Cornerstone II building still coming to downtown

 Builders moving forward, but taking their time

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If you come, they will build it.

Ghillian Saab, project manager for Corlin Builders, Inc. of Grand Blanc, said Wednesday that the Cornerstone II project is still in the site plan development phase.

“We are looking for tenants,” Saab said. He said they would like to have a few residential and business tenants lined up before they break ground.

In November 2016, it was expected that groundbreaking would likely take place during the spring of 2017.

“We are still moving forward, but taking our time,” Saab said.

See CORNERSTONE II on 13A

New GM plant good news for area job seekers

$65-million project will be completed in 10 months

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On Wednesday, June 20, construction started on the new General Motors plant in Burton near the corner of Genesee and Davison roads.

The $65 million project will be an AC Delco and Genuine GM parts processing facility expected to bring the 720 jobs from their existing Davison Road parts processing center. Work is estimated to be complete in 10 months.

See GM PLANT on 1SA

Anti-gerrymandering bill on November ballot

If passed, measure would create an independent panel to define voter districts

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Voters will have a chance to strike down the process of “gerrymandering” in Michigan this November.

See GERRYMANDERING on 15A

Fourth of July parade grand marshals

Every year a grand marshal is chosen to lead the Fenton Freedom Festival parade, held on July 4. This year, it is a group of first responders who were involved in saving the life of a local woman following an October 2016 car accident. Fenton police, Stat EMS and Fenton firefighters were involved. Shown are Mike Peterson, firefighter; Al Morea, firefighter, Cpt. Nick Will, firefighter; Lt. Dustin Lucius, firefighter, Mike Johnson, firefighter; David Siburt, firefighter; EMT Chris Bowen, Stat EMS; Matt Hadfield, firefighter; and Paramedic Rob Beggs, Stat EMS. Not pictured is Fenton Police Officer Tom Cole, Frank Carpenter, Ryan Jenema and Casey McLaughlin-Smith.

Controversial ‘green’ cemetery approved in Tyrone Township

Burial practices being close to water wells debated

By Tim Jagielo
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Green burials with no coffin or embalming chemicals could be coming to Tyrone Township.

On Tuesday, June 19, the board voted 5-0 to approve the special land use permit for the proposed 1,500 plot cemetery, under the official name Yasin LLC.

See CEMETERY on 7A

Comment of the Week

“Fenton’s downtown is a pleasure to behold. Familiies walking and a vibrance that warms the heart and soul. I agree, congratulations to all city leaders that were part of this fantastic transformation.”

“Why is Fenton High School the only local high school that didn’t recognize their top 10? I’m sure students three through seven work just as hard as one and two. To the Fenton Board of Education, shame on you. This political correctness has to stop.”

“If you don’t think separating children from their mothers is inhumane, where is your humanity? Why don’t you put yourself in their shoes and see why they are trying to escape a terrifying and horrible situation? Who doesn’t want a better life for their children?”

“You liberals need to make up your mind about your protection of children. You whine and cry over the cruelty of a child being separated from their parent, yet don’t bat an eye about cavalierly and painulltly murdering over 650,000 babies through abortion in 2017. Your hypocrisy is astonishing.”

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Amusement park features vintage rides from around the world

Former Linden woman operator of popular ‘Wild Frontier Fun Park’ near Oscoda

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After high school and later college, most graduates go on to enjoy successful careers in their chosen field. Some of those careers may be more interesting than others, and some may pay more than others. But one Linden High School grad’s career choice is just plain fun. With her husband, Mike, Rebecca “Becky” Hartman Comins runs Cedar Valley’s Wild Frontier Fun Park, a place in Comins, Michigan (in the Fairview/Mio area) that offers family fun for all ages. It has been deemed the second largest amusement park in Michigan.

As of 2016, the population of Comins Township, located in Oscoda County, is 2,017. The population of the town Comins is 433. It is said there are five people for every square mile. “There is a store,” Becky said.

Needless to say, Cedar Valley’s Wild Frontier Park (3780 N. Weaver Rd.) and See FUN PARK on 16A

Cedar Valley’s Wild Frontier Fun Park
Comins, Michigan

Michigan’s Adventure
Muskegon

Dutch Village
12390 James St., Holland

Funland Amusement Park
Houghton Lake

Kokomo’s Family Fun Center
5200 Kokomo Dr., Saginaw

Stagecoach Stop USA
Irish Hills; (734) 777-1576

CJ Barrymore’s Family Entertainment Center
21750 Hall Rd., Clinton Township

Crossroads Village
Mott Children’s Farm is off Bray Road, just south of Mt. Morris Road, in a rural area near Flint.

Jeepers
14600 Lakeside Circle, inside the Lakeside Mall, Sterling Heights

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Cedar Valley’s Wild Frontier Fun Park is located “off the beaten track” in Comins.

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Other Michigan amusement parks

Today, Michigan’s Adventure, which is owned by Cedar Fair, which also owns Cedar Point and King’s Island in Ohio, is really the only major amusement park in the state, according to tripstavy.com. Michigan’s Adventure in Muskegon is Michigan’s largest amusement park and includes the highly rated Shivering Timbers CCI-built wooden coaster. Other coasters include the suspended steel coaster, Thunderhawk, and a second wooden coaster, the Wolverine Wildcat. There is also a log flume ride and a large Ferris wheel. Admission includes both the amusement park and the adjacent WildWater Adventure waterpark.

There are some smaller parks and family fun centers that offer rides and other attractions, which are identified below. They are open and arranged alphabetically.

CJ BARRYMORE’S FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT CENTER
21750 Hall Rd., Clinton Township (586) 469-2800

It’s not an amusement park, but it is a decent-sized facility with plenty of diversions including bumper boats, bowling, and a steel roller coaster with a loop (called, unimaginatively enough, “Loop Roller Coaster”).

CROSSROADS VILLAGE
The entrance to Crossroads Village and Mott Children’s Farm is off Bray Road, just south of Mt. Morris Road, in a rural area near Flint.
Phone (810) 736-7100, (800) 648-PARK or visit geneseecountyparks.org

It is a turn-of-the-century park with 30 re-created shops and historical interpreters in period costumes. Attractions include a carousel, steam train, paddle-wheel boat, and a 1912 Ferris wheel.

See PARKS on 17A
• OK, well, this has been a crazy week. If only one thing comes from it, I hope it’s this: That we as people – left, center or right – at least agree that separating children from the parents when other options are available is wrong. We need to re-establish some form of common ground. We used to have a lot of it. Maybe it’s time to start over, even if just to establish dialogue.

• I’ll start: Kittens are cute. How about that? Anyone object other than alleviophobes, allergy sufferers and people who hate cat pans?

• Your turn: Shoot me your thoughts on things all Americans can and should agree on. Make them serious or funny, but please don’t make them political. I’m really serious about this. If we can’t agree on something then we can’t agree on anything, and I like to think we’re better than that. My email is andrewheller@gmail.com. I’ll print the best in next week’s column.

• How else was the week crazy? Well, there was this headline: “Michigan woman may have served ex-lover’s remains at U.P. barbecue.” I’m from the U.P. so now I feel the need to ask all my relatives, “Hey, been to any neighborhood BBQs lately?” Can you imagine being one of the people who was at that party? I may never leave the house again. Too many weirdos out there.

• Thursday was the summer solstice and the longest day of the year. The optimist in me says, “Woo-hoo, summer’s officially here! Time to part-tay!” (But not at a BBQ, of course.) The part of me that’s been beaten up by too many Michigan winters is saying, “The longest day of the year? It’s all downhill from here.” That part of me is a real drag.

• MSU president John Engler has ordered the MSU alumni magazine to emphasize all the good things he’s done in the wake of the Larry Nassar scandal rather than take a critical look. Wow, is that wrong. If I were an MSU grad and my alumni mailed me a propaganda puff piece, I’d be insulted. Engler doesn’t know about human beings, PR and communications stuns me. You don’t make despicable things go away by ignoring them. You recover from despicable things by talking about them openly and honestly. That’s the only way to move on.

• Speaking of moving on, Engler should. Nassar’s victims this week joined the chorus calling for him to resign. They wrote the board that “Engler and leaders at MSU have refused to listen. They persist in attacking our character, our integrity and our intelligence. These attacks send a clear message that survivors who speak up will likewise be attacked. They send a clear message that perpetrators and enablers will not be held accountable. They send a clear message that nothing at MSU — none of the mindset that allowed Larry Nassar to abuse children for decades — has changed.” Good for them. Engler was an odd choice from the beginning. I suspect he was brought in to save the university money on the settlement. But his ham-handed communication style has been a disaster for a school that already has enough trouble.

• The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place.” – George Bernard Shaw.

• GRETCHEN WHITMER WANTS to bring back affirmative action as a civil rights issue. She is an Obama disciple and she also was very close to Jennifer Granholm, two people who had basically tried to hurt prosperity for Michigan. Whitmer would do the same.

• REALLY ENJOY ANDREW Heller’s column. He always makes me laugh and we all could use more of that.

• IF A WOMAN with a child is caught shoplifting, she goes to jail and her child goes to a family member or to foster care.

• A VERY OLD man was once asked ‘What were the good old days?’ He answered, ‘When I wasn’t old and I was good.’

WELCOME TO THE USA — just do it the legal way. Follow our country’s rules and laws and everything will be fine.

INTENTIONALLY INVOLVING YOUR children in a criminal enterprise, exposing them to a dangerous, often deadly, desert trek, and surrendering them to the custody of criminal gangs all constitutes child abuse. Remove children from their illegal immigrant parents permanently.

DESPITE MAINSTREAM MEDIA’s claims to the contrary, we all know the blame rests 100 percent with the illegal immigrant parents.

YES, THE HOLLY Village Council ‘sold out.’ They allowed a for-profit group to spend their own money to improve a grossly under-utilized park for the public good. It is idiotic to see this as anything but a win for the community.

REGARDING THE YELLOW notices from Lake Fenton Property Owners Association. I no longer have dock fish. I haven’t heard one bullfrog. One of the nicest evenings of the year and I can’t swim.

HOLLYWOOD is 90 percent of what’s wrong in the United States. We have loudmouth liberals like DeNiro, Alec Baldwin, Jimmy Kimmel and the entire cast of The View, who go on to tout open borders? These people have no morals and no values and are basically anti-family.

See HOT LINE throughout Times.
Who’s Walt, and where does he get all those crawlers?

Experts say worms do not feel pain because they do not have the ability to process emotional information.

By Sally Rummel

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Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church Welcomes New Pastor

Fenton, MI — The congregation of Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church is adding another exciting chapter of its long history in the community by welcoming a new pastor and his family.

Pastor Lawrence Bowlin, his wife, Ellen and their three daughters, Grace, Joy, and Hope, moved to Fenton from Coventry, Connecticut in late May. Pastor Lawrence was then officially installed as Tyrone Covenant’s Senior Pastor on June 17th.

Lawrence is originally from North Carolina and has been raised and born in Raleigh. He earned his undergraduate degree at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro and his master’s degree at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest. He is currently working on his doctorate at Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte.

In his twenty years of ministry thus far, Lawrence has served churches in North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Connecticut, but he and his family are now eager to call Michigan “home.”

Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), which is an evangelical and conservative church, fully committed to the Scriptures.

The reformed faith, and the Great Commission of the Lord Jesus Christ. Relying on the grace of God and the work of His Spirit, the church is working to build a true Christian community where each member grows in grace, shares Christ with others, and serves Him faithfully in all spheres of life. The church emphasizes expository Bible preaching and reverent, joyful worship.

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Bowlin Family
Joy, Grace, Hope
Pastor Lawrence & Ellen

To learn more about Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church, visit the website at tyronecpc.org or call 810-629-1261.

For more information about the Presbyterian Church in America, visit www.pcapnet.org.

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Cemetery
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Now that the township has approved the plans, cemetery manager Hasan Siddiqui of Tyrone Township must submit an application to the state of Michigan. He expects the application to be accepted, and that burials could start next fall, after approval and development of the land.

Getting approval by the township has been a lengthy process. Siddiqui first applied in November. His preliminary plans were debated hotly at the Planning Commission’s November 2017 meeting.

The central concern was the burial practices the cemetery would allow — “green burials,” which would not include a coffin at all, but a burial shroud and slab on top of the corpse, and no embalming chemicals would be used, per Sufi Muslim practice.

As all the nearby parcels are on wells, property owners were concerned that these burials could negatively impact their water. Siddiqui is a Sufi Muslim. “The whole basis of Sufism is to love your neighbor and your community,” he said. His family owns the property on which the proposed 10-acre parcel is located. By comparison, Fenton’s Oakwood Cemetery is on approximately 40 acres.

During the planning process, residents aired concerns that included potential noise pollution, adverse affects on property values and increased traffic on the roads. Siddiqui changed the cemetery plans and looked into how ground water is affected by a natural burial, and drafted a document addressing these concerns in March.

In December, Livingston County took soil borings and studied the flow and direction of the water. Siddiqui said that the county cleared his plans as being safe for the ground water. An independent environmental and pathogen study yielded the same results.

“We felt relieved that everything checked out, we felt relieved that our environmental report came back affirmative,” said Siddiqui. “It’s more important that we did everything in a safe manner.”

While the property is owned by a Muslim family, the cemetery will be open to anyone in the community. It is not a faith-based cemetery.

Nearby resident Donita Sanders has been an outspoken critic of the proposed cemetery. Her concerns for her groundwater draw on 32 years in the field of science, including cancer research at the University of Michigan and the biology department at the University of California San Diego.

She disputes the findings that the cemetery will be completely safe. “I am worried that the aquifer we all use in this corner of Livingston County is going to be contaminated as a result of inadequate advice from so-called “experts.”

“We will be the ones affected by their lack of knowledge and the fact that they are not even going to the trouble of reading the research we found easily within scientific data bases.”

She said that as a human body decomposes it releases toxic chemicals such as cadaverine and putrescine.

While the cemetery is planned for approximately 1,500 plots, Siddiqui said there would likely be a couple green burials per year.
Hot Line Continued

I read the article about the Fenton School Board releasing property for sale. But I somehow missed the announcement for the replacement of the shot put and discus area that the Fenton high school track team has been using for the better part of 10 years. Where is the new area?

I’m wondering why they’re blaming Trump for separating families at the border. The parents are violating the law deliberately, bringing their kids here. They’ve portrayed Trump as a bad guy when he’s just enforcing our borders. We have to have borders if we’re going to have a country.

FiFty or more years ago, American and European products seemed to last forever. When they wore out, they could be repaired. I’m still using items that old every day. In the last 20 or 40 years, the Japanese and Chinese economies have produced the throwaway disposable society.

The closer you get the slower I go.

I wondered what the answer is to these adults who bring kids, many times are not even their own kids, being let in this country and getting to stay here. They’re breaking the law. We can’t keep feeding and taking care of the whole world. We’ll go broke.

Where are the toddlers and girls, who were separated from their asylum-seeking parents? Or did you want us to see the older boys? You know, future MS-13 members.

To the woman at Walgreens Monday just after 6 p.m. It was 90 degrees when you left your Goldendoodle in the car with no windows down. Even just five minutes in this heat is too long for a dog.

After President Trump was elected, Johnny Depp, a movie star, said to a group, “It has been over 100 years since an actor assassinated a president, maybe it should happen again. I will never watch one of his movies again.

I have noticed there isn’t any artwork or flowers located by the play area for Fenton kids. Walk around and you will notice waste cans are needed, as well, by the red sculpture.

Is anyone else irony of the current administration quoting the Bible to justify its deeds?

City of Linden, when are you going to clean the curbs and debris off the sewer inlets? They are totally covered. Where does the rain go?

Linden’s football field is looking awesome.

Just wanted to say thanks to the person who stole my mom’s flags from her front yard on Hickory Street in Linden Monday night.

Hopefully, the new cyclist law states that they cannot ride side-by-side. If it does, I will cross over the double yellow line, probably on a hill, and get a front impact with another vehicle.

It takes a newspaper to keep a community healthy.

Stay connected to your community.

Times
Growing up, I felt ‘known.’

The familial feel of the community.

I went to school at Lake Fenton.

How has your upbringing/education in Lake Fenton influenced your leadership or family style?

Especially today, we all have our social networks and media presence, but we all still desire to be known.

What part does faith play in your work and family life?

It is the lens by which I understand how my life story fits into the larger narrative of the history of the world. Therefore, it shapes the way I treat people, determine priorities, and approach my work.

What might people be surprised to know about you?

Before we moved back to Michigan in 2014 from Washington, DC, my last meeting as a management consultant was in the White House Situation Room. It was a surreal way to close that chapter of my life.

Any hobbies or side projects?

My number one side project is raising three contributing Americans. Right now, we are working on important things such as feeding yourself, personal hygiene, and walking.

Next lessons will include showing up on time, voting, and paying taxes.

You’re welcome, America! Other than that, we have a little real estate investment side hustle in Fenton that we love and hope to grow.

Meet Tyler Rossmaessler

• Husband and father
• Lake Fenton graduate
• Force for economic development

By Tim Jagielo

Tyler Rossmaessler, 33, is a Fenton resident and Lake Fenton High School graduate. He went to college at the University of Michigan, and Georgetown University in Washington DC. He’s currently the director of Economic Development at the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce. He’s married to Emily with three children.

How do you pronounce your last name?

Three syllables — Ross-mess-ler. It is German; from what I have been told, it roughly translates to ‘horse-knifer.’

How did you meet your wife?

We met growing up in church. She was a grade ahead of me, but I had an eye on her. I knew I had to catch up to her before I made my move. I was able to graduate college in three years and caught up.

So the summer after graduation, we had both moved home for a summer and I asked her out. But, I was moving to Washington, DC that fall. Luckily, she stuck it out with me and the distance until we were able to be in the same city a year later.

What is your current job?

My title is director of Economic Development for the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce.

Every day my team and I work to bring more jobs and investment to Genesee County. It is more than a job; it’s a passion. I have a passion to see our community grow and thrive.

A growing and thriving economy relies on three interconnected things: business, talent, and place. Successful businesses need talented people. Talented people want to live in a thriving place.

How are Flint businesses doing, lately, compared to the suburbs?

I see economies as regional in nature, so the barometer on how companies are doing in Flint is similar to Fenton, Linden, and others. Today, the economy is strong and companies are growing, but they are struggling to find people able to do the work. The most successful economies, on a macro-level, and companies, on a micro-level, are the ones that are able to attract and retain high skilled workers. It doesn’t matter if they are in Flint or the suburbs.

How has your upbringing/education in Lake Fenton influenced your leadership or family style?

I was so blessed to grow up in Fenton and go to school at Lake Fenton. The thing I loved most about Lake Fenton was familial feel of the community. Growing up, I felt ‘known.’ I think everyone, from colleagues at work to kids at home, want and need to be known.

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Organize your family pictures so you don’t lose life’s best memories

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The start of summer kicks off the busiest season of the year for taking family photos.

Whether you’re taking vacations, visiting family or picnicking in your own backyard, you’ll likely pull out your smart phone’s camera to record the memories.

But 99 percent of Americans simply leave all those great pictures on their cameras, and look at them only occasionally. Those images will be lost if some future problem crops up, making your camera inoperable.

Experts agree family photos should be copied and backed up for maximum protection. Ideally, you could make at least three copies of all your pictures, to insure you’ll have plenty for your kids and grandkids to enjoy when they grow up.

Search for “Photo Storage” on your web browser to get details on various ways to save your photos.

One way is to store photos on SD cards or USB thumb drives. Some people make DVD or Blu-ray discs of family photos, and others put them on external hard drives. But, external drives should be copied, too – that’s the third copy – in case your primary drive quits sharing all your memories.

The growing option is cloud storage, where all these images are backed up outside your home for more safety.

You can use a free storing service like Google Photos (iOS, Android), even on an iPhone. Once you download the app, you can save an unlimited number of photos and videos in high quality on Google’s own cloud servers and view them from any device.

If you run out or go over the 15GB of free storage, you buy additional cloud storage space, but the 15GB is plenty of storage for the average person, according to USA Today.

If you’re an Apple diehard, you can opt for the iCloud Photo Library. You will have to pay for additional storage after you’ve used your first 5GB.

A downside to cloud storage is that those photos will be lost when the monthly payments stop, so it is helpful to have more than one person oversee your family collections, according to techradar.com.

Photos can be stored in the online cloud, or on physical hard drives like these. A one terabyte hard drive can hold tens of thousands of photos, and costs less than $60.

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It’s not your imagination...allergy season is getting worse each year

Tree pollen, grass, weed and rain all heighten allergies

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Allergy season is in full force, with pollen amounts worse than past years. With a rise in temperatures, trees produce more pollen than usual, making allergies worse, according to CBS News.

Dr. Rao Botta, M.D., at the Asthma, Allergy & Immunology Center in Flint, said allergy season is worse this year because we had a longer winter.

“The pollen season was delayed. It overlapped with the grass releasing pollen in May,” he said, adding that the combination of ragweed pollen from trees and the pollen from grass is making for a worse allergy season. “We will have ragweed until we have a good frost. It usually comes in the first week of October, but it was delayed a few weeks the last few years. The seasons are more prolonged with global warming.”

Rain makes grass allergies worse, and also causes more mold. Botta said mold allergies are common, and if it rains frequently, “The mold will make life miserable.”

People with mold allergies are more likely to develop asthma because the particles travel to the lungs, while particles from grass and pollen get stuck in the nose.

Many experts are saying that the higher concentrations of pollen in the air and longer allergy seasons are linked to a rise in average temperatures and more carbon dioxide.

At the March meeting of the American Academy of Asthma, Allergy and Immunology (AAAAI), Dr. Jeffrey Demain, a board-certified allergist and immunologist, said allergy seasons are currently 27 days longer than they were seven to 10 years ago.

“When you look at a pollen grain, there are certain proteins that cause the allergy, they are the allergenic peptides. It’s been shown that in rising carbon dioxide, the allergenic peptide of each pollen grain goes up,” he said.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 20 million adults and 6.1 million children have been diagnosed with seasonal allergies, which is also called allergic rhinitis and hay fever. The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA) estimates that more than 50 million Americans have various types of allergies.

Signs someone has seasonal allergies include sneezing, coughing, congestion and red, irritated eyes.

Why do allergies occur?

A person develops an allergy when their immune system thinks a harmless substance is attacking the body. That substance, which could be pollen, nuts, strawberries and more, becomes an allergen, according to John Hopkins Medicine. The body creates an immune response against the allergen and releases histamine.

This can cause sneezing, a running nose and watery eyes. In more serious cases, which often happens with nut allergies, the person may go into anaphylactic shock. When this occurs, the person’s blood pressure drops fast and airways narrow, making breathing difficult. It can be deadly if it isn’t treated immediately, according to healthline.com.

Source: USNEWS.COM

More allergy facts from the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America

• Allergies are the sixth leading cause of chronic illness in the U.S.

• Allergies are the most common health issue affecting children in the U.S. In 2015, 8.2 percent of adults and 8.4 percent of children were diagnosed with hay fever.

• People visit the emergency room 200,000 times each year because of food allergies.

• The most common triggers for anaphylaxis, a life-threatening reaction, are medicines, food and insect stings. Medicines cause the most allergy-related deaths.

• African-Americans and the elderly have the deadliest reactions to medicines, food or unknown allergens.

• The annual cost of allergies exceeds $18 billion.

• Food allergies cost about $25 billion each year.
It’s official — There’s a housing shortage in Michigan

Many local governments in Michigan feel they have a shortage of housing in their counties and cities, according to a survey from University of Michigan researchers.

About 40 percent of local officials say they have too little single-family housing.

Nearly half (46 percent) of county officials say their county has too little multifamily housing, and 41 percent of city officials also mentioned the lack of housing.

Over half (52 percent) of local leaders from all jurisdictions reported that housing stock is out of date and 53 percent report that they have housing stock that suffers from blight.

When looking by jurisdiction type, half of county leaders say there is too little entry-level housing in their counties; 53 percent of city leaders say there is too little mid-range housing in their cities.

Relatively few local leaders (17 percent) believe their jurisdictions’ policies are part of the problem with housing shortages.

There is sizeable support among local leaders for a range of potential actions the state government could take to help improve housing supplies across the state. Though no single policy of the eight presented garnered majority support, there is also very little opposition among local leaders to these possible state interventions.

The researchers say that addressing housing shortages can help not only potential owners and renters, but also increase local government revenues from property taxes, create new jobs in the residential construction workforce and decrease blight.
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WALT’S CRAWLERS (Continued from Page 5A)
Doug Smith, owner of Smitty’s Exit 80 in Fenton, uses Huron Live Bait of Imlay City, “I need minnows for my customers, so that’s where I get all my bait,” Smith said.
Fenton Party Shop uses Walt’s Crawlers for its many live bait customers.
Wherever you buy them from, worms are a sticky, squirmy business, and it’s also rather secretive. “We’ve been asked so many times for interviews, TV shows, tours, etc.”, Beck said. “But we don’t do them because we’re already well-known for our bait. This is truly who we are.”

Did you know?

• Night Crawlers (Lumbricus Terrestris) can live up to 20 years, providing they don’t take their place alongside others of their kind that make up nearly 90 percent of the worms-for-bait market.
• They grow about 1 inch per year, taking about six to seven years to reach the length we normally buy for bait.
• A 1/13-ounce night crawler (about 300 to the pound) can move a 2-ounce stone; that’s the equivalent of your 200-pound workout buddy at the gym, benching about 2½ tons.
• They will burrow 8-12 feet deep in permanent burrows, where they lay their eggs.
• A mature breeder (2 years old) produces an egg sac about every week to 10 days, containing from two to 20 mini-crawlers that hatch in about three weeks. It’s thought that 200 mature breeding night crawlers can produce nearly a billion offspring every three years.
• The pointy end is the head, and the flat end is the tail.
• Night crawlers have about 150 segments, five hearts, three principal blood vessels, and are 80 percent water.
• Though they have no eyes, or sense of smell, they are sensitive to taste, light, and vibrations.
• All attempts to remove them from their permanent burrows and intensively cultivate them have failed.
• Experts say worms do not feel pain because they do not have the ability to process emotional information.

SOURCE: Times article archives

CORNERSTONE II (Continued from Front Page)
Once they do break ground, the building will be located at 111 S. LeRoy St., between the existing Cornerstone building and the Fenton United Methodist Church.
In November 2016, it was reported that the $6.8-million project will feature four stories for a total of 40,400 square feet. Floors one through three will feature condominiums.
It is unknown what changes, if any, there will be once the site plans are completed.
Saab previously assured city administrators that they will do everything to limit the impact construction has on nearby 100-year-old buildings and that of the church, which is also historic.
Although Corlin Builders, Inc. have yet to submit site plans and go before the Planning Commission, according to Mike Reilly, building and zoning administrator. Saab said, “Optimistically, we would like to break ground yet this summer or in the fall.”
Realistically, it will likely take place when a few tenant commitments are made, Saab said.

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Waverly Ritchie, 15, Maris Ferguson, 16, and Lindsay Gibb, 15, collect bags full of feminine hygiene supplies for Faith in Femininity, a group Ritchie and Gibb started.

Two local teens have Faith in Femininity

They packed 202 bags of feminine hygiene products for women in need

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Faith in Femininity, an organization started by two 15-year-old girls, hopes to supply women in need with feminine hygiene products.

About a year ago, Lindsey Gibb and Waverly Ritchie, two Lake Fenton students, started Faith in Femininity because they saw a significant number of women couldn’t afford pads, tampons, and panty liners.

“A lot of people forget to donate feminine products. It’s usually stuff like toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo. We found out it was a big necessity,” Ritchie said.

On Wednesday, June 13, with around 6,000 to 7,000 products, they met at Fenton First Presbyterian Church and packed 202 bags full of feminine hygiene products for women in need.

Approximately a dozen other people, including men, helped for their third packing event.

“Each of our little packages has enough products for one monthly cycle for a woman,” Gibb said. “We also put a little Bible verse in there and warnings about toxic shock syndrome.”

Visions in Motion Dance Studio and St. Jude’s Episcopal Church held drives to collect these products. Gibb and Ritchie received $850 from the Lake Fenton Middle School National Junior Honor Society and $500 from an anonymous donor.

They’ve donated to a few places and they’re talking with the Women’s American Legion Auxiliary to provide a donation. This round of bags is going to the Center of Hope in Fenton.

Ritchie said, “Jennifer, who is the owner of it (Center of Hope), said that a lot of women are crying for these products. We’re also reaching out to the women’s shelter in Flint.”

Gibb said if women cannot afford these products, they’ll use things like diapers, newspapers, socks or other unsanitary items.

They also want to end what they perceive to be a stigma regarding menstruation. “We’re hoping that a really big part in Faith in Femininity can be to end the stigma around menstruation because so many people are afraid of talking about it,” Gibb said.
Burdon Mayor Paula Zelenko announced in April that the company was on the Fortune 500 list.

During the April meeting, Brent Miles, vice president of economic development at NorthPoint Development, said the plan would be a two-shift operation running Monday through Friday with the last shift ending between 10-11 p.m. Hundreds of parking spaces will be added at the plant, along with more than 80 loading docks. Construction includes improvements on Genesee and Davison roads.

General Motors signed a 12.5-year lease agreement with NorthPoint Development.

The automotive giant was approved for an industrial facilities exemption certificate, which would allow for a 50-percent tax abatement at a new or replacement facility for no more than 12 years.

They can draw lines in their own favor, creating irregularly shaped districts, such as the 14th congressional district in Michigan.

If passed, the new law would create an independent panel to draw political district lines.

Michigan would join Washington, Idaho and Alaska, which has independent commissions to draw political district lines.

Passed 32 to 4 in the Senate

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Senate Bill 941: Authorize debt and spending on job training programs

To authorize local subsidies and other incentives for developers to build housing projects that provide low or moderate cost rental units.

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Senate Bill 110: Authorize more local developer subsidies

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Senate Bill 942 would authorize paying for this with money borrowed against revenues from a 1998 state tobacco lawsuit settlement.

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FUN PARK
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the Cedar Valley Golf Club (3757 N. Weaver Rd.) are “off the beaten track,” a bit away from highway traffic and the summertime “Up North” hot spots.
A 1992 graduate of Linden High School, Becky says the park’s first full year in operation was in 2015. The park is owned by her family members, John and Carole Kulhavi.
Becky and Mike run the fun park as well as Cedar Valley Golf Club across the road.
Once visitors pass through the gates of Cedar Valley’s Wild Frontier Park, they are entering a whole new world of entertainment. There are more than a dozen rides for both small children, and older children and adults. They have a few more on the way, including a water flume coming from Australia. Those rides won’t be available for use right away, however, until proper inspections take place.
“Most of our rides are vintage rides,” Becky said. “We have a Harold Walker carousel from 1951.”
There is also a Tilt-a-whirl, a roller coaster and the Octopus, she said. All of the rides are completely restored.
According to a video interview with Kulhavi, the park employs a gentleman whose job it is to find the vintage rides from around the world, and make sure they are completely restored and mechanically sound.
In addition to a 19-hole putt putt golf course, there are batting cages, and a gallery where carnival midway-style games can be enjoyed. A food concession is on site, serving up burgers, hotdogs, fries, ice cream, funnel cakes and, of course, cotton candy.
“We are always trying to think of new menu options,” Becky said. Visitors also are welcome to pack their own picnic and bring into the park.
“There are no entry fees,” Becky said. “Everything is on a pay-to-play basis.”
The smaller kiddie rides cost one ticket, while the bigger ones will take two tickets. Each of the rides runs for about 4 minutes, she said. An all-day ride bracelet can be purchased for $35, and that’s half price after 6 p.m.
Comins is about 150 miles from Fenton, an approximate 2-1/2 hour drive. The park is open on Friday and Saturday, from 12 to 10 p.m., and Sunday, from 12 to 7 p.m. The season is from Memorial Day until the weather gets bad. “We try to stay open until October, but sometimes it gets too cold and wet,” Becky said. For more information, call (989) 848-2799.

The road to Comins
Becky moved from Linden to Idaho in 1998. “That’s where I met my husband,” she said. When the couple decided to get married, she brought Mike back to Michigan. After four years in Michigan, they moved to Texas.
“We came back in 2013 to do the golf course,” she said. “Then the following year we got the idea to put in the fun park.”
Becky and Mike have three children, a 12-year-old daughter and two sons, who are 9 years and 2-1/2 years.
State offers amusement park safety tips

Keep it safe on carnival and amusement rides

The more than 40 million people who will travel in Michigan to enjoy carnival and amusement rides this summer season are urged to make safety a top priority, especially with the kids, according to LARA, the state of Michigan’s Licensing and Regulatory Affairs bureau.

“Carnival rides in Michigan are held to the highest safety standards to keep riders safe,” said LARA Director Shelly Edgerton. “We ask all ride patrons to do their part by following ride rules and restrictions and using all the safety equipment provided.”

LARA works to make Michigan a leader in ride safety, inspection, and registration of amusement rides to ensure compliance with Michigan’s rules and regulations that protect citizens of all ages while riding.

Most amusement ride injuries are suffered by children under age 13, according to national data compiled by the Saferparks organization. Kids between the ages of 7 and 12 account for nearly a third of all ride accidents. The speeds, heights, rapid changes in direction, and special effects can overwhelm and panic a child.

Edgerton emphasized that all amusement rides, including “kid-die rides,” are powerful machines. Although most full-sized rides are designed for adults and teens, there has been an increasing emphasis on the safety and retention of children on adult rides. Many Ferris wheels have had seat belts added to them to help keep kids in their seats. Catastrophic accidents are often the result of rider inexperience, immaturity, and horseplay on such large machines.

“Choose cautiously what rides you and your family can enjoy safely,” Edgerton said. “Use good judgment when deciding if your child can safely ride alone. Watch the ride with your kids before boarding, or ride along with them.”

Here are a few safety tips on what you and the kids need to know before you go:

- Know the rules of the ride; listen to verbal or recorded instructions.
- Observe all age, height, and weight restrictions. Know the safety rating position for the kids.
- Never seat a child on your lap, unless ride operators indicate it’s safe to do so.
- Securely latch seat belts, shoulder harness, and lap bars before the ride begins. Hold on to handrails; use grab bars.
- Keep hands, arms, legs, and feet inside the ride at all times. Do not ride with hands in the air. Secure loose hair, clothing, and belongings. Never stand up on a ride.
- Stay seated until the ride comes to a complete stop and you are instructed to exit.
- Patrons with heart conditions, pregnancy, or back/neck injuries should heed any warning signs posted.
- Report any unsafe behavior or conditions on a ride to a ride supervisor or manager immediately.
- Report injuries to a ride supervisor. They will assist the injured and report the injury to LARA.

If Michigan consumers have questions regarding a ride’s license or inspection, they can call (517) 241-9273.

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DUTCH VILLAGE

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Park is themed to 19th-century Netherlands’ village life. Currently there are 30 structures in the Dutch Village, with architecture representing different provinces in the Netherlands. Costumed klopmen dancers, street organ music, a carousel, carillon bells, heirloom quality gifts, souvenirs, and many other Dutch treats await guests. Attractions include a 1924 carousel and a swing ride.

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Linden’s new turf field exciting players, staff

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Linden — On Monday, the Linden Spread Football Camp began, but initially it wasn’t the camp that had the over 100 players’ attentions.

It was what was happening just to their immediate side at Linden High School’s football field, Claude Cranston Field.

Construction of Linden’s new turf field isn’t complete, but anyone looking at the field on Monday was getting a nice preview of what the field may look like.

When one turns the corner and sees the field for the first time, the red outline that extends around the football field is the first thing that hits the eye. Then come the black end zones with the word “Linden” in one end zone and the word “Eagles” printed in the other. They are in bold red and outlined in white. Finally, the field in between the goal lines is colored green, with two shades of green. In between the 45-yard lines, the field of play is dark green. Then after each alternating five yards toward each end zone, the shade of green alternates from a light shade of green back to the dark green.

The turf isn’t completed yet. Many details still need to be added. One of the major ones is the Eagles’ logo at midfield. The scoreboard is still being replaced as well, and the track still has to be resurfaced. But, for the most part, the kids looking at the field on Monday had a good sense of the field they’ll be playing on this fall.

“It’s really exciting,” senior lineman Miguel Martinez said. “It’s our senior year and we finally get to play on a pretty neat field. It’s awesome.”

“I’ve been here prior to today, but it looks amazing,” fellow lineman Tyler Durkac said. “It’s our senior year and we finally get to play on a pretty neat field. It’s awesome.”

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Despite the heat, the camp runs efficiently well. Quarterbacks from a variety of levels take snaps, tossing balls to receivers, and do so at a consistent pace. Meanwhile, the linemen work in another area, refining their skills as well. So while one thinks about passing at a spread camp, the linemen are busy as well.

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“Eagles getting in some early summer work at Linden Spread Camp

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Linden — It probably didn’t feel like football weather to the 103 athletes on Linden High School’s football practice fields on Monday.

With temperatures in the 90s and a heat index flirting with triple-digits, getting work done on Monday during Linden’s annual Eagles Football Spread Camp was challenging, but the group seemed to make do reasonably well.

“The heat is one of those things we have to deal with,” Linden varsity football coach Nick Dougllass said. “The heat index was close to 100 if not 100 this morning. But we always let the kids know as long as a coach isn’t talking, you can get water whenever you want. ... If kids are struggling a bit, they let us know they need water and our trainer takes care of them.”

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Cade Dickson tackles a ball carrier. Dickson will play college football at the University of Indianapolis.

Linden sending 17 students to college athletic programs

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Linden — About three weeks ago, Linden High School honored 17 student-athletes preparing to start their college careers as athletes.

But before the senior student-athletes signed their commitments to their college schools in their sport of choice, Linden High School athletic director Greg Durkac gave them one more life lesson at the May 23 signing event with one question.

His question prior to them signing their papers was, “Who brought a pen?”

Two of the 17 athletes — football player Zack Brown and competitive cheer performer Alex Premo — passed the fun final test as the others scrambled to audience members for pens to sign their papers.

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The 17 athletes will be tested more than that next fall when they head to different campuses to pursue academic and athletic careers. The 17 athletes will be headed to 11 different schools to compete in nine different sports. Those are pretty impressive numbers for a graduation class of approximately 265 students.

“I’m pretty proud of it, actually,” said Brown who will be playing football at Lawrence Tech. “We have the biggest class but we most definitely have the biggest support group of athletes and skilled players. Our class is really determined and self-motivated. We are always champions and always there to compete.”

“It just means that on all skill levels and for all sports Linden is a great school to go to,” said Hunter Babcock, who is headed to Adrian College to play football. “It shows the tradition we have.”

Six of the athletes are headed to the next level to play football. That list also includes Cade Dickson to the University of Indianapolis, Noah Giacomantonio and Owen Wagnum to Concordia University and Corbin Sines to Adrian College. Sines and Babcock will be able to remain teammates at the college level.

“It’s pretty big,” Sines said about being able to have a teammate at college with him at Adrian College. “It’s nice to meet more people, but it’s nice to see some familiar faces.”

Brown is excited to be playing for two reasons. First, he loves the sport. Second, by playing he’ll help his parent’s financial burden.

“When I started my freshman year I was determined to help my parents out because they wanted to pay for college for me because they thought it was horrible for me to go in debt while I was in school,” Brown said. “So I put it in gear, and helped them out and got the cost down a lot.”

Premo is headed to Concordia University to be a part of the cheer team. She says being a competitive cheer performer has helped make her the person she is today.

“It has taught me that I’m a natural born leader in my eyes and that I love being around a team,” Premo said.

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said, “Some haven’t seen it. We’ve been out of school for about 10 days, so when they left school it was rock. ... You can see it starting to come to a final product. It’s coming together beautifully, and everyone is getting excited. There were some kids today thinking, ‘Oh my gosh, look at that.’ It’s pretty cool.”

The artificial turf is being installed by Astro Turf for slightly less than $500,000. The total value of the complete project is $1,330,944 according to Greg Vadasz, director of operations at Linden Community Schools.

Athletic director for Linden Community Schools, Greg Durak, said the project is scheduled to be finished prior to the start of the 2018-19 academic school year.

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Wednesday Night CROSS COUNTRY RACES

Here are the results for the first week the Wednesday Night Races held at Linden County Park. The final three events are June 27, July 11 and July 18.

800 METER RACE

**BOYS (AGE)**
Bowen Lay (9) ................. 5:09.14
Marshall Smelis (4) .......... 5:14.85

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Molly Katic (11) ............... 8:18.64
Lucy Sawyer (2) .............. 8:37.78
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**WOMEN (15 & OLDER)**
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Kathryn Alvarado .......... 18:24.89

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David Troppens .......... 20:29.39

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Katelyn Palmer (14) .......... 25:04.77

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Matthew Withuhn (10) .......... 26:50.52
Spencer Dicks (11) .......... 23:31.10

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