



**Fenton part of street art revolution** — Mural artist Kevin Burdick of Holly Township stands before his new mural in Dibbleville on the wall of the Ivory Loft bridal shop. “The street art revolution is just exploding, even in smaller towns like Fenton,” he said. “It doesn’t have to be Detroit or Flint.” **See story on page 3. Photo: Tim Jagielo**

## Gasoline leak could be monitored for years after discovery

■ ‘Giant vacuum’ will allow company to extract contaminated water

By Hannah Ball

**Linden** — The Linden City Council is considering entering into an access agreement with PM Environmental for the company to place 22 extraction

**See GASOLINE LEAK on 6**

## Fenton mayor, three council member terms expire this fall

■ Deadline to turn in petitions to run for office is 4 p.m., July 23

By Vera Hogan

Residents thinking of running for office in the city of Fenton have only 20 days to pick up petitions at city hall and gather the required number of

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“Requesting an article detailing the Fenton schools’ sinking fund budget proposal, which will be voted on Aug. 6. Thanks.” *Editor’s note: The Times ran a front-page story, ‘Special Aug. 6 election to cost district upwards of \$20,000’ on Sunday, May 26.*



“For those who use the northbound exit from U.S. 23 onto Silver Lake Road.

Have you tried using the Owen Road or Torrey Road exits instead? I’m sure you could find your way home from one of those instead of being frustrated at Silver Lake Road.”

“Please remind motorists about the law that became effective Aug. 1, 2018, requiring them to give cyclists 3 feet of space. You would think that the failure of the pathway would make motorists (especially the ones who voted ‘no’) more willing to share the road but it has not.”



# Tyrone Township trustee resigns

■ Moving away because of GM lay off earlier this year

By Vera Hogan

Trustee Allen “Al” Pool will be resigning from the Tyrone Township Board of Trustees effective Wednesday, July 3. He was elected to the board in 2016.



Allen “Al” Pool

Pool, a former General Motors employee, was among the 4,000 salaried employees who were laid off earlier this year. He has accepted a new career opportunity in Western Michigan and will be moving from Tyrone Township.

“It was an honor and a pleasure to serve my friends and neighbors in

Tyrone Township,” Pool said. “My time as a trustee and as a member of the planning commission has been very rewarding. I’m certain I leave the township in good hands and I know that Tyrone will continue to be an excellent place to live for many years to come.”

Tyrone Township Supervisor Mike Cunningham said, “Al is a dedicated trustee serving on the planning commission before becoming a trustee. When Al became a trustee, he was also appointed as the ex officio member of the township board to the planning

commission. Al will be missed and I wish him the best with his new career opportunity.”

Pool’s resignation leaves a vacancy that will need to be filled. Anyone who lives in Tyrone Township and is interested in becoming a trustee with the township board can apply on the township’s website, [tyronetownship.us](http://tyronetownship.us).

Interviews will be held with the final candidates interviewed and appointed at a future township board meeting, Cunningham said.

## READERS WRITE

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

### Veterans, PTSD and fireworks

Dear Editor,

I find it sad that the Fenton Area Chamber of Commerce does not understand veterans with post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). A small group of us here in the Fenton area have to deal with problems the fireworks cause. Last year, and again this year, a simple request of a “safe place” has been turned down by the Chamber. The problem we face is the concussion from the explosion of the fireworks. In some cases, firecrackers can seem like automatic gunfire to us. The effects vary from person to person. All we are asking for is a place or space we can enjoy the day and events during the day, but go to, to avoid concussion from the fireworks, yet our families can still enjoy the evening events. So when you think about lighting up fireworks this year, try to think of you have Veterans living near you, and the possible effects it will have.

David Dunville  
Fenton

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**APOLLO 11 FOUNDING MEMBERS:**

# Murals becoming more popular in local communities

■ Artwork inspires thought-provoking conversation

By Vera Hogan

Whether you love them or hate them, there’s no doubt that colorful wall murals in the local downtown areas are something to talk about.

Community murals are a mode of expression for artists in every graphic style imaginable. Most recently murals have become community center pieces that bring people together to celebrate the heritage and history of their hometowns.

Murals add color to building walls and streets that would otherwise go unnoticed, which is a treat for locals and tourists alike. Murals attract new local businesses, help bring customers to pre-existing locations, and boost the economy of an area.

Murals encourage motorists and pedestrians to slow down and admire their surroundings. They also create important conversations and expand thought. Community murals add value to neighborhoods and business districts while also encouraging dialogue about how individuals can preserve and

respect the environment, culture and history.

One of the first murals many people saw in the city of Fenton is on the side of CycleFit on N. LeRoy Street. That mural, featuring cyclists from a century ago, provides a visual look at the city’s rich history.

The side of Linden City Hall is the location of another colorful mural. In the summer of 2014, local artist and educator Gemma Amendola, along with Linden High School students, local businesses and community volunteers, came to gether to cr eate a whi msical mural in historic downtown Linden. The mural was a collaborative effort between the city and the schools to bring art and culture to the community.

More recently , the exterior of El Topo’s building displays the creativity and expression of artist Kevin Burdick of Holly Township. The Fenton Arts Council sponsored the project and conversation piece. The inspiration for the mural included colors from the Mexican flag

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Kevin Burdick spray-painted this colorful mural on the side of El Topo in Fenton in the spring of 2018. Photo: Tim Jagielo



Former Linden High School art teacher Gemma Amendola and her students painted this abstract piece on the side of Linden City Hall in 2014. Times file photo



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## Building Brands

## Keep calm and enjoy the summer

**T**his column is dedicated to everyone who works in a summer industry. From golf courses to resorts to RV and watercraft dealers, a lot of people sacrifice traditional summer fun so others can have that summer fun.

The brand team feels a little bit of that pinch since summer is our busy season too. You'll find us at summer events volunteering or working to promote our brand, plus we're busy planning for a number of events (including the NEW Bottles, Brews & News set for Sept. 28 in downtown Fenton) that we host or co-host in summer and early fall.

This is the only time of year sleep eludes me. I'm always thinking of one more thing that needs to be done. That thinking can lead to a panic if I'm not careful.

To prevent panic I found great advice in a fastcompany.com article by Faisal Hoque. Below are some of the tips offered and how I'm going to make them work for me.

**Focus on one thing at a time** — If I look at the week ahead on Monday I get short of breath thinking about all that has to be done. Instead, I'm going to take five minutes each evening to

review what the next day look likes.

**Don't sweat the small stuff** — If we forget diet pop at a networking event or run out of napkins, I'm not going to freak out, because it's not the end of the world.

**Control your breathing** — A big breath in through the nose, out through the mouth is like a mini vacation for your brain.

**Focus on the positive** — In event planning, it's important to set your sights on what is going right, what is crossed off the to-do list vs. what is going wrong or what remains to be done.

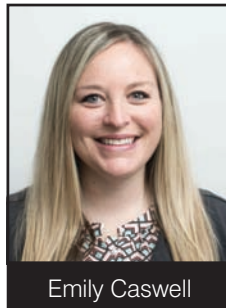
**Delegate and seek support** — I couldn't do anything without the help

of our amazing team who I'm happy to delegate to. I also find that being open about my stress allows others to help or at least serve as a sounding board.

I won't wish away summer, but I know life will look different come Oct. 1. Until then, I will use the tips above. I will seek the sun, sand and water when I can. I will stay calm and enjoy summer.

How do you stay calm during your busy season? Email me [atecaswell@mihomepaper.com](mailto:atecaswell@mihomepaper.com) to share your tips.

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Emily Caswell



## Hotlines

Submit Hot lines online at [myfenton.com](http://myfenton.com) or text to 810-771-8398

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**TO THE PERSON** that leaves the silver doggy bags full of poop on every corner in Fenton. You can't pick up your own trash? Even my 6-year-old said she wants to live in a town where there's no dog poop bags left on every corner.

**THE RECENT ASPHALT** job done on Owen Road looks terrible. This street is the gateway to Fenton and should be top notch, just like our city.

**APPARENTLY, SOME OF** us have never met Generation Z. Ten times smarter, ha, that is funny.

**IF YOU THINK** that you can just give people stuff and the country will be a better place, you are sadly mistaken.

**HEY, I KNOW** it's only been about eight months since they poured the concrete for the steps at the butterfly garden, but do you think it's cured enough to open them up?

**IS IT LEGAL** to bring my net to the butterfly garden?

**THE PATCHES WILL** be covered when the roads are repaved soon. It is too bad people rant about topics they don't understand.

## What are your Fourth of July traditions?

Compiled by Logan Shanafelt, intern



"We used to always go up north to our cabin, but now we just stay around town. This year we are spending time with friends."

—Jean Nichols  
Fenton Township



"I'm going swimming with my sister. Then we are going to eat some snacks and watch fireworks."

—Marina Monreal  
Fenton Township



"My family doesn't have a tradition, but I will be hanging out with friends and family, watching fireworks on the lake"

—Kylee Hager  
Fenton Township



"I will be spending time with family and friends, having a barbecue, and reminding my kids what the holiday is about."

—Stacy Matthies  
Linden



"We always watch the parade and watch my son-in-law play the bagpipes. Afterwards, we all go out and enjoy the beautiful Lake Fenton."

—Hewitt Judson  
Fenton

## street talk

## MURALS

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— red, green, and white. The eagle is symbolic of Mexico City and also has a connection to sightings of eagles in Fenton.

Burdick also painted a mural in the village of Holly in May of 2018.

In order to highlight the village of Holly's rich railroad history, Randy Redmond of RHL Group Investments Group commissioned Burdick to paint the mural on his building at the corner of Battle Alley and Broad Street. It depicts a steam engine rounding a bend in the track, flanked by a pond on one side and a car racing along beside it on the other. The horizon is all trees and farmland and the sky is dotted with hot air balloons.

At its Thursday, June 27 Planning Commission meeting, Beth Anderson-Harvey, owner of the Ivory Loft, a bridal shop at the corner of S. LeRoy and W. Shiawassee in Fenton, was approved for the floral design mural featured on the side of the building that faces S. LeRoy Street.

Burdick also was the artist for the Ivory Loft design. According to Made

lyn Allor, a bridalist at the shop, the owner chose the floral design because she wanted something unique to the Ivory Loft and to bring more awareness to her business.

"Beth was inspired by different murals she has seen around Fenton and in other communities," Allor said. "She noticed that people go to these places to see the murals and take pictures with them."

Allor said there is a spot on the mural where a bride can pose and become the stem of the flower. "Beth didn't want anything too flashy or bold," she said. "She wanted something simple, elegant and classy."

Source: Productcare.org



Kevin Burdick looks at his Dibbbleville mural on Monday July 1. Photo: Tim Jagielo

## Eagle Scout project gets nursing home residents working 'in the dirt'



Nursing home residents at Mission Point Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Holly have a reason to plant flowers and "get in the dirt," thanks to Owen Gilliam's Eagle Scout project. Gilliam, 17, of Davisburg, an Eagle Scout in Troop 192, built wheelchair-accessible raised flowerbeds so that residents could have accessibility to planting and gardening. "The residents are so excited," said Renee Howell, activities director. Owen, a 2019 graduate of Holly High School. Submitted photo



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## GASOLINE LEAK

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wells in the city, five years after an underground gasoline leak was detected in downtown Linden.

Councilor Heather MacDermaid said, "So basically, based on all the studies and all the stuff we've done, we're actually starting to do something to clean it up? Is that what we're doing?"

Adam Patton, national manager of site investigation services with PM Environmental, said yes.

In 2014, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) discovered a gasoline leak coming from an underground storage tank at the Beacon and Bridge gas station, owned by Quick-Sav Food Stores, Ltd. PM Environmental previously installed 19 wells to monitor the gasoline levels in the oil in September 2015.

Beacon and Bridge went back and forth with the DEQ for years before finally set-

ting on a final assessment report March 19, 2019.

Beacon and Bridge hired PM Environmental for remediation services, said David LaBrecque, assistant district supervisor of the Remediation and Redevelopment Division from the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy.

The corrective action plan includes a multi-phase extraction system. It's projected to be operational sometime this fall.

If the agreement is approved, PM Environmental will install 13 extraction wells on the west side and nine wells on the east side of Bridge Street. It will form an under-

ground network of pipes that meet at one point, which will be connected to additional treatment system equipment. PM Environmental proposed to locate this system within the basement of 109 Bridge Street, near Thimbleberry Antiques.

Once the remediation is complete, there will be additional monitoring to ensure the

**“So basically, based on all the studies and all the stuff we’ve done, we’re actually starting to do something to clean it up?”**

**Heather MacDermaid**  
Linden City councilor



The Department of Environmental Quality installed monitoring wells in downtown Linden in September 2015 after the discovery of an underground gasoline leak.

Times file photo

wells were effective over time.

"It's basically a giant vacuum. It's all underground," Patton said.

He doesn't expect the equipment to disrupt foot traffic or motorists. PM Environmental will pay for the wells on behalf of Beacon and Bridge.

"The proposed time frame for operation of the MPE (multi-phase extraction) system is for a period of 36-months, after

that time they will evaluate whether continued operation of the system is required, supplemental corrective actions are required, or that the site conditions support pursuing closure," LaBrecque said.

They will monitor the wells during these months, and once everything is complete, PM Environmental will continue to monitor the wells for another two years after they are shut down.



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## HOT LINE CONTINUED

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**FOR THE MILLIONTH** time, the improvements downtown that you whine about were funded by the DDA. Please stop complaining and spend some time learning how the DDA works.

**MIKE MUELLER WAS** silent during that meeting because he doesn't know what he is doing. If you voted for him, you made a big mistake.

**THE DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES** are 'looney?' That doesn't mean much coming from a supporter of Don.

**THE TIMES HAS** no obligation to print your opinions. The first amendment does not limit your speech. Please learn about the Constitution instead of disrespecting it with your lack of knowledge.

**WHO DID THE** work on Owen Road;

the cabbage patch kids?

**SCIENTISTS TELL MICHIGAN** to adopt tougher PFAS standards.

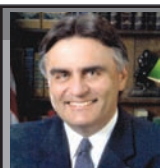
**ONE MORE TIME** for the people in the back. Planned Parenthood's federal funds do not pay for abortion procedures. Congratulations on paying for your own vasectomy, however, that isn't my business just as others' medical procedures are none of your business.

**NEARLY \$4,000 FOR** a flagpole? Seriously?

**STUDENT ENROLLMENT IS** and has been declining for over a decade. Why, then, is FAPS asking for the sinking fund millage to more than double?

**SINCE FENTON'S ROAD** millage didn't pass, it appears the city administration is going to do an awful patch job on streets to show us that they know best. I'm still voting 'no' next time. Budget your money the way homeowners must do.

**IF BETSY DEVOS** can use taxpayer money to support privately owned schools, I want taxpayer money to replace my driveway.



**Mark McCabe**  
67th District Court  
**Ask the judge**

### The Fourth of July

Tomorrow is Independence Day and the celebration of the birthday of our great country when our forefathers officially adopted the Declaration of Independence from Great Britain in 1776.

This being a fairly well known fact, for today's column, I'd like to share some facts about the Declaration and the Day that may not be so well known or perhaps even forgotten.

Although July 4 is widely considered as the day that the Declaration was signed, in actuality only two people, John Hancock and Charles Thomson, signed a "typeset" version that day. Mr. Hancock was the president of the Second Continental Congress and Mr. Thomson was the secretary. Thereafter, the Declaration was handwritten on parchment, distributed to the colonies, and signed by all 56 members of Congress (including Messrs. Hancock and Thomson) starting on Aug. 2.

Thomas Jefferson was the main author of the Declaration assisted by Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Roger Sherman and Robert Livingston.

The actual preliminary approval by Con-

gress of the Declaration occurred on July 2, John Adams believed we should celebrate on that day. He also suggested that the celebration be with parades, bonfires and fireworks.

Two future presidents signed the Declaration, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson. They both died July 4, 1826.

President James Monroe died July 4, 1836 and President Calvin Coolidge was born July 4, 1872.

The names of the 56 signers of the Declaration were withheld from the public for more than six months because they believed if the Revolutionary War had gone the other way, they would have all been executed for treason.

Five of the signers were eventually captured by the British and imprisoned, but none were executed. Others lost their homes or property.

Thirteen signers became governors, 18 became state legislators, 16 became federal and state judges, seven became U.S. congressmen, six became U.S. senators, three became vice presidents and two became presidents.

I'll stop here and simply say that as it turned out, thanks to these brave men and others, including a number of brave women, we ultimately won our freedom and the rest is history.

Irving Berlin once said in his famous song "God bless America." To that, I say "Amen!"

## TERMS

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signatures to get on the Nov. 5 ballot.

So far, only one person has turned in his signed petitions to city hall and had them certified to run for office. That is former City Councilman Brad Jacob, who served for one four-year term and announced in 2017 that he would not be seeking re-election, opting instead to spend more time with family and other projects. He did say, however, that he "would be back."

Mayor Sue Osborn is up for re-election. The mayoral term in Fenton is for two years. Osborn has been in local politics for nearly 40 years, having served as mayor for the past 20 years.

The four-year terms of Mayor Pro Tem Patricia Lockwood, Nancy Draves and Cherie Smith also will be expiring. Draves and Smith have served for one, four-year term. Lockwood has been involved with local, county and state politics for 31 years, having served on the city council and as mayor of Fenton. She also has in the past served as a Genesee County Commissioner (6<sup>th</sup> District) and Michigan State Representative (51<sup>st</sup> District).

**Fenton's elections are non-partisan. Any-**one interested in being a candidate for city council or mayor must be at least 18 years

of age, be a registered voter in the city for at least one year, and submit nominating petitions with a minimum of 50 valid signatures of registered voters within the city of Fenton, accompanied by an Affidavit of Identity.

Affidavits and Petition forms are available at the clerk's office at City Hall.

Although 50 valid signatures is the required number to become a candidate, it is recommended that the potential candidate obtain more than 50 signatures, but no more than 100 signatures, to avoid complications.

The clerk will accept only nominating petitions which conform with the forms provided and maintained by the clerk, and which considered together, contain the required number of valid signatures for candidates having those qualifications required for the respective elective offices by the Charter.

When a petition is filed by persons other than the person whose name appears thereon as a candidate, it may be accepted only when accompanied by the written consent of the candidate.

All nomination petitions filed shall be open to public inspection in the office of the clerk.

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# Fourth of July fun facts

Compiled By Vera Hogan

## ■ Did you know?

- Three U.S. presidents died on July 4 — John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and James Monroe.

In a bizarre twist of fate, Adams and Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826, the 50th anniversary of the country they helped found.

- On July 4, 1778, George Washington ordered a double ration of rum for his soldiers to celebrate the holiday.

- July 4 wasn't deemed a federal holiday until 1870, nearly 100 years after the nation was founded.

- Fireworks have been a major part of Fourth of July since the earliest celebrations. In 1884, miners blew up the post office in Swan, Colorado, because it wasn't supplied with fireworks.

- Other countries — including Denmark, England, Norway, Portugal and Sweden — celebrate the Fourth of July because many of their citizens moved to the U.S. or simply to attract American tourists.

- Americans use nearly 30,000 short tons (or 60 million pounds) of fireworks per year — much of that in celebration of Independence Day on the Fourth of July. Individuals purchase and use about two-thirds of the total. The remainder is used in public fireworks displays.

- Benjamin Franklin proposed the turkey as the national bird but was overruled by John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, who recommended the bald eagle.



## Patriotic places

The Fourth of July is being celebrated Thursday across the United States, including 31 municipalities with **liberty** in their names and 35 with **eagle**.

The U.S. Census Bureau said the largest is **Liberty, Missouri** with a population of 31,507 as of March of this year, and a total of four Iowa cities with the word, **Libertyville, New Liberty, North Liberty** and **West Liberty**.

The bureau said 35 U.S. municipalities have the word eagle in the name, with **Eagle Pass, Texas**, being the largest with a population of 28,945 as of 2017.

**Independence, Missouri**, with a population of 117,306 (2017), was listed as the largest of 11 locations with independence in the name and **New Freedom, Pennsylvania** is the largest of nine to include the word freedom at a population of 4,685 (2017).

The bureau said five U.S. cities have **America** in the name, with **American Fork, Utah**, being the most populous with 29,527 (2017) residents.

Only one location was listed with the word patriot in its name, **Patriot, Indiana**, with a population of 205 (2017).



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## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**REGARDING THE GEN Zs** at the workplace. Actually, they exhibit very little common sense and I presume they are still in the participation-trophy mode. I see them living in their parents' basement soon. Of course there are exceptions and those are the ones I would hire.

**IN REGARDS TO** Linden's recent issue with the pedestrian issue near city hall, they might also want to install in the centerline crosswalk signs like Fenton has on top of the standard warning sign.

**IN FENTON, JULY 4** runs from June 30 to July 6 with rude people blowing off fireworks until 11:45 at night. It's ridiculous. Maybe these people don't have jobs, but I do. Change this.

**I ONCE KNEW** an Irishman who was born on the Fourth of July, lived a very lucky life and died on the Fourth of July.

**MOST OF THE** water in our atmosphere is in the form of vapor less dense than oxygen, nitrogen or liquid water. If the vapor cools enough, it condenses to a liquid and gravity pulls it down, no matter how high. Remember gravity holds the moon in place 250,000 miles away.

**EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE** to take responsibility for their actions, including Weinstein. That's what he's on trial for, his actions. His victims are not on trial for their actions.

**SEYMOUR ROAD, LOUD** music playing. Are you all that insensitive to think everyone in a mile radius likes hearing the thumping? Well, we don't. Be respectful. Keep it down.

## NEWS BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

### The Rock Church holds Lake Day service at Silver Lake Park

The Rock Church of Fenton has announced that its annual Lake Day service will be Sunday, July 7 at Silver Lake Park in the city of Fenton. To help our community celebrate the Fourth of July holiday, the Rock Church is covering all admission fees into the park on July 7. They will start the day at 10 a.m. with some music on the beach and then a short word of hope delivered by Pastor Wes Morris.

**I SINCERELY HOPE** that something productive comes of this next meeting, but I fear it's just another photo op for Kim.

### THE DECLARATION OF

Independence proclaimed our sovereignty as a nation. Our last four presidents led us toward a 'World Government,' giving up our sovereignty to a group of world elitists, known as the UN. Donald Trump has saved us from this global dictatorship.

**SO, YOU DID** not vote for the walking trails, I'll show you! I will patch Owen Road, make it worse, and then turn around and raise your taxes and fix Owen Road, and attach the walking path in the bill. Haha.

**IT'S THE DEW** point, not gravity that gets rain to fall out of the sky.

**WHEN I COMMITTED** a crime by smuggling pot, I was put in prison. What is wrong with putting illegal immigrants in prison for smuggling themselves into our country?

**SO ALL DEM** candidates raised their hand to provide healthcare to anyone of the Earth's 7 billion people who can manage to cross our borders. You will be in a long line to get care, and then care will have to be rationed and cut off for those who are high risk or too old.

**I WOULD APPRECIATE** any type of patchwork, good or bad, on Westman Drive. People are driving in yards to avoid the road.

**TO THE WRITER** who complains about house bills not passed by the senate. Could it be because the liberal house passed stupid bills like abolish ICE or free healthcare to illegals when lots of our citizens don't have it?

**ARE YOU KIDDING**, you're worried that the patchwork on Fenton streets is going to cause people and floats to fall down in the parade. Watch where you're going. You are probably the same people who crawl around the woods, hiking over vines and roots.

**I WISH THE HPV** vaccine existed when I was younger.

**TO THE PERSON** impressed with the 268 bills that the Democrats have passed in the House. One of them is that men can compete in women's sports. If you are impressed with that one, I guess the other 267 will be even more productive. They do not want to work with the President.

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# Powers lacrosse squad succeeded with many local players

By David Troppens

The Powers Catholic varsity boys lacrosse team enjoyed a pretty solid spring season.

The Chargers finished the 2018 campaign 11-6 overall, six games better than in 2017. The squad also advanced to a Division 2 regional championship contest, eventually dropping a 15-8 ver-

dict against the sixth-ranked St. Mary's Prep squad.

The team's success had a lot to do with many tri-county residents.

They included Fenton's Miles Cramer, Fidel Carino and Ben Kehoe and Linden's Alex Harris, Ben Africa and Luke Phillpotts.

Cramer was named the Saginaw Val-

ley League MVP, earning first-team honors. He also was an Academic All-State performer. Also earning first-team all-league honors were Harris, Africa and Carino. Carino also earned Third-Team All-State status.

Second-team all-league players were Kehoe and Phillpotts.

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## David's Dabblings

Some thoughts about sports and others not dealing with sports at all



## RANDOM SUMMER LAWN THOUGHTS

I posted a column about the top 10 championship teams I've experienced in my lifetime, listing teams No. 10 to No. 6 last week.

I'm going to wait at least a publication before revealing the top five since that column will take a little more space than I have here today. Instead, here are some random thoughts.

### Lazy about the lawn

Some people love cutting their lawn. I have one friend that routinely posts about how he's going to cut five lawns today on his Facebook page. He lives for this time of the year.

We are not like my Facebook friend. If I can go two weeks without cutting our lawn, that's a worthy accomplishment in the Troppens' household.

About this time we can get away with doing the lawn almost every other week, but that hasn't been the case this year until this weekend. It only takes maybe a half-hour to do our lawn, but it felt good to skip that chore this weekend, even if it is just for a day or two.

The goal is to get through

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# Sports Times

## Eagles have 10 headed to college programs

### Steiert playing D1 women's soccer at Dayton

By David Troppens

When the 2019 Linden graduate class left Linden Community Schools for the last official time as students at their graduation, 10 of them still remained student athletes.

That's because 10 are going to play athletics at the collegiate level this fall.

Five are going to play football (Luke Kenney, Garrett Durkac, Noah Quesnelle and Ryan Wilbrink), while four others are going to play baseball (Travis Klocek, Parker Mabe, Jeff Metzger and John Miller). One will play volleyball (Madison Nelson) and a final one will

play soccer (Audrey Steiert).

Of the 10, only one will be playing Division 1 athletics — Steiert.

Steiert, who verbally committed during her sophomore season, will be playing on the University of Dayton's women's soccer team.

"I went there and I had a feeling, and the coaching staff is great," Steiert said. "I could not find a better fit. ... The head coach (Eric Golz) is the exact same person as me. Mentally, we get along so well, and after spending some time there, I get along with everyone there. They have a cool team atmosphere. It's really awesome. Obviously it was nerve wracking (making the decision as a

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Audrey Steiert (right) battles for a ball during a past season with the Linden varsity girls soccer team. Steiert will play college soccer at The University of Dayton in the fall. File photo

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## DABBLINGS

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the rest of the summer without any more trips to fill the lawn mower gas can.

### Lawn cutting services

We may be a tad lazy waiting as long as we can to cut our lawn, but what amazes me is how many people hire lawn cutting services for pretty small neighborhood lots.

It used to be if you wanted someone to cut your lawn, you'd ask the neighbor kid, the kid would bring his/her lawn mower, cut the lawn and you'd give them the going rate for a teenager to cut the lawn.

Not these days. We have plenty of people in our neighborhood that have lawn service experts cutting their lawns. For a job that would take no more than 30 minutes they hire a lawn care service. It used to be you knew it was the weekend because you'd hear every neighbor running mowers. Now it's relatively quiet. Now, I hear the hired large mowers roaring during the weekdays when I head to work, hoping I don't back up into one of their trucks.

### Summer laundry

I hate doing laundry, except during the summer. When I can hang it outside to dry, I actually enjoy doing laundry.

It's almost a game to try to figure out what will dry fastest or seeing how many loads of laundry you can dry in your yard before darkness hits, or before the neighbors realize you have 10 pairs of jeans looped over the rails of our front porch. We've been here about 15 years, and so far our neighbors haven't ever complained.

Actually, a few neighbors ago, I had the complaint. He smoked, but occasionally smoked something other than tobacco (figure it out). Occasionally, I'd have all my laundry hanging out to get that nice summer breeze smell while it dried, only to find out 30 minutes later, the neighbor was 'flaming it up.' Now that's a scent you don't want on your clean clothes.

## EAGLES

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sophomore) because it was such a long way, but I know it was the right decision. I couldn't be any more confident that I made the right decision."

The last time Steiert played for Linden's varsity girls soccer team was her sophomore season when the squad advanced to the state semifinals before losing. She also was an All-State cross country performer as well. Academically, she was an All-State Academic performer and her graduation class's Valedictorian. The Flyers posted an 8-9-2 record overall last fall.

"Audrey is extremely driven, competitive and influential," Golz said. "She is a workhorse of a central midfielder that is capable of playing box to box while being impactful and effective on both sides of the ball. She will help us improve our possession as well as our ability to break teams down with her technical range, ability to finish from distance and vision. ... She is versatile and talented and we can't wait to have her on campus."

Durkac planned on going to Trine University to be a football player, but now will be a two-sport athlete after his outstanding track and field season.

Durkac was a first-team All-Metro performer and an All-State performer on the Eagles' offensive line, but he also earned All-State honors by taking seventh at the D2 state meet in the discus (144-feet-11-inches). He also threw the shot put this season.

"It's really an honor to go to a university that has won the conference two years in a row and made the playoffs two years in a row, especially making the sweet 16 playoffs in 2017," Durkac said about Trine's football team. "I'm really excited to go down there and compete for a spot in football and track. I emailed the (track) coaches at Trine, told them my PRs and they were excited for me to come down. It's going to be exciting to do both."

The Eagles had an atypical losing season in 2018, going 4-5 overall, failing to make the playoffs for the first time since 2002. The squad went 4-5 overall in 2001 as well. During Durkac's junior season, the squad went 9-3 overall, winning a Division 2 district title. Team injuries crushed

the Eagles in 2018. The past success is probably a good reason why so many seniors are headed to the collegiate level from the football squad.

"Linden football has prepared me for everything," Durkac said. "The coaches are fantastic and they pretty much helped me make me the man I am today."

Other Linden players headed to colleges include Kenney to Adrian College. Kenney was a first-team All-Metro defensive back during his senior season. But as injuries accumulated, he also had 13 catches for 258 yards while returning for 152 yards and four TDs on just 18 rushes.

Ryan Wilbrink is headed to a Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) school as well. Wilbrink played on the defensive line for the Eagles, making 34 total tackles while causing two fumbles.

Quesnelle was a first-team All-Metro performer at linebacker and is heading to Heidelberg University. Quesnelle played during the 2018 season with a hurt knee but still ended up with 99 tackles, including 11 for loss.

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Linden 2019 graduate Garrett Durkac plans to play football and to compete on the track and field team at Trine University this fall. File photo

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**To the residents and property owners of the Charter Township of Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan, and any other interested persons:**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of petitions of property owners within the township signed by the record owners of land whose frontage constitutes more than 50% of the total frontage of the proposed district, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton proposes to reconstruct all streets in the Silver Ridge subdivision, and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the District within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be constructed and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as follows:

**All parcels of land in the plats of Silver Ridge No. 1, Silver Ridge No. 2 and Silver Ridge No. 3**

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has received preliminary plans showing the improvements and an estimate of the costs of such construction in the approximate amount of \$1,300,000, has placed the same on file with the Township Clerk, and has passed a Resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make such improvement and to create the special assessment district. The Township Board has also tentatively found the petitions for the improvement to be in compliance with statutory requirements.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said plans, estimates of cost, proposed special assessment district and petitions may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk from the date of this Notice through the date of the public hearing and may be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing upon such petitions, plans, district and estimate of costs will be held at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan, commencing at 7:30 p.m. on Monday July 15, 2019.

At the hearing, the board will also consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters filed with the board at or before the hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments or changes to said plans, estimates, costs or special assessment district.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the hearing and to submit any comments they may have.

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# MICHIGAN VOTES

## LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

— Compiled by Sharon Stone —

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### House Bill 4060: Aretha Franklin honorary road designation

To designate the portion of the M-10 freeway between Livernois and I-94 in Detroit as the "Aretha Franklin Memorial Highway."

#### Passed 32 to 5 in the Senate

Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14) ❌ YES  
 Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15) ❌ NO  
 Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22) ❌ YES  
 Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ❌ YES  
 Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ❌ YES

### Senate Bill 362: Ease reporting requirements for able-bodied Medicaid beneficiaries

To grant greater leeway in the individual "workforce engagement" reporting requirements submitted by able-bodied individuals accepting health coverage benefits under the Medicaid expansion authorized by the federal health care law.

A 2018 law made getting a job, job-training or meeting community service requirements a condition of able-bodied individuals accepting these social welfare benefits.

#### Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate

Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14) ❌ YES  
 Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15) ❌ YES  
 Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22) ❌ YES  
 Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ❌ YES  
 Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ❌ YES

### House Bill 4225: Exempt hospice painkiller from "bona fide prescriber-patient relationship" requirement

To establish a hospice exception from a law that prohibits prescribers who do not have a "bona fide prescriber-patient relationship" from prescribing controlled substance painkillers.

This requirement otherwise requires a medical service provider to have reviewed a patient's relevant medical records, and completed a full medical history and current condition assessment including an examination. The exception is intended to let hospice care providers adjust medication to the meet serious and rapidly changing needs of a dying individual.

#### Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate

Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14) ❌ YES  
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### GROVELAND TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

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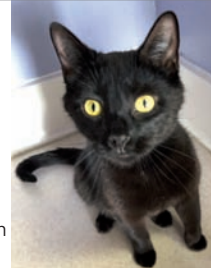
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C.P. Ellis (Rockwell), a local Ku Klux Klan leader who reluctantly co-chaired a community summit, battling over the desegregation of schools in Durham, North Carolina during the racially charged summer of 1971. The incredible events that unfolded would change Durham and the lives of Atwater and Ellis forever.

**PG-13, 2 hr. 12 min.**

Drama

Audience score ..... **76%**  
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### MIA AND THE WHITE LION

Ten year-old Mia has her life turned upside down when her family decides to leave their home in London to manage a lion farm in South Africa. When a beautiful white lion, Charlie, is born,

Mia develops a close attachment to the wild cub. After three years, Mia's life is rocked once again when she uncovers an upsetting secret kept hidden by her father. Distraught by the thought that Charlie could be in harm, Mia decides to run away. The two set off on an epic adventure across the wild African savanna in search for another land where Charlie can live out his life safe and free.

**PG, 1 hr. 38 min.** Drama, Kids & Family

Audience score ..... **52%**  
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## Horoscopes

For the week of  
**July 1, 2019**

### ARIES

**Mar 21/Apr 20**

Aries, you have a few questions but not too many answers. Seek the help of others as you try to answer your questions and be sure to thank them for their cooperation.

### TAURUS

**Apr 21/May 21**

Taurus, a friend has something to confide, so make sure you are ready to hear what this person has to say. It is alright to be a little apprehensive.

### GEMINI

**May 22/June 21**

Try to focus your thoughts on positive things, Gemini; otherwise, negativity can be overwhelming. If need be, make a gratitude journal that can help you express your feelings.

### CANCER

**June 22/July 22**

Cancer, if work has been taking up too much of your time, you may need to schedule a few days off and focus on recharging yourself. Enjoy some well-earned rest and relaxation.

### LEO

**July 23/Aug 23**

You may need to get a few people on your team in order to come out ahead, Leo. It always helps to have some extra support in your corner and a cheering squad.

### VIRGO

**Aug 24/Sept 22**

Virgo, you may soon realize that you are pouring a lot of energy into something that does not feel rewarding. Take some time to reconsider the path you're on.

### LIBRA

**Sept 23/Oct 23**

Libra, someone close to you appreciates all the support you have been offering, even if he or she isn't able to say it often enough. Keep on being the best version of you.

### SCORPIO

**Oct 24/Nov 22**

If it seems like you can't turn off your brain, Scorpio, you are not alone. Others may feel overstimulated, and you can seek them out for some advice.

### SAGITTARIUS

**Nov 23/Dec 21**

Tackling too many projects at the same time is a recipe for burnout, Sagittarius. This week you have to slow the pace down a bit or call in some reinforcements.

### CAPRICORN

**Dec 22/Jan 20**

A new chapter in your life could be unfolding soon, Capricorn. Don't be surprised when certain opportunities come your way in the next few days.

### AQUARIUS

**Jan 21/Feb 18**

Aquarius, someone close to you may be going through a difficult situation. All you can do is be as supportive as possible over the next few days.

### PISCES

**Feb 19/Mar 20**

Explore several creative possibilities to figure out what path may appeal to you, Pisces. Once you zero in on an activity, make it yours.

## Midweek Sudoku

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

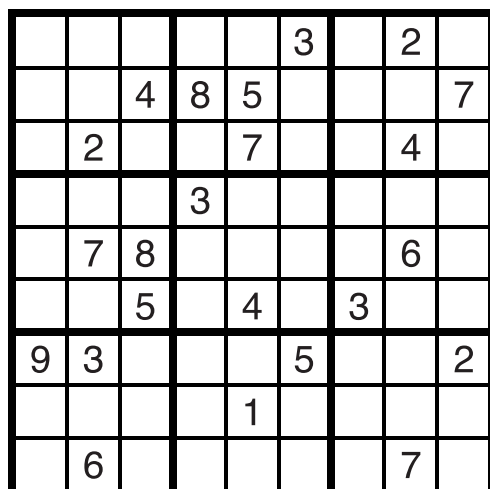
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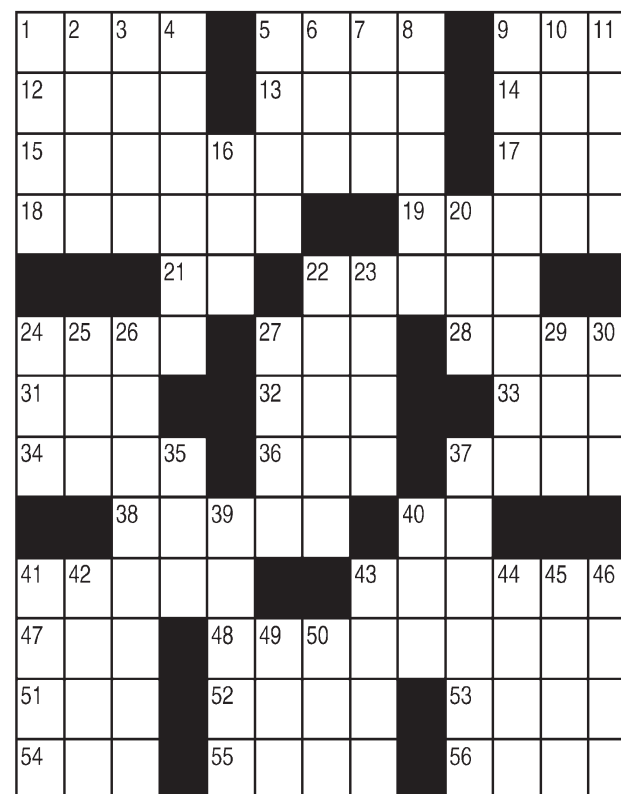
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## Midweek Crossword

## ACROSS

- 1 Church section  
5 Gangster's girlfriend  
9 GPS forerunner?  
12 Contemptible  
13 Met melody  
14 Expert  
15 Grand  
17 Scooted  
18 Baltimore athlete  
19 Luxurious fabric  
21 Rocky Balboa's greeting  
22 Native New Zealander  
24 Lowers the lights



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|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 27 Proscription      | 53 Lotion additive | narian              | wrong?"           |
| 28 Make a<br>sweater | 54 Lair            | 10 "Super-food"     | 30 Huck's pal     |
| 31 Historic time     | 55 Collars         | berry               | 35 Baby's cov-    |
| 32 Table scrap       | 56 Longings        | 11 Teller's partner | er-up             |
| 33 Id counterpart    | <b>DOWN</b>        | 16 "Xanadu"         | 37 Off            |
| 34 Zinger            | 1 Magazine         | band, for           | 39 Lousy car      |
| 36 Anat. or biol.    | contents           | 20 Clumsy craft     | 40 "Born in the   |
| 37 Fermi's bit       | 2 Orchard fruit    | 22 Parade           | 41 Raised         |
| 38 Nothing           | 3 Ganges gar-      | 23 Opposed          | 42 Assess         |
| 40 My group          | ment               | 24 Society new-     | 43 Census statis- |
| 41 Money under       | 4 Representat-     | bie                 | tics              |
| the table            | ives               | 25 401(k) alterna-  | 44 Anger          |
| 43 Star-related      | 5 Guy              | tive                | 45 Unsigned       |
| 47 Knock             | 6 Plata partner    | 26 Almond con-      | (Abbr.)           |
| 48 Bread spread      | 7 Lucy of          | fection             | 46 Dregs          |
| 51 Greek H           | "Elementary"       | 27 Variety of       | 49 Lawyers' org.  |
| 52 Reed instru-      | 8 Cow catcher      | 2-Down              | 50 Burgle         |

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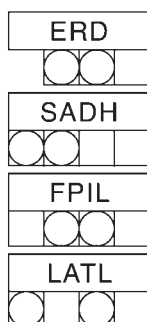
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The letters of these crazy words are all mixed up. To play the game, put them back into the right order so that they all make real words you can find in the dictionary. Write the letters of each real word under each crazy word, but only one letter to a square.

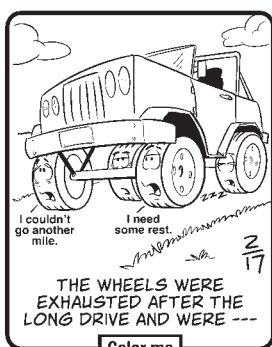
Now you're ready to solve today's Jumble for Kids. Study the picture for a hint. Play around with the letters in the circles. You'll find you can put them in order so that they make your funny answer.



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**Color me**

Answer: The wheels were exhausted after the jumbies: RED DASH were – ALL TIRED

## Midweek Jumble

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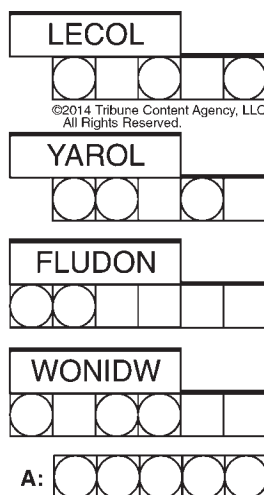
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