‘Doing the best we can with what we have’

Public works director explains patch jobs necessary due to lack of funds

By Vera Hogan

While some motorists are pleased that city of Fenton streets are getting patched, others are complaining that it’s not good enough and fear the work might actually result in other problems. According to Public Works Director Dan Czarnecki, since mid-May the city has purchased and placed about 200 patch repair jobs in Fenton. Nice work, Fenton road crew.”

“Complaints have surfaced about patchwork on Owen Road.”

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Silver Lake Ski Club boat driver Kurt Bremman waits for the sign to tow the awaiting skiers on the dock during the Tuesday, June 25 show. Through the 14 acts that night, he’ll pull some skiers at 40 mph.

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COMMENT OF THE WEEK

Those ‘Gen Z kids’ you claim to work with are 10 times smarter than you will ever be.”
State legislator believes icy roads should take a ‘beeting’

- Claims mixing salt with beet juice or other organic additives will be more effective

By Vera Hogan

Rep. Brian Elder (D-Bay City) may find a house divided when his fellow legislators review House Bill 4716, which he introduced June 12. The bill would implement a pilot program to pair organic additives, including sugar beet juice, with salt to control icy roads during the winter.

According to a press release on Elder’s website, “The large volume of salt currently used greatly contributes to the corrosion and deterioration of Michigan’s roads, along with residents’ vehicles. Additionally, the melting of snow and ice washes the salt into rivers and lakes, contributing to the destruction of Michigan’s freshwater ecosystems. “To secure safe, quality roads for Michigan families to drive on and to protect our natural resources, we need to get creative and implement sustainable solutions,” Elder said.

He said utilizing sugar beet juice and other organic additives to improve the ability of the salt to stick to the pavement is expected to decrease the amount reaching water sources, as well as limit how much salt is required to be effective at managing icy conditions.

Dan Czarnecki, public works director for the city of Fenton since January of 2011 is not a fan. “We used beet juice when I first came to the city,” he said. “When we needed more I called the rep and his price was outrageous. I could get liquid calcium chloride for about one-third the cost of beet juice so we switched. “With beet juice we had issues with the material having a foul odor,” Czarnecki said. “The material is sticky and would plug up the fluid lines on the truck. It made a mess. With liquid calcium chloride we did not have that problem. We also used salt brine in the past. It was even less expensive than calcium chloride.”

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) uses salt and brine very effectively and efficiently throughout the winter. There are brine tanks on all RCOC salt trucks so that brine is sprayed onto the rock salt as it is spread by the trucks. Mixing the brine with the salt activates the salt more quickly and makes the salt much more effective. This has allowed RCOC to reduce salt spread rates by about half. The brine also enables the salt to continue to function at lower temperatures.

RCOC also has experimented with other materials like beet juice but claim the use of salt and brine is the most effective method to treat roads and keep them safe for motorists.

Farmington Hills has been using a combination of salt and a liquid solution made up of salt brine and beet juice since 2005.

The beet juice comes from Michigan farms. According to MSU Extension, Michigan’s Saginaw Valley and Thumb area, along with the southeast corner of the state, produces more than 90 percent of the sugar beets grown east of the Mississippi River.

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Tri-county area celebrates the Fourth of July

Don’t miss all the fun of the 29th annual Fenton Freedom Festival, plus other nearby fireworks events

By Sally Rummel

Grab your kids and make family memories at the Fenton Freedom Festival, a community celebration of family, fun and community on the most patriotic day of the year — the Fourth of July.

This year, all the fun will be on Thursday, July 4, beginning with the American Legion Pancake Breakfast at 7 a.m. and ending with Festival Fireworks at dusk, approximately 10 p.m.

Don’t miss the many special events in between, highlighted by the Grand Parade at 10 a.m. in downtown Fenton.

The parade route is 1.9 miles long, and steps out at the intersection of Industrial Way and Owen Road, continuing east along W Shiawassee Ave. to LeRoy Street, north on LeRoy to Caroline, then west on Caroline to West Street.

“This year, there is a dedicated parade route for families who need a special needs/family zone,” said Pat Lockwood, Fenton Freedom Festival chairperson. “No sirens are allowed at the beginning of the parade on Industrial Way and Fenway Drive.”

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Pat Lockwood
Fenton Freedom Festival chairperson

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It takes a special person to be a firefighter

If you plan to attend Fenton’s Fourth of July parade this year, please stay for the entire event if you can and offer a special wave and heartfelt thank you to the fire departments bringing up the rear.

The brave men and women who serve on our local fire departments are nothing short of amazing. Not only do they run into burning buildings, they are the first to respond to accidents of all description. Some of the horrific things they see would make the rest of us throw up — literally.

These men and women are on call day and night. Can you imagine your peace and quiet being disrupted at any moment to run out to a fire or a crash on the highway? It takes a special kind of person to do all of these things willingly.

I must admit, however, that I am a bit jealous of firefighters (and police officers for that matter). They are members of a fellowship that usually cannot be broken by anyone or anything. We learned that lesson when we saw them in action after the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Even some of our local firefighters, without question, dashed off to New York City to help. They didn’t have to do that, they just did because that’s the kind of people they are.

Firefighters, because of the many carcinogens they are exposed to, also are at high risk for developing cancer.

Although I cannot say their illnesses were related to being in fire service, I would like to recognize and remember a few local fire department members who lost their lives to cancer. Despite the efforts of their fellow firefighters, who nearly jumped through hoops organizing fundraisers and finding other ways to help, the sick ones just couldn’t continue the battle and left us far too early.

They include: Dale Caten, who died at the age of 51 on June 17, 2007 after a long battle with colon cancer, a disease he was diagnosed with in 2001. In 1986, Dale joined the Fenton Township Fire Department, progressing up the ranks through the years to deputy chief.

Fenton Township Fire Chief John Moulton died Nov. 9, 2011, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 66 years old. He joined the Fenton Township Fire Department in 1985 and had been the chief for the 20 years before his death.

Most recently, Capt. Andy Greene, 30, a 12-year veteran of the Village of Holly Fire Department lost his battle with Merkle Cell Carcinoma, a rare skin cancer that he was diagnosed with in 2015. He died April 9, 2017.

Thank you and happy Fourth of July to all of our brave firefighters.

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Schools expect declining enrollment this fall

Low birth rates result in fewer students in school, less in per pupil state funding

By Hannah Ball

Local schools are bracing for a decline in enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year.

The boards of education at Linden and Fenton schools have been discussing this trend and how best to deal with it. This is a statewide trend, according to michigan.gov, which is maintained by the Michigan Department of Education. It shows that the state’s public school enrollment was approximately 1.6 million in 1960, and dropped below 1.5 million in the fall of 2014.

Linden Superintendent Russ Ciesielski said they project a 50-student loss for the upcoming school year, which is an approximate $393,550 loss in per pupil state funding. This number is based on the 2019 graduating class and the trend of incoming kindergarten students.

“With our current funding system, the loss of students equals a loss of financial resources,” he said. “This is something that we are worried about, and something that we will be discussing in the future.”

In early 2016, the Linden Board of Education held numerous discussions and meetings on declining enrollment, and decided to realign the schools to save money. At the time, they had projected a loss of 253 students over the course of three years.

Ciesielski said they’re exploring ideas to make Linden a better place for students, and that they are currently working within their financial means.

“We are aware of the trends and continue to offer quality programming for our students to attract families to choose Fenton as their school district. Knowing this is a factor we cannot control, we have, and will, take the data into consideration when budgeting and staffing each year.”

Adam Hartley
Fenton Area Public Schools superintendent

Fenton Area Public Schools (FAPS) Superintendent Adam Hartley said they expect a decline of 10 students this coming fall, which is a financial loss of approximately $78,710 in per pupil state funding. Birth rates have been declining for some time, he said, and it “certainly” will affect school enrollment.

“We are aware of the trends and continue to offer quality programming for our students to attract families to choose Fenton as their school district. Knowing this is a factor we cannot control, we have, and will, take the data into consideration when budgeting and staffing each year,” he said.

The Ellen Street Campus actually experienced an increase in enrollment last year, prompting the school to add a Young 5s section.

See ENROLLMENT on 13A

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What you missed in the Midweek Times

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Gus Macker tournament continues to grow
Teams (223) invade Linden Middle School; tourney organizers pleased with new location.

Assistant fire chief receives new lungs
Fundraisers planned to offset ‘unimaginable’ post-transplant medication bills.

DDA, LDFA reimburse city for district services
Due to slow growth, $420,000 in added funds is crucial to Fenton City.

Linden City hires new clerk
Tessa Wightman, former deputy clerk, “ready for challenges” of new role.

Sharin’ the spotlight
Editor Sharon Stone highlights the achievements of the many Fenton Freedom Festival volunteers.

2019 River Fest a splash
Event is fun for the community and important fundraiser for Keepers of the Shiawassee.

The Way Church cancels Sunday service
Members go out in community to offer their services as followers of Jesus.

Our Future
Meet Jayden Szewc, 18, a 2019 graduate of Holly High School.
Three animals with hard beginnings need homes

Adopt-A-Pet looking for homes for a cancer survivor, dog hit by a car and more

By Hannah Ball

A canine cancer survivor and a cat rescued from a horrible hoarding situation are up for adoption at Adopt-A-Pet in Fenton.

Amid the dozens of animals at the shelter who need homes, here are three who’ve had tough beginnings.

Clyde, 7-9 years old

The health of Clyde, a fox terrier-shih tzu mix, started declining after a few weeks at Adopt-A-Pet, said Director Jody Maddock. He wouldn’t eat and lost a significant amount of weight. X-rays showed that his spleen was “extremely” enlarged, and blood work pointed to a very bad infection or cancer. An ultrasound confirmed that his spleen needed to be removed immediately.

“We decided yes, we were going to give him a chance even though the surgery was extremely risky,” Maddock said.

The veterinarian removed his spleen, which had grown to be 25 percent of his body weight. Clyde immediately started feeling better on the surgical table.

“His heart rate improved, his breathing improved,” Maddock said.

But, blood results confirmed that Clyde had cancer. He developed eating problems and lost weight again. The staff, which had become attached to Clyde, pitched in to help fund his cancer treatments.

Clyde started chemotherapy and “immediately” started to feel better. He’s gained weight, and Maddock said they’re now worried he might gain too much.

“He’s our first chemotherapy patient,” Maddock said. “We just need someone who is willing to adopt him knowing that he just needs someone to live out his life with. He’s a hoot. He demands his meals. He lets you now when he wants to go outside, when he wants to snuggle.”

Monday, 5 years old

Monday was one of the 178 cats rescued in what’s been called Oakland County’s worst animal hoarding case ever. In late April, the cats were removed from a house in West Bloomfield. The couple, Jonathan and Jennifer Klein, have cases going through the courts.

Adopt-A-Pet took in eight of the cats rescued, and Monday is the last one who needs a home.

“He didn’t get attention. He was fending for food. He was dirty and disgusting. He had an upper respiratory infection that was pretty severe,” Maddock said. “The saddest thing was he was petrified.”

He used to run and hide if someone entered his room, but over the past month, he’s become much more social and is ready to be adopted.

Cassidy, 11 months old

This boy Labrador-mix puppy was hit by a car and left on the side of the road. Maddock said he was in “really bad shape,” and that his front right leg and back left leg were broken. His two broken legs were put in casts.

“He was extremely difficult to keep calm,” Maddock said. “He’s full of energy and inquisitiveness, full of love for everything around him. It’s hard to keep him sedated for his bones to heal.”

They give him medication that helps keep him calm, and staff gives him puzzle toys to entertain his brain. His skin became infected under the casts.

See ADOPT-A-PET on 12A
Affordable health screenings coming to Linden on July 10

Residents living in and around the Linden area can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Loose Center, 707 N. Bridge St., Linden, will host this community event July 10.

Screenings can check for:
- The level of plaque buildup in your arteries, related to risk for heart disease, stroke and overall vascular health.
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- Bone density as a risk for possible osteoporosis
- Kidney and thyroid function, and more

Screenings are affordable, convenient and accessible for wheelchairs and those with trouble walking. Free parking is also available. Packages start at $149, but consultants will work with residents to create a package right for them. Also ask about their Wellness Gold Membership Program. Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit their website at lifelinescreening.com. Pre-registration is required.

Calling all FHS 1970-1973 grads

The Tri-County Times is seeking info for a special section commemorating the school’s 50-year anniversary

By Vera Hogan

The current Fenton High School opened its doors to students for the first time Sept. 1, 1969. To commemorate the building, which is now 50 years old, the Tri-County Times will be publishing a special section, featuring the high school, on Sunday, Sept. 1.

We need your help. We’re looking for a lot of information, starting with students who were in the 1970 (1969-1970 school year) graduating class, as well as the graduating classes of 1971, 1972 and 1973.

What were the graduating class mottos and songs (if any)?

If any of these graduates are still in the Fenton area, we would love to hear from you. How big were these graduating classes?

Are there any high school sweethearts that later married and are still together?

Fenton High School graduating classes have been painting “the rock” for well … we have no idea how long. Can someone share with us information on how this tradition started? Photo: Tim Jagielo

We want to hear your love story.

What clubs and other groups existed during those years? Who were the valedictorians and salutatorians? Who were the superintendents, principals and teachers? Were there favorite front office secretaries?

What were some of the classes offered then that are not offered now?

What was lunchtime like back then? Does anyone have old lunch menus and prices?

FHS was built for $5.6 million. Does anyone know who the builder was for the original building and subsequent additions, and is that company still around? We would love to see some “under construction” photos.

And most importantly, who were the cheerleaders and did the infamous “E-I-E-I-O” cheer originate with this group? If not, what is the history? Since the animated series started in September of 1969, we think the part of the cheer that goes “Scooby Dooby Dooby Doo” might be a dead giveaway.

Then there’s “the rock.” How did the tradition of painting the rock, moving it around and bringing it back start?

Someone please share that information with us.

There are so many things we want to know and share with the Fenton community. Please give us any information you have by emailing news@tctimes.com. We would also welcome any photos and pertinent documents. Don’t worry, we’ll get them back to you. Just leave them with the front desk with your name, phone number and email.

Thank you in advance for your help. We need information and photos and anything else you want to share by no later than Friday, Aug. 2.
Officials approve popular Fenton summer events

Taste in Fenton will have ‘spirts’ at 19th annual event

By Vera Hogan

The Fenton City Council has approved the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce’s request to hold the 19th annual Taste in Fenton event Wednesday, Aug. 7, from 4 to 8 p.m.

It will be held in Rackham Park, on the lawn behind the Fenton Community and Cultural Center.

The council also has approved the annual Art Walk to take place Saturday, July 13, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

According to Public Works Director Dan Czarnecki in a memo to City Manager Lynn Markland, “Taste in Fenton brings restaurants from the area together to serve samples from their menu.

“The only change from last year is the inclusion of spirits to the liquor license to accommodate an area business,” he said. In the past, they had only beer and wine available.

There will be a couple of establishments serving alcohol at Taste in Fenton, said Lee Mitchell, membership director for the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce.

“Every year we have Fenton Winery & Brewery serve some of their wine and beer products, as well as Lynchpin Brewery serving their beer,” Mitchell said. “What’s new this year is that the liquor license for the Taste in Fenton includes spirits for the first time so that we can welcome (Fenton) Relief & Resource to the event, of which we’re fairly certain will be joining us. To emphasize, this addition in the liquor license has not been made to accommodate a full bar, but to allow Relief & Resource to show case a handful of their signature cocktails.”

The Parks Board approved the date and location at a previous meeting. Their motion included allowing the event to have alcohol in the park.

“The Art Walk is a fun, family friendly, community event celebrating the arts and showcasing local and regional artists,” according to a presentation by Vince Paris of Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation (SLPR). Artists will display their work along the streets of downtown Fenton.

“The event is growing as they are expecting a record number of vendors,” Czarnecki said. The vendors will be lining the sidewalks along the sidewalks along LeRoy Street, and into Rackham Park in the grass area in front of the Community Center.

A beer/wine tent will be set up on the grounds of Rackham Park near the Community Center. Later in the afternoon there will be a concert at the mill pond gazebo.

The Art Walk is taking place on the same day as the annual Bastille Day 5K/15K races, which take place in the downtown area on the same morning.

“Both groups are working together to utilize the downtown areas successfully for their events,” Czarnecki said.
Motorcycle safety is a two-way street

National Safety Council says skill and gear can save lives

By Vera Hogan

Now that summer has arrived and pleasant weather with it, motorcycle riders will be out in full force. According to the National Safety Council, “Motorcycle safety is a two-way street.”

It is critical for riders to respect their machines and improve their skills throughout their lifetime. Motorists also have a major responsibility in keeping motorcyclists safe on the road.

The National Safety Council reminds riders — and drivers — to do their part.

In 2017, 5,172 motorcycle riders and passengers died in crashes. Fatalities among motorcycle riders and passengers have more than doubled in number since 1997.

Motorcyclists accounted for 14 percent of all traffic fatalities in 2017.

Twenty-eight percent of riders who died in a motorcycle crash in 2017 were alcohol-impaired and 91 percent of riders who died in a motorcycle crash in 2017 were male.

The vast majority of vehicles on the road are not motorcycles. They’re cars and vans and trucks. It’s quite possible that as a driver you rarely think about motorcycles. This is a problem.

“When motorcycles and other vehicles collide, it is usually the other (non-motorcycle) driver who violates the motorcyclist’s right-of-way,” according to a statement from NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration). “There is a continuing need to help other motorists ‘think’ motorcycles and to educate motorcyclists to be aware of this problem.”

Riders 50 and older made up 36 percent of all motorcycle fatalities in 2017, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS). So-called “re-entry riders,” who rode in 20s and decided to take it up again in their late 40s to 60s face additional challenges today — more traffic, more powerful bikes, more distracted drivers and diminished physical skills.

If you’re going to ride a motorcycle, it’s important to commit to a lifetime of learning new skills and brushing up on the old ones, according to the National Safety Council.

Skill and gear can protect you

A helmet is the most important equipment a biker can use. In 2017, 1,908 motorcyclists who died were not wearing a helmet. Helmets are estimated to be 37 percent effective in preventing fatal injuries.

A full-coverage helmet offers the most protection. Never buy a used helmet; helmets are useless after they’ve been worn in a crash.

Not every state has a helmet law, but even if yours doesn’t, wear one anyway. Michigan’s helmet law was repealed in 2012 resulting in the doubling of accidents. According to uofmhealth.org, after the repeal, helmet use dropped 24 percent among riders involved in crashes. That figure increased to 27 percent among those seeking care at trauma centers.

Although the number of motorcyclist fatalities statewide did not increase, motorcyclists who were not wearing a helmet in a crash had a fatality rate of 5.4 percent — nearly twice as high as the 2.8 percent rate for riders wearing a helmet. That’s on top of the 14 percent increase in head injury rates overall.

A motorcycle crash is a “violent event.” More than 80 percent of all reported motorcycle crashes result in injury or death, according to NHTSA. In addition to wearing a helmet:

Choose a bike that fits you

“Super sport bikes” have driver death rates about four times that of cruisers or standard bikes, according to the IIHS.

Take a safety course

New riders should take a motorcycle safety course, and experienced riders should take refresher courses after being off their bikes for a while.

Know the rules of the road

Be aware that riding with a passenger requires considerably more skill.

Never drink and ride

Drive defensively, especially at intersections, where half of all collisions occur.

Watch for hazards

Potholes, manhole covers, oil slicks, puddles, debris, railroad tracks and gravel can be hazardous to a rider.

Assume you are invisible

Other motorists may not see you and you need to position yourself to be seen. Use headlights day and night.

Be courteous

Don’t weave in and out of lanes, or ride on the shoulder or between lanes.

Don’t speed

Wear bright and/or reflective clothing that is durable and boots that cover the ankles. Wear goggles, glasses or use a face shield that is ventilated to prevent fogging, and make sure it’s clear if riding at night.
Committee.

The anatomy of a fireworks show

Plenty of space, technical expertise, planning and $10 million in insurance make shows possible

By Tim Jagiello

When you watch the city of Fenton fireworks display on July 4, you’ll be witnessing the handiwork of John Greer of Zambelli Fireworks and the crew of technicians on the ground.

“We consider ourselves to be entertainers,” Greer said. “People of all ages like it. Most of what we do as technicians is behind the scenes, they just see the results.”

Fireworks will light up the sky this July 4, with many cities planning and hiring for their own municipal shows across the country. The city of Fenton has contracted with Zambelli Fireworks of W arendale, Pennsylvania. The show will be set off from Silver Lake Park, and viewed from along Silver Parkway and the surrounding area.

As project manager, Greer plans the shows and puts the necessary pyrotechnics, called “shells,” together, which are physically assembled in Pittsburgh, and driven here by truck. Greer works with the customer, which in this case is the Fenton Freedom Festival Committee. He also handles contracts and permits and schedules the crew of technicians.

He’ll design the individual shows on paper, which last on average, for 15 to 20 minutes depending on the budget. According to Pat Lockwood, chair of the committee, they contracted with Zambelli Fireworks for $13,000.

According to the packet, they’ll be shooting off 600 3-inch aerial display shells, 160 4-inch shells, 135 5-inch shells, and 108 6-inch shells for a total of 1,033. There are nearly 500 shells in the grand finale.

While possibly dangerous enough to require $10 million in insurance, Greer said Michigan pyrotechnicians aren’t required to have a specific license, but they are in Ohio.

The morning of the show, the technicians will set up mortar racks, which are a series of tables to get the shells off the ground. Some shows are fired electronically from a distance, but these will be hand-fired. Those that need to fire quickly are daisy-chained by shared fuses.

There are different regulations on commercial grade fireworks than consumer grade. Anyone purchasing commercial grade fireworks must be licensed through the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF).

The largest diameter shells they’ll be firing in Fenton are 6 inches. Greer said that they’re required by the National Fire Prevention Association to have 100 feet of safe distance per inches of shell. The largest shells require 600 feet from nearby structures.

The colors and “stars” displayed by the fireworks are composed inside the shells themselves. The shape the stars take in the air, whether a circle or a heart, are laid out in that shape inside the shell.

“When you hear the crowds cheering at the end of the show it brings a whole lot of satisfaction,” Greer said. “But there’s a heck of a lot of work involved.”

HOLLY TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ANNUAL JULY BOARD OF REVIEW

The Holly Township Board of Review will hold its annual July meeting as follows:

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- A mistake in mathematical calculation, such as 40 acres multiplied by $750 equaling $22,800 instead of $30,000
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Looking Back at This Week in History

Compiled by Vera Hogan

June 30

1936: Margaret Mitchell’s Gone with the Wind, one of the best-selling novels of all time and the basis for a blockbuster 1939 movie, is published. In 1926, Mitchell was forced to quit her job as a reporter at the Atlanta Journal to recover from a series of physical injuries. With too much time on her hands, she soon grew restless. Working on a Remington typewriter, she began telling the story of an Atlanta belle named Pansy O’Hara.

July 1

1997: At midnight, Hong Kong reverts back to Chinese rule in a ceremony attended by British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Prince Charles of Wales, Chinese President Jiang Zemin, and U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. A few thousand Hong Kongers protested the turnover, which was otherwise celebratory and peaceful.

July 2

1992: Theoretical physicist Stephen Hawking breaks British publishing records. His book “A Brief History of Time” has been on the nonfiction bestseller list for three-and-a-half years, selling more than 3 million copies in 22 languages. “A Brief History of Time” explained the latest theories on the origins of the universe in language accessible to educated lay people.

July 3

2012: Andy Griffith, famous for his role as the good-hearted, small-town sheriff of fictional Mayberry, North Carolina, on the iconic 1960s TV sitcom “The Andy Griffith Show,” dies at age 86 at his North Carolina home. The actor also was known for his starring role in the 1980s-90s TV drama “Matlock,” in which he portrayed a shrewd Atlanta defense attorney.

July 4

1776: The Fourth of July — also known as Independence Day — has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4 has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.

July 5

1921: After Judge Hugo Friend denies a motion to quash the indictments against the major league baseball players accused of throwing the 1919 World Series, a trial begins with jury selection. The Chicago White Sox players, including stars Shoeless Joe Jackson, Buck Weaver, and Eddie Cicotte, subsequently became known as the “Black Sox” after the scandal was revealed.

July 6

1971: Louis “Satchmo” Armstrong, one of the most influential musicians of the 20th century, dies in New York City at the age of 69. A world-renowned jazz trumpeter and vocalist, he pioneered jazz improvisation and the style known as swing.

Adopt-A-Pet

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“Why did you have to amputate his back leg?” she said. “He’ll need guidance on how to do that, like adopting an 8-week-old puppy,” she said. “You don’t know where he came from. It’ll take about three weeks, he’ll be able to run and play. Maddock said it was a “miracle.” No amputations are scheduled and in a few weeks, he’ll be able to run and play.

“This is even scarier because there’s no support for those bones. His back leg was not healing at all,” she said. “We, at the time, thought we were going to have to amputate his back leg.”

After about three weeks, he was X-rayed again and they discovered that his back leg was beginning to heal. Maddock said it was a “miracle.” No amputations are scheduled and in a few weeks, he’ll be able to run and play.

“He’ll need a lot of training. We don’t know where he came from. It’ll be like adopting an 8-week-old puppy,” she said. “He’ll need guidance on how to do that, like adopting an 8-week-old puppy.”

He didn’t get attention. He was fending for food. He was dirty and disgusting. He had an upper respiratory infection that was pretty severe.”

Jody Maddock, Adopt-A-Pet director

Business Briefs

Compiled by Sharon Stone

Davisburg Candle Factory has reopened

The historic candle factory at 634 Broadway in Davisburg opened its doors in the 1960s. It offered a unique experience to visitors until it temporarily closed in January 2018 for renovations. It’s back open now and maintains the charm and traditions of decades of handmade candle making. The shop still uses its one-of-a-kind hand-built taper candle dip-line. It’s a piece of art that makes about 200 taper candles every three hours. Every Saturday, the factory will start the taper candle “run” around 1 p.m. It’s a popular trip for families to see a piece of Davisburg history in action. Find Davisburg Candle Factory on Facebook or call them at (248) 634-4214.
ENROLLMENT
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“While birth rates decline in the county and the state, we will focus on the factors we can control to attract families to the Fenton area and make FAPS their home,” Hartley said.

Declining birth rates
In 2017, the nationwide birth rate was 11.8. This number is per every 1,000 residents.

According to the U.S. Census, there were 153,000 births in 1990 in Michigan, which dropped to 136,000 in 2000. It continued to drop with 114,000 in 2010, and in 2017, the last year data is available, the Census recorded 111,000 births.

County numbers reflect this trend.
In Genesee County, the birth rate has declined 25 percent from 2000 (6,303 births) to 2017 (4,708 births), one of the highest birth rates for a county in the state. In 2017, the birth rate per 1,000 people was 11.6, according to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

In neighboring counties, this number is even lower. Oakland County has 10.5 births per 1,000 residents in 2017. This number was 9.5 for Livingston County and 9.8 for Shiawassee County.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

IT TOOK LINDEN years to tear down the old run down gas station. How long will it take them to tear down the ‘Addams Family’ house, the eyesore that is home to all the stray cats?

I QUESTION HOW the sky can hold tons of rain when gravity finally has it fall to the ground. Is it high enough above the earth’s surface to be above earth’s gravity? Or do the rain clouds finally drop low enough to be within the pull of gravity?

NOW THAT THE city dumped our tax money into downtown, why can’t the revenue from the downtown businesses fix our neighborhood roads instead of a tax increase?

WHY DO U.S. citizens traveling abroad expect our government to protect them? Travel out of the U.S. at your own peril. You shouldn’t expect to be rescued for taking your selfish risks.

HAVING PROBLEMS MAKING a left hand turn from northbound U.S. 23 onto Silver Lake Road headed toward Linden? Then make a left hand turn from northbound U.S. 23 onto Owen Road toward Linden. Problem solved.

SEXUAL ASSAULT IS about power and control. It is not about attraction.

GOVERNOR WHITMER AND AG Nessel constantly criticize Enbridge’s Line 5. They know that if they get it shut down it would result in so much havoc that they would both be recalled in the fastest recall in U.S. history. They’re just playing this for the politics.

REP. MIKE MUELLER held a town hall meeting on the roads. He hardly spoke a word, but turned the meeting over to the chair of the House Transportation Committee who talked about the Republican plan. He would only answer questions and did not want opinions and comments from the audience. So much for hearing what constituents want.

WATCHED THE DEBATE last night. God help this country if any of these nut jobs is elected to be president.

SECTION 00100
ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

Lake Fenton Schools requests Bid Proposals for Bid Package 003 Torrey Hill - Water Filtration System. Bid Proposals will be received through Building Connected by 2:00 p.m. local time on July 11, 2019. All Proposals shall be submitted through Building Connected, for instructions on how to submit a bid please follow this link: https://buildingconnected-community.force.com/s/article/How-to-submit-your-bid-directly-through-BuildingConnected


2. Link to the Barton Malow Public Plan Room https://app.buildingconnected.com/public/55a1292ff1a96708004a19dc

3. Accepted Bidders will be required, as a condition precedent to award of Contract, to furnish in the amount of 100% of the contract price, satisfactory Performance Bond and Payment Bond and Certificates of Insurance as required in the Project Manual.

4. Unless otherwise specifically set forth in Section 00880 of the Project Manual, this Project is subject to state sales and/or use taxes and Bidder is required to include such taxes in its Bid Proposal.

5. Barton Malow Company has been contracted by the Owner in the capacity of Construction Manager for the Project, and as such has the rights and obligations set forth in its contract with the Owner for those services, and shall act as representative of the Owner to the extent required/allowed under its Owner contract.

6. Bid Proposals will be publicly opened July 11, 2019 at 2:00pm, evaluated by Barton Malow Company, Owner and the Architect, with recommended awards subsequently made by Barton Malow Company and Integrated Designs Inc. The Owner shall not open, consider, or accept a Bid Proposal that is received after the date and time specified for bid submission in this Advertisement for Bids.

7. Bid Proposals shall be submitted through Building Connected. Bidders will be required to submit with their Bid Proposals a Bid Security by a qualified surety authorized to do business in the state where the Project is located, an OSHA Form 300 for the most recent completed year, their worker’s compensation Experience Modification Rate (EMR) factor, and any other information required in the Instructions to Bidders. Bidders shall not withdraw Bid Proposals for a period of Sixty (60) Days after date for receipt of Bid Proposals.

8. The successful Bidder(s) will be required to enter into an agreement with Owner on the Agreement Form identified in Section 00500 of the Project Manual.

9. The right to reject any or all Bid Proposals, either in whole or in part, or to waive any informalities or irregularities therein is reserved by the Owner.

10. All Bid Proposals shall be accompanied by the sworn statement included in Section 00410 of the Project Manual, in accordance with MCL 380.1267, disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner(s) or any employee of the Bidder and any member of the school board or the superintendent of the school district. Bid Proposals that do not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement shall not be accepted.

BARTON MALOW COMPANY
FOURTH OF JULY
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Be sure to wave at the grand marshal vehicle carrying members of the Fenton Lions Club — this year’s honorees.

“The whole club is being honored,” Lockwood said. “Come on out and thank the Fenton Lions Club for all that they do in our community.”

The 2019 Fenton Freedom Festival King and Queen will be crowned this evening Wednesday, July 3 at the Silver Lake Ski Show at Silver Lake Park, with festivities starting at 6:30 p.m. There is no admission charge into the park for this special event.

This year marks the 29th year of the Fenton Freedom Festival, which began with two very special events, the Fenton Rotary Club’s Rubber Duck Regatta and the Fenton Lions Club’s Chicken Barbecue.

Today, the collaboration between civic organizations and businesses continues to be the backbone of the festival. “We couldn’t do it without all the businesses and civic groups,” Lockwood said.

The Fenton Lions Club will be retiring from the Chicken Barbecue, but a Pig Roast hosted by Fenton Boy Scout Troop No. 212 will start its own new tradition from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center.

“Thanks to the Boy Scouts for stepping up to the plate,” Lockwood said. “The Pig Roast will be new and exciting.”

Other traditional festival events will be returning, including the Fenton Firecracker 5K Race & Fun Run/Walk, arts and crafts, Kiwanis children’s games, music and entertainment on the back lawn of the community center and more.

Adopt-a-Pet and a petting zoo, inflatables and refreshments will also be part of the day’s activities.

At the end of the day, the festival fireworks will provide a grand, patriotic musical finale to the festival.

It’s just like an old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration with family and friends, Lockwood said.
Queen Kaitlin Gruber

Senior at Fenton High School
Philanthropist and volunteer
Future career in medical field

By Sally Rummel

The king and queen of the 2019 Fenton Freedom Festival will be crowned Wednesday, July 3 at 6:30 p.m. before the Silver Lake Ski Show at Silver Lake Park. Queen Kaitlin Gruber, 18, is the daughter of Tim and Kim Gruber of Tyrone Township. King Jacob Novak, 17, of Rose Township, is the son of Jeffrey and Jennifer Novak. Each will earn a $1,000 college scholarship after ending their reigns in 2020.

Why did you choose to run for the title of Fenton Freedom Festival queen?

I have lived in Fenton for my entire life. I grew up going to the parades, sitting on the curb with my sisters, watching the Freedom Festival go by. I always looked up to the queens and since a young age, I tried to be like them. I always try my best to lead by example, and spread kindness.

What is your favorite Fenton Freedom Festival activity?

The Fenton Rotary Rubber Ducky Regatta is my favorite. Since I was little, I loved getting all the candy and now, I enjoy seeing the representation of all the different groups of people that make up the Fenton area.

What do you like most about Fenton?

Fenton is a great place to grow up, with fabulous schools, an exciting downtown and is a caring supportive community with a small-town feel. I’m very proud to call Fenton my home and love watching our city expand and become a destination.

What are your extra-curricular activities?

My parents raised me to make a positive contribution to my community and country. I volunteer every year at Mission of Mercy, which provides free dental care to those in need in rural communities in the United States. I’ve also volunteered on the pediatric floor at Ascension Genesys Hospital; attended a Forever Changed International Mission trip to Guatemala; volunteered at State Road Elementary School and the Fenton Fire Department, helping firefighters become Emergency Medical Technician-certified (EMT). To help cover the costs of my activities, I work part time as an instructor at Bounce Gymnastics.

What are your future plans?

I attend the Genesee Career Institute and when I graduate next year, I will have my EMT license. After graduation, I plan to be an EMT while I continue my education at either Grand Valley State University or Kettering University. Someday, I want to work in the medical field and use my EMT skills.

“I want to represent the values of the Fenton community, which have been instilled in me by example.”

Jacob Novak
2019 Fenton Freedom Festival king

King Jacob Novak

Senior at Fenton High School
Future career as a medical doctor
Values community support, volunteerism

Why did you choose to run for the title of Fenton Freedom Festival king?

I want to represent the values of the Fenton community, which have been instilled in me by example. Local volunteer opportunities like Arts are the Heart or the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) help demonstrate how the citizens of Fenton are willing to lend a hand to each other. Whether I’m assisting the leading of a National Honors Society meeting or cheering on teammates at cross-country events, these interactions have established me as a respected leader in the Fenton community.

What is your favorite Fenton Freedom Festival activity?

My favorite event is the parade. Since I was little, my grandparents have taken me to see it. When I was little, I loved getting all the candy and now, I enjoy seeing the representation of all the different groups of people that make up the Fenton area.

What do you like most about Fenton?

My favorite place in Fenton is the community center area. Here, you have a nice river, which complements the green open space behind the center. This open space allows events to take place in a centralized location in town and provides a place for strong community action.

What are your future plans?

I plan to attend a four-year university in order to pursue pre-medicine. Later, I’ll go to medical school to earn my medical doctor degree as a radiologist.
HOT LINE CONTINUED

NONE OF THE 268 bills approved by the House have become law yet because Speaker (R) McConnell will not introduce them to the Senate. How many would benefit America? Who the heck knows, because McConnell will not introduce them to the Senate.

TO THE POOR misguided Democrat who wants the Republicans to run someone else besides President Trump for reelection. Why not get rid of all the loonies your party is trying to foist on America and help Mr. Trump keep America great.

AFTER READING YOUR praises for Trump, I’ve convinced the old lady in Grand Rapids, a stalwart Republican who watched only conservative news and was also ignorant of Trump’s wrong doing, is not alone.

IT APPEARS THAT the TCTimes’ new management has decided to use its freedom of the press to deprive its readers of their freedom of speech by not printing opinions on political issues. There goes the First Amendment.

PATCH JOBS
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tons of hot-mix asphalt. It costs about $60 a ton so we have spent approximately $12,000 on material. The cold mix material costs $110 a ton.

“The DPW is performing street repairs utilizing hot-mix asphalt instead of cold mix material,” Czarnecki said. “The cold mix material never fully hardens and is prone to falling out of the potholes, especially when it gets wet.

“The DPW staff has been supplemented with four seasonal employees to work on streets this summer and they are out trying to fix our streets the best they can with what we have to work with,” he said.

According to Deputy Public Works Director Dan Brisson, the work crew has put together a process to prep the area and complete the repair quickly, while keeping delays to motorists to a minimum.

“Their four-step process consists of blowing the patch area clean of loose debris, applying an asphalt emulsion called tack coat, use of hot-mix asphalt (HMA) and compacting the material with a one-ton asphalt roller, which is expected to provide a longer lasting asphalt repair versus the cold-patch repair method. This repair method also is expected to reduce or eliminate repeat visits to the same problem areas,” Czarnecki said.

“There have been some motorists concerns regarding the ride quality of the larger size patches on Shiawassee between Colfax and Adelaide,” he said. “This area has several areas with major alligatored asphalt and multiple past cold patches that were hot-patched across the entire travel lane to address the failing asphalt. This has resulted in a diminished ride quality. However, with these larger repair areas, the DPW expects there to be less pothole concerns between now and next summer when a repave is planned for this area.”

In the asphalt industry, “alligator cracking” refers to a surface damaged in such a way that the cracks form a pattern that looks like reptile scales.

Czarnecki said the DPW work crew has concentrated on performing the four-step hot-mix patching program on the heavier traveled major streets such as LeRoy, Shiawassee, Owen, and Silver Parkway. They are now moving to Silver Lake Road, South Long Lake Road and Torrey Road before moving to local streets.

“In mid-August, the DPW will begin a crack-filling program on major streets,” Czarnecki said. “The combination of the hot mix asphalt patching and a crack filling program is highly effective in reducing water infiltration into the pavement and substructure which is the primary source of potholes, especially during the winter months. This fall, there are several major streets that are scheduled for new pavement markings.”

Czarnecki said the Public Works employees have stepped up and are doing a great job with this program.

“So far, much of their patch is over heavy alligatored asphalt, seams that are unraveling, and areas with multiple cold patches,” he said. “The workers understand the need to fix these bad areas now, with hot-mix material that will stay in place, instead of using cold mix materials. The patch repairs are anticipated to add up to five years to the life of the street.”

This patching work is to catch the bad areas and slow them from becoming worse. The hot-mix material is the same product the paving companies use when they repave streets.

“Unfortunately, we do not own a street paver so we are placing the material by hand,” Czarnecki said.

As the repair areas become larger, he said it is harder to keep the asphalt smooth. Also, when working in traffic it gets somewhat hectic as everyone is trying to work safely while still allowing the traffic to get by.

“Since the street millage failed last November we have not been able to enact a street paving program. Instead we are doing as much as we can with the funds we have available,” Czarnecki said. “Instead we are doing as much as we can with the funds we have available. We understand the patches aren’t perfect. It would be much better to completely repave many of our streets. However, we do not have the funds for a program of this magnitude.”

With street repairs, the DPW is trying to patch the worst areas on the highest traveled streets. Czarnecki said the patches should hold up to the traffic so the DPW will not need to be in the patched areas fixing potholes, and they can concentrate the pothole repairs on the local, neighborhood streets.

In August, the DPW crew will shift to a crack sealing program.
The Silver Lake Ski Club

By Tim Jagielo
Fenton — Silver Lake Ski Club spotter Brenda McLouth counts down as her father Kurt Bemman eases the ski boat forward, tightening the ropes connected to 12 skiers on the deck.

At the right moment, she shouts “hit!” and Bemman brings the 600 horsepower ski boat to a roar and it surges forward.

See SKI CLUB on 20A

Members of the Silver Lake Ski Club form a 10-person pyramid during the Tuesday, June 25 show as another group is towed behind them.

Photo: Tim Jagielo

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The Lions Club has collected 1,056 pairs of glasses in the past 12 months. They accept partial frames as well, to use as parts.  

The Fenton Lions Club is literally the “eyes and ears of the community.” They will purchase new eyeglasses for low-income residents and collect used hearing aids.

All of their fundraising efforts go back to the community through donations, including $4,000 in scholarships to two high school seniors each year at Fenton High School and two at Lake Fenton High School.

This local club is a huge supporter of Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester. “I’ve directly seen what these dogs do, how they change peoples’ lives,” Brostek said. “The stories are endless. There’s nothing better than someone telling us we helped them out.”

In order to strengthen and grow membership, the Fenton Lions Club plans to become more visible in the community. Members will have a booth at the Fenton Farmers Market on Thursday evenings and are giving away a Kenmore gas grill, sponsored by Sears Hometown Store of Fenton, on the final Farmers Market of the year on Thursday, Sept. 19.

“We want to educate the community about all that the Fenton Lions Club does in service to others,” Penwell said.

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McLaren welcomes OB/GYN to medical staff

Michelle Keeley, MD, OB/GYN has joined the medical staff at McLaren Flint. Dr. Keeley is seeing patients at McLaren Flint-Women’s Health, 1314 S. Linden Rd., Suite, B, Flint.

Keeley completed her residency at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. She earned her medical degree from Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine in Dayton, Ohio. Keeley is accepting new patients and can be reached by calling (810) 342-1700.
1. CALVIN COOLIDGE
Calvin Coolidge was the only chief executive born on Independence Day. The 30th president was born July 4, 1872, in the small hamlet of Plymouth Notch, Vermont.

2. NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE
The famed American novelist, who authored such works as “The Scarlet Letter,” “The House of the Seven Gables” and many more, was born Nathaniel Hathorne (he added the ‘w’ later) on July 4, 1804, in Salem, Massachusetts.

3. STEPHEN FOSTER
Stephen Foster, the renowned American songwriter was born exactly 50 years after the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1826, in Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania. The “father of American music” wrote more than 200 songs and tunes such as “Oh! Susanna,” “Camptown Races,” “Old Folks at Home” (better known as “Swanee River”) and “My Old Kentucky Home” and they remain popular today.

4. GEORGE STEINBRENNER
New York Yankees owner George Michael Steinbrenner III was born into a wealthy shipping family July 4, 1930, near Cleveland, Ohio. Steinbrenner joined the family business in 1957 and grew it so substantially that he was able to head an investment group that bought baseball’s most famous franchise for less than $10 million in 1973. Until Steinbrenner’s death in 2010, the Yankees won seven World Series championships and 11 American League pennants under his ownership.

5. TWINS: ANN LANDERS AND DEAR ABBY
Born in Sioux City, Iowa, on July 4, 1918, Esther “Eppie” Lederer was better known to millions of Americans by her pseudonym, Ann Landers. Syndicated in more than 1,000 newspapers over the course of nearly 50 years, Ann Landers became one of North America’s best-known advice columnists, although she faced competition from an unlikely source, her twin sister also born on the Fourth of July, Pauline Phillips, who wrote the Dear Abby advice column. The two sisters had a lengthy estrangement as a result of their newspaper rivalry.

6. GERALDO RIVERA
Born July 4, 1943, in New York City, the television personality first served as an investigator with the New York City Police Department before entering law school. While practicing law in New York, Geraldo Rivera was offered a job as a television reporter by the local ABC affiliate. His undercover reports exposing the neglect and abuse of patients with intellectual disabilities at New York’s Willowbrook School earned him national attention and spots on ABC’s national news programs.

7. MALIA OBAMA
Malia Obama, the first-born daughter of former President Barack Obama (44th), was born July 4, 1998 in Chicago, Illinois.

8. NEIL SIMON
Marvin Neil Simon was an American playwright, screenwriter and author. Born July 4, 1927, he wrote more than 30 plays and nearly the same number of movie screenplays, mostly adaptations of his plays. He received more combined Oscar and Tony nominations than any other writer.

Compiled By Vera Hogan

If you celebrate an Independence Day birthday, you are in good company. Here are some famous people who came into the world on the Fourth of July.
SKI CLUB
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pulling the group of 1 the deck, women atop men’s shoulders.
Within 30 seconds, the group of 12 arranged themselves into a pyramid while traveling at more than 30 miles per hour across the water on skis, before the Tuesday, June 25 audience.
The Silver Lake Ski Club is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. They perform every Tuesday night during the summer including their big July 3 show. The junior club members perform at 6:15 p.m. and the main show is at 7 p.m. The audience watches from the grassy hill at Silver Lake Park Beach. That night, the $5 entry fee is waived.
Ski club shows last an hour, and each show features 13 acts. Between ski tricks, one group dances with choreography on the deck, and the emcee plays music and coordinates the live sketches.
This summer’s theme is “Camp Lat-tawata,” complete with the dramatic threat of being bought by an outside business entity.
Ski club member Sean Africa of Fenton said he’s always been a competitive person. “It makes me happy to be able to ski with others to help the kids grow. Traditionally, it’s a family sport.”
He’ll ski with his daughters on the pyramid right above him. His wife Patty is the announcer. “I can’t do that on a soccer field,” he said. “We can be together on the water.”
While flashy, dazzling and showy, the show is a lot of work. There are nearly a dozen people supporting the show, whether driving a boat, spotting or announcing. The program is carefully synchronized with a schedule that they must follow while almost constantly in motion.
McLouth shouts updates and instructions over her shoulder to Bemman, and tells him where to go next.
Africa said it takes a yearly budget of up to $30,000 to run the club. This is accomplished with fundraising activities and local business support. It costs members approximately $300 per season, which runs from May to the middle of August.
They practice three times per week, and perform 12 to 14 shows per year, which serve as preparation for three summer tournaments. They work on dancing and building pyramids over the winter months.
The club has about 30 skiers on any given night, and they range in age from 5 to mid 50s. They are in different acts depending on their experience and their build.
Men like Africa end up as the base of the pyramid, while his daughter, Lexie, 12, ends up at the top, 15 feet in the air. She said it doesn’t scare her anymore because she can rely on her team.
“Definitely more teamwork than track,” said Morgan Scott, 16, of Fenton. She said she performs in various acts and positions, like the ballet line. She agrees it’s a good family environment.
Jake Nichols, 13, of Fenton Township said he usually ends up on the sides of the pyramid base. He equates the show to almost being a play. As a sport, he said it’s more active than baseball.
Silver Lake Ski Club member Whitney Pedersen who skis and also runs sound for shows has been elected to represent the U.S. at the 2020 Show Ski World Championships. She’ll be running sound for Team USA at the competition in Australia.
BRONCHO PRIDE
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None of these programs would be possible without the continued, generous support of our community. Last November, voters approved a bond that is helping provide essential student safety and building security enhancements district-wide, in addition to key technology upgrades. I’d like to again thank our supportive community for this long-term investment in our kids.

We were proud to launch the Broncho Press in the fall as a one-stop-shop for all things Holly Area Schools. Our newsletter is one of many ongoing efforts to better communicate with our families and community. We look forward to new editions of the newsletter, including a Back to School edition this fall.

Above all, we continue to promote a culture of kindness, compassion and respect in a positive, nurturing learning environment that helps all Bronchos succeed. This will continue in the 2019-2020 school year and beyond, and I will soon be announcing new efforts to encourage Broncho Pride across our district.

Again, thank you to our entire community for making this such a successful year at Holly Area Schools and for the privilege of serving as your superintendent.

SUGAR SHACK | LIFE + STYLE HAS MOVED
Sugar Shack | life + style will continue to curate a collection of home décor, new and vintage in their new location. They’ve expanded its specialty food offerings and expanded their personal care collection. They have brought in more Michigan-made items, supporting other artists. They’ve also expanded their socials, with two events each month, one during the day, one in the evening. A Reveal Party is set for July 1, from 4 to 9 p.m. For details, visit their Facebook page at sugarshackofmichigan and their website at sugarshackstudiomichigan.com. Sugar Shack | life + style, is at 121 First St., Fenton, just east of the Fenton Hotel. Phone: (249) 425-0565. Hours: Tuesday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Sunday and Monday.

MONEY STOLEN FROM PURSE
On Tuesday, June 18, Holly police were dispatched to a business in the 300 block of Sherwood Street in Holly to investigate a larceny complaint. A 48-year-old employee told police that she had placed her purse, containing her wallet and approximately $84, in an unlocked drawer at one of the service stations at 1 p.m. At 7:40 p.m., she noticed the $84 was missing from her wallet. A manager told police that employees are to use provided lockers and their own personal locks. With no surveillance cameras in this area of the building, police have no suspects.
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Timothy Kinnamon graduated with a GPA of 4.469. He is the son of Richard and Jane Kinnamon of Holly. For extra-curricular activities, Kinnamon was captain of Science Olympiad, president of Rho Kappa, a member of Zenith Brass, Jazz Band, International Thespian Society, and Oakland University Honors Band. He received high school honors including Honor roll for four years, and Summa Cum Laude. He plans to attend Columbia University after graduation.

SALUTATORIAN

Clara Huggins graduated with a GPA of 4.450. She is the daughter of James and Jane Huggins of Fenton. For extra-curricular activities, Huggins was team captain of Science Olympiad, historian for the National Honor Society, executive board member of Rho Kappa, and an Equestrian. She received high school honors, including Honor Roll for four years, and Summa Cum Laude. She plans to attend the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor after graduation.

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HHS grad once ‘sick of classes’ goes on to earn PhD

Blowing up homemade bottle of hydrogen as a teen led to interest in chemistry

By Vera Hogan

When educators today talk about the importance of STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics), they are not kidding and students should really pay attention.

When Christopher James Snyder was a student at Holly High School, those studies were part of the curriculum, but not promoted using a handy acronym like STEM. Yet, Snyder, who graduated in 2002, is today a scientist.

While in high school, Snyder was active in the Math/Science Club, Odys-sey of the Mind and the National Honor Society.

“I graduated in May 2007 from U of M-Flint with my bachelor of science degree in chemistry and a minor in math,” Snyder said.

He received his PhD from Wayne State University in May 2013 in chemistry. His major was “inorganic” chemistry and his minor, “organic chemistry.”

Snyder said, “As a teenager, I would play around with chemicals, such as lighting bon fires with thermite, making hydrogen gas from pennies and pool cleaner, and once I accidentally caused my bottle of homemade hydrogen to blow up, which muffled my hearing for the rest of the day.

“I developed an interest in how things work and learned that most things involve chemistry on some level,” he said. “In college, I realized that chemistry has a lot in common with art: once you learn the basics, what you can do is limited only by your creativity and imagination.

“I was never the best student, and I thought that going to graduate school was out of the question,” Snyder said. “In addition, I was sick of classes and I knew there was no way that I could foot the bill for a graduate degree.”

Snyder said that all changed during his senior year of college. Three professors from U of M-Flint (Anselm Omoike, Bob Stach, and Brian Buffin) strongly encouraged him to apply to a PhD program.

“They thought I had what it took to be a good graduate student,” he said. “After telling me that a PhD in chemistry only required a year of coursework and a few years of working in a lab in an apprentice-like position, I decided to apply. Also, when you study to get a PhD in chemistry the school actually pays you.”

Where he works today

Today, Snyder works as a synthetic chemist at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). Los Alamos, New Mexico was chosen as the top-secret location for a joint civilian/military operation during World War II known as the Manhattan Project, he said.

“In short, LANL was at the heart of the development of nuclear weapons that helped end WWII. Today, LANL is a federal contractor (owned by the Department of Energy) that focuses on many areas of research, including chemistry, biology, physics, engineering, supercomputing, climatology, and environmental sciences,” Snyder said.

“The primary goal of my job is to design and develop new propellants, pyrotechnics, and explosives that burn cleaner, are safer to handle, and made by greener methods of production,” he said. “In addition, I help teach a Homemade Explosives (HMEs) course to Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technicians to help them learn how to identify and safely handle HMEs.”

Personal life

Snyder married Ashley Middleton, a 2004 Holly High School grad.

“We actually didn’t know each other in high school, but we met through some mutual friends in 2009 and started dating in 2010,” he said.

Snyder and his wife love to hike in their spare time and on vacations.

“When I first thought of New Mexico, I thought of flat, hot desert,” he said. “It turns out that I was mostly wrong. Los Alamos is located 7,300 feet above sea level in the foothills of the Jemez mountains, which makes for some awesome hiking. Our vacations are usually planned around hiking, and this year we plan to hike to Havasu Falls in Arizona as our vacation.”

Although the Snyders do not have any children at this time, they adopted two dogs since moving to New Mexico.

“We found Loki on a hike that we went on Valentine’s Day 2015 shortly after we moved to New Mexico,” he said. “We adopted Quinn two years ago, who was abandoned on the side of a highway in Texas.”

Advice to Holly’s 2019 graduates

“I was able to graduate from high school as No. 34 in my class by barely cracking a book. In college, my lackadaisical attitude got me put on academic probation,” Snyder said. “I dropped out and started working at Home Depot. A year later, I had developed a relentless work ethic and went back to college. I realized that ‘passion’ isn’t something that you find, it is something that you develop by rising to challenging situations, working hard, and continuously learning. My passion for chemistry has led to opportunities that I never thought were possible, such as a two-year postdoc (post doctoral research) in metropolitan D.C., working three months in Germany and traveling to places like Prague to present at conferences.”
Sixth-annual Wings of Mercy 5K draws biggest field ever

By David Troppens

Linden — The sixth-annual Wings of Mercy 5KRun could be summed up in one word. That word is “growth.”

Advanced registrations were up 25 percent and 480 runners and walkers were registered to compete in the 5K course around Linden’s Price Airport and the surrounding community’s roads.

But when the 5K run finished, a couple of familiar faces won the event.

Johnathan Buck, 17, repeated as the overall winner in the event that began Saturday at 9 p.m., finishing the 5K event in 17:1.14. The 17-year old from Grand Blanc captured the top spot a year ago with a time of 17:55.8. He beat the field by nearly a minute, as Kagen Griffith came in second with a time of 18:10.75.

The first-place overall female was another repeat winner as well. Lake Fenton graduate and Bluffton University’s top female runner Alexis Cash, 21, was 1st overall and finished with a time of 19:41.91, not far behind her winning time of 19:39.5. See WINGS on 39A

LF trap shooting team places 12th at state meet

By David Troppens

Two years ago, Lake Fenton High School didn’t have a trap shooting team.

Two years later, Lake Fenton is the home of the 12th-best trap shooting team in the state of Michigan.

The squad recently competed at the Michigan State High School Clay Target League and despite its small size, placed 12th overall.

“We only have 12 kids on the team, and that’s one of the reasons we are very proud of the team,” Lake Fenton trap shooting coach Donald Doyle said. “We competed against teams like Richmond with about 50 (athletes) on their teams. Of those 11 that finished ahead of us, you’d be hard-pressed to find one our size.”

“This was our second season and to be in our second year and take 12th is a lot,” senior competitor Hannah Doyle said. “My mom was overwhelmed. (The team) started with me and about five or six other kids... This year we had over two squads and opened up the team to the middle school (students).” See TRAP TEAM on 37A

Holly football camp teaching teamwork

By David Troppens

Holly — Anyone who watched some of the Holly Football Camp hosted at Holly High School last week may have not realized it was a football camp.

Certainly the players, the coaching staff, the helmets and the footballs were on the practice field, but some of the drills didn’t look like football at all.

One day the players did humorous skits together. On Wednesday, the team did an egg toss relay drill. They also did a few that at least involved football items. One was the lineman reception relay. An other involved passing the tackle dummies over their heads as one player from the back would run to the front to help move the tackle dummy forward.

These relays looked more like modified versions of team elimination challenges you’d expect to see on Survivor than at a football camp at times, but the events served their purpose.

“This is something we believe in,” first-year varsity football coach Dallas Lesperance said. “We have to get the team in more of a team atmosphere, so I’m always thinking of creative ways to implement conditioning with a little bit of fun, team building and communication.

“They help us with conditioning,” Holly senior Dylan Hignite said. “The condition-
See HOLLY on 35A

Holly junior Patrick Shearhan catches an egg during an egg toss relay held during the Holly Summer Football Camp on Wednesday. Photo: David Troppens
Some thoughts about sports and others not dealing with sports at all

GREATEST CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS I’VE EXPERIENCED IN MY LIFETIME (PART 1)

The U.S. women’s national soccer team is trying to win its fourth World Cup as this publication is going to press, hoping to earn a big quarterfinal victory against France. If they do, the country will certainly celebrate and it will be a memorable moment for many sports fans.

Sports teams and fans love their championships. I thought this may be a good time for me to list the 10 most impactful championships I’ve experienced in my lifetime. I will list the bottom half of my countdown in today’s column.

No. 10 - 1989-90 Detroit Pistons: The second Bad Boys era championship team wasn’t as memorable as the first season, because the first year is always better, but it was still a lot of fun. This title proved the Bad Boys weren’t a fluke and truly deserved a place as one of the strongest teams in NBA history.

No. 9 - 1987 Detroit Tigers: After an 11-19 start, the 1987 Tigers trailed by as many as 11 games early on in the season and trailed by 3 1/2 games with eight games remaining after a 10-9 loss to the Toronto Blue Jays. Detroit ended up winning its last four games — including winning the last three games of the season against the Jays — to win the division race. In some ways, the Tigers’ comeback to win the 1987 division title was more exciting than the 1984 World Series team. It was a thrilling week.

I thought about putting the

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ing helps, but it really isn’t like conditioning to us. It’s fun and different.

Yes, the practicing stuff — you want to go through the routines, plays, pass routes and all the basics, but when it comes to the other stuff you can do things that are more creative. With our conditioning exercises, we are creating fun while getting conditioned.”

“We’ve been doing fun stuff all week,” senior Lucas Riepe said. “We had skits on Monday. We just tried to make friendly jokes and get people to laugh. We are trying to get everyone working on the team together as a team.”

Replacing last full-time head coach Ryan Culloty, it’s obvious that life is going to change with any new coach, and this was one of the first obvious changes at the camp by Lesperance. The players like their new head coach. Hignite didn’t play football last year and returned to the team when Lesperance encouraged him to try out.

“He’s really fun, energetic and a great person,” Hignite said. “He loves the sport, and even more than the sport, he loves the players playing it. He cares about each and everyone out there. He makes the energy great and makes the program great. He’s a great person to be around.”

“He’s a good guy,” Riepe said. “He seems to care about what he’s doing. He seems to have a good plan for what we are doing on offense.”

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Holly football players (above) work on a team-bonding and conditioning competition during the Holly Football Camp hosted at Holly High School last week. The team doing the drill is being encouraged by a group of players who have already finished the drill. (Below photo) Holly freshman player Joshua Gross competes during an egg tossing drill. The camp included players ranging from freshmen to seniors. Photo: David Troppens
DABBLINGS
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2006 Detroit Tigers’ American League championship team in the top 10, because no one saw that one coming. Maybe they kind of earn a share of this ninth spot.
No. 8 - 1996-97 Detroit Red Wings: It’s hard to remember that at one time in my life, it was the Detroit Red Wings that had the longest drought since their last championship in Detroit sports.
No. 7 - 1983 Michigan Panthers: I grew an attachment to the Michigan Panthers from the moment I saw their uniforms and the moment they signed Anthony Carter. In the USFL’s first season, the squad started 1-4. After that, the Panthers finished the season with an 11-2 run, making the playoffs. After the team reduced ticket prices for the playoff game against the Oakland Invaders (what team does that), the Panthers beat the Philadelphia Stars for the first-ever USFL championship. I still have my Panthers’ pennant on my wall in my office.
No. 6 - 2006 Central Michigan Chippewas football: When Dan LeFevre and Antonio Brown were Chippewas, it was a great time to be a CMU fan. I think I ended up at five games that season, including two at Ford Field, which included the Chippewas’ 31-10 MAC Championship victory against Ohio University. Oddly, the Chippewas won just as many games at Ford Field as the Lions did in 2006, despite starting the season with no games actually scheduled at Ford Field.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING UPON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE TYRONE TOWNSHIP LAUREL SPRINGS SUBDIVISION WASTE REMOVAL PROJECT (2019) SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

(1) The Township Board of Tyrone Township, Livingston County, Michigan (the “Township”) in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan, will conduct a public hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m., local time, on July 16, 2019 at the Tyrone Township Hall, 10408 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan, to review the following proposed special assessment district:

TYRONE TOWNSHIP LAUREL SPRINGS SUBDIVISION WASTE REMOVAL PROJECT (2019) SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

and to hear any objections thereto and the proposed project.

(2) The project (the “Project”) will consist of establishing a single waste hauler for the Laurel Springs subdivision in Tyrone Township. The Project is designed to serve the properties in the Special Assessment District (the “District”), which District consists of the properties located within the area designated on the map attached at Appendix I and includes the specific properties that are identified by the permanent lot and parcel numbers described in Appendix II.

(3) The Township plans to impose special assessments on the properties located in the Special Assessment District to pay for the costs of the Project.

(4) The plans and cost estimates for the proposed Project and the description of the District are now on file in the office of the Township Clerk for public inspection. Periodic redeterminations of the cost of the Project may be made, and subsequent hearings shall not be required if such cost redeterminations do not increase the estimated cost of the Project by more than 10%. Any person objecting to the proposed Project or the proposed District must file his or her objections in writing with the Township Clerk before the close of the July 16, 2019 public hearing or within such additional time (if any) as the Township Board may grant.

This notice is given by order of the Tyrone Township Board.

Dated: June 25, 2019
Marcella Husted
Tyrone Township Clerk

APPENDIX I
Map of Special Assessment District

APPENDIX II
Special Assessment District
Permanent Parcel Numbers

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But by this season, the Wings were legitimate contenders and finally broke through, earning their first Stanley Cup championship since the 1954-55 season. Who can ever forget the Russian Five line. Everytime they went on the ice it was must-watch television. And, of course, the captain, Steve Yzerman, finally won his cup.
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The state meet has each competitor attempt four sets of 25 shots at birds (the clay tar gets). The five highest scorers on each team take their score to make up the squad’s position. Lake Fenton’s Ethan Johanningsmeier led Lake Fenton by hitting 96 of 100 tar gets, including having a first round of hitting a perfect 25-of-25 birds. After Johanningsmeier, Lucas Northrup hit 92 of 100 tar gets. The rest of Lake Fenton’s scorers were Cooper Groat with 91; Doyle with 88; and Cayden Donnell with 86. Doyle finished tied for 10th overall against the women in the competition. Doyle used to be on Fenton’s squad, but when she moved to the Lake Fenton school district, her parents helped create the Lake Fenton squad.

“I’m proud of my boys and this team,” Doyle said. “Watching this team go from nothing to 12 kids and take 12th is amazing. It makes my heart happy that the sport is still growing and is not going to die.”

Doyle only began trap shooting when she became a freshman. Her family wanted her to do at least one extra curricular activity and trap shooting appealed to Doyle.

“It’s a fun sport,” Doyle said. “I don’t like running and my brother said you should join the trap shooting team. I said ‘I don’t shoot guns,’” Doyle said. “I went one day and fell in love with it.”

The squad placed second in the final all-around standings in its Conference 3 standings in the Michigan State High School Clay Target League.

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TOWNSHIP OF ARGENTINE, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE NO. 64-1

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE REGULATION OF THE IGNITION, DISCHARGE, AND USE OF CONSUMER FIREWORKS, AS ALLOWED UNDER THE MICHIGAN FIREWORKS SAFETY ACT MCL 28.451 ET SEQ., AS AMENDED.

THE TOWNSHIP OF ARGENTINE ORDAINS:

Section 1 -- Short Title.
This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the “Fireworks Ordinance.”

Section 2 -- Statement of Purpose
This is an Ordinance to provide for the regulation of the ignition, discharge, and use of consumer fireworks, as allowed under the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act, MCL 28.451 et seq., as amended.

Section 3 -- Definitions
As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

(A) “APA standard 87-1” means 2001 APA standard 87-1, standard for construction and approval for transportation of fireworks, novelties, and theatrical pyrotechnics, published by the American Pyrotechnics Association of Bethesda, Maryland.

(B) “Consumer Fireworks” means fireworks devices that are designed to produce visible effects by combustion, that are required to comply with the construction, chemical composition, and labeling regulations promulgated by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission under 16 CFR parts 1500 and 1507, and that are listed in APA standard 87-1, 3.1.2, 3.1.3., or 3.5. Consumer Fireworks does not include low impact fireworks.

(C) “Fireworks” means any composition or device, except for a starting pistol, a flare gun, designed for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect by combustion, deflagration, or detonation.

(D) “Low-impact Fireworks” means ground and handheld sparkling devices as that phrase is defined under APA standard 87-1, 3.1, 3.1.1.1 to 3.1.1.8, and 3.5.

(E) “Minor” means an individual who is less than 18 years of age.

(F) “National Holiday” means the following days after 11:00 a.m.:

1. December 31st until 1:00 a.m. on January 1st
2. The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Memorial Day until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.
3. June 29 to July 4 until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.
4. July 5, if that date is a Friday or Saturday, until 11:45 p.m.
5. The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Labor Day until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.

Section 4 -- Ignition, Discharge and Use of Consumer Fireworks
A person shall not ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks, except on the National Holidays identified above.

Section 5 -- Possession of Consumer Fireworks by a Minor
A minor shall not possess consumer fireworks.

Section 6 -- Prohibited Locations
A person shall not ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks on public property, school property, church property, or property of another person, without written permission from an authorized individual.

Section 7 -- Use While Under Influence Prohibited
An individual shall not use consumer fireworks or low-impact fireworks while under the influence of alcoholic liquor, a controlled substance, or a combination thereof.

Section 8 -- Reckless Use of Fireworks
An individual shall not use consumer fireworks to damage or destroy property of others or use the same in a reckless disregard for the safety of persons or property.

Section 9 -- Penalty
(A) A violation of this Ordinance shall result in a civil fine of $1,000.00 for each violation. $500.00 of each fine collected shall be remitted to the Township’s police department.

(B) If the police officer determined that a violation of the Ordinance occurred, the officer may seize the consumer fireworks as evidence of the violation. Following a final disposition, with a finding of responsibility for violating this Ordinance, the Township may dispose or destroy any consumer fireworks retained as evidence in that prosecution.

Section 10 -- Severability
The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any clause, sentence, word, section or provision is hereafter declared void or unenforceable for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect the remainder of such ordinance which shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 11 -- Repeal
All ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 12 -- Effective Date
This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication.

Adopted: June 24, 2019
Denise Graves, Clerk
CITY OF LINDEN
ORDINANCE NO. 391

An ordinance to repeal Chapter 8.20 of Title 8 of the Code of Ordinances as written and to replace it with a new Chapter 8.20 regulating fireworks within the City.

THE CITY OF LINDEN ORDAINS:

Section 1. Repeal of Chapter 8.20 of Title 8 of the Code of Ordinances and Adoption of new Chapter 8.20 regulating fireworks.

Chapter 8.20 of Title 8 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Chapter 8.20

FIREWORKS

8.020.010 Definitions.

“Consumer fireworks” means that term as defined in PA 256 of 2011, being MCL 28.451 et seq. (“Act 256”).

“Fireworks” means that term as defined in Act 256.

“Retailer” means that term as defined in Act 256.

“Wholesaler” means that term as defined in Act 256.

8.020.020 Retailer and Wholesaler Requirements.

A retailer or wholesaler of fireworks located within the City must comply with the requirements of the City’s Zoning Ordinance, as well as all building codes and regulations.

8.020.030 Regulations Concerning Consumer Fireworks.

(a) No person shall ignite, discharge or use consumer fireworks in the City except on the following days after 11 a.m.:

(i) December 31 until 1 a.m. on January 1.

(ii) The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Memorial Day until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.

(iii) June 29 to July 4 until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.

(iv) July 5, if that date is a Friday or Saturday, until 11:45 p.m.

(v) The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Labor Day until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.

A violation of this subsection shall constitute a civil infraction punishable by a fine of $1,000.00, or, for a second or subsequent violation, a civil fine of $2,500.00. In addition, the City may seize, store or cause to be stored the fireworks pending disposition of any criminal or civil proceedings arising from the violation and if the person subject to criminal or civil proceedings is found guilty, responsible or liable for the violation, that person shall pay the actual costs of storage and disposal of the fireworks seized.

(b) No person shall ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks on public property, school property, church property, or the property of another person without that organization’s or person’s express permission to use those fireworks on those premises.

A violation of this subsection constitutes a state civil infraction punishable by a fine of $500.00. In addition, the City may seize, store or cause to be stored the fireworks pending disposition of any criminal or civil proceedings arising from the violation and if the person subject to criminal or civil proceedings is found guilty, responsible or liable for the violation, that person shall pay the actual costs of storage and disposal of the fireworks seized.

(c) No person shall sell consumer fireworks to a minor.

A violation of this subsection constitutes a civil infraction punishable by a fine of $1,000.00, or, for a second or subsequent violation, a civil fine of $2,500.00. In addition, the City may seize, store or cause to be stored the fireworks pending disposition of any criminal or civil proceedings arising from the violation and if the person subject to criminal or civil proceedings is found guilty, responsible or liable for the violation, that person shall pay the actual costs of storage and disposal of the fireworks seized.

(d) No person shall discharge, ignite, or use consumer fireworks or low-impact fireworks while under the influence of alcoholic liquor, a controlled substance, or a combination of alcoholic liquor and a controlled substance. As used in this subsection:

(i) “Alcoholic liquor” means that term as defined in section 1d of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1d.

(ii) “Controlled substance” means that term as defined in section 8b of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.8b.

A violation of this subsection constitutes a state civil infraction punishable by a fine of $1,000.00. In addition, the City may seize, store or cause to be stored the fireworks pending disposition of any criminal or civil proceedings arising from the violation and if the person subject to criminal or civil proceedings is found guilty, responsible or liable for the violation, that person shall pay the actual costs of storage and disposal of the fireworks seized.

(e) No person shall ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks or low-impact fireworks in a manner that is intended to harass, scare, or injure livestock. As used in this subsection, “livestock” means that term as defined in section 5 of the animal industry act, 1988 PA 466, MCL 287.705.

(f) No person shall sell consumer fireworks unless the person annually obtains and maintains a consumer fireworks certificate from the State of Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

A violation of this subsection constitutes a civil infraction punishable by a fine of $500.00. In addition, the City may seize, store or cause to be stored the fireworks pending disposition of any criminal or civil proceedings arising from the violation and if the person subject to criminal or civil proceedings is found guilty, responsible or liable for the violation, that person shall pay the actual costs of storage and disposal of the fireworks seized.

(g) No person shall sell consumer fireworks from a retail location unless the conditions specified in Section 5 of PA 634 of 2018 are met.

A violation of this subsection constitutes a civil infraction punishable by a fine of $2,500.00. In addition, the City may seize, store or cause to be stored the fireworks pending disposition of any criminal or civil proceedings arising from the violation and if the person subject to criminal or civil proceedings is found guilty, responsible or liable for the violation, that person shall pay the actual costs of storage and disposal of the fireworks seized.

(h) No person shall engage in the retail sale of consumer fireworks over the telephone, internet, or other like manner unless the consumer fireworks are picked up or shipped from a permanent location for which the person holds a valid consumer fireworks certificate pursuant to Act 256.

Section 2. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days following publication.

At a regular meeting of the Linden City Council held on June 24, 2019, adoption of the foregoing ordinance was moved by Dick and supported by Culbert.

The Mayor declared the ordinance adopted.
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The 5K run was won by Michael Stewart, 62, posting a time of 30:52.51. He was the only performer to post a pace under 10 minutes.

After Buck and Griffith, the rest of the women’s top 10 runners were: Mary Sushynski (21:51.77), Samantha Wogaman (22:22.68), Lacey Randall (22:37.47), Holly James (22:37.84), Melissa Henry (23:34.87), Lisa Campbell (23:48.30), Julie Kordyzon (24:15.57) and Isabella Czarnecki (24:20.08).

The youngest registered finisher in the event was 4-year-old Ivy Przekora (1:15:43.06) while the oldest listed runner was 80-year-old Cathy Detman (44:19.81). After Cash and Alexander, the rest of the women’s top 10 runners were: Mary Sushynski (21:51.77), Samantha Wogaman (22:22.68), Lacey Randall (22:37.47), Holly James (22:37.84), Melissa Henry (23:34.87), Lisa Campbell (23:48.30), Julie Kordyzon (24:15.57) and Isabella Czarnecki (24:20.08).

The 5K walk was won by Michael Stewart, 62, posting a time of 30:52.51. He was the only performer to post a pace under 10 minutes.

Mike McPherson was second (32:56.58) while David Pierce took third (34:37.93).

The top 5K walk woman performer was Raji Jose, who finished fourth overall with a time of 34:57.35. She was followed by Jane Johnston (34:58.87) and Alexia Pierce (35:35.54) who finished fifth and sixth overall, respectively.

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HOLLY TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Holly Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on:

DATE:    July 16, 2018
TIME:    6:30 PM or as soon as possible thereafter
PLACE:    HOLLY AREA SCHOOLS BOARD ROOM
          KARL RICHTER COMMUNITY CENTER
          920 E. BAIRD ST.
          HOLLY, MI 48442
PHONE:    248-634-9331 Ext. 301

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider a Special Land Use Permit by the following applicants:

Michigan Renaissance Festival to operate a Festival and other Events on parcel number 01-12-476-002 and 01-12-401-003 in an AGRE Zoning District.

The hearing is open to the public to voice their views and/or to submit written comment. Citizens are encouraged to attend and participate in the hearing. The Holly Township Planning Commission will consider any public comments received at this time. Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing by writing to: Clerk at 102 Civic Dr., Holly, Michigan 48442.

A copy of the proposed ordinance revisions may be reviewed at the Clerk’s office at the above-mentioned address during regular business hours Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 8:30-4:30 and Wednesdays 8:30 – 6:00 except holidays.

Handicap persons needing assistance to attend or participate in this hearing are asked to contact the Township Clerk at 248-634-9331 x 301 or by writing to the above-mentioned address at least 7 business days prior to the meeting.

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CITY OF FENTON
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
AMENDMENT TO THE
CITY OF FENTON CODE OF ORDINANCES
ORDINANCE NO. 709

Please take notice that on June 24, 2019, the City Council enacted Ordinance No. 709, to amend Chapter 12 of the City of Fenton Code of Ordinances to provide for the regulation of the use of fireworks in the City pursuant to the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act, Act 256 of 2011, as amended, in order to maintain the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Fenton.

Ordinance No. 709 has the following Sections and catch lines: Section 1: Amends Chapter 12, Section 12-71 of the Fenton City Code; Section 2: Amends Chapter 12, Section 12-72 of the Fenton City Code; Section 3: Amends Chapter 12, Section 12-73 of the Fenton City Code; Section 4: Amends Chapter 12, Section 12-75 of the Fenton City Code; Section 5: Repeal, which repeals all conflicting ordinances; Section 6: which provides for the severability of the Ordinance; and Section 7: which establishes the effective date of the Ordinance. The Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon the publication of this notice.

A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection and may be obtained from the office of the City Clerk at the Fenton City Hall, 301 S. Leroy St., Fenton, MI 48430.

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LITTLE
Marsai Martin (TV’s Black-ish) stars in and executive produces Universal Pictures’ Little, a comedy from producer Will Packer (Girls Trip, Ride Along and Think Like a Man series) based on an idea the young actress pitched. Directed by Tina Gordon (Peeples), the film tells the story of a woman who, when, the pressures of adulthood become too much to bear—gets the chance to relive the carefree life of her younger self.
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Weekend Scrambler

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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Strawberry Rhubarb Crisp

Serves 8

INGREDIENTS:
• 4 cups sliced hulled strawberries
• 4 cups diced rhubarb (about 5 stalks), cut into 1/2-inch dice
• 1½ cups granulated sugar
• 2 tablespoons lemon juice
• 1½ tablespoons cornstarch, plus water (optional)
• 1 cup all-purpose flour
• 1 cup old-fashioned oats
• ½ cup granulated sugar
• ½ cup packed brown sugar
• ½ teaspoon ground ginger
• ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
• ½ cup butter, cut into pieces
• ½ cup sliced almonds, toasted

DIRECTIONS:

While grilling is often the method of choice when hosting warm weather gatherings, following up tasty grilled fare with an equally pleasing homemade dessert can set any soiree apart. “Strawberry Rhubarb Crisp” from “Crock-Pot: 365 Year-Round Recipes” (Publications International, Ltd.) from Crock-Pot test kitchens creates a cobbler-esque dessert chock-full of comforting flavors. It can be enjoyed on its own, or topped with a dollop of cream or ice cream.

Coat a Crock-Pot slow cooker with nonstick cooking spray. Place strawberries, rhubarb, 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar and lemon juice in the crock and mix well. Cook on high 1 1/2 hours, or until fruit is tender.

If fruit is dry after cooking, add a little water. If fruit has too much liquid, mix cornstarch with 2 tablespoons water and stir into liquid. Cook on high an additional 15 minutes, or until cooking liquid is thickened.

Preheat the oven to 375 F. For the topping, combine flour, oats, sugars, ginger, and nutmeg in medium bowl. Cut in butter using a pastry cutter or two knives until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in almonds.

Remove the lid from the Crock-Pot slow cooker and gently sprinkle topping onto fruit. Transfer the stoneware to the oven. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until topping begins to brown.
Tips for traveling with pets

Many pet parents choose to include their four-legged companions in their travel plans. Bringing pets along can reduce the hassle of finding a pet sitter or a boarding service. Traveling with pets in tow can also be enjoyable for the entire family, including pets. Perhaps that’s why a recent study from AAA and Best Western International found that more than half of American pet owners take their cats and dogs with them when they travel.

Traveling with pets can be fun, but it means taking some extra steps when planning a trip to ensure pets are safe and content. Before anyone hits the road or soars into the sky, consider these tips.

- **Acclimate the pet to the car.** Conduct a trial run with your pet in tow to gauge how he or she handles a car ride. Start with shorter trips and build up. Assess how the pet reacts so you can make adjustments if necessary.
- **Get a wellness check.** Visit the vet prior to departing, particularly if you will be traveling far or abroad. Pack an updated copy of health and immunization records, as well as proof of ownership of the pet. Some countries require pet passports. Investigate if the destination country requires quarantine of the animal.
- **Buy a quality pet carrier.** Be sure to have a secure and comfortable pet carrier for your dog, cat or small animal. This can make travel safer for the animal. If flying, you may need to purchase an airline-approved crate. Mark the crate with identification information and contact numbers.
- **Pack a pet-friendly kit.** The ASPCA suggests bringing along food, a bowl, leash, a waste scoop, plastic bags, grooming supplies, medication and first-aid, and any travel documents. Pack a favorite toy or pillow. Bring along bottled water as well. Drinking unfamiliar water can upset pets’ stomachs.

A sturdy, comfortable carrier can help keep a pet safe during travel.

- **Book direct flights.** A direct flight reduces the likelihood a pet will be kept on the tarmac or spend even longer times in the baggage hold of the plane. A pets-only airline might be a good choice as well. For example, Pet Airways offers climate-controlled cabins outfitted with individual crates, and a flight attendant checks on the animals every 15 minutes. After landing, pets are given a bathroom break.
- **Reserve pet-friendly lodging.** Many hotel and motel chains now offer pet accommodations. For a fee you can have your pet stay in the room. There may be specific requirements, such as restricting the pet to a crate when unattended.
- **Make sure microchip data is current.** Log into the service that coordinates with the pet’s microchip. Check to see that your address and phone number are current. Consider adding temporary travel contact data so the pet can be reunited with you if it gets lost at your destination.

Pets are traveling with their owners more often than ever before. Travel safe and smart at all times.

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