

Linden property to be razed for parking lot

■ DDA buys property for \$180,000, city to send out eviction notices

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Linden — On Monday, June 25, Linden City Council unanimously voted in favor of contributing to the demolition of 114 Walmar St. to make space for a parking lot. The Linden Downtown Development Authority (DDA) bought the property in **See PROPERTY on 10**

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The Linden Downtown Development Authority is working with Linden City Council to demolish a property at 114 Walmar St. to construct a parking lot.



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Suspected Owosso killers will stand trial

■ Trio face life in prison if convicted for stabbing California man to death

By Vera Hogan
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The Genesee County District Court has determined there is enough cause to send the individuals charged with murdering 20-year-old Austin Culkins of California to face trial in Circuit Court.

Frederick Daniel Clark, 28, Christian Lee Lover, 23 and Mataya Delores Shaw, 23, are charged with first-degree premeditated murder and conspiracy to commit murder.



Austin Culkins

See TRIAL on 10

Gus Macker 3-on-3 scores big!



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPEMS

The fourth annual Linden Gus Macker 3-on-3 basketball tournament had a record-breaking 208 teams competing for trophies and pride at Linden Elementary School on Saturday, June 23, and Sunday, June 24. It was the first year the event was hosted at Linden Elementary School. See stories on pages 12 and 13.

It's official: Tents no longer allowed in Linden front or side yards

■ Existing tents will not be grandfathered

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Linden — In a unanimous decision on Monday, June 25, the Linden City Council voted to adopt ordinance amendment changes so long-term storage tents would not be al-

lowed in front or side yards.

The vote comes after weeks of discussion at the Planning Commission, which recommended the changes. The updated amendment subjects temporary accessory structures to the same standards as permanent accessory structures. Permanent accessory structures are only allowed in a backyard.

See TENTS on 10

“Those located in the front yard are not lawful presently and they could be forced to move back or eliminated.”

Michael Gildner
Linden attorney

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“Linden, did you forget to say what part of the park the new bathrooms are going to be built in and how can you justify \$147,000 for a bathroom? You can get two pole barns built for less than that with showers, granite tops, cabinets.”



“Comparing a woman shoplifting, which is a felony, to somebody crossing the border, which is a misdemeanor, isn't quite fair. Maybe you should compare it to somebody being stopped for a traffic violation being arrested and having their children taken away. That sounds fair to you?”



COMMENT
OF THE WEEK

“Now the politicians want to build permanent refugee camps for their families. We'll never get rid of the illegals. They'll keep coming even more because they'll have wonderful American-style housing and we taxpayers will be paying for it all.”

Long-time teacher takes over as assistant principal

■ Stefanie Roberts' new position at AGS effective July 1

By Vera Hogan

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One of the Fenton Area Public Schools students' favorite teachers, Stefanie Roberts, will become the new assistant principal at AGS Middle School effective July 1.

Roberts takes over for Eric Rettenmund, who is now the principal after taking over for Heidie Ciesielski, who is now the executive director of the Department of Teaching and Learning.

"Through the rigorous process of finding a strong, dynamic leader to be our AGS assistant principal, Stefanie rose to the top of over 130 applicants," said Superintendent Adam Hartley.

"Stefanie is ready to work hard each day for our students, staff and families. We are excited to have her join our administrative team. Principal Eric Rettenmund and

“After 15 years, Eric and I are back together as a team leading AGS, with Eric as the principal and myself as the assistant principal.”

Stefanie Roberts
AGS Middle School
new assistant principal



COURTESY STEFANIE ROBERTS/FACEBOOK

Stefanie Roberts (right) is a major in the U.S. Army Reserves. A long-time teacher in the Fenton school district, she will take over as assistant principal at AGS Middle School on July 1.

his interview team did a great job through this process."

Roberts, 48, is in the U.S. Army Reserves. She is a major and has been on five tours of duty — Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (2003-2004), Camp Bucca, Iraq (2005-2006), Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan (2008-2009), Camp Sabalu-Harrison, Afghanistan (2011-2012) and most recently, Stuttgart, Germany (2016-2017).

"My family moved to Fenton in 1976; prior to that we lived in Clarkston," Roberts said.

"So I attended kindergarten and part of first grade in Clarkston, but the remainder of my school years were spent in Fenton and I graduated from Fenton High School in 1988."

Roberts' teaching career began in 1997 at Sherman Middle School in Holly. In 2003, she began teaching at Fenton AGS Middle School as an eighth-grade math, algebra and ELA (English Language Arts) teacher.

See **TEACHER** on 9

MICHIGAN VOTES

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, June 22. The Legislature is now on a summer/campaign season break.

Senate Bill 196: Authorize foster care scholarships tax checkoff

To allow an individual to choose to automatically contribute \$5 or more from his or her state income tax refund to provide college scholarships to children in foster care.

Passed 104 to 5 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51) YES
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) YES

Senate Bill 302: Revise state land ownership limits

To eliminate a cap on the amount of acres the state can own in the northern part of the state, but require additional procedures for new land acquisitions. Acquisitions would not be allowed if the state fails to make full "payments in lieu of property taxes" (PILT) on state land to local governments. Other changes generally facilitate making acquisitions that increase access to state land for recreation and resource use, and revise other state land management details.

Passed 66 to 43 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51) YES
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) YES

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Sanibel Stack, 10, paddles in her award-winning cardboard boat. She placed first in the regatta.

Shiawassee Riverfest a sunny success

Annual event attracts hundreds to downtown Linden

By Hannah Ball
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Linden — After the overcast sky gave way to the shining sun, the 2018 Shiawassee Riverfest was host to an estimated one thousand people on Sunday, June 24.

The event featured kayak races, a fishing tournament, vendors, live music, food trucks and the new official beer and wine of the Shiawassee River and more.

Compared to last year, more entrants rode down the river in their cardboard boats in the 2018 regatta. Joetta Pyles-Zalewski, volunteer

and Argentine Township resident, helped with the event.

“It went very well this year. We had at least eight boats. They all built their own,” she said.

Most boats make it 100 yards down the river. There were two failures this year, but the rest went the distance. This year, volunteers supplied cardboard and Duct Tape for attendees wishing to make a boat there.

“It’s great to see so many people downtown.”

Danielle Cusson
Linden mayor

“That was a huge benefit to the event,” she said. “The weather has been good now that it has stopped raining. We have great music. It’s been pretty successful. We always could use more people.”

Linden Mayor Danielle Cusson joined the Library

Commission this year and worked the book sale at the Linden Library. Donated

or older books were on sale.

“It’s been great. They sold over \$1,300 on the first day. One group came and bought over \$200 worth of books,” she said. Most books were in the \$1 to \$3 price range.

“It’s great to see so many people downtown,” she said.

Michelle Czerniak, co-chairman of the Keepers of the Shiawassee, said all the proceeds go back to the river. The money helps with river cleanups, water testing, maintaining and improving the launches, putting signage along the river sponsoring the different paddle events and to educating people about using the river responsibly.

The event helped promote the group’s efforts to have the state declare the Shiawassee River a national water trail.

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A LOOK BACK at 1968

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PHOTOGRAPH BY BROWNIE HARRIS.

Correspondents Harry Reasoner, Ed Bradley, Morley Safer, Diane Sawyer, and Mike Wallace with 60 Minutes creator Don Hewitt are pictured in Hewitt’s CBS office, New York City, 1986.

‘60 Minutes’ first aired in 1968

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In his new book *Fifty Years of 60 Minutes*, Jeff Fager reports on the rise of CBS’s flagship newsmagazine and the role the producer played in making America’s must-watch TV news program a dynasty.

This year 60 Minutes kicks off a half-century on-air. In 1948 when its creator, Don Hewitt, joined CBS, then largely a radio network, he was in awe of the people around him, particularly “the Murrow Boys,” the gentlemen correspondents who filed World War II dispatches under the watchful eye of Edward R. Murrow.

The Murrow Boys were elegant and battle-tested and knew how to write a story and deliver it on the radio.

Hewitt was a feisty kid from New Rochelle, New York, who never got a college degree. Even so, Hewitt joined CBS with some journalistic credentials. During the war, he’d written for *Stars and Stripes*, the

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If I Were King...

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Things to love about America

In seven days, it will be Independence Day in America. It seems like a perfect day to share what I think are the things about this country that make it the best, and most blessed, place to live on the face of the Earth.

THE LAND: The United States is a paradise of natural resources and beauty. If you have never taken it upon yourself to travel throughout the country, do so. Mountains, rivers, lakes, beaches, prairies, and vistas of lush beauty can be found everywhere, from Northern California, to South Dakota to Florida. We really do have breathtaking vistas from sea to shining sea.



THE FOUNDERS: Let's just all admit that, YES, we got lucky. Reeveeeal lucky. Imagine some of the greatest minds in political theory, law, philosophy, courage and, most importantly, common sense — all gathered in one small geographical area at the same time. Now imagine them all coming together to fight for, and create, a nation, a lasting political framework and a populace made up of immigrants from all across the world. And somehow, you and I are blessed enough to live our lives here.

THE CONSTITUTION: The most significant accomplishment of the Founders has to be the system of government they established, in which the law trumps all other factors. We should not take for granted the durability and justness of the system they put in place. Has it been perfect? Of course not. Wealth and power still often tilt the scales of justice, just as it has throughout history. Today, 242 years later, ours is still a

system that favors the masses over the masters.

THE AMERICAN MILITARY: It has become routine to state that we have the strongest military in the history of the world here in the United States, but that doesn't make it any less true. The U.S. military is the most feared institution in the world. We take it for granted sometimes, but we should not. Peace through strength is real, and we are militarily stronger than any other force on the planet.

LASTLY, THE PEOPLE: I would be remiss not to mention America's most important asset — you and me. And every other citizen. After all, even though we have the Founders' system under which to live, and the natural resources to sustain us and make us rich, we would be nothing if not for the people who make up this country. That includes the Native Americans who lived here first, the descendants of the first settlers and slaves, the offspring of the successive waves of immigrants who followed and all those who have taken the long and difficult road to legal citizenship.

America would be nothing without Americans like you and me. It's a big responsibility to be an American — the eyes of the world are always on us. That's why we all have to do our part to keep safe this sacred gift. We can never become complacent or take for granted just how blessed we are to live here — the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Happy 4th of July America!

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“It's a big responsibility to be an American — the eyes of the world are always on us.”

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YES, GREAT ARTICLE by Childs. It really struck home. Thanks.

EVER SINCE I was a teenager in high school I've read almost all of Andrew Heller's columns. I'm actually a big fan and whoever said that Andrew should be fired should be ashamed of himself.

SUCH BEAUTIFUL WEATHER on this first full day of summer. We can put our snow shovels, slush ice behind us and get ready for the next great bumper crop of orange cones.

ANNUAL LAKE FENTON Case's Island fireworks are July 7. Please donate to Lake Fenton fireworks 2018 at gofundme.com. Thank you.

ILLEGAL FAMILIES TORN apart? What about American families torn apart when one or more members are in the military protecting the United States and other countries? We must live with our choices.

POLITICIANS ARE PRETTY disgusting. They're all sitting around and beating their chests over a bunch of criminal illegals from foreign countries. They're supposed to represent the citizens of the United States, not foreigners. These people have no rights. They are criminals from other countries.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

Readers write

Letters, 150 words or less, must be signed and include a phone number. We reserve the right to edit for clarity and liability. Letters must be written exclusively for the Times.

Restaurant reviews would be nice

Dear Editor,
I am a Boy Scout with Troop 212 in Fenton. I wanted to express my opinion on something you could add in the Tri County Times (TCT).

I think a good idea would be if someone from the TCT reviews restaurants in Fenton. The reviewer could tell people if the restaurants were good or bad. It could be called "Guide to Good Eating in Fenton."

The reviewer could tell what the restaurant has to offer and if it was kid friendly. Also, tell the pricing of the restaurant. Anyway, I hope you like this idea. I like it because Fenton is a growing city and new people could read this article and have a good selection of places to eat. You could list all prior restaurants reviewed in each article.

If you need a reporter, I love to eat. What do you think?

*Charlie Baur,
Boy Scout Troop 212 Fenton*

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Compiled by Gracie Warda, intern

What's your best Fourth of July memory?



"When my kids were little and we went to Fenton High School to see the fireworks. I have to work on the Fourth of July now, so it's nice to remember when I got to spend it with family."

Vicki Jeffers, Fenton Township



"I'm from Traverse City, so I loved going to the beach with friends and family. Most of them are gone now, and those are some of the best memories with them."

Rod Martin
Argentine Township



"I'm Scottish, and I like watching the fireworks here. In Scotland we have fireworks over the castles on Nov. 4, and the Fourth of July reminds me of that. It's beautiful."

Heather Shutter
Fenton Township



"Family reunions on Clifford Lake. I have a lot of cousins, and it was so much fun for us to all to be together on the Fourth."

Colene Snowden
Rose Township



"Sparklers in the backyard. That's all I remember from the Fourth of July in my childhood, the old-fashioned metal sparklers."

Denise Menz
Tyrone Township

street talk

911 Fire reports

911 FIRE ALERTS FROM
TUESDAY, JUNE 19 TO MONDAY, JUNE 25

TUESDAY, JUNE 19

Fenton City fire responds to the 400 block of Millpond Drive for a residential fire alarm at 5 a.m.

Fenton City fire responds to the area of S. Holly Road and S. LeRoy Street at 10:24 a.m. for a wire down.

Fenton City fire responds to the 12000 block of Rohn Road for a medical involving an 87-year-old female at 3:58 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

Fenton City fire responds to a commercial fire alarm at 12:36 a.m. in the 200 block of N. Adelaide Street. Linden City fire assists.

Fenton City fire responds to the 200 block of N. Alloy Drive at 12:42 a.m. for a possible structure fire. Smoke was observed.

Fenton City fire responds to the 13000 block of White Lake Road for a carbon monoxide alarm at 10:58 a.m.

Fenton City fire responds to a minor two-car crash on Owen Road at U.S. 23 at 2:56 p.m.

Fenton City fire responds to the 800 block of Vassar Drive at 8:38 p.m. for a carbon monoxide alarm.

Argentine Township fire responds to the 9100 block of Ray Road at 9:38 p.m. for a medical emergency involving a 56-year-old male.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

Fenton City fire responds to the 17000 block of Silver Parkway at 9:45 a.m., for a report of a fire in a flowerbed, located near a business sign.

Fenton City responds to the 400 block of Dauner Road at 1:59 p.m. for a medical emergency involving a 38-year-old male.

Fenton Township fire responds to the 9000 block of Center Road in Tyrone Township, Livingston County at 9:18 p.m. for a medical emergency involving a 14-year-old female.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

Argentine Township fire responds to the 16000 block of Softwater Drive for a medical emergency involving a 63-year-old female at 1:27 a.m.

Linden City fire responds to the 200 block of S. Bridge Street at 7:29 a.m. for a medical emergency involving an 88-year-old male.

Linden City fire responds to the 100 block of S. Main Street for a personal injury crash at 1:43 p.m. A red car reportedly hit a building. The driver was injured.

Fenton Township fire responds to a grass fire in the median of U.S. 23 near the rest area at 2:31 p.m. Fenton City fire assists. Fenton City fire responds to the 200 block of E. Elizabeth Street for a fire alarm at 4:15 p.m.

Argentine Township fire responds to the 11000 block of Woodward Drive for a medical emergency involving a 23-year-old female at 5:37 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

Argentine Township fire responds to the 15000 block of Hogan Road for a medical emergency at 1:32 a.m. involving a 56-year-old male.

Fenton City fire responds to the area of Silver Parkway and Owen Road at 1:58 a.m. for an environmental cleanup following a two-car crash.

Linden City fire responds to the 300 block of Sweet Briar Ridge at 6:05 a.m. for a medical emergency involving a 40-year-old woman.

Fenton City fire responds to the 900 block of Grant Street for a commercial fire alarm at 6:15 a.m.

Fenton Township fire responds to the

9400 block of White Lake Road in Tyrone Township at 9:11 a.m. for a medical emergency involving a 78-year-old male.

Fenton Township fire responds to southbound U.S. 23 at Thompson Road at 12:34 p.m. for a medical emergency involving a 40-year-old female.

Fenton Township fire responds to the 2000 block of Belle Glade Court on a report of gray smoke in the backyard of a home at 6:46 p.m.

Fenton Township fire responds to the 3400 block of Loon Lake Court at 7:26 p.m. for a recreational fire complaint. Reportedly, someone was burning trash and trees.

Fenton Township fire responds to the 8300 block of Quill Drive in Tyrone Township at 7:55 p.m. for a medical emergency involving a 79-year-old female.

Fenton City fire responds to North Road at the city limits at 8:18 p.m. for an unknown rollover crash.

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

Fenton Township fire responds to the 4200 block of W. Four Lakes Drive at 1:41 a.m. for a medical emergency involving a 70-year-old female.

Argentine Township fire responds to the 9000 block of Harper Street at 9:11 a.m. for a medical emergency involving a 46-year-old female.

Argentine Township fire responds to the 9000 block of Silver Lake Road at 6:34 p.m. for a medical emergency involving a 71-year-old male.

Argentine Township fire responds to the 9000 block of Harper Street at 11:07 p.m. for a medical emergency involving a 56-year-old male.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THANK YOU TO the gentleman who offered to pay for my groceries while at the LeRoy Street VG's. What a gentleman.

■■■■
TRUMP ONCE PHOTOSHOPPED a picture of himself on a fake cover of Time Magazine declaring himself as Man of the Year. Time Magazine now has put the president on the cover towering over a crying little girl welcoming her to our country. I wonder if he is as proud of this cover as the fake one.

■■■■
IS THERE ANYWHERE in the Linden area that has a food pantry for the less fortunate?

■■■■
REST ASSURED, IF the MS-13 gang members come around this territory, they'll be exterminated like the pythons down in Florida. They don't belong here to begin with.

■■■■
LET ME GET this straight. One of the Hot lines is trying to tell me it cost \$35,000 each for a year to have them over here. I'm a lifetime American. I'm on Social Security and I get just under \$10,000 a year to live on. Where do I sign up for the U.S. to spend \$35,000 on me to live?

■■■■
THESE PEOPLE ARE not going for a casual walk, they are running for their lives. There's people in South America and Mexico who want to kill them. What would you do if somebody was trying to kill your family? It's the only way to get away from them. Get some compassion.

■■■■
KUDOS TO THE Oakland County Road Commission. But the city of Fenton and Livingston County between State Road, Hartland Road, Adelaide and Denton Hill, I still see the dinosaur footprints are still there and I think my street still has Clark Dibble's footprint in it.

CITY OF LINDEN ORDINANCE NO. 384

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 2.2 AND 5.2 OF THE CITY OF LINDEN ZONING ORDINANCE CONCERNING PORTABLE/TEMPORARY ACCESSORY STRUCTURES.

THE CITY OF LINDEN ORDAINS:

Section 1. Amendment of Section 2.2 of Article 2 of the City of Linden Zoning Ordinance.

Section 2.2 of Article 2 of the City of Linden Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended so that the existing definition of "accessory buildings and structures" is amended to read as follows:

Accessory Buildings and Structures. A supplementary building or structure on the same lot or parcel of land as the principal building occupied by or devoted exclusively to an accessory use. This definition refers to both temporary and permanent structures, and includes canvas, vinyl or similar carports, storage tents (as opposed to personal recreational tents) and shelters.

Section 2. Amendment of Section 5.2 of Article 5 of the City of Linden Zoning Ordinance.

Subsection 5.2.1 of Section 5.2 of Article 5 of the City of Linden Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

5.2.1 Requirements Applicable to Accessory Buildings and Structures within Residential Districts. However, the requirements of this Section shall not apply to temporary accessory buildings or structures located, or to be located, on the premises for less than seventy-two (72) hours during any thirty (30) day period.

1. No accessory building or structure shall be built upon a lot or parcel prior to the establishment of a principal building.
2. A building or structure not attached to a principal building shall be considered an accessory building or structure.
3. The sum total floor area of all accessory buildings and structures shall not exceed fifty (50%) percent of the total floor area of all stories of the principal building. See Section 4.5 for maximum lot coverage allowances.
4. No accessory building or structure shall exceed fifteen (15) feet in height measured from finished grade to the highest point of flat roofs, to the coping line of mansard roofs, and the average height between eaves and the ridge of gable, hip and gambrel roofs. Where the building may be situated on sloping terrain, this height shall be measured from the average level of the finished grade at the building wall.
5. In no instance shall an accessory structure be located within a dedicated easement or right-of-way. The applicant shall be responsible for determination of the location of all applicable rights-of-way or easements.
6. Accessory structures shall be erected only in a rear yard. If the lot is a corner lot, accessory structures shall remain behind all building lines adjacent to streets.
7. No accessory building or structure shall be constructed within ten (10) feet of any other building located on the same lot or parcel.
8. Detached accessory buildings and structures shall be located no closer than five (5) feet to any side or rear lot line. The setback for detached accessory buildings and structures which exceed twenty-five (25%) of the total floor area of the principal building and fifteen (15%) percent of the total lot area shall be increased to ten (10) feet.

Section 3. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days following publication.

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Linden held on June 25, 2018, Culbert moved for adoption of the foregoing ordinance and Simons supported the motion.

Voting for: 7
Voting against: 0

The Mayor declared the ordinance adopted.

Danielle N. Cusson, Mayor

Lynn M. Henry, Clerk

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I WISH YOU people would get it correct. The United States of America is a Republic, not a Democracy — and for the Republic for which it stands. Do you know the rest of that one? I'd be surprised.

I DON'T REALLY hate Trump, but I am very concerned about your ability to swallow whatever he puts out without question. And without any proof does bother me a little.

I'M NEVER LEERY of anyone quoting the Bible as you say to justify its deeds. No, it's called common sense.

THE DDA BUYS and then gives the land away for free or a simple \$1 lease. Downtown businesses benefit while other businesses have to buy their own property and/or pay real leases. It's hard to compete.

CITY HALL — WHY did you kill the ducks behind the community center? Wings had been clipped. They couldn't fly. Why are you warning against nature? God is watching.

THE TIMES ARTICLE about the difference in the townships' salaries was interesting but was incomplete. Comparing apples to bricks. Population should have been included. Rose Township has half the population of Holly Township but salaries are much higher.

I AM NOT missing the point about immigration. My grandfather and grandmother came from Poland to this country. They did not have a thing, except the clothes on their backs. They went through the proper channels and that's exactly what these people are trying to do.



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Duane "Fuzzy" Walden was well known in the Fenton community for his generosity, friendliness, sense of humor and some great sandwiches.

Duane 'Fuzzy' Walden dies at 76

■ Was well known for his kindness, generosity and sense of humor

By Vera Hogan
vhogan@tctimes.com; 810-433-6823
Duane "Fuzzy" Walden, 76, long-time owner of Walden's Lounge on North LeRoy Street in Fenton died from illness on Friday, June 22.

Fuzzy owned Walden's Lounge on North LeRoy Street. He and his brother, Malvin "Babe" Walden, were second-

generation owners of the business, which they purchased from their parents' estate. Walden's Lounge has been a favorite in Fenton since 1934. Babe Walden died in April of 2013.

In addition to their successful business, Fuzzy and Babe were known for their generosity, especially to the American Cancer Society (ACS), a charity which they sponsored for many years. Walden's first started collecting funds for ACS in February of 1958.

Walden's Lounge has been a staple for locals looking for good drinks and great food. It has been said by many that they had the "best sandwiches" around.

According to his obituary, Walden was a veteran of the U.S. Army in the mid-1960s serving in Germany as occupation force, guarding Hess Prison in Berlin. He was a longtime Shriner and a member of the Fenton Lodge #109 F & A.M for over 50 years. Fuzzy loved garage sales and auctions and enjoyed spending time up north hunting, fishing and being outdoors.

Upon the news of his death Friday, a brief article was posted at tctimes.com and on the Tri-County Times' Facebook page. As of Monday, June 25, more 17,000 readers have seen the post and dozens of comments were posted with all sending their condolences and well wishes to the family, and sharing their remembrances. One called Fuzzy "a wonderful and gentle soul." Another said she would miss him coming into VG's everyday and his infectious smile and sense of humor. Another woman wrote, "Whenever I asked Fuzzy how he was doing, he always responded with 'I don't know cuz nobody told me yet. He had a fun sense of humor and didn't let life or his health hold him down.'" Nearly all commented on his kindness and how he will be sorely missed.

Deborah Clark commented on the dedication of his wife, Cathryn. She said, "Duane 'Fuzzy' Walden's wife was at his bedside at the time of his passing. She stayed with him constantly during his illness and was seeking treatment options from several prominent physicians. Cathryn loved and cared for him deeply."

Funeral arrangements were by Sharp Funeral Homes in Fenton.

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LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

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House Bill 4918: Ban veterans' "pension poaching" schemes

To prohibit charging to advise or assist an individual obtain certain veterans' benefits, except as permitted under a particular federal statute. Also, to ban using financial information from documents prepared for one individual to assist another in a veterans' benefit matter. The bill responds to complaints about so-called "pension poaching" scams.

Passed 36 to 0 in the Senate

- Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) YES
- Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) YES
- Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) YES
- Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) YES
- Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) YES

House Bill 5141: Revise teacher certification exceptions for technical courses

To allow an individual who holds a license or certification issued under or required by the state's occupational licensure laws to teach in a related career and technical education program. The bill would waive the standard teacher certification mandate for these instructors.

Passed 25 to 11 in the Senate

- Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) YES
- Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) YES
- Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) YES
- Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) NO
- Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) YES

House Bill 5145: Authorize alternative for teacher continuing education requirement

To allow teachers to substitute "time spent engaging with local employers or technical centers" for required continuing education credits, or for professional development credits used in union pay scales.

Passed 30 to 6 in the Senate

- Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) YES
- Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) YES
- Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) YES
- Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) YES
- Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) YES

House Bill 5379: Ban schools from banning student sunscreen use

To prohibit schools from banning the use of sunscreen and some therapeutic skin treatments by students at school or school events. Minors would have to get written permission from their parents or guardian.

Passed 35 to 1 in the Senate

- Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) YES
- Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) YES
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67th District Court
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Gerrymandering – Part III

In May of 2017 I wrote a two-part column about “political party partisan gerrymandering.”

Since these columns are available online I won’t go into great detail about them except to say that the term describes the process of drawing electoral districts to benefit a particular political party or group. The process occurs every 10 years after the United States Census and is referred to as “redistricting.”

At the time, the United States Supreme Court was considering the Wisconsin case of Gill v Whitford to determine if partisan gerrymandering violated the United States Constitution as to voting rights.

On June 18, the Supreme Court ruled that the Plaintiffs didn’t have what is called “standing” (the right to bring the lawsuit in the first place) and sent the case back to the lower court with no decision on the merits.

Many people were watching this case with great interest including political parties here in Michigan as there is a belief in some quarters that under Michigan’s current system of legislative redistricting Republicans have an advantage.

In 2017, the “Voters Not Politicians Ballot Committee” (VNP) emerged, which has recently circulated an initiative petition and collected over 425,000 signatures to put a redistricting ballot proposal before the voters this November to counter this perceived situation.

If approved, the initiative would amend Michigan’s Constitution and take the power to draw electoral districts away from the legislature and give it to a new Independent Citizen Redistricting Commission.

A lawsuit was filed to prevent the Initiative from being on the ballot and on June 7, the Michigan Court of Appeals ruled that it should appear. An appeal is pending before the Michigan Supreme Court.

The initiative is over six pages long. Highlights include the new Commission being comprised of 13 members — five independents, four Democrats and four Republicans, voting districts are to be non-partisan and meet seven different criteria, and there will be public hearings and a Commission vote before they become law.

The Michigan Supreme Court has jurisdiction over challenges to the plan and will call the Commission back to take additional actions if needed.

There is an excellent summary of all of this and many more details at the website “Ballotpedia.”

‘60 MINUTES’

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daily paper of the U.S. military . But it wasn’t reporting that got him most excited; it was lights and action.

Murrow and a rising CBS News executive named Fred Friendly were preoccupied with solid, consequential radio journalism; they looked down on this new invention called television. So TV, by default, became Hewitt’s domain. And he quickly became a pioneer in his own right.

Over the next 15 years, Hewitt dominated TV news. His most influential role came at age 37 when he directed the first televised presidential debate, in 1960, between Richard Nixon and John Kennedy. He offered makeup to Nixon, who declined and lost the debate to the tanned young senator from Massachusetts. Television’s power in shaping public opinion had never been fully appreciated before. Hewitt often said that if Nixon had listened to him, he probably would have been elected president that year.

Hewitt was next named executive producer of *The CBS Evening News*

with Walter Cronkite.

In 1968, one of Hewitt’s ideas was given a sleepy start on Tuesdays at 10 p.m. The hour-long CBS mixed story broadcast bounced around to eight different time slots before being positioned on Sunday nights, when it began to attract an audience.

Its maiden anchors were larger-than-life characters Harry Reasoner , Mike Wallace, and Morley Safer . They were joined over the years by Dan Rather , commentator Andy Rooney, Ed Bradley, Diane Sawyer, Steve Kroft, Lesley Stahl, Bob Simon, Scott Pelley Anderson Cooper, Charlie Rose, and on and on *60 Minutes*, year after year, has been America’s most-watched television program.

Source: *vanityfair.com*

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■■■■
YOU REALLY THINK 22 million people (where did you get that fact?) coming across our border are drug addicts and gang members? Why don’t you get your facts straight before you spout out lies?

■■■■
NOT ONLY DOES Andrew Heller offer relative and important subjects, he also inserts funny things, too. He doesn’t say things like, ‘a women who hasn’t had children can never be a mother.’ I for one, wish he would be in both issues of the Times.

■■■■
HOW DO YOU know the individual or individuals didn’t already have the same thought process as Hannity and Levin?

■■■■
THANK YOU FOR the ‘Looking Back’ series. I really enjoy reading it.

■■■■
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Cellulite — still no effective treatment

■ Many men also are susceptible to skin condition

By Hannah Ball

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Cellulite affects 80 and 90 percent of women, according to medicalnewstoday.com.

This condition occurs when fat deposits push through the connective tissue beneath the skin, causing a dimpled, lumpy appearance. It's most commonly found near the buttocks and thighs.

While women are more likely to have cellulite due to the distribution of fat, muscle and connective tissue in the body men can also experience the condition.

Causes

Fat cells and connective tissue in a specific layer of the skin in women are arranged vertically. In men, the tissue is arranged in a criss-cross structure, which may explain why they are less prone to cellulite.



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Cellulite occurs when fat deposits push through the connective tissue beneath the skin.

According to medicalnewstoday.com, hormones likely play a factor. Estrogen, insulin, noradrenaline, thyroid hormones and prolactin are involved in the production of cellulite. One theory suggests a decrease in blood flow to connective tissue during

menopause plays a part, and others point to how fat cells enlarge as estrogen levels fall as a culprit of cellulite production.

As people age, skin becomes thinner and less elastic, causing it to sag.

Genetics can also play a role, as can

Stay cool while covering unsightly cellulite

There's no reason women with cellulite can't go out in the summer and still look fabulous. Here are some tips to help make that happen:

Choose the right clothes

The easiest way to hide stretch marks and cellulite is to choose clothing that covers them. If you have cellulite on your upper arms, stay away from tank tops and sleeveless blouses and instead choose shirts that end at around your elbow. For cellulite on the thighs, pick skirts that hit at the knee and long walking shorts. Don't opt for clothing made of fabric that's tight and clingy like Lycra or spandex to avoid calling attention to the dimpling.

Stay away from denim

When attempting to wear shorts, you should make sure that you wear the right shorts. There is something specific about denim that makes cellulite much more noticeable. By sticking with a different material, you might be able to make the cellulite much less obvious.

Choose busy prints

Here's an optical illusion trick. Choose prints that are busy or abstract and keep the eye away from cellulite.

Cover-ups

There's literally a cover-up for everyone — from shorts to lounge pants to a wrap-around skirt.

Water leggings

Cover-ups are meant to be worn out of the water, but these on-trend leggings offer the coverage you may want in the water. Plus, this total winner is ideal for watersports and the gym.

Sources: Livestrong.com; fitclarity.com

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lifestyle factors. Those who eat an excess amount of fat, carbohydrates and salt are more likely to have greater amounts of cellulite because the condition is more prevalent in people who carry more fat. It's also suggested that smokers and people who don't exercise are more likely to have cellulite, according to medicalnewstoday.com.

Other factors may include sitting or standing in one position for too long, and wearing underwear with tight elastic because it can limit blood flow.

How bad is it?

Grade 1 describes cellulite when there is an “orange-peel” appearance with a low number of superficial depressions. The skin looks slightly “draped” or saggy.

Grade 2, which is also called moderate, occurs when there are between five and nine medium-depth depressions in the skin with a “cottage cheese” appearance.

Grade 3 is severe. This describes cellulite with a “mattress” appearance with at least 10 or more depressions and severely draped skin.

Treatments

People try many procedures in an attempt to lessen their cellulite, but none have been proven to work by scientific

See **CELLULITE on 9**



Alpine brings 'baby backs' back each month this summer

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Robin Clark, Alpine Marketplace Bakery/Deli director, grills baby back ribs on Friday, June 22 for the store's monthly Baby Back Rib Cookout. There will be a monthly cookout near the end of each month this summer.

TEACHER

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"That was back when AGS ran 'team teaching,'" she said. "I hired in as a two-person 'team' with Eric Rettenmund. I taught eighth-grade Math, Algebra and ELA and Eric taught eighth-grade Social Studies and Science. After 15 years, Eric and I are back together as a team leading AGS, with Eric as the principal and myself as the assistant principal."

"My official start date is July 1, and I cannot wait to get started," Roberts said. "AGS has an outstanding teaching staff and I am beyond excited to start working with them."

Roberts is single. "But I will say, one of the coolest 'jobs' I have is being 'fun Aunt Stef' to my nephew, Ryland, and niece, Averi, who will both be attending AGS next year."

CELLULITE

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research. According to the American Academy of Dermatology, there are treatments that might be successful in reducing cellulite.

Acoustic wave therapy transmits sound waves to your skin and is supposed to break up bands of connective tissue. A laser treatment might work, as well as vacuum-assisted precise tissue release, which cuts the connective bands with small blades.

Creams that may work include caffeine and retinol. Caffeine dehydrates cells, lessening their appearance. It needs to be applied daily. Retinol thickens the skin, making the cellulite less visible. According to medicalnewstoday.com, people need to use it for six months to see results.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

TO THE PICKUP truck driver with oversized wheels who passed me because I was stopping for a red, not a yellow light, I pray you're caught, ticketed and prosecuted before you kill somebody. You were at least 40 yards away from the light after it had already turned red and you still didn't stop.

IF A WOMAN is caught shoplifting and put in jail, her children aren't put in cages and places where hundreds of other kids are sleeping on the floor and crying for their mother or father.

TO THE VETERAN finding disrespect for Trump saluting the North Korean general. What were your thoughts about the remains of 200 American soldiers he brought home? I find your disrespect for the president of our country disturbing. That needs to stop.

HANNITY HAPPENS TO be a hypocrite. He makes his money from housing projects insured by the government all while claiming not to be devote Christians, don't you dare disagree with Trump. And I said far right, not all.

WHY DON'T THE people flocking to the U.S. rise up and fight for their freedoms at home, like the Americans did against England in the 1770s? Why do people today not want to fight or work for what they want? Instead it's a 'give it to me because I just want or need it.' Fight for your homeland not try to steal ours.

WHEN A U.S. citizen breaks the law, we have to pay for it. Our children don't get to go to jail with us. Tell me the difference?

Synopsis of Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting June 25, 2018

- Call to order @ 7:00 p.m.
- Present: Hallman, Saad, Schmidt, Graves and Conner. Absent: none.
- Approved: Minutes as printed of May 21, 2018 Regular Meeting.
- Approved: Payment of bills as presented.
- Approved: Budget Amendments.
- Issued: 11 building permits that total \$11,375.
- Accepted: Final Printing of Police Contract
- Accepted: Yeo & Yeo Letter of Acceptance terms.
- Date Set: Special Assessment Hearing will be held on August 16, 2018 @ 7 p.m.
- Accepted: Amendments to 2017/2018 Special Revenue Budget.
- Adopted: General Fund Budget for 2018/2019.
- Adopted: Police Department Budget for 2018/2019.
- Adopted: Fire Department Budget for 2018/2019.
- Adopted: 2018/2019 Special Revenue Budget.
- Accepted: Renewal Terms of EMC policy.
- Accepted: New EMC Life Insurance Policy
- Re-Appointed: Kevin Cleaver and Roger Kelley to the Planning Commission.
- Re-Appointed: Roger Kelley
- Appointed: Evan Lapinski to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Authorized: Clerk to sign the Metro Act Right of Way Permit Extension Agreement.
- Authorized: Loan to resurface Longfellow Dr. and Majestic from General Fund.
- Authorized: Clerk to amend budget to balance line items for end of fiscal year.
- Authorized: Bonus pay for Police Chief.
- Authorized: Bonus Pay for Fire Chief.
- Revised: Employee Vacation Pay policy to change the years of service to earn pay.
- Adopted: Resolution 2018-5 to close a county road for parade.
- Adjourned@8:27 p.m.

Submitted by Denise Graves
Argentine Township Clerk

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TRIAL

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The three suspects, all from Owosso, face life in prison without possibility of parole if convicted of the charges.

Their last preliminary examination was on Friday, June 22. Circuit Court dates have not yet been scheduled.

Culkins was found stabbed to death in a

Mundy Township field, near Baldwin and Jennings roads, on Saturday, April 21.

Residents in the 9300 block of S. Jennings Road called 911 just before 11 a.m. that morning. They said they

saw a truck, which turned out to be an older model GMC pickup with California license plates, by some trees in the middle of their farm field at the northwest corner of S. Jennings and Baldwin roads. They found the dead man, now identified as Culkins,

lying next to it.

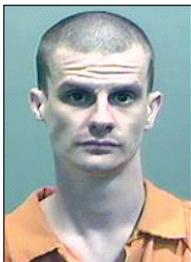
Six witnesses took the stand earlier this month, including Anne Davies, a Metro Police Authority of Genesee County officer. Davies was the first to respond to the 911 call on a body being found in a Mundy Township field.

After allegedly stabbing Culkins to death, it is believed the trio went to a nearby

gas station. After they left, the gas station clerk noticed the wrapper from a stolen store item in the restroom and called 911.

Officer Gunner Wright of the Grand Blanc Township police

stopped the three on foot. He said he found a pair of blue latex gloves with a red substance on them. Clark admitted to Wright that it was blood. He said he was drunk at a bonfire the night before and had hit his head on a tree.



Frederick Daniel Clark



Christian Lee Lover



Mataya Delores Shaw

TENTS

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City Attorney Michael Gildner said, "It should be adopted ... it's necessary clean-up work." He wrote a letter to the council stating his opinion.

At the June 11 meeting, the councilors discussed whether tents already in front and side yards would be allowed to stay under existing nonconforming laws. The answer is no.

"Those located in the front yard are not lawful presently and they could be forced to move back or eliminated," Gildner said. "It doesn't eliminate them. It treats them as it does any other accessory structure and your existing ordinance says accessory structures have to be located in the rear yard along with some other restrictions."

Read the ordinance on page 5.

PROPERTY

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October 2017 for \$180,000. The property is approximately 1.4 acres.

At the June 11 meeting, the DDA asked council to help with demolition costs.

"City council is going to participate in this with the DDA.

They're going to participate on a 50/50 basis," City Manager Paul Zelenak said.

His recommendation is that city council authorize up to 50 percent not to exceed \$7,500 to contribute to the demolition of the property.

"I think it gets the ball rolling. We could definitely use that lot," Councilor Brad Dick said.

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Brad Dick
Linden councilor

Buying 114 Walmar

According to DDA minutes from September 2017, the DDA acquired a seven-year loan to buy 114 Walmar for \$180,000. Quarterly payments are \$6,000. The DDA allocated \$30,000 in the 2017 budget for the down payment.

The DDA is bringing in \$1,200 a month in rent from tenants who currently live at 114 Walmar. Zelenak said they've been talking with the resident who currently lives there about vacating the property.

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House Bill 5645: Permit "courtroom support dogs" in court

To require courts to permit a witness to have a "courtroom support dog" and handler present when testifying.

- Passed 36 to 0 in the Senate**
- Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) YES
 - Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) YES
 - Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) YES
 - Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) YES
 - Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) YES

Senate Bill 343: Give students government predictions related to careers

To require school districts to give students a regional "career outlook" forecast document created by a government Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives. This would be part of a process that seventh-graders must undergo of creating an educational development plan with school officials.

- Passed 96 to 13 in the House**
- Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51) YES
 - Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) YES

House Bill 6014: Spend \$10 million to test pavement ideas from public

To authorize spending \$10 million to try out three ideas submitted by members of the public and selected by state board proposed by House Bill 6013 for using existing materials or construction methods judged to be beneficial for road construction.

- Passed 100 to 9 in the House**
- Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51) YES
 - Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) YES

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Known as "The Drubbler," Riley McLincha made an appearance during the opening ceremonies of the fourth annual Linden Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball tournament on Saturday.

Area celebrities add their flavor to Gus Macker

By David Troppens

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Linden — It's obvious the Linden Gus Macker continues to get bigger and better, not only in terms of basketball games, but in terms of celebrity.

Two local celebrities changed their schedule to be a part of Saturday's opening day festivities during last weekend's Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament — Linden professional boxer Joey Spencer and Clio running legend Riley McLincha, also known as "The Drubbler."

Spencer spent some time at the event prior to starting his training sessions for his next bout on August 4 in San Antonio, Texas. Spencer's bout will be televised on Fox.

"They asked me about it two days ago," Spencer said. "It's cool. It's great to see my hometown support me, and I really appreciate it. I am excited about it."

Spencer (3-0) has won all three of his fights by knock out, including the last two in the first round during televised bouts on Fox Sports 1. Just like he did his third fight, Spencer will remain in the area as he trains for his next fight.

McLincha is a legend among Michigan runners. He's known for his acrobatic dribbling of three basketballs while running road races. McLincha has been doing an act since 1994. He used to juggle, but figured out a routine to dribble three basketballs while running.

"I was invited by the chamber. I had some other plans, but I changed them," McLincha said. "I used to do (3-on-3 tournaments) back in my heyday. They had them in Flint but they were named something else."

"I actually turned the chamber of commerce down but then changed my mind and called them back up."

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organizers embrace changes made to Gus Macker

By David Troppens

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Linden — Saturday and Sunday were filled with dunks, three-point shots, blocks, fouls, upsets and exciting victories.

The rain that was expected for good portions of the weekend at Linden Elementary School stayed away, for the most part, and the fourth annual Linden Gus Macker 3-on-3 basketball tournament flourished on its new home campus with a record-high 208 basketball teams.

Linden Elementary School ended

up being a nearly perfect move for the Gus Macker tournament, from its old location at Hyatt Elementary School.

"We are really pleased with the move," said Shelly Day, Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce executive director and co-Gus Macker event organizer. "That was a good move for us. ... It was more difficult to do parking for the event. ... But overall it was a success. We are going to stay there next year."

One person who has embraced the Gus Macker since its first season is Dr. Nicole Wax. Wax, owner of Dr. Wax Orthodontics in Linden, returned as the main Presenting Sponsor for the fourth straight year. She also hosted a team for the fourth year, playing on the squad for the third straight season.

"This is an easy one for me to say 'yes' today because, one, it's in Linden. I played basketball growing up in Linden," Wax said.

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Dr. Nicole Wax (front) has been a presenting sponsor for the Linden Gus Macker for four years.

Records broken during fourth Macker event

■ 208 teams invade Linden during weekend

By David Troppens

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Linden — Gerrit Brigitha has had some pretty decent success on the basketball court.

Along with Mike Manciel and Tony Bowne, the three had successful prep careers that landed them at Central Michigan University, where they played Division 1 men's basketball. And during their time as Chippewas, they also competed in the Division I Men's NCAA Basketball Tournament, advancing to the second round before losing to Duke.

"We did all right," Brigitha said. "We did decent and made it to the NCAA tournament."

But now, about 15 years later, the trio could be found on Linden Elementary

School's campus on Saturday and Sunday on the top men's court. They were one of eight squads competing for the Top Men's championship during the fourth annual Linden Gus Macker 3-on-3 Tournament. They were just one of 208 registered teams competing for championships in 17 different divisions ranging from both genders to an age range from 7 to probably 60 during the event on Saturday and Sunday.

"This is my second time this summer. We usually do one or two (Gus Macker) a year," Brigitha said. "We are just looking out there, get together again and hop around. I'm 36. Tony is 36 and Michael is 37, so that's why we are out there. We want some live action."

The team did just fine in its first game of the tournament, defeating We Blow the Walls Out via a blowout.

"We did all right," Brigitha said. "We are a little rusty. It's tougher to get started when

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A record number of 208 teams competed at the fourth annual Linden Gus Macker 3-on-3 basketball tournament on Saturday and Sunday at Linden Elementary School. Some of the competitors were (top photo) Presley Pazitka driving against Mariah Thompson; (above left) Riley Abeny looks to shoot against Krysta Logie; (above center) Mason Obert driving to the bucket against a foe; and (above right) Mia McLaughlin battling to get by Claire Tobias.

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you are a little older, and it's a little chilly outside, but it's good. We all want to play well."

The 208 teams that competed at the Gus Macker's new home (it was hosted at Hyatt Elementary School the previous three years) was the biggest yet. The tournament had 128 teams its first year, and has steadily grown by about 20 teams each year during the first three years. However, the event grew 43 squads this year. Most of that growth can be attributed to Linden's Gus Macker being the only one hosted in the state of Michigan last weekend. That's the first time that's ever happened.

So there was plenty of action from 8 a.m. until the start of the slam dunk competition at 5 p.m. on Saturday, followed by plenty of action from 8 a.m. until late afternoon on Sunday. The only change made was moving a couple of the divisions into the Linden Elementary gymnasium due to a Sunday sprinkle making the special court slippery.

One of the greatest upsets in the tournament may have happened during the first tournament game for JELLYFAM. What was supposed to be a four-player team quickly became a team of two by the time the tournament started. That meant teammates Riley Griffin and Kyle Wright, both from Lake Fenton schools, had to begin battle 2-on-3 with a team from

Fenton. What appeared to be a natural mathematical mismatch, ended up becoming one of the first upsets of the day when Griffin and Wright, both 13, won their contest on a game-winning hoop late.

"(Our teammates) bailed on us at the last minute. We've known we'll be going with two since (Friday)," Griffin said. "We were great. We are some of the best athletes in our school (and) we work good together. ... We knew we were going to come in and play our hardest. If we lost, we lost, but we were going to try."

"Before we came in we found out we were playing Fenton boys, so that kind of got us hyped about the game," Wright said. "We stuck with our 1-1 zone the whole game. We hit our shots in prime time, and hit that free throw to win the game."

There were other exciting early games during Saturday's first day. One of them involved Legends against The Warriors in a game against students between the ages of 10 and 11. Legends jumped to a 6-0 lead and seemed to be on cruise control until their foes battled back and tied the game at 6-all.

Once again, Legends jumped to a nice lead, holding a 10-6 edge, but by the time it remained close down the stretch. A 2-point bucket (the traditional 3-pointer is worth 2 and a 2 is worth 1 in Gus Macker action) cut the gap to just 11-10.

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Competitors ranged from elementary school age to the levels of grizzled veterans at the fourth annual Linden Gus Macker 3-on-3 basketball tournament on Saturday and Sunday at Linden Elementary School. (Top left) Gerrit Brightha attempts to block a shot against a foe. (Immediately above) Kade Lookebill attempts to block a shot. (Immediate left) Players take some time in between games to relax and enjoy the festivities.



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"I love to play still. ... Anything fun, athletic and with kids, I'm there."

The Linden Gus Macker has all those characteristics. Over 1,000 players and spectators were at the event on Saturday or Sunday at any given moment, and many of those people were school-aged athletes. The Linden Gus Macker is one of the highest attended youth 3-on-3 events the organization hosts each year,

and now it's growing in size substantially. In 2015, the event hosted 128 teams. That number has grown steadily by about 20 teams each year until this season. With this being the only Gus Macker in Michigan during the weekend for the first time ever, Linden's event grew over 40 teams to 208. That means there were more 800 athletes in attendance, with many bringing large family units to the community.

"Look at it, there's over 200 teams here," Wax said.

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runner's Log

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACES AT THE PARK

► This is the 16th year the Wednesday Night Races at the Park will be held at Linden County Park.

Three more races will be held on today, July 11 and July 18, starting at 6:30 p.m. each night. Registration is done the night of the event and the cost is \$2 a person or \$5 a family. There are races ranging from one-half mile to three miles for every age and skill level. This is more of a cross country format race with the event being ran on the trails around Linden County

Park. The shorter races start at 6:30 p.m. while the combined two-mile and three-mile race begins at 7 p.m.

SIXTH-ANNUAL FIRECRACKER RUN

► This July 4 event begins on the corner of South Adelaide and Mill Street at 9:45 a.m. and has a 2.5-K and a 5K event.

The race is around the city of Fenton's parade route, giving runners thousands of supporters as they complete their race. The cost is \$25 currently and \$30 after June 27. For additional information call (810) 629-5261.

BASTILLE DAY 15K RUN/5K RUN AND WALK

► This July 14 event has three major races — a 15K run that starts at 7:45 a.m., a 5K run that starts at 8 a.m. and the 5K walk that starts immediately after the 5K run. The race starts near the Fenton United Methodist Church in downtown Fenton and costs \$30 before July 1 and \$35 after that date if the runner wants a shirt. Without a shirt, the prices are \$20 before July 1 and \$25 after July 1.

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Carol Jean (Grimes) Amthor 1929-2018

Carol Jean (Grimes) Amthor of Linden, formerly of Holly, was born February 7, 1929 in Flint to Foy and Ruby Grimes. She graduated from Flint Central High School in 1947 and then attended Baker Business College. Carol worked at several local businesses as a secretary until her marriage in 1951 to William Amthor. Carol was a stay at home mom and part-time college student, eventually earning her degree in Elementary Education from Oakland University. She taught third and fourth grades at Laurel Montessori in Bloomfield Hills for many years after her own children were grown. Carol and Bill built a beautiful country home together outside of Holly and enjoyed collecting antiques and working on their home. She loved to spin her own wool and knit, and for many years sold her creations. Carol was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, William Amthor in 2014; her daughter, Amy Amthor-Shaffer in 2017; her daughter, Patricia Oxley in 2018; granddaughter, Darin Miller in 1998 and great-granddaughter, Seth Thomas in 2016. Carol is survived by her daughters, Marliss Gulick of Edon, OH; Kim Amthor of Marquette, MI; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; sons-in-law, Steve Oxley and Mark Shaffer both of Fenton. Services will be held 2:30 PM Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. The family will receive friends from 1 PM until the time of service. Those desiring may make contributions to First Congregational United Church of Christ in Grand Blanc. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Rebecca Mary Thompson 1970-2018

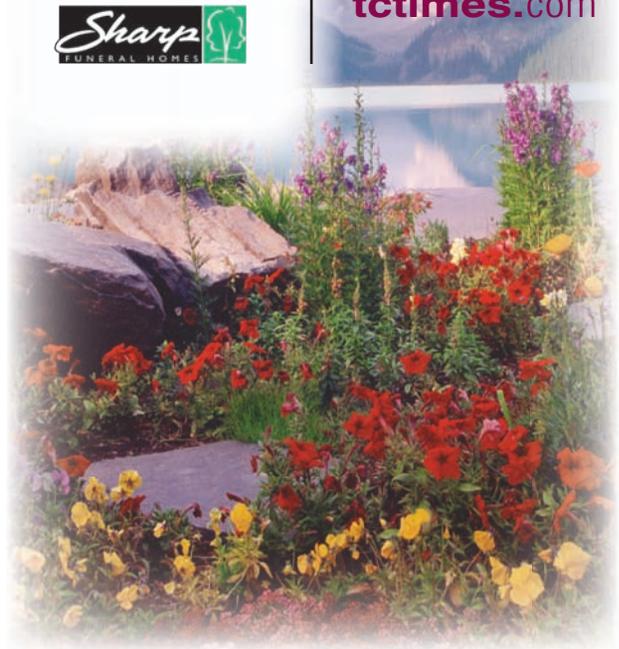
Rebecca Mary Thompson - age 48, of Fenton, passed away June 23, 2018. Funeral services will be held 3 PM Thursday, June 28, 2018 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. Visitation will be held from 1 PM until the time of service. Those desiring may make contributions to the Lustgarten Foundation (for Pancreatic Cancer research and support). Rebecca was born May 15, 1970 in Flint, the daughter of David and Rosemary (Vogel) Thompson. She is survived by her sons, Andrew John (Linzie) Miller and Cameron Gale; mother, Rosemary Thompson; sister, Kimberly (Pete) Pabin; brother, Kirk (Beth) Thompson; sister, Kathleen (Larry) Miller. She was preceded in death by her father and sister, Kelly Horning. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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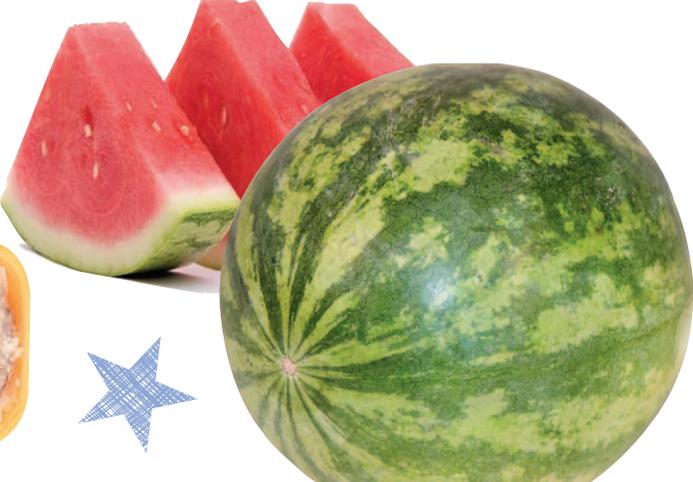
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