repeats as state champs

■ Many tri-county athletes help lead Chargers to another title

By David Troppens

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Sophie Bubnar earned some bragging rights against her older sister, Amanda.

Both played varsity girls soccer for Flint Powers' strong program during their Chargers' careers and both had successful careers, earning state championships.

However, on Saturday, Sophie Bubnar broke the tie between the two sisters. She won her second straight Division 3 state championship with the Powers Chargers, defeating Freeland 2-1 in the title game at Williamston High School.

"Yeah, I definitely came home and said that to her," Sophie said about getting that second title.

Bubnar is one of many tri-county athletes that who on Powers' squad that defended its state championship against the same foe the Chargers faced a year ago. The list includes Bubnar, Emma Murlick, Camryn Murlick, Savannah Thomas, Kennedy Myers and Brynn Macksood.

Bubnar is excited to end her prep career with the state title.

"It feels so good because I am not going to play soccer in college, so to go out on a win and do as much as we could makes it so much better," Bubnar said.

The contest was a close one. Powers took the lead in the opening half on a



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The Powers girls varsity soccer team captured its second straight Division 3 state championship when the squad defeated Freeland 2-1 on Saturday. The team includes many tri-county athletes on its roster.

goal by Rachel Rasins. It was set by a short corner kick. The Chargers led 1-0 going into halftime.

Freeland tied it up with a goal by Autumn Kloha at the 58:48 mark, setting up a tight battle down the stretch. Freeland hit the crossbar and the post during the second half, but were unable to score again. Meanwhile, Powers broke the 1-1 tie on another corner kick attempt. Bubnar assisted this goal.

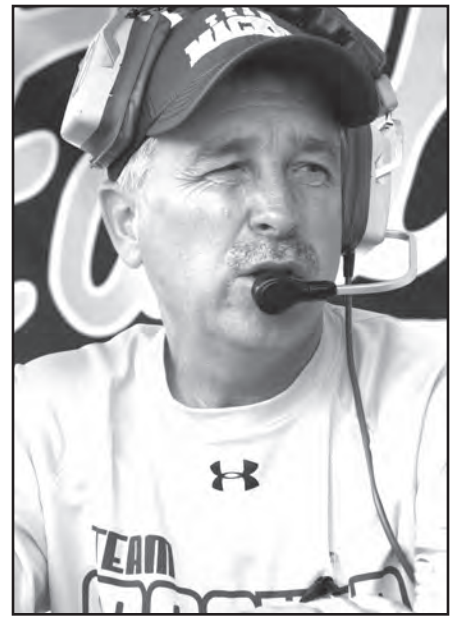
"Rachel came over for a short corner and I told Rachel to go overlap me," Bubnar said.

"I told her 'I'll pass you the ball and you are going to shoot in the goal,' and that's what she did."

"It was a nerve-racking game for sure," Bubnar said. "When we scored that first goal we thought we had this, and our tempo may have gone down a little. Then when they scored we realized we had to pick it up and had to score."

The top-ranked Chargers didn't have many close contests during the tournament. In district action, Powers defeated Corunna 9-0, Montrose 6-0 and Byron 8-0 to earn the district crown. In regional action, Powers defeated Birch Run 7-0 and Williamston 8-0, earning a spot in the state semifinal.

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Scott McNeal began the Gus Macker 3-on-3 Tournament 45 years ago. Linden hosts its fourth version of the Gus Macker tournament starting Saturday.

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tournaments hosted that season.

"That changed us from a regional to a national thing," McNeal said. "We were starting to get a large following."

The Linden Gus Macker continues to grow. The first year's tournament hosted 128 teams and since then it has grown by about 20 teams each year. However, this season the Linden Gus Macker is the only event being hosted by the organization, giving reason for optimism that there would be a big boom this year.

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winner in 53:47. Minus Hawley, it seems age wasn't a factor in the event.

"I like to bring friends to do their first triathlon," Nicholson said. "I brought six friends. I like this event because it's a nice course. It's well run and well organized."

Fries finished the swim in first in 5:33, but the eventual top three finishers passed him during the cycling portion. Fries has won the event in the past.

"It's nice. I feel great to be able to go out here at 65, with everything working well and being able to enjoy this," Fries said. "I came out of the swim and I was ahead on the bike until a 24-year old passes me. It doesn't hurt so bad when a 24-year old passes you."

Hawley eventually dominated his competition. His time of 50:25, earned him first by about 90 seconds on the field. He posted a 5:52 during the swim and then a time of 31:19 on the bike. He blew away from the competition with a 12:06 two-mile run, ending the race with a strong final sprint.

"This is my first race of the season," Hawley said. "Traditionally I'm a runner, but I'm always plagued with injuries, so I switched to triathlons. I haven't done any open-water training yet. The swim was a little rough, but I came out of the water in fourth and had a really smooth transition off of the bike. ... I was really trying hard to break 12 (minutes) for the run. It was good. It was a good opener, so I was happy with it."

Those sporting "veteran" ages also



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Deanna Frick finished the FirstTry Triathlon in 1:06:12, placing second among women competitors.

did well in the women's competition. Veneziano's biggest competition was Goodrich's Deanna Frick, 52. She finished in 1:06:15, just edging out Hannah Gallamore's, 21, overall third place time in the women's FastTry event of 1:06:58.

"It was tough," Frick said. "It was tough because of all of the cross country-type of stuff running. I'm used to running on pavement and just dirt. My daughter ran cross country at Goodrich and she'd come to this park. ... That was different, but it was good."

Frick is returning to racing after experiencing hip surgery three years ago.

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Kimberly Ann (Kelley) Harris

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Kimberly Ann (Kelley) Harris - age 55, of Linden, died Sunday, June 17, 2018. Funeral services will be held 1:30 PM Thursday, June 21, 2018 at Fenton United Methodist Church, 119 S. Leroy St., Fenton with Pastor Michelle Forsyth officiating. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery, Linden. Visitation will be held 7-9 PM Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton and from 12-1:30 PM Thursday at the church. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to the Special Olympics of Michigan (www.somi.org). Kimberly was born February 6, 1963 in Flint, the daughter of Patrick and Joyce (Willcutt) Kelley. She was a graduate of Fenton High School and had attended Mott Community College. Kimberly had worked for McLaren Hospital, Genesee Intermediate School District and Livingston County Community Health. She was a volunteer for many years for the Special Olympics. Surviving are: her parents, Patrick and Joyce Kelley of Fenton; sister, Kathy (Mark) Stadler of Linden; two nieces, Brandi and Brittany Stewart; many aunts, uncles, and cousins. She was preceded in death by: her grandparents. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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John D. Crouch

1949-2018

John D. Crouch - age 68, of Cass City, died following a brief illness, Saturday, June 16, 2018 in his home in Cass City. He was born October 26, 1949 in Pontiac to John Sanford and Norma (Davis) Crouch. John graduated from the Detroit School of Business with a Bachelors degree. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1969 where he served in Vietnam as a sergeant. During his time there, John was tasked with being a tank gunner, searching for I.E.D.s or improvised explosive devices and setting booby traps. Following his service time, he worked on the assembly line for Pontiac Motors until retiring after 30 years. He enjoyed playing the alto-saxophone and adding to his gun collection. Time spent with his grandchildren was important to him, especially fishing with them on his boat. He always made sure they had a new bike to ride every summer. John is survived by his daughter, Lissa Crouch of Cass City; three step children: Sammy Joe (Kristin) Miller of Boiling Springs, SC; Tammera (Nick) Herfy of Hazel Park; Rachel (Nino) Boubacker of Warren; grandchildren: Jonathan, Cody, Alex, Acer, Alicia, Lissa, Matthew; brother, Tom (Debbie) Crouch of Argentine; niece, Tammy (Chris) Crouch-Taylor of Holly; nephew, Chad (Leah) Crouch of Holly. He is preceded in death by his parents. Funeral service held 12 PM Wednesday, June 20, 2018 in Novesta Church of Christ, Cass City with Brad Speirs officiating. Interment will be in Novesta Township Cemetery. Pallbearers for John will be his grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Wounded Warriors Project. Military honors conducted by Cass City V.F.W. Post #3644 and the United States Army. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

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yard items, tools,
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15045 Dixie Hwy.
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wicker high chair!

Aries, thinking about the future is exciting, and it may motivate you to make some changes. Picturing the future helps you try different scenarios on for size.

Taurus, take some alone time to focus on what is important to you. This will help you to feel the joy and fulfillment that keeps you going even when times are tough.

Gemini, this week you are in the mood to rise above petty conflicts and mend fences. Set aside time to speak one-on-one with those who need forgiveness.

Cancer, fun and physical activity attract you this week, especially as you approach your birthday. Surround yourself with loved ones and enjoy some fun nights.

It is alright to want to escape your daily routine sometimes, Leo. If you are feeling restless this week, plan a getaway so you can take in new sights and sounds.

Virgo, there is no need to worry about whether or not you have been handling affairs deftly. Others will be quick to vouch for your work if called on.

Your competitive nature might be needed this week, Libra. Your confidence will be an asset as you propel through tasks in record speed. Slow down to catch your breath.

It is time to share your good fortune with others, Scorpio. Expressing gratitude and helping those who do not have enough will make you feel happier and more fortunate.

Infuse your social circle with some fresh energy, Sagittarius. Get together with friends and find ways to include new people into your social circle.

Capricorn, if life has been rushing by at a harried pace, you need to find a place of solace where you can sit and exhale. It's important to have this time to rest.

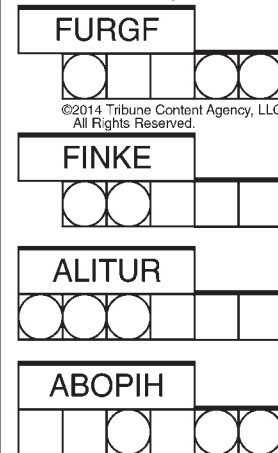
Be conscious of how your actions and words affect others, Aquarius. Communication issues can affect relationships when misconstrued words are taken to heart.

Pisces, procrastination is often a sign that a person is not interested in what he or she is doing. Find activities that truly motivate you.

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

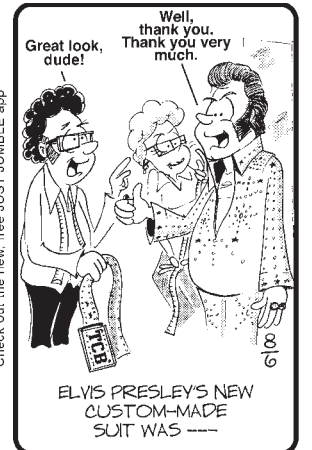
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Unscramble these four Jumbles,
one letter to each square,
to form four ordinary words.



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

1 Talent
6 Clinton-era
housepet
11 Origin
12 Consecrate
with oil
14 Green club
15 Say under
one's breath
16 "Eeewww!"
17 Down in the —
19 Spell-down
20 Actress
Perlman

42 Facility
43 Sternward
44 Went outwith
46 Bus bldg.
47 Bowling alley
border
49 Bread spread
51 Intertwine
52 Earth tones
53 Redcaps'
workplace
54 Jurors, in
theory

11 Boot attach-
ments
13 Kilmer poem
18 Central
21 Oohed and —
23 Conical-cap
wearer
25 Wrestling win
27 "7 Faces of Dr.
—"
29 Mosque tower
31 Saw
32 Money back
33 Resolve
34 Garfield, for
one
36 Festive spring
day
37 Michaelmas
daisies
38 Approaches
41 Jazz style
44 Art —
45 Mussolini title
48 Spigot
50 Commonest
English word

- 1 Battled
- 2 Part of
- 3 Illustrat
- 4 On the
- 5 Same c
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- 6 Embroi
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- 7 Respon
- 8 Barrack
- 9 Knapsa
sort
- 10 Earn a

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