Township prohibits marijuana facilities

By Hannah Ball

Fenton Twp. — In a 5-0 vote, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees prohibited marijuana facilities in the township at the Monday, June 3 meeting.

Supervisor Bonnie Mathis and Trustee Vince Lorraine were absent.

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Plea entered in Linden Little League embezzlement case

By Hannah Ball

Stephanie Suzanne Blackburn, 41, entered a plea agreement May 30 in an embezzlement case involving the Linden Little League.

She was arraigned March 21 in Genesee County 67th District Court on one felony count of embezzlement (agent or trustee) of an amount between $1,000 and $19,999. Blackburn pleaded no contest.

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NOCFA steps up search and rescue skills

NOCFA emergency responders hike through the west loop of the Holly Holdridge Mountain Bike Trails on Monday, June 3 for wide area Search and Rescue (SAR) training. Such training is for helping those lost or injured in the woods. See story on Page 10. Photo: Tim Jagielo

Former constable’s lawsuit settled

Lawsuit filed by Emile Bair in U.S. District Court; was seeking at least $75,000

By Vera Hogan

A lawsuit filed against Rose Township in U.S. District Court by former Rose Township Constable Emile Bair is being settled out of court.

Bair alleged in the lawsuit that his employment with

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Torrey Road to be closed

Repair of drainage culvert expected to take three weeks

By Sharon Stone

Beginning Thursday, June 6, motorists who travel Torrey Road through Fenton Township will need to find an alternative route while repair work is being completed on a drainage culvert. The work is expected to be complete Friday, June 28.

The Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC) announced the plans Monday, June 3.

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"The Michigan Secretary of State just announced that appointments are available at its offices. That’s great; 48 people per day can get an appointment. At Hill Road, 20 minutes after it opened, there were 63 people in the queue and 20 more waiting to get into it. Most people report waiting three to four hours at this office. This has to change."

"Walked around downtown Fenton yesterday when we had a break from all this rain. The city sure looks nice. Thank you to whoever is in charge of the flowers high up on the light poles."

"This is long overdue but I want the world to know what an incredibly strong and resilient woman my wife, Delma, is. She survived a massive heart attack and is now currently in remission from stage 4 lung cancer. I love you so much, sweetheart."
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Shiawassee River Fest returns to Fenton

2019 event will take place downtown instead of Bush Park

By Vera Hogan

Friday, June 21 marks the first day of summer and what better way to kick off this year’s season than with the fifth annual Shiawassee River Fest.

This year, for the first time, the event will be held Sunday, June 23 in downtown Fenton in Rackham Park behind the Community & Cultural Center.

According to Brad Jacob, co-chairman of the Keepers of the Shiawassee, the first and second festivals were held in Bush Park. It was then moved for the third and fourth event to downtown Linden.

Jacob said it is the group’s hope that this year’s downtown Fenton location will be easier to find and well-attended. He anticipates more than 2,000 visitors throughout the day.

“Our fifth annual ‘Shiawassee River Fest’ river festival at Rackham Park, on the banks of the Shiawassee River, is our main fundraiser for the year,” Jacob said. “The festival features the beautiful Shiawassee River and river town community, includes seven hours of live local music, local restaurants and food vendors, catch and release fishing tournament, homemade cardboard box canoe and kayak regatta, a rubber duck race, a large selection of local arts and craft vendors, kayak demos and much more.

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‘100 deadliest days’ have begun for teens

Drinking and driving, speeding, distraction are top killers on the road in summer

Compiled by Sharon Stone

Over the past five years, nearly 3,500 people have been killed in crashes involving teen drivers during the “100 Deadliest Days,” the period between Memorial Day and Labor Day, when the number of crash fatalities involving a teen driver historically rise.

New crash data from 2013-2017 reveals major factors contributing to fatal teen crashes during the summer driving period include:

• Speeding (28 percent)
• Drinking and driving (17 percent)
• Distraction (9 percent)

“Crash data shows that teens are a vulnerable driver group with a higher probability of being involved in crashes,” said Dr. David Yang.

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“B”eer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy,” Benjamin Franklin said. It may not be historically accurate, but for the past seven years, the team at View Newspaper Group has used this quote to guide us in our event planning.

That quote continues to guide us in our newest event — Bottles, Brews & News, View Newspaper Group’s craft beer and wine fest. The event (for ages 21 and older only) is set for 3 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28 in downtown Fenton’s Rackham Park. It will feature craft beer and wine samples, food and live music all for just $25. Best of all, it benefits a worthy cause — FARR (Fenton Area Resources and Referral Network, Inc.)

If you’re wondering what makes a journalist like me qualified to throw a party, I’m happy to share. One, I’m a journalist. It’s our nature to throw parties and two, I work for a growing newspaper company that is following a national trend.

According to an article on journalism.org, “Event-hosting has become a prominent part of the conversation about the future sustainability of journalism. Revenue potential here is two-fold, streaming in from corporate sponsorships and ticket sales … The New York Times hosted 16 events in 2013, up from just one in 2011, and plans to continue them in 2014. The Chattanooga Free Press has built events into its business model and now generates 14 percent of its annual revenue from them, a figure ‘well into seven figures,’ according to industry analyst Ken Doctor. Atlantic Media puts on more than 200 events a year and garners 20 percent of the company’s total revenue. And The New Yorker Festival has been a Manhattan mainstay for more than a dozen years.”

Newspaper companies have an advantage in hosting events because we have a guest list (our readers and clients) and a list of potential sponsors at the ready. We can promote the event through our products, we have the manpower and we like to do nice things for the communities we cover.

Bottles, Brews & News is just one of the events we host, because at their core, events strengthen your brand. Whether you are hosting or sponsoring, having your name tied to something fun is good for business.

I hope to see you at Bottles, Brews & News. For more information give me a call at (810) 452-2608 or email me at ecaswell@mihomepaper.com.

Emily Caswell is the Brand Manager for VIEW Group, the branding division of View Newspaper Group. A graduate of Michigan State University’s Journalism School, she lives in downtown Fenton with her husband Matt and their rescue pup, Yeti.

“Just to enjoy the warm weather. I like seeing the sunsets.”
— Pat Mossman
Fenton

“My daughter’s getting married at the end of September and I’m hosting a bridal shower for her.”
— Angela Derusha
Fenton

“If the sun ever comes out we’d like to take the pontoon out, and enjoy lake living.”
— Judith Prout
Argentine Township

“My daughter, her husband and grandkids are coming here in July. I plan to do a lot of babysitting and fun things with them.”
— Toni Gorris
Fenton Township

“Mostly preparing for grad school. I’ll have to find a place to live, register for classes, buy stuff for the apartment.”
— Matt Bundas
Columbia Township
Days reduced in proposed ordinance; penalties increased

By Vera Hogan

The days and times when revelers get to blow their fireworks are dwindling. At the Monday, June 3 work session, the Fenton City Council introduced and held the first reading of what will be the newly amended fireworks ordinance.

According to Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff, the state of Michigan updated the rules within the Fireworks Safety Act. “I am recommending that we amend our local ordinance to reflect these changes,” he said in a memo to City Manager Lynn Markland.

Some of the changes to the Act are the days that consumer grade fireworks can be used, increased penalties, billing of storage fees for confiscated fireworks, and when the city can regulate fireworks usage based on emergency conditions like burning bans, Cairnduff said.

The most significant changes are the reduced number of holidays and the times in which consumer fireworks can be used. “The city can choose to allow consumer fireworks, or it can regulate the days they can be used, but not less than what the state Act allows,” he said.

The state removed from the list Christmas, Martin Luther King Day, Washington’s birthday, Columbus Day, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving.

The times when consumer fireworks can be used also was specified in the Act. The new times are from 11 a.m. to 11:45 p.m., exception is New Years Eve when they may be used until 1 a.m.

According to Cairnduff’s new calendar, fireworks will be permitted May 25 and 26 (Memorial Day), June 29 and 30, and July 1 through 5 (Fourth of July), Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 (Labor Day) and Dec. 31 (New Year’s Eve).

In addition to confiscating the fireworks, those convicted violating the amended ordinance could face a fine not to exceed $1,000.

The amended ordinance is expected to be approved by the Fenton City Council at its Monday, June 10 meeting. Once approved, the newly amended ordinance will go into effect 30 days after publication; it won’t be in effect for this Fourth of July.

Could you be the next “American Idol?”

Do you think you are just as good a singer as Carrie Underwood, Scotty McCreery, Kelly Clarkson or Jordin Sparks? If so, circle Sept. 10 on your calendar. This is when producers of ABC TV’s American Idol will be holding in-person auditions in Detroit. They are looking for the next singing superstar and want to hear from you. Those who think they have what it takes can submit a full online audition at americanidol.com/audition. American Idol will then hold in-person auditions across the country this summer, including in Detroit. Entrants must be at least 15 years of age. Go to americanidol.com/auditions for details.
Leaving children in unattended vehicles

One of the goals of society has always been to keep children out of harm’s way.

Now that summer is upon us, one way of doing this is to remind parents and other caregivers about the importance of not leaving a child or children in an unattended vehicle.

The reason for this is quite simple — cars can heat up in a hurry. The interior temperature of a vehicle can increase 20 degrees in just 10 minutes and a car’s interior can reach 110 degrees when the temperatures are only in the 60s.

An average of 38 children have died in “hot” cars each year since 1998 with 52 deaths being reported in 2018 — the highest total ever. Approximately 70 percent of these deaths are attributable to children being left in cars accidentally or intentionally.

The law has long recognized the importance of child safety and all states have various child protection laws.

In Michigan, we have a specific statute, which went into effect Jan. 12, 2009 making it a criminal offense to leave a child less than 6 years old in an unattended vehicle. The statute provides that this is illegal if the child is left for a period of time that poses an unreasonable risk of harm or injury to the child or under circumstances that pose such risk.

If there is no harm or injury it is a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail and/or up to a $500 fine.

If harm or injury does occur the penalties increase accordingly. When there is a death, it is a felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison and/or up to a $10,000 fine.

Michigan is one of 19 states that have such a law and the list is growing.

On May 30, 2019 the Michigan Court of Appeals released its opinion in People v Haveman clarifying the criminal intent necessary to sustain a conviction under the statute.

The court held that this is a “general intent” crime, which means it is necessary to prove that a defendant knowingly intended to commit the prohibited act. A defendant can claim it was an accident.

Children are precious and we all must be vigilant to see that they are protected.

Have an idea on how to fix the roads?

Rep. Mike Mueller invites residents to road funding town hall in Fenton Township

Compiled by Sharon Stone

State Rep. Mike Mueller (R-51st District) of Fenton Township will host a town hall meeting with special guest Rep. Jack O’Malley of Lake Ann on Tuesday, June 25 to discuss road funding in Michigan.

“When it comes to fixing our roads, I am passionate about pursuing innovative ideas,” Mueller said. “Any Michigan driver knows there is a great disparity between the investment in our roads and a quality outcome. This town hall is a great opportunity to share some insight into this problem and hear your thoughts and questions. As we address this issue in Lansing, I want your feedback so the people of Genesee and Oakland counties are not left behind.”

O’Malley chairs the House Transportation Committee and is working with fellow House members on innovative approaches to road funding and repairs. To that end, he is traveling across the state to discuss the issue with local residents.

The event will be held at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Dr. in Fenton Township. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for registration and an opportunity to talk with Mueller and guests. The program will run from 6 to 7 p.m. with time for questions from those in attendance.

There is no cost to attend.

To register or for more information, please visit https://bit.ly/2MgP6r4. For questions, contact Mueller’s office by calling (517) 373-1780 or emailing MikeMueller@house.mi.gov.
LAWSUIT
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Rose Township was unjustly terminated in early 2018. According to court documents, Bair waged 58 allegations against Rose Township. In its answer, the township denied all but a few of those 58 allegations “for the reason they are untrue.”

At a special meeting held Thursday, May 30, the Rose Township Board of Trustees met in closed session to consult with the township attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with pending litigation in the Emile Bair v Rose Township case, United States District Court.

As is permitted in the Michigan Open Meetings Act, this discussion took place in closed executive session. The vote to authorize the township attorney to settle the suit was subsequently made during public session.

Bair was seeking an amount to exceed $75,000, exclusive of interests and costs. His wife, Katherine, declined to give the amount of the settlement.

The case was expected to go to a jury trial on April 7, 2020, according to court documents. The scheduling order was signed by Stephen J. Murphy III, United States district judge on April 2, 2019.

In May of 2018, Bair’s wife Katherine said she filed a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) regarding the actions involving township personnel and the letter of resignation they had her husband sign. On Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2018, Katherine confirmed that the EEOC had opened an investigation into her husband’s case. She filed the complaint with the EEOC on Aug. 20, 2018. The township board discussed it in closed session at its Oct. 10, 2018 meeting, after which it appears they took no action.

It is unknown at this time whether the EEOC was behind Bair’s lawsuit.

This week, Kimberly Smith-Brown, spokeswoman and director for the communications staff at the EEOC said, “Under federal law, all possible charges (complaints) made to the EEOC are strictly confidential, and we are prohibited from commenting on them, furnishing any information on them, or even confirming or denying the existence of such a charge. Any written materials or decisions that may have resulted from a charge or any resulting investigation are likewise confidential by law and they are not available via FOIA request.

“Only when and if we file suit — usually a last resort after other outcomes are attempted — are we allowed to furnish any information,” she said.

When asked this week why the board decided to settle out of court, Rose Township Supervisor Dianne Scheib-Snider said, “Following the advice of our attorney the Rose Township Board will not comment on pending litigation.”

Background
During both the Feb. 14, 2018 and March 14, 2018 Rose Township Board of Trustees meetings, it was reported that Bair, now 76, was asking people in the township to help him. Township personnel said he could no longer do his job and their bringing a letter of resignation to his health care facility to sign was his doing and that he requested it.

But at the Feb. 14, 2018 meeting, Katherine said publicly, “Imagine my shock that someone from this office went to the (care facility) to have my husband sign it without my knowledge.

“We’re not ready to commit at this time.” She further stated that this sounds like “collusion,” and that she is having an attorney look at it. “How dare you,” she told the board at the time.

The constable position at Rose Township will never appear on the ballot again. The Rose Township Board of Trustees voted to dissolve the position once it expires in November 2020.

Emile, who held the elected office for decades, became ill, putting in jeopardy his ability to do the job. After some prior discrepancies on whether he really intended to resign, the Board of Trustees accepted his signed letter of resignation by a vote of 3 to 2. Clerk Debbie Miller and Trustee Glen Noble cast the dissenting votes.

The family was given 30 days to bring to the board something regarding their position on the matter.

The family did not come forward in the 30-day period. After voting to dissolve the position when it expires in 2020, the board voted favorably to give Dave Plewes, the township’s zoning administrator, the job.

The entire Bair v Rose Township lawsuit in U.S. District Court can be read on our website at myfenton.com.

HOT LINE CONTINUED
WE CAN START deporting ‘stupid people’ as soon as you get in line.

HOW FORTUNATE WE are to have Auto Lab on Silver Parkway in our community. I can always count on them for honest, fair and reasonably priced service. I am a single woman who has probably been taken advantage of in this area and am glad I have someone I can trust.

RELIGION HAS BEEN removed from government? Is that why the majority of politicians constantly ramble about Christianity? Stop being disingenuous and acting like a victim.

THE DEMOCRATS ARE bland centrists. The fact that you think they are Stalinists proves you don’t understand politics at all.

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS of people are illegally entering America expecting Americans to fulfill their needs. Our funds are not unlimited. America is $22 trillion in debt. Foreigners should not expect America to deny help to America to support them. Americans affected by disasters, disease, etc. are our priority.

TO THE HOT-LINER wanting access to the Mueller report. In early May the report with only legally prohibited grand jury testimony redacted was released online. I’ve read it. You can read all 400 hundred pages. Let us know what you learned when you’re finished.

JUNE HAS STARTED and the Army birthday will soon be here. Remember June 14, the Army birthday.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FENTON girls varsity soccer, district champions 2019. A hard-earned and well-deserved victory. It’s been a great season; let’s keep it going in regionals.

PELOSI’S LIBERAL PLAN welcoming homeless and illegals put San Francisco’s over-crowded population at risk with chronic physical and mental illness; poor sanitation (24,000 reported case of public human waste); diseases, tuberculosis, bubonic plague, typhus in exchange for votes. That’s not the American way of freedom and independence.

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With the plea agreement, the charge was reduced to a misdemeanor, and she was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of $5,000, which was paid Friday, May 31.

The case was sent to probation, and formal sentencing will take place July 17.

Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter said in October 2018, the Little League of Linden voted in a new executive board to run the Little League. The new executive board requested the financials from the bank and discovered some suspicious financial activity. Sutter said the suspicious transactions were brought to the Linden Police Department for further investigation.

During the investigation, it was found that Blackburn was the president of the Little League of Linden from late 2012 through Oct. 21, 2018.

“During this time it was found that Ms. Blackburn was using Little League of Linden funds for personal use,” Sutter said.

Fenton council approves $5,064 in MML dues

Advocate for Michigan communities celebrated 120 years on May 23

By Vera Hogan

The Fenton City Council has authorized payment of membership dues to the Michigan Municipal League (MML) for the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. The fee for the next fiscal year is $5,064, from which $460 will go to the MML’s Legal Defense Fund.

According to the MML invoice, the Legal Defense Fund is an optional charge. The purpose of the fund is to provide specialized legal assistance to member municipalities in cases that have significant statewide impact.

In his memo to the council, City Manager Lynn Markland said, “The Michigan Municipal League is our advocate for all of the important issues facing local government. The League is a valuable organization of local governments with memberships from across the state.”

The League offers many programs for the training of council and staff, he added.

The MML turned 120 years old on May 23. It began in 1899 when a group of mayors met in Grand Rapids to launch an organization to focus on “good government” and to strengthen the concept of home rule.

Since then, the MML has been fighting for Michigan communities on the issues that matter to them the most. And some of those issues have popped up more than once in the last century — like gas taxes and roads.

For more information, visit mml.org.

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This comes after Michigan voters supported Proposal 1 at the polls in November 2018, which legalized recreational marijuana. Both recreational and medicinal marijuana are allowed in Michigan.

The Michigan’s Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act requires that cities and townships opt out of allowing recreational marijuana facilities if they do not want them in their municipality. This includes any growing, transportation, testing, selling and other establishments mentioned under state law.

The majority of Fenton Township residents voted in favor of legalizing recreational marijuana. In the November 2018 election, 4,536 residents voted “yes” on Proposal 1 compared to the 3,926 who voted “no.”

One Fenton Township resident, Kevin Keils, asked the board, “Why would you not take into consideration the fact that a majority of the people in Fenton Township voted for this to be legal statewide?”

Clerk Robert Krug clarified that people can still use marijuana in the township, if it’s done legally, they just aren’t allowing marijuana businesses in the municipality. They can opt in to the program at any time in the future. Trustee Christine Reid said Keils was the only person who spoke at a public meeting on the issue.

Trustee Mark Goupil said it’s a “new frontier” and he wants to see how other municipalities handle marijuana businesses before they legalize them in the township. Thompson Road is the only area where one of the facilities could go because of the zoning.

“It’s uncharted. We have limited places where it can go,” he said. “If we see in other municipalities that it’s being successful and things are running smoothly, I have no objections to coming back to revisit this. To me, it’s too new.”
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A bounce house, face painting and other activities are planned for kids.
“And, as community education is included in our mission, this year we have a booth dedicated exclusively to the topic of invasive species,” he said.
While entry to the festival is free, there is a charge to participate in the fishing tournament, duck race and cardboard regatta, for example. The funds raised go toward projects that include signage along the river, maps, river cleanups and Terrain360 to name a few.
Ryan Crenshaw, a boat operator and waterways explorer with Terrain360, a company based in Richmond, Virginia, is currently floating along the river in a small, modified pontoon boat from Holly to Chesaning, taking photos of the state water trail. They will be posted on terrain360.com when the project is complete.
D & W’s Street Eatery, known locally as “the taco truck” will be among the food vendors that also includes Motor City Smokers (BBQ) and Hungry Howie’s pizza. They will be located at the back of Rackham Park.
Live entertainment will include the sounds of “On the Rox,” “Blindsight,” “Genesee Ramblers,” “Two Tone Courduroy,” “Playin’ with Jacks,” “Sugar Hook,” and the “Jon Pett Quartet.”
The festival begins at 12 p.m. and lasts until 7 p.m. The fishing tournament begins at 6 a.m. The cardboard box regatta starts at 1:45 p.m. Participants may bring cardboard creations from home. The only rule is the box must be made of cardboard and Duct tape. Those who wish can build their cardboard box on site.
“We will have cardboard and Duct tape on hand for that purpose,” Jacob said.
The rubber ducks will be released at 3:45 p.m., and at 4 p.m., the fishing tournament ends. An awards ceremony will take place at 4:45 p.m. at the gazebo. There the winners of the cardboard boat race, duck race and fishing tournament will be announced.
For more information about this event and to sign up for various activities, go to keepersoftheshiawassee.com.

ABOUT THE KEEPERS OF THE SHIAWASSEE
The Keepers of the Shiawassee River is an all-volunteer group dedicated to keeping the river clean and passable to river enthusiasts. The Shiawassee River has recently been designated as a State Water Trail. The group is coordinating with municipalities and river groups up and down the river as a supporting member of the Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition, to acquire the National Water Trail designation (joining 21 others in the National Water Trails system.)

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executive director of the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. “And while teens may make mistakes when first learning to drive, it is important to continue educating them about safety behind the wheel so they avoid the reckless behaviors that put themselves and others at risk on the road.”

AAA Foundation research found that nearly two-thirds of people injured or killed in a crash involving a teen driver are people other than the teen behind the wheel. Crashes for teen drivers increase significantly during the summer because teens are out of school and driving more.
Over the past five years during the “100 Deadliest Days”:
• An average of almost 700 people died each year in crashes involving teen drivers.
• The average number of deaths from crashes involving teen drivers ages 15-18 was 17 percent higher per day compared to other days of the year.
• Reckless behavior like drinking and driving, speeding and distraction are contributing to the alarming number of crash deaths involving teen drivers each summer.

Drinking and driving
Despite the fact that teens cannot legally consume alcohol, one in six teen drivers involved in fatal crashes during the summer tested positive for alcohol.

Distraction—underreported problem
More than half of teen drivers (52 percent) in the AAA Foundation’s latest Traffic Safety Culture Index report reading a text message or email while driving in the past 30 days and nearly 40 percent report sending a text or email. It is difficult for law enforcement to detect distraction following a crash, which has made distracted driving one of the most underreported traffic safety issues.
Additional AAA Foundation research using in-vehicle dash-cam videos of teen driver crashes found distraction was involved in 58 percent of teen crashes, approximately four times as many as federal estimates.
“Parents have plenty to be concerned about as their teen hits the road this summer,” said Jennifer Ryan, AAA director of State Relations. “Teens are making deadly mistakes on the road. Parents are the best line of defense to keep everyone safe behind the wheel.”

To keep roads safer this summer, AAA encourages parents to:
• Talk with teens early and often about abstaining from dangerous behavior behind the wheel, such as speeding, impairment and distracted driving.
• Teach by example and minimize risky behavior when driving.
• Make a parent-teen driving agreement that sets family rules for teen drivers.
“Teens should also prepare for summer driving by practicing safety during every trip,” said Dr. Bill Van Tassel, AAA manager of Driver Training Programs. “Storing your phone out of reach, minding the speed limit, and staying away from impairing substances like alcohol and marijuana will help prevent many crashes from ever occurring.”

For more information, TeenDriving. AAA.com has a variety of tools to help prepare parents and teens for the dangerous summer driving season.
This project is on an expedited pavement markings to the roadway upgrade guardrail, resurface and add existing drainage culvert, add signage, roads. The GCRC will repair an affected is between Crane and Lahring roads. The section of Torrey Road affected will be closed to through traffic from Thursday, June 6 to Friday, June 28. A drainage culvert will be repaired. Photo: Google Earth

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The section of Torrey Road affected is between Crane and Lahring roads. The GCRC will repair an existing drainage culvert, add signage, upgrade guardrail, resurface and add pavement markings to the roadway.

This project is on an expedited schedule and will require a road closure to complete. Residential traffic will be maintained for those living within the project limits and emergency vehicles will be allowed to pass through. All other traffic is asked to use the posted detour route of Lahring Road, North Road and Torrey Road.

More recreation means more injuries

NOCFA steps up search and rescue skills amid uptick in mountain biking in Holly trails

By Tim Jagielo

Holly Twp. — On Monday, June 3, first responders with North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) armed with GPS units hiked through the West Loop of the Holly-Holdridge Mountain Bike Trail.

They kept to trails and cut through the foliage to better reach the assigned GPS location. In the event of an emergency, this could be the location of an injured person on or near the trail.

They planned to repeat the exercise Wednesday night.

This isn’t a hypothetical scenario either. On Memorial Day, NOCFA extracted an injured person from two miles into the narrow trail system via four-wheeler and rescue apparatus. They recreated the scenario Monday.

According to Ronald Arnott, Holly Trail coordinator, bike traffic at Holdridge has more than doubled in the last five years. “Improved signage and wider cut trails are part of the equation, more money in the economy and better affordable equipment are also part of the equation,” Arnott said.

With the uptick in outdoor recreation, NOCFA is working on adding another set of special skills to their department — wide area “search and rescue” (SAR).

This training should enhance their ability to assist with injured or lost people. Dehydration, fractures and in the cold, hypothermia, are risks in larger wooded areas. Seal said they’ve even responded to a suicide in the trail system.

They’re also integrating better technology into their plan. NOCFA Lt. Joe Durocher led the small group into the woods.

Using U.S. National Grid (USNG) coordinates instead of regular GPS allowed them to find the location quicker than during the actual rescue.

This system is accurate up to 30 feet away from a set of coordinates, unlike a ping from a cell tower, which is far less accurate.

The drawback is that the smartphone user must provide the coordinates to dispatch to get quicker assistance.

Seal urges smartphone users to download the MyUSNG phone application (app). This system uses the National Grid system, and functions apart from the GPS system. “Help us help you in your time of need,” Seal said. He also suggests never using the trails alone.

For large-scale incidents, Durocher said NOCFA can also bring in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm (MABAS) 3201 Technical resource team, and MI Task Force 1.
Meet
Krista Lopez

• National Honor Society member
• Athlete
• Future marketing major

By Hannah Ball
Krista Lopez, 18, is a senior at Linden High School. She’s going to attend Saginaw Valley State University this fall to pursue a degree in marketing. She played soccer, ran cross country and works at Action Water Sports. While in school, she was involved in Girls in Business and was on the homecoming court. Lopez also was a Link Leader, which are upperclassmen who help freshman acclimate to high school.

What are two things you can’t live without and why?
One, my friends and family. They make me who I am today and the reason for all my accomplishments. Two, Chipotle burritos. They are truly the best food to exist on the planet.

What is one thing you wanted to do before graduation?
I would like to be with all my classmates one last time and hang out.

If you were president what is one thing you would change?
I would work on lowering the prices of college across the nation so everyone could afford an education.

What is the best thing about your grandparents?
My grandparents are the biggest role models of my life. They taught me teamwork and faith. Their best quality has to be their open mindedness and unconditional love for people.

What accomplishments are you most proud of?
My most proud accomplishment has to be being accepted into college and creating a completely new life in high school after moving from California to Michigan.

If you could time travel, where would you go?
I would travel to the past and revisit loved ones who passed away so I can see them again.

HOT LINE CONTINUED
ORIGINALLY CALLED ‘DECORATION Day’ to honor the deceased, soldiers would decorate graves of their fallen comrades with flowers, flags and wreaths. Hence, Decoration Day. Sounds like Memorial Day to me and someone just wants to nitpick. Many older people still call it Decoration Day.

COLLUSION WITH THE Russians? Yes. Obstruction of justice? Yes. Hillary Clinton approved the sale of 20 percent of our uranium to the Russians after Russia paid her husband $500,000 for a speech in Russia. Hillary destroyed evidence of her misuse of classified documents. It’s OK, Democrats are above the law.

THE MICHIGAN CHAMBER of Commerce spent some $2 million to elect and retain lawmakers friendly to what it defines as the best interests of business.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Public Hearing on the Special Assessment Roll for Byram Lake Improvement Special Assessment District No. 2 Charter Township of Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF FENTON TOWNSHIP, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THE OWNERS OF LAND WITHIN BYRAM LAKE IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Supervisor and assessing officer of the township has reported to the township board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a special assessment roll prepared by her covering all properties within Byram Lake Improvement Special Assessment District No. 2 benefited by the proposed continuation of the Byram Lake Improvement Project. Said assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the costs of lake monitoring services, the eradication and control of aquatic weeds in Byram Lake and services related thereto within the aforesaid special assessment district as more particularly shown on the plans on file with the Township Clerk during regular business hours of regular business days until the time of said hearing and reviewed said special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto.

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

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will meet at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan on Monday June 17, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto. Said roll may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours of regular business days until the time of said hearing and may further be examined at said hearing. Appearance and protest at the hearing held to confirm the special assessment roll is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

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

Tigers post two seconds at state track meet

By David Troppens

Noah Sage wasn’t at the Division 1 state track and field meet a year ago.

This year, he left the meet as a two-time All-State performer, earning state runner-up honors in two events.

Sage was one of many Fenton performers that had outstanding efforts at East Kentwood High School, Saturday, helping the Fenton boys to a 10th-place team finish and the Fenton girls to two All-State performances.

Sage, only a sophomore, finished second in the 400-meter dash (48.74) individually, and also finished second on the 800 relay team along with

See TIGERS on 14

Tigers win first district title since 2001

By David Troppens

Hartland — The Fenton varsity baseball team has had some good squads during many recent seasons.

The Tigers have had plenty of 20-plus win seasons and have earned league titles. However, one thing that has eluded them has been a Division 1 district baseball title.

A lot of that has had to do with the Hartland Eagles usually standing in their way of winning one.

That changed on Monday. The Tigers completed a 6-3 district semifinal victory against Milford and then came from behind in the seventh inning to defeat the Hartland Eagles 6-5 on the Eagles’ home field, earning a district championship.

Fenton returns to action today with a road contest against Walled Lake Northern at 4 p.m.

“They have been a nemesis for us for a long time,” Fenton varsity baseball coach Shawn Lawrence said. “We are a smaller Division 1 school, but we have scheduled teams like Saline, Grand Blanc, Howell, Hartland, Bay City Western twice, Rochester and Clarkston for our non-league games.

See TITLE on 14

Eagles capture district championship

By David Troppens

Lake Fent on — It’s a team that doesn’t have a single senior on it.

But, that doesn’t matter when it comes to the Linden varsity softball team.

The squad does have a few other important characteristics. The squad is talented and mentally strong. The Eagles have proven they can deal with tight ball games as well. All those things were on display during the Eagles’ Division 2 district championship run at Lake Fenton High School on Monday.

The Eagles won a thriller against the Lake Fenton Blue Devils 5-4 in eight innings, and then defeated the Goodrich Martians 6-2 in the title game, to earn their district crown.

“It means a lot because there are no seniors,” Linden catcher Ellie Klocek said.

“There wasn’t a lot of leadership going in, but a lot of juniors and even some

See EAGLES on 14
Bronchos finish eighth at D2 state tennis meet

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity girls tennis program has reached new heights over the last four seasons, earning top-10 finishes in each of the D2 state tennis meets during those seasons.

The Bronchos can add another season to that list. Holly placed eighth at the D2 state meet, scoring 10 team points at the event held at Hope College.

The Bronchos had four flights earn Holly’s points. The No. 3 doubles flight of Makia Horarth and Jesse Heper and No. 3 singles competitor Calli Sokolowski went the furthest in their brackets, each making it to the semifinal round. The doubles team made it to the semifinals, winning its first two matches by similar 6-3, 6-1 scores. However, in the semifinals, Holly’s third-seeded team faced the second-seeded Birmingham Seaholm squad and lost 6-1, 7-5. Sokolowski won the first two matches 6-4, 6-0 and 6-1, 6-1 but then lost to Mattawan’s Roika Shokohi 6-1, 6-1 in the semifinal round.

The No. 4 doubles team also earned points, advancing to the quarterfinals. The squad of Lauren Lesch and Paige Weeder won its first match by a relatively easy 6-0, 6-2 score against a team from Wyandotte Roosevelt. However, the pair lost to Forest Hills Northern’s squad in the quarterfinals by a 6-2, 6-3 score.

Linden baseball falls in tight 1-0 loss to Goodrich in district title contest

By David Troppens

Lake Fenton — The Linden varsity baseball team battled to a scoreless tie with the Goodrich Martians in the two teams’ D2 district championship game held at Lake Fenton High School on Monday.

One of the teams were going to need a break to end the deadlock. Unfortunately for the Eagles, Goodrich got that break, eventually winning the district title by a heartbreaking 1-0 verdict.

Goodrich opened its sixth inning harmlessly enough. Linden starting pitcher John Miller got the first two batters out, creating a two-out bases-empty situation. However, the next batter, Colby Phipps, reached base on a Linden error. Josh Belanger walked and Brayden Raether followed with the go-ahead RBI-single, giving the Martians a 1-0 lead.

Meanwhile, Linden’s offense was unable to get a runner beyond third base. The Eagles almost got a runner to home in the fourth. Ben King singled, stole second and moved to third on a flyout.

Linden’s Ben King prepares to tag a Goodrich player during the Eagles’ 1-0 loss to the Goodrich Martians during the Division 2 district title contest on Monday. Photo: David Troppens

PREP REPORT

DISTRICT SOFTBALL AT HARTLAND

Hartland 10, Holly 0: Hartland’s Rachel Everett tossed a six-inning no-hitter, leading the Eagles to the district semifinal victory.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE ELEANOR STREET IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF FENTON TOWNSHIP GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THE OWNERS OF LAND WITHIN THE ELEANOR STREET IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Supervisor and assessing officer of the township has reported to the township board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a special assessment roll prepared by her covering all properties within the Eleanor Street Improvement Special Assessment District benefited by the proposed street improvement project. Said assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the costs of reconstructing Eleanor Street from Owen Road to Island View Drive, and work incidental thereto within the aforesaid special assessment district as more particularly shown on the plans on file with the Township Clerk at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan within the township, which assessment is in the total amount of $140,476.50.

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

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the township board will meet at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan on Monday, June 17, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto. Said roll may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular working hours of regular working days until the time of said hearing and may further be examined at said hearing. Appearance and protest at the hearing held to confirm the special assessment roll is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT, because the revised costs exceed the previous estimated costs by 10% or more, the public hearing shall also be an opportunity for property owners in the special assessment district to provide comment regarding the continuation of the project in light of the increase in costs.

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

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity softball team had a great start to its district opening game against Milford on Saturday. However, the Lady Mavericks ended up leading at the end.

The Tigers scored six runs in the bottom of the first inning, and led 6-0 at that time, but Milford scored three runs in the top of the seventh inning to take a 10-8 lead and eventually earn the 10-8 semifinal victory.

Back-to-back walks to Cadyn Reger and Erin Carter started the first-inning rally. Hailey Prater singled in the first run, followed by Natalie Thomas’s two-run single. An out later, Hannah Bollinger hit a two-run home run, making it a 5-0 lead at the time. Jessica Dunkel walked and stole second and third base. She scored on Cheryl Hatch’s single. Fenton (25-12) led 6-0.

But when we lost the league this year the kids had the mentality of let’s get in district mode, and they did. Playing those teams earlier in the season has helped.”

The championship is Fenton’s first since 2001, and first Division 1 title in school history. Making the championship even more rewarding was the comeback the Tigers had to make in the bottom of the seventh inning in the title contest against the Eagles. What ended up winning the championship was a walk-off hit batter.

Trailing 5-3, Ryan Adams started the threat with a single. Spencer Rivera followed with a single of his own and Eddie Briand bunted the runners to second and third. Josh Brown tied the contest with a two-run single. Cameron Steeves singled and Connor Luck walked, loading the bases. An out later, Brock Henson came to the plate and was hit by a pitch, forcing the game-winning run to the plate.

“I give the kids all the credit in the world for grinding it out,” Lawrence said. “It was a tough year for us. We had a lot of extra-inning games and we didn’t accomplish all we thought we could. But they went in to districts, battled for it and that says a lot about them.”

Hartland jumped to a 2-0 lead after the first inning, but the Tigers tied it with two runs in the bottom of the second inning. Brendan Alvord singled and Rivera doubled, putting runners on second and third. A fielding error scored one run and Briand’s RBI-ground out scored another.

Fenton took its first lead at 3-2 when Steeves walked, went to second on Luck’s sacrifice and moved to third on a Logan Angel single. Henson hit a sacrifice fly, plating Steeves.

EAGLES

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sophomores have prospered so it means a lot to do it without any seniors.

“It was pretty difficult to think about it because normally there are at least one or two that know the ropes, but we have three or four girls that have been here since their freshman year that are juniors, so they took over the leadership role.”

Linden (26-8-1) returns to action on Saturday at the Chelsea Regional.

TIGERS

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Ethan Pyeatt, Ryan Miller and Brandon Miller. The group combined to take second with a school-record time of 1:27.72, finishing runner-up to East Kentwood’s relay team that finished with a time of 1:27.37.

“I thought it went pretty well,” Sage said about his state meet. “It was the first time going to the meet and it was really big. Last year I didn’t even qualify for regionals. I improved a lot in the 200 (taking 10th in the event with a time of 22.61 seconds) this year. This year was the first time ever running the 400, and I placed at the state meet. That was really big. I’m really proud of it and proud of myself.”

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For the week of June 3, 2019

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Audience score unavailable
Source: RottenTomatoes.com

I AM MOTHER
I Am Mother is a sci-fi thriller about a teenage girl (Clara Rugaard), who is the first of a new generation of humans to be raised by Mother (Rose Byrne), a robot designed to repopulate the earth after the extinction of humankind. But the pair’s unique relationship is threatened when an injured stranger (Hilary Swank) arrives with news that calls into question everything Daughter has been told about the outside world and her Mother’s intentions.
NR, 1 hr. 54 min. Mystery & Suspense, Science Fiction and Fantasy Available June 7
Audience score unavailable
Source: RottenTomatoes.com

ARIES
Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, you may want to cut back on physical activity for a little while, especially if you have been nursing an injury. Don’t worry, you’ll get back in the saddle again soon.

TAURUS
Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, someone you thought was a friend may be looking for something more. If you are in a relationship, you’ll have to set this person straight.

LEO
Jul 23/Aug 23
There is a lesson to be learned this week, Leo. But you will not know what it is until you’re in the thick of things. You will come out ahead either way, so don’t fret.

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For the week of June 3, 2019

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classified ad deadlines for Sunday’s issue are Thursday at Noon.

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MIDWEEK TIMES
William P. Donahue  
1941 - 2019
William P. Donahue - age 78, of Fenton, passed away Friday, May 31, 2019. A memorial service will be held 2 PM on Monday, June 10, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Pastor Mark Cox officiating. Visitation 11 AM until the time of service Monday. Interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. William was born February 18, 1941 in Detroit the son of William and Irene (Uzarski) Donahue. He married Janet L. Scott in Dearborn, November 27, 1965. William proudly served in the US Army. He was employed in the trucking industry for many years, retiring in 1994. William was a member of the Brighton American Legion Post. He enjoyed touring lighthouses, traveling throughout Michigan and cruising. Surviving are wife, Janet; daughter, Karen (Mike) Lucas; granddaughters, Shelby Lucas and Shayla Lucas; great-grandsons, Aiden Michael Lucas and Rylan Allen-William Lucas; sister, Arlene (James) Renshaw; nephews, Michael Renshaw and David Renshaw. William was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Leonard Donahue. Online tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Brian Teddy LaRoque  
1992 - 2019
Brian Teddy LaRoque - age 27, of Holly, died Saturday, June 1, 2019. Funeral services will be held 7 PM Thursday, June 6, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Visitation will be held 2 PM - 7 PM Thursday at the funeral home. Brian was born May 14, 1992 in Southfield. Surviving are: parents, Jay and Angela Bostwick of Fenton; three children, Kennedy, Theo and Raelynn; two step-children, Ty and Araiya; fiancee, Renee Venner; three siblings, Jesse (Carly) Bostwick, Joey Bostwick, and Bailey Bostwick; grandparents, Nancy LaRoque, Luz Bostwick and Wayne Bostwick; two aunts, Sherry (Sandvik) Lyngvar and Dennise Gordon; uncle, Eric Bostwick; niece, Olive Bostwick; many cousins. He was preceded in death by: uncle, Teddy LaRoque and aunt, Teresa LaRoque. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Alan J. Christian  
1940 - 2019
Alan J. Christian - age 79, of Fenton, born March 1, 1940, passed peacefully Friday, May 31, 2019. A celebration of life will be held 1 PM Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. The family received friends from 5 PM - 8 PM Tuesday, June 4 and again, 12 PM - 1 PM Wednesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the National Audubon Society (www.audubon.org). He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Pat; his daughters, Kathy (Gareth) Alldread and Karen (Stephanie Lawton) Christian; granddaughters Libby Alldread, Katie Christian and Millie Alldread; many nieces, including Denise (Rick) Powers; nephews, cousins and friends. He is preceded in death by: his mother, Virginia; father, Frank and brother, Frank. Al was born in Detroit, graduated from Notre Dame High School and started his working life in the family business, Christian Brothers Meat Market. After many years as a butcher, he retrained in electronics and spent the remainder of his career as an electrical engineer, retiring from Energy Conversion Devices Ovonics Battery in 2004. Al was an avid bird watcher and lover of all his backyard creatures. A lifelong Detroit Tigers and Detroit Lions fan, he rarely missed a game on TV. With a twinkle in his eye, his quick wit and pranks kept everyone laughing. This world has lost one of the good guys and he will forever be missed. As he always said, ‘Roger Wilco, over and out’. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

FUNERAL ETIQUETTE
WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP LATER?
In the days and months to come, the family will continue to need your support. Try to write or call on a regular basis. Continue to include them in your social plans, they will let you know when they are ready to participate. It is also nice to remember the family on special occasions during the first year following the death. Don’t worry about bringing up the pain and emotion of the loss, they are well aware of that. By remembering such occasions as wedding anniversaries and birthdays, you are not remembering the death, but reaffirming that a life was lived.

Source: Thetfuneralsource.org
**Midweek Sudoku**

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 3-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

![Sudoku Grid]

**Midweek Crossword**

**ACROSS**
1. Macbeth's title
2. Hot dog side dish
11. Tar
12. Bay windows
14. Mr. Ed's owner
15. President Woodrow —
16. Suitable
17. Aristocratic
19. Pair
20. Fishing need
22. U.K. fliers
23. Ball of yarn
24. Gold-finger?
26. Copious oil wells
28. Water barrier
30. Mainlander's memento
31. Outstanding
35. Kitchen lure
39. Apiary house
40. Tease
42. Strait-laced
43. Commotion
44. Olympian's award
46. Mound stat
47. Infamous middle name
49. "Die Hard" star
51. Taxed
52. Loud sounds
53. Fight

**DOWN**
1. Taiwan's capital
2. Having a handle
3. Priestly garment
4. Olympic award
5. Slip-up
6. Cereal quantity
7. Canal of song
8. Have a bug
9. Get snug and cozy
10. Not as fast
11. Honey bunch?
12. Hemingway's "The — of mud pit"
13. More like a project
14. Tureen accessory
15. Satchel
16. Tweet
17. 7-Down's mule
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