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Multiple homes struck by lightning

■ Weekend storms cause power outages, downed wires and trees

By Hannah Ball

Multiple homes were struck by lightning during last week - end's storms.

The tri-county area was hit with two thunderstorms Friday, July 19 and Saturday, July 20, and first responders were on the roads taking care of fallen branches and power lines.

Fenton Township Fire Chief
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Fenton officials approve nearly \$211,000 in purchases

■ DPW will get new 4-ton hot patch trailer, pickup truck and front end wheel loader

By Vera Hogan

Fenton's Department of Public Works (DPW) will be getting some equipment they need now that the City Council approved the purchases on Monday, July 22.

A second hot-patch trailer will be added to the DPW for improvements to
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Angels from Holly—Bonnie Garrison (right) of Davisburg shops with mother-in-law, Marij Garrison, and grandchildren, Carter, 6, and Clara, 4, at the Angel Haven Foundation Appalachia Benefit Sale Saturday, July 20. This is the 24th year for the foundation. See story on 2. Photo: Tim Jagielo



State says drawbridge must be out by July 28

■ Unauthorized structure not approved by overseeing state agency

By Hannah Ball

The owner of the unauthorized drawbridge installed on Lobdell Lake has until Sunday, July 28 to remove the structure, according to a letter from the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE).

Owner Brett DeGayner had the drawbridge, which connects Whitehead Drive to Turtle Island, installed Monday, July 8 without first obtaining permits to the dismay of neighbors and state and local officials. Argentine Township officials delivered a stop work order to DeGayner, but he had it installed anyway. DeGayner owns property on Turtle Island, which he rents

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Local leaders share 2019 mid-year update

By Times editorial staff

The following is a continuation of mid-year updates that began in the Sunday, July 21 Weekend edition with the cities of Fenton and Linden and village of Holly:

FENTON TOWNSHIP
Compiled by Thomas Broecker, operations manager/deputy clerk

"Through the end of June, the Township has issued 73 residential building permits
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“To any person who wants to complain about a mayor or council in

any city. Ask yourself how many meetings you've been to? How can I help make things better? Or should I sit in the peanut gallery and be a pain in the butt?”



“When you're walking in downtown Fenton why is your head down

looking at your phone? You can do that at home in your closet. Look around at the beautiful town. Learn something. Talk to a friend. Make a new friend.”



“I don't look for role models in the government. I only want the government to serve the citizens and

follow the law. I offer that role models should be parents, family and friends.”



'We're tired, but we're gonna keep going'

■ Angel Haven Foundation founders, ages 87 and 83, continue Appalachia aid

By Tim Jagielo

Holly Twp. — On the property of Carl and Shirley Roos, the hard work and generosity of local residents is building toward essential assistance for hundreds of families 500 miles away in rural Virginia.

This is the 24th year of the Angel Haven Foundation, the grassroots non-profit organization that raises funds and gathers useful items for the rural impoverished in communities like Vansant, Haysi and Grundy, in and around Dickenson County, Virginia.

Their first trip was to take Christmas shoeboxes down for their church, St. Rita's in Holly, which had "adopted" the area that year. When the Roos' saw the

need, they kept going back, and the effort and material aid grew.

To raise funds for their \$17,000 budget, co-founders Roos' hold one big annual yard sale. All the items are donated. They also accept cash donations throughout the year.

Shirley said at the last official count, they helped 202 families with food, furniture, clothes and hygiene products on one trip. They sometimes take requests and they've helped local youth go to college.

The material items are hauled down by Carl in a trailer that ends up weighing about 10,000 pounds when full. The next trip is in August for school supplies. Then he'll drive down twice in December. One trip is with Christmas shoeboxes and the other is food. In total, Carl will drive about 3,500 miles annually, when he doesn't have the help of long time friend and driver Ray Pfenning.



(Above) Co-founder Carl Roos, 87, makes the difficult drive to rural Virginia three times per year, hauling a 10,000-pound trailer with goods. (Right) Co-founder Shirley Roos, 83, spearheads the annual sales that raise the bulk of the funds to provide aid to the families in Virginia. Photos: Tim Jagielo



Sometimes the Roos family is asked why they don't assist local residents. Shirley counters that this is because the rural poor in Virginia have much fewer options for material aid. The closest food bank for these residents is the Dickenson County Food Bank, a 45-minute winding drive along the mountain. Faye Ramey, bookkeeper and secretary for the Dickenson County Food Bank, said the problem is the lack of jobs. She said organizations like the Roos' are needed there.

On Saturday, July 20, the yard sale was in full

swing. Tables were laden with toys, books, CDs, DVDs, trinkets and lots and lots of clothing.

Before the heat set in, shoppers like Anna Beckner of Holly perused the toys and games for sale holding her 2½-year-old son, Gabriel.

There are approximately eight sales areas in tents, tables and containers. The foundation has a dedicated group of approximately 15 volunteers who make it possible.

The Roos' daughter Barbara used to hold a sale in Chicago, Illinois, but she recently moved back to Michigan. The bulk of the fundraising must come from this one sale.

Shirley said they raised \$2,000 on

their sale Thursday, July 18, and \$900 on July 19.

Still working long into retirement

"We're tired but we're gonna keep going because they need our help," said Shirley, who retired in 2015 after 39 years at the Holly Township Library.

"The people are getting older, they're getting sicker, and prices are increasing."

The leaders of the Angel Haven Foundation are aging. Carl is 87 and Shirley is 83. They still feel the urge to assist the families in rural Virginia.

Carl can't physically assist like he

used to, but he still makes the 1,100-mile round trip drive, dragging the overstuffed trailer over the highways and narrow, winding mountain roads. He is a former electrical engineer and dairy farmer.

In the 24 years they've been taking supplies, Carl said they've blown 32 tires and lost one axle.

He said he feels the same urge to help as he did the first trip. He maintains with a laugh, that he'll do it until he dies. "Every time I go down there I think it's going to be my last trip, but the need is there and you don't quit," he said.

Carl said the families appreciate it, and they always turn out to unload the trailer.

Appalachia benefit sale information

Most items aren't labeled with prices. Sales are cash donations benefitting the foundation.

► **Location:** 6440 E. Holly Rd., Holly. Look for "Roos Farm" and sale signage.

► **Dates:** July 25, 26, 27 and 28. Times: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Sunday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Michigan raptors saved by 20-year project

■ Formerly threatened ospreys now flourishing and being tracked by citizen scientists

By Tim Jagielo

Fenton Twp. — From atop the 190-foot cell tower, cries of concern emit from osprey chicks. Their parents have been gone too long in search of food.

A few minutes later, one of the parents buzzes the tower to check on them. Then it flies west on wings of brown and white, with its distinctive “M” pattern, possibly out to Lake Fenton.

This scene plays out most days from the cell tower on Fenton Road behind the Sears Hometown Store.

Ospreys are large hawks (called “sea hawks” on the West Coast) with 6-foot wingspans. They’re larger than a goose, but smaller than a bald eagle,

according to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

Thanks to a 20-year effort from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, (DNR) it’s not hard to spot these unique raptors in the Lower Peninsula.

The birds were declared “threatened” after the impact of insecticide DDT in the 1960s. The chemical built up in the bodies of animals like fish that would then be eaten by the birds. The DDT caused osprey eggs to be soft, and they could be easily crushed during incubation.

In 2009, they were removed from the

“They’re just a fascinating bird, and they’re very, very tolerant of human activity.”

Julie Oakes
Department of Natural Resources



Photo: PT Cartwright

she spent years “hacking” osprey chicks. This is the process of taking extra chicks from nests from up north to a facility in a Huron County Metropark.

Once they fledged (learn to fly and leave the nest), they found mates and new homes in the Lower Peninsula. “The population has really responded; it’s been a real wildlife success story,” Oakes said.

She said ospreys are fun to watch and actually relatively mellow about humans. “They’re just a fascinating bird, and they’re very, very tolerant of human activity,” she said.

Utilizing citizen scientists

The hacking program and the academic monitoring of nests ended last year.

New for 2019 is enlisting citizen

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Sharin' the spotlight I'm sore, but happy

By Editor Sharon Stone

What a weekend and what an eye-opening reminder of why people my age can no longer have babies. I'm sore. Don't get me wrong; it was one of the best weekends I can remember in a long time.

We were fortunate enough to be asked to watch our almost 8-month-old grandson for the weekend and his four-legged housemate. Our daughter and son-in-law work full time and made plans months ago to go away for the weekend.

When my daughter's 12-week maternity leave was over, they chose my favorite daycare with Miss Robin, who also watched my kids when they were little. We picked up our grandson Friday from Miss Robin's and felt ready and prepared for the weekend with an hour-by-hour schedule printed out and by our side. Miss Robin works closely with all her daycare moms and dads ensuring they are all on the same page with schedules.

Babies love and need schedules and we followed his schedule closely. My daughter wrote down his entire day and included helpful tips in case "plan A" had to turn into "plan B." I don't remember paying that close to a feeding and napping schedule when our kids were babies and I certainly didn't know how much easier a weekend visit at grandma's would have been had I made a detailed one.

Just like we had to do, today's young

moms and dads are bombarded with everyday stresses of paying bills, having healthy food in their home, clean clothes, reliable transportation to work and more. But unlike when we were raising babies, they also have the added stresses of information overload, 24-7 social media and an increased number of allergies. Balancing it all daily is exhausting.

Unlike when our kids were little, young moms and dads have so much information at their fingertips. If they have any question about anything to do with babies, they can simply ask Siri on their iPhone and multiple websites will pop up. Determining what information is reputable is half the battle. I found myself asking Siri a few questions this weekend, too.

As the weekend progressed and our

grandbaby adjusted to licks and kisses from our dog, we adjusted to the fact that we were going to spend a lot of time sitting on the floor. It was then I remembered why we had carpet when our kids were young and beginning to crawl.

The number of products and gadgets that exist today is astounding. From the camera and monitor system to keep an eye on the crib while the baby is sleeping to the breast milk pitcher that has a fancy pump that mixes the milk that has settled to the little chairs that will attach to any dining room table, you name it and it's already made. It's already a thing.

To all you young moms and dads, we older parents and grandparents cheer you on with the incredible amount of work you do for the most precious job there is.

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WE ARE A nation of immigrants and the sooner everyone realizes that, the chanting 'go back where you came from' can end. Immigrants built this great country. Immigrants came willingly and some not so. Immigrants made the USA great, not one political party. Just because you are louder doesn't make it correct.

WE ARE A nation of laws. Undocumented workers broke our immigration laws, and I believe that they must be held accountable, especially those who may be dangerous. Deportations are up 80 percent with a focus on threats to our security. This statement was made by President Obama.

AWW. YOU WERE offended that someone pointed out how your generation neglected our state's infrastructure? Boo hoo. Poor baby boomer.

DEMOCRATS DON'T SUPPORT open borders. They are centrists. Health care is a human right. If you don't like progress, leave the U.S.

Compiled by Tim Jagielo, media editor

How did you handle the heat and storms last week?



"Brighton was hit hard; I don't know how we didn't lose power. (In the heat) we kind of hid in the basement and stayed cool."

— **David Giles**
Brighton



"I just really lucked out and landed an inside (painting) job. I was inside painting in the air conditioned house."

— **Rick Moss**
Fenton



"I just hung out on my pontoon on Lake Fenton."

— **Rick Jankowski**
Linden



"We sat outside and watched (the storm.) We have a covered porch so we could see the lightning. We were dancing in the rain."

— **Anna Dietrich**
Tyrone Township



"I stayed inside and drank margaritas. We're in a senior development and didn't lose power."

— **Kay Crossman**
Linden

street talk

PURCHASES

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the asphalt maintenance program. This is a budgeted item — the \$25,000 will come from the 2019/2020 DPW operating budget.

Public Works Director Dan Czarnecki said the DPW is now using hot mix asphalt in the summer months, and transporting hot mix materials from the Burton plant requires two hot patch trailers to transport material in a timely manner to keep the patching crew stocked with material.

The DPW was renting a unit for \$2,450 per month, with 80 percent of the rental rate applied to the purchase of the unit. The

DPW recommended buying a unit instead for \$24,497.25, the quote received through the state of Michigan MI-Deal Purchasing Contract.

“With rental credit, the net price of the unit is \$23,517.25 if payment is received by Aug. 18,” Czarnecki said. Falcon Asphalt Repair Equipment in Freeland is the vendor.

The DPW also budgeted \$28,000 in its 2019/2020 operating budget to replace a 2003 Ford F150, two-wheel drive pickup that has reached the end of its service life. Three bids were received and using the same MI-Deal Purchasing Contract pricing, Czarnecki recommended buying a new 2019 Ram 1500 Classic Quad Cab 4X2

pickup from LaFontaine CDJR in Lansing, for \$20,301, per its June 27 quote.

Also in the DPW’s 2019/2020 operating budget is \$163,000 to replace a 1999 New Holland 575 Backhoe Tractor that has reached the end of its service life.

“The DPW currently has two backhoe tractors and wants to replace the outgoing unit with a front end wheel loader,” Czarnecki said. “The DPW staff believes the front end loader will better serve the community’s year-round needs with a wheel loader being more efficient for downtown snow plowing and snow removal operations.”

Through the state’s MI-Deal Contract,

the DPW wants to purchase a Caterpillar model with 3-yard bucket, 12-foot snow pusher and 60-inch forks. In addition, a 48-month, 4,000-hours warranty at a cost of \$3,000 is included for a total \$166,171 price for the unit.

“As the unit is \$3,171 over the budgeted amount, the extended warranty can be eliminated,” Czarnecki told council. “Sale of the outgoing backhoe is expected to bring \$5,000, which will offset the cost of purchasing the manufacturer extended warranty.”

The council agreed to all three purchases, including the extended warranty for the backhoe.

NEWS

BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

Financial Plus Credit Union Partners with American Red Cross to Host Community Blood Drive

Financial Plus Credit Union is partnering with the American Red Cross (ARC) to host a blood drive **Friday, July 26, from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.** at the Financial Plus Main office, G-3381 Van Slyke Rd., Flint. The ARC provides about 40 percent of the nation’s blood supply. During the summer months, blood donations are at an all-time low, as donors are more likely to take long trips and vacations. Due to lack of recent donations, the ARC declared an emergency blood shortage and is encouraging people to give blood, especially type O donors. “Blood supplies are at an all-time low and we are encouraging our community members and employees to donate and be an everyday hero. By donating one pint of blood, you can save up to three lives,” said Olga Long, vice president of Strategic Growth and Marketing. The actual blood donation will only take 15 minutes. Walk-in donors are welcome, but you can sign up in advance at redcrossblood.org. To schedule an appointment over the phone, or for more information, contact Kristen Brisbin, public relations and social media specialist at (810) 244-2507 or KBrisbin@myFPCU.com.

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Holly High School band is going to Ireland

■ Invited to perform at 89th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin

Compiled by Sharon Stone

The Holly High School marching band will perform in the 89th St. Patrick's Day Parade next year in Dublin, Ireland. The group will travel with more than 200 students and parents of the village of Holly from March 13 to 18, 2020. This is a major milestone for the Holly band program. Preparations have been going on for two years.

Their trip to Ireland is an opportunity to take learning outside the classroom — and the country itself — and will contribute to a well-rounded education at Holly Area Schools that prepares band members for the real world, said Christopher Behnan, communications strategist for the school district.

Behnan said the band applied to the Dublin Parade Committee in 2018 for acceptance into the 2020 parade. The application package included a professional video that showcased the



The Holly High School marching band has been invited to perform in the 89th St. Patrick's Day Parade next year in Dublin, Ireland. *Times file photo*

band's performance skills, a resumé of the band's accomplishments, the band director's biography and multiple letters of recommendation from adjudicators and other music professionals.

In May of 2018, the district received a letter from the Lord Mayor of Dublin officially inviting the band to perform in the 2020 St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Behnan said as of right now there are only a few high school bands from the

United States performing in the parade along with several college marching bands. While in Ireland, the Holly band will visit the city of Limerick, Bunratty Castle and Trinity College along with various other historical landmarks and castles. The band is also getting new uniforms, which they will debut for the first time in the parade.

The band is under the direction of Ben Baldwin, a former professional trombonist with the U.S. Marine Corps Band. Baldwin is the recipient of numerous education awards, including the Michigan American Legion State Teacher of the Year in 2015, Michigan House of Representatives Special Tribute in 2015, and multiple inductions in "Who's Who Among American High School Teachers."

The Holly band program has a long tradition of superior ratings at contests and festivals and has performed numer-

Comedy night fundraiser for Holly High School marching band

► The community is invited to attend Comedy Night at the Fenton VFW this Friday, July 26. This event is a fundraiser for the Holly High School marching band, which is preparing for a trip to Ireland in 2020. The VFW is at 1148 N. LeRoy St. in Fenton. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m. Admission is \$10 at the door and there will be raffles, 50/50 and more.

ous times on the national stage. The band performed in the halftime show of the 2017 Valero Alamo Bowl in San Antonio, Texas, and represented the state of Michigan in the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D.C., in 2016. The band also performed in the halftime show of the 2015 Outback Bowl in Tampa, Florida, which still holds the record for the largest mass band performance in the world.

The Holly Marching Band also has performed for numerous professional sporting events, including two performances for the Detroit Pistons in 2015 and 2016. In April of 2016, the band made national headlines as winner of the Detroit Tigers National Anthem Contest. The band received over 25,000 votes from the residents of Southeast Michigan and was selected to perform the Star Spangled Banner on opening weekend.

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scientists to watch the birds and report their findings to monitor the health of the population. The Adopt-A-Nest Program is a joint effort between Audubon Great Lakes, The Detroit Zoological Society and the DNR.

These volunteers confirmed an exact GPS location for the nest, and reported whether there were birds in the nest and whether there were chicks.

There were reports in January April and July. Volunteers provided 727 entries on 152 active nests in the Lower Peninsula.

Oakes said they received reports from 35 of 83 Michigan counties, and 30 of those reporting counties have active nests. "We can start to get a little feel for how our population is doing which we could not do on our own," Oakes said.

There are so many volunteers for the Adopt-A-Nest program, that they're not accepting applications at this time.

While there were 152 nests reported, this is not by any means the total number of nests in the Lower Peninsula. Oakes hopes this program will help them to develop an accurate count of the ospreys in Michigan.

STORMS

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Ryan Volz said they had a total of seven calls the night of Friday, July 19, three of which were storm calls. The calls reported arcing wires on Restwood Drive, a down tree on Dooley Drive and a house struck by lightning on Silver Landings.

Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff said, “Friday and Saturday’s storms were definitely strong. Friday night was one of the more active storms for lightning that we have seen in a long time.”

On Friday, July 19, they responded to a tree down across a roadway, wires down, and a possible structure fire from a lightning strike. Cairnduff said the incident ended up being some electrical damage and no fire.

“Saturday night we responded to two homes that were struck by lightning and three wire down incidents,” he said. “There were

multiple areas without power each night due to the wires being down.”

The storms caused approximately 220,000 Consumers Energy customers in Michigan to lose power. As of Monday, July 22, 184,000 had their power restored.

The Consumers Energy outage map shows a few dozen homes in Linden, Fenton and surrounding areas without power as of Monday, July 22.

“We appreciate the patience of our customers as we work around the clock to replace damaged poles, repair electric lines and perform other work to return electric service to our valued business and residential customers,” said Guy Packard, Consumers Energy’s vice president of electric operations, in a press release. “Our crews will continue in ‘storm mode’ working 16-hour shifts until all our customers have been restored. Aided by nearly ideal weather conditions overnight

and this morning, forecast to continue, we’ve been able to make exceptional gains in getting power back on for our customers across our service territory.”

The press release states that Consumers Energy employees are working around the clock. If you have DTE Energy, you may qualify for a rebate if you were without power for more than 16 hours during non-catastrophic conditions.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

CURRENTLY, ANYONE WHO walks into an emergency room will be treated, whether they are a U.S. citizen. Trump and Republicans could have changed this when they had full control. But they did nothing. As usual, complaints without action.

SOON WE’LL BE planning our day

before the noon shower or after, as practiced near the ‘Equator.’

I AGREE WITH the Hot-liner regarding Republican recessions. Every Republican president since 1920 has trashed the economy to a varying degree, either by a recession, two recessions or a full-blown depression. This is not just a coincidence; trickle-down theory never reaches the working class people.

THE SUPER WIDE, fancy sidewalks downtown are cut down to smaller than their original size by restaurant patios. Why is this allowed? City officials, please correct this problem.

HAVING A COLLEGE education today is not a key to success if there is not a good paying job at the end. Consider trade schools that often offer paid internships or paid on-the-job training and a job at the end.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LAKE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR LAKE FENTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, on motion of the township board, as authorized by PA 188 of 1954, as amended, the township board proposes to continue a lake improvement program on Lake Fenton consisting of the eradication and/or control of aquatic weeds and plants and related services, and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of the costs thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the special assessment district within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be made and within which the costs thereof are proposed to be specially assessed are more particularly described as follows:

All parcels of land with frontage on or riparian access to Lake Fenton

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the township board has received plans showing the improvements, together with an estimate of the costs in the approximate amount of \$253,000, 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 aforementioned special assessment district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said plans, estimates of costs and proposed special assessment district may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours on regular business days 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 on the plans, district and estimates 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 August 5, 2019.

At the hearing, the board will consider any written objections and comments to any of the foregoing matters which are filed with the Township Clerk at or before the time of the hearing, and any objections or comments raised at the hearing; and at the hearing (or any adjournment of the hearing which may be made without further notice), the township board may revise, correct, amend or change the plans, estimates of costs or special assessment district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if written objections to the improvement are filed with the township board, at or before the hearing, signed by record owners of land constituting more than 20 percent of the area in the proposed special assessment district, then the township board may not proceed unless petitions in support of the project, signed by record owners of more than 50 percent of the area to be made into a special assessment district, are filed with the township. Written comments or objections may be filed with the Township Clerk at the address set out below.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if the township board determines to proceed with the special assessments, it will cause a special assessment roll to be prepared and another hearing will be held, after notice to record owners of property proposed to be specially assessed, to hear public comments concerning the proposed special assessments.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place in person or by representative and to submit comments concerning the foregoing.

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MID-YEAR UPDATE

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for new homes in 2019, continuing the upward trend of new housing starts that began a few years ago. By year-end we hope to meet or exceed last year's total of 114.

"Fenton Township is nearing completion of the second phase of a project to

replace or rehabilitate aging sewer pump stations. In addition to the 18 pump stations upgraded in the first phase of the project, phase 2 will upgrade 14 more pump stations, which should result in maintenance cost savings.

"An increase in local road funding allocation dollars from the Genesee County

Road Commission has allowed Fenton Township to approve seven separate local road improvement projects for 2019. The paving of Whittaker Road from Linden Road to Harp Drive, limestone resurfacing on Sharp and Smith roads, and the addition of paved aprons at several gravel/asphalt intersections are among the projects to be completed this year using a combination of Township funds and Road Commission allocation funds."

HOLLY TOWNSHIP

Information provided by George Kullis, Holly Township supervisor

Holly Township Supervisor George Kullis has many irons in the fire. There are several projects in motion that were started early this year or even last year and are continuing in development. Projects include North Holly Road engineering, with paving to be completed the summer of 2020.

Restoring the Holly Heritage Farmstead barn began in September of 2017. Developing a master plan is required before the site could be turned into an educational tourist spot. The Farmstead master plan and barn restoration are ongoing projects in 2020. Other projects include controlling invasive species and the road gravel program.

Developments include water and sewer tap-ins for Shannon Distributing, and Dixie Bypass project development, which is a project, that includes Groveland and Springfield townships.

ROSE TOWNSHIP

Compiled By Dianne Scheib-Snyder, Rose Township Supervisor

"Rose Township with the Road Commission of Oakland County (RCOC) recently contracted for the paving of the hill on Mason Street near the old township hall. This recently completed paving project will prevent the previously continuous repair of Mason Street, prevent gravel from eroding into Milford Road and causing possible driving hazards.

"Tri-Party funds were used for this project

sharing the costs between the RCOC, Oakland County and Rose Township.

"Other projects planned for this year consist of improvements to the playground areas at Civic and Dearborn parks.

"I am also working with a Historical Architect for A.D.A. and historically correct improvements at the original township hall. We recently acquired a small parcel of land necessary for the A.D.A. improvements allowing Rose Township to move forward with this project. The old hall will be available for use to our residents as an assembly building."

TYRONE TOWNSHIP

Compiled by Mike Cunningham, township supervisor

"The Tyrone Township community has accomplished much since the beginning of the year, the biggest of which was acquiring a new township hall at 8420 Runyan Lake Rd.

"The property was purchased for \$1 million in cash. We had the funds in the bank to buy the property and will not be asking our residents for a millage, special assessment or raise the current millage rate to pay for the new building.

"Other accomplishments so far this year include finishing the gravel ditching and tree work on Hogan Road. We also changed the speed limit on Mabley Hill Road from 55 to 35 miles per hour. We repaved Denton Hill Road from White Lake Road to the city of Fenton, and approved two road special assessments.

"Our goal for the remainder of the year is to remodel and expand the parking lot of the new township hall, move in and hold an open house. The Board of Trustees will also be interviewing three candidates to replace Trustee Allen Pool, who resigned. We also hope to complete gravel ditching and tree cutting on Linden Road, from Lake Shannon to Dean Road."

ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP

Argentine township did not respond to requests.

TOWNSHIP OF HOLLY

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF A HOLLY TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENT ADDING AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS UNDER INITIATED LAW 1 OF 2018, THE MICHIGAN REGULATION AND TAXATION OF MARIHUANA ACT

To the residents and property owners of the Township of Holly, Oakland County, Michigan, and all other interested persons:

On July 17, 2019, the Township of Holly (the "Township"), in Oakland County, Michigan, adopted an Amendment to the Holly Township Code of Ordinances by adding an Ordinance Prohibiting Marihuana Establishments Under Initiated Law 1 of 2018, the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (the "Ordinance"). The following is a summary of the Ordinance. A true copy of the Ordinance is available for inspection at the Township Clerks Office at 102 Civic Drive, Holly, Michigan 48442.

Section 1. Findings. This section states the findings of the Ordinance and provides that the Township has determined that prohibiting marihuana establishments pursuant to the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (the "2018 Marihuana Act") at this time is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare.

Section 2. Prohibition of Marihuana Establishments. This section provides that pursuant to Section 6 of the 2018 Marihuana Act, the Township prohibits marihuana establishments within its boundaries. This section further provides that this Ordinance may be repealed in the future if the Township later adopts an ordinance that authorizes, limits, and/or regulates marijuana establishments. Unless and until this Ordinance is repealed, this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Scope. This section provides that nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to prohibit activities that are permitted under the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act, Initiated Law 1 of 2008, MCL 333.26421 et seq.

Section 4. Validity and Severability. This section provides that should any portion of this Ordinance be found invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 5. Repealer Clause. This section provides that any ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 6. Effective Date. This section provides that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately after publication as provided by law.

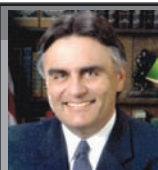
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HOT LINE CONTINUED

REGARDING THE FAPS August sinking fund millage. This millage includes more technology upgrades. What is the difference between these tech upgrades and the tech upgrades we are still paying for from the last tech/security bond?

GIVEN TODAY'S SITUATION, who would you prefer, Hillary or Donald?

DEMOCRATS WERE STILL the largest political party with more than 42 million voters (compared with 30 million Republicans and 24 million independents). How did the Republican win?



Mark McCabe
67th District Court
Ask the judge

Mackinac Island — Don't bring your car

In Michigan, it is a well-known fact that Mackinac Island is a wonderful place to visit, but cars are not allowed.

What most people may not know is that years ago, cars were allowed, and for today's column I will provide a brief history as to how that changed and some island facts that you might not know about.

In the late 19th century, the "Village of Mackinac Island" comprised some 20 percent of the island's land mass, with the rest being state park land. Back then, the primary methods of transportation were by saddle horses and horse drawn carriages.

At that time automobiles or "horseless carriages" started appearing. These vehicles were both noisy and smoky.

Village residents and carriage tour operators did not care for them, and after a doctor's car scared some horses, they went to the village's leaders to complain. As a result, the village council passed a resolution

July 6, 1898, "That the running of horseless carriages be prohibited within the limits of the Village of Mackinac."

Mackinac Island became a city in 1900 and the ban has continued under local ordinance in one form or another to this day. There is an exception for emergency and service vehicles.

Mackinac Island has the distinction of being the only city in the country with such a law.

As to the state park land, in 1900 a summer cottager ignored the ban, brought his vehicle to the island, and drove through the park. When he did, it frightened and injured several horses and wrecked some carriages.

In response to this accident, the Mackinac Island State Park Commission imposed a vehicle ban in 1901, which also remains in effect.

In 1910, the state finished construction of Lake Shore Road, which goes around the island. In 1933, this road was designated as "M-185" by the Michigan legislature and became an official state trunk line highway. It is narrower than other similar highways, and in keeping with the existing law, motor vehicles were banned. M-185 is the only state highway in the country to have this status.

There's much more to learn about Mackinac Island. As a starting point, I suggest going to the official Mackinac Island website at www.mackinac.org.

Little League embezzlement case comes to close

■ 41-year-old Argentine Township woman will be on probation for a year

By Hannah Ball

The Linden Little League embezzlement case has come to a close.

Along with paying restitution of \$5,000, Stephanie Suzanne Blackburn, 41, of Argentine Township, was sentenced July 17 to pay court fines of \$770 and be on probation for one year. She also wrote an apology letter to the victims.

If she does not pay her fines, she could be ordered to go to jail.

Blackburn was arraigned March 21 in Genesee County 67th District Court on one felony count of embezzlement

(agent or trustee) of an amount between \$1,000 and \$19,999. Blackburn pleaded no contest.

She entered a plea agreement in May which reduced the charge to a misdemeanor. She paid the full restitution amount Friday, May 31.

Background

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

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

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

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Fit for a Cure this Saturday

■ Local organization donates more than \$700,000 to Michigan hospitals in 2019

By Hannah Ball

On Saturday, July 27, the public is invited to Fit for the Cure, an event focused on health that will raise money for cancer research.

From 8 a.m. to noon, at the Fenton High School track and field, participants can do a number of fitness activities, all to raise

money for Michigan hospitals. A cancer survivor walk will take place at 11:45 a.m.

The event is put on by Engage Community Organization (ECO), which is part of The Freedom Center. All proceeds will go to U CAN-CER VIVE Foundation, whose mission is to “provide vital funding for cancer research grants so that someday we can all live in a cancer free world,” according to ucancervive.com.

U CAN-CER VIVE was created by Kelley LaFontaine and Ryan LaFontaine, sibling owners of LaFontaine Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Fenton, in 2016, but the 501(c)(3) was seven years in the making. Ryan is a cancer survivor.

“Every dollar we receive, 100 percent of it goes right to research here in Michigan,” Kelley LaFontaine said.

U CAN-CER-VIVE donates the money to Michigan hospitals, including Beaumont Health, CS Mott Children’s Hospital and Henry Ford Health System. So far in 2019, the organization has donated more than \$700,000. Their goal is to raise a million dollars by the end of the year.

At Fit for the Cure on Saturday partici-



Ryan and Kelley LaFontaine started U CAN-CER VIVE in 2016. The foundation has donated more than \$700,000 to Michigan hospitals this year so far. **Courtesy photo**

pants can join in the runathon/walkathon, which takes place from 8:15 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Activities include guided meditation with Vibewell, a session by person trainer Ken Hill of Complete Performance, Pilates with Primary Prevention-Physiotherapy, Zumba with Abby & Romina, a planking contest, Boomers Bootcamp, a kids boot camp, yoga with Divine Yoga and more. Kids can also dance with superheroes.

Each session is \$10. A day pass is \$50. “It’s a family friendly event. We want to make sure it’s family based. We really

want people to come out and bring their kids,” Kelley LaFontaine said. “It’s about uniting families and showing support.”

The activities are all fitness centered as a way to promote preventative-based healthcare.

Those involved in the committee for the event have all been affected by cancer in some way, whether they’re a survivor or have a relative who is.

“We wouldn’t be where we are today without the committee and their support. We’re so proud of them. They just want to give back,” she said.

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DRAWBRIDGE

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out as a VBRO (vacation rentals by owners), and the connecting property on Whitehead Drive.

State officials from the Water Resource Division’s (WRD) Enforcement Unit of EGLE have been aware of the situation and sent a letter to DeGayner dated July 18 with the July 28 deadline.

According to the letter, Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, and Part 303, Wetlands Protection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act prohibit the installation of bridges and structures that disrupt wetlands without a permit.

“Section 30102(b) of Part 301 prohibits the construction, enlargement, extension, removal, or placement of a structure on bottomland without first obtaining a permit from EGLE,” according to the letter. “Section 30304(a) and (c) of Part 303 prohibits the deposition, or permittance of the placement of fill material in a wetland and the construction, operation, or maintenance of any use or development in a wetland.”

Because no permits were issued, the drawbridge is in violation of these laws.

The letter also states, “the WRD has determined that a permit would not have been

approved for this project. Therefore, by no later than July 28, 2019 you must bring the property into compliance with the requirements of Part 301 and Part 303.”

To be in compliance, the letter states DeGayner must do the following:

1. Remove the unauthorized bridge from Lobdell Lake. This shall be accomplished in a manner that minimizes any additional impacts to the waterway, such as siltation, pollution and bottomland or wetland disturbance.

2. Dispose of all removed materials to a non-regulated upland area.

3. Contact this office immediately upon completion of the above restoration requirements in order that a WRD inspection can be conducted.

The Michigan Department of Attorney General is also aware of the situation and could become involved. If the case becomes a civil suit, the Attorney General’s office would represent EGLE in the matter.

A week after the drawbridge was installed, neighbors started a Gofundme page to help with “legal efforts” to remove the structure. It’s called “Remove the Drawbridge of Lobdell Lake.”

DeGayner has not responded to multiple requests for comment.

Is 100 the new 80?

■ People are living longer than ever, thanks to healthier lifestyles, good genes and public health advancements

By Sally Rummel

Annie Van Leuven was born June 8, 1918, when Woodrow Wilson was president and in the same year that World War I ended. She was born before jet travel, interstate highways, radio and TV, not to mention computers and the internet.

Now age 101, this former Fenton resident celebrated her 100th birthday last year at Fenton Farms Golf Club, where she has played for 50 years. She's still a league regular but is taking it easy for several weeks after a bout of health issues.

"I've always been a busy-body, being active outdoors," said Van Leuven, now of Burton. Longevity appears to run in her family, with a sister who is 94 and another who lived to 93. Her daughter is 84 and her sons are all in their 70s. She literally has dozens of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. "I am blessed," she said. "I have a wonderful family."

This active centenarian is representative of a growing population of Americans living to 100 and beyond. Centenarians now number about 82,000, up from 50,000 in 2002, according to the U.S. Census. Those who are 100-plus are the country's second-fastest growing age group, just after those 85 and older. In the next decade, the number of centenarians is expected to rise to about 140,000.

Bob Harris, 95, hasn't reached that 100-year milestone yet, but good health, busy days and a positive attitude are getting him closer each year. "I'd love to make 100, even 105 or 110," he said. "When I had pneumonia last April, I prayed, 'Dear God, I know I'm going to die, but not today please. I have things I still want to do.'"

Harris lives in the same home his parents bought on Lake Fenton in 1937.



Annie Van Leuven, 101, is a regular golfer at Fenton Farms Golf Club, continuing her healthy outdoor lifestyle. *Times file photos*

He walks with a walker because of balance issues and back problems, and has a caregiver that takes care of his home. He still accompanies his nephew, Dave Durant, to Michigan State football games and spends each winter in California with his daughter, Pat.

His best advice to others going through the aging process is to "find something to do that makes you want to get up in the morning." Harris is working on his seventh book about Fenton history, and that keeps him busy and engaged in a useful pursuit.

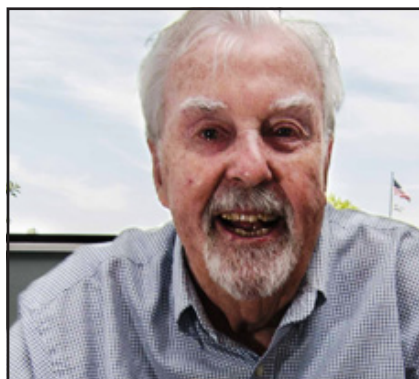
Harris enjoys being his age because "you can say anything you want, do anything you want. You can even insult people and they'll still smile because you're old," he said.

He's proud of his service in the U.S. Marines, building community colleges and founding Harris Financial Services

How long can you expect to live?

- **A man reaching** age 65 today can expect to live, on average, until age 84.
- **A woman turning** age 65 today can expect to live, on average, until age 86.5.
- **About one out** of every three 65-year-olds today will live past age 90, and about one out of seven will live past age 95.

Source: Social Security Administration



Bob Harris, 95, of Fenton, is now writing his seventh book on Fenton history, sparking his passion for his community and giving him a daily project.

in 1980, now run by his grandson, Rob Harris.

Marge Kimble, 95, of Linden, is surprised to have lived this long, although her sister, Shirley, is 98. "My father comes from a family of six and my mom from a family of five, and they'll all gone, except my sister and me," she said. "We both wonder what we're still doing here."

But she's glad she still is. "My health is pretty good," Kimble said. "I don't have a lot of energy, but I'm good as long as



Marge Kimble, 95, of Linden, still enjoys good health and living in her own home in Linden, a community she has supported for her entire life.

I can stay on two feet. I just keep pushing along." Her voice quivers slightly when talking about her husband's death 22 years ago and her daughter's passing just a year ago.

Kimble doesn't credit her eating or exercise habits for her longevity. "I'm ashamed to say my eating habits are the worst and I don't exercise," she said. She's not really anticipating her 100th birthday. "I feel very lucky to have lived as long as I have. I can't ask for more, she said.

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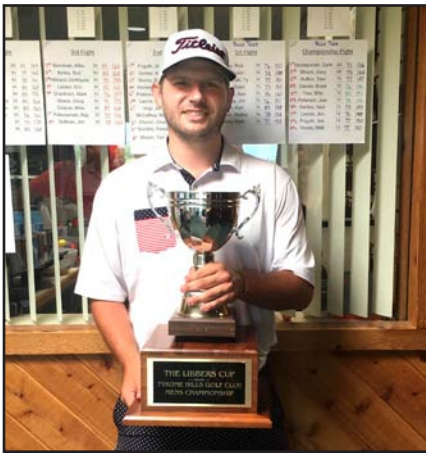
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Zach Szczepanski won his second Libbers Cup at Tyrone Hills Golf Course on Saturday. Photo provided

Szczepanski dominates Libbers Cup by 10 strokes

By David Troppens

Tyrone Hills Golf Club has great meaning to Zach Szczepanski.

Tyrone Hills was Fenton High School's home course when he was a member of the golf team from 2004 until 2007. He also worked at the course for more than eight years as an assistant. He also played in the course's junior golf league prior to high school.

So even now when he's busy travelling around the Midwest for his job with FootJoy, he makes sure he has one weekend off every summer — the weekend of the Libbers Cup Men's Open at Tyrone Hills.

Szczepanski took some vacation time for this year's event as well, and ended up crushing the field by 10 strokes en route to his second Libbers Cup title of his career on Saturday.

"For me I see Tyrone's (tournament) as the biggest event of the year," Szczepanski said. "I try to play in some Michigan

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Many schools represented in top 16 poll's middle numbers

By David Troppens

We've taken a long break from our Tri-County Top 16 Team of the 2018-19 Year, but we haven't forgotten about it.

The sports staff just hasn't had the opportunity to present the final two installments of the poll.

That's fine. The added time

between installments just adds a little more anticipation for the final two portions of it.

No. 11 - Fenton baseball:

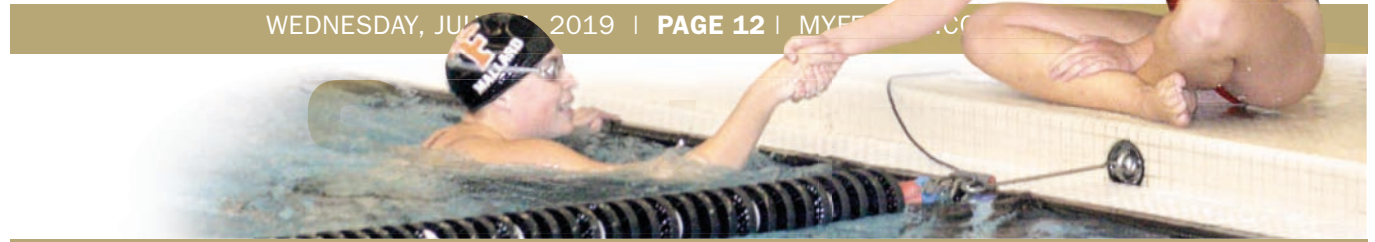
It started as just a so-so season for the Fenton varsity baseball team. The Tigers expected to contend for a league title, but ended up finishing third with an 11-5 Metro mark.

But the team heated up in the second half and put together a strong postseason.

Fenton won its first D1 district title, defeating

See **TOP 16** on 14

The Fenton varsity girls swim team finished No. 8 spot on our top 16 list.



LF's dynamic duo headed to SVSU together

■ Niestroy, Hufton helped elevate Blue Devils' XC program

By David Troppens

Tommy Hufton and Eric Niestroy have been the face of Lake Fenton's varsity boys cross country program for the last four years.

The pair helped elevate the Blue Devils' program to heights it has never reached before.

Now, the pair will get a chance to create some history at the college level. And the best part is, they get to do it together again. The Lake Fenton 2019 graduates are headed to Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU) to run cross country and track.

"It really means a lot to be able to have the opportunity to continue running at the college level," Hufton said. "Even more with Eric because we've

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Lake Fenton graduates Tom Hufton (second from left) and Eric Niestroy (far right) are headed to Saginaw Valley State University to continue their running careers.

Photo: Jim Niestroy

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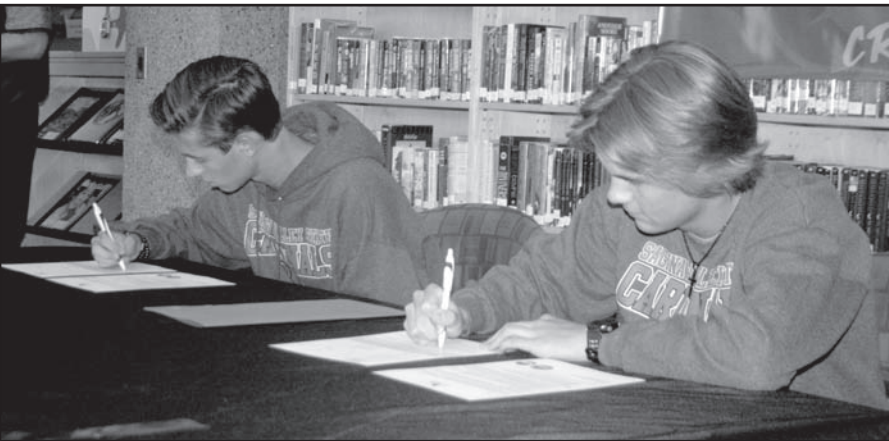
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I'm a handsome young man. I like to roll on my side for belly rubs and lap snuggles.



Tom Hufton (left) and Eric Niestroy (right) sign to go to Saginaw Valley State University to continue their running careers during a recent signing day. Photo: David Troppens

DUO

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supported and pushed each other these past four years, and will be able to continue to do that even more.”

“It means a lot that I am able to continue my running career at Saginaw Valley State University, but to be able to do it with my best friend and training partner from the past four years makes being able to run in college even more special.” Niestroy said.

While with Lake Fenton’s cross country program, the pair helped the Blue Devils qualify for the Division 2 state meet three straight seasons, earning the school’s first-ever D2 regional title their senior year. The team placed 14th at the state meet last fall, with Hufton earning All-State honors by taking 27th in 16:27.7 in the 5K race. Niestroy finished in 102nd in 17:42.4.

Niestroy had a season-best time of 16:32.1 at the Bath Invitational during his senior cross country season. Meanwhile, Hufton had his best race at the third GAC meet, posting a second-place time of 16:25.6.

Both were distance runners during the track season. Niestroy ran the 800 meter run, as well as the 1,600 and 3,200 individually. He qualified for the state meet in the 1,600 and 3,200, earning All-State honors with a 4:23.13 in the 1,600. He also placed 11th in the 3,200 (9:40.70).

Huffton ran primarily the 3,200, winning the event three times while also earning 19th at the state meet in that event with a time of 9:48.86.

Initially, the pair looked like they were on different college paths. Huffton was also looking at Oakland Uni-

versity and Albion College, while Niestroy was looking at Lake Superior State, Siena Heights and Madonna.

“I picked SVSU overall for their exceptional running program and I really liked the guys that were currently on the team. They had the same goals about running as I do.”

“I chose SVSU because I saw a lot of room there for me to grow, and figure out what path I want to take,” Hufton said. “On top of that, the cross country and track programs are at a level where I see myself being able to mesh into the team and improve a lot, and the team environment was something I knew I enjoyed the first time I experienced it.”

The SVSU men’s cross country team has finished second in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Association (GLIAC), each of the last three seasons. The squad finished sixth at the D2 NCAA Championships a year ago and 10th in 2016.

The men’s track team finished fourth in the GLIAC a year ago and fifth the two seasons prior to that.

Both runners will have to learn to adjust to the college level’s 10K distance in cross country races as opposed to the 5K distance ran in high school. Both also plan on competing in some new track events. Hufton wants to run the 5K and the 10K, while Niestroy wants to run the 1,500, the 5K and the 3K steeplechase.

Both are ready to start their first years.

“My main goal at SVSU is to get good grades and be the best student I can be in the classroom,” Niestroy said.

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SZCZEPANSKI

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amateur events and some other local events ... but I worked at Tyrone for nine years and I made a lot of friends there. Working with (Tyrone Hills golf pro) Dennis (Husse) was great. To win that event is special for me. I make sure I take those two days of work every year.”

Szczepanski opened the tour -

nement with a nine-under -par 63, putting him six strokes ahead of the field after Friday’s first 18-hole round. He finished with a 71, earning a 36-hole score of 134, 10 strokes better than second-place Gary Mrazik’s 69-75-144.

“Because of the rain a couple of days before it was lift, clean and place, so it was easy to get some good lies and get some wedge shots to spin,” Szczepanski said.

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ROSE TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF
ORDINANCE 174
FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION

NOTICE is hereby given that at its special meeting held on June 24, 2019, the Rose Township Board of Trustees adopted Rose Township Ordinance Number 174, to be effective 30 days after publication of this notice and summary. A true and complete copy of Ordinance 174, the Fire Prevention and Protection Ordinance is available for inspection and copies may be obtained at the office of the Rose Township Clerk, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan 48442, during regular business hours from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Thursday, except holidays.

SECTION
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CATCH LINES AND SUMMARIES

14-99	Definitions: The Rose Township Fire Prevention and Protection Ordinance updated by removing the term “National Holiday.” The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Memorial Day until 11:45 p.m. on each of these days. June 29 to July 4 until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days. July 5, if that date is a Friday or Saturday, until 11:45 p.m. The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Labor Day until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.
14-98	Fines and costs for violations of this Ordinance: A civil fine of \$1,000 for each violation of the ordinance and no other fine or sanction.
	Effective Date: This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days following its publication after adoption.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a summary of Ordinance Number 174, the Rose Township Fire Prevention and Protection Ordinance adopted at the special meeting of the Rose Township Board held on the 24th day of June, 2019.

Debbie Miller, MMC, CMMC
Rose Township Clerk

TOP 16

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Milford and Hartland in the district tourney. The Tigers followed that with a regional crown as well, defeating Walled Lake Northern and Detroit Catholic Central. However, the team's title run ended in the state quarterfinals (named the super regional this year), falling to Brother Rice.

This was a tough team to rate considering the squad finished with a 21-18 record overall. The postseason carried the squad.

No. 10 - LFLF gymnastics: It's still a pretty young program, but the co-op program which includes athletes from Linden, Lake Fenton and Fenton, continues to impress. They were No. 3 in the final poll a year ago and remain a respectable 11th this season.

The squad placed second in its conference and then placed third at the regional meet, earning the squad a spot in the state meet. While there, the squad placed eighth.

No. 9 - Holly boys tennis: The fall season always does well on these lists, and the 2018 fall was no exception. The Holly boys tennis team was fifth



The Fenton varsity boys track and field team is No. 6 on our 2018-19 Tri-County Top 16 Teams list. **Photo submitted**

for the fall, but are No. 9 on our list for the entire school year.

The Holly boys only finished second in the Metro League, but they finished second at the regional meet and placed a respectable 13th at the state meet.

And here's a Tri-County Top 16 question for those who have been following the last 11 years. Who are the only teams to be on each of the 161 posts. Well, only one team remains — the Holly boys tennis team. The Bronchos have never been any higher than No. 6, and have been in the 14th through 16th positions four times. But they figure out a way to get on the list

every single year. That's pretty impressive.

No. 8 - Holly wrestling: It was varsity wrestling coach Don Pluta's final season, and the program gave him a pretty solid year to remember. The Bronchos finished in the top 10 of our poll for the second straight year and for the seventh time during the 11 seasons we've established the poll.

The No. 1 team during the winter, Holly dominated the Metro League by scoring an 8-0 dual record and then winning the Metro meet with another title with 152.5 points.

What kept the team from getting too high in our poll is the fact that the Bronchos lost in the district final, but that was to state-ranked Goodrich. In-

dividually, six wrestlers did advance to the state meet with Nate Young becoming the final Pluta-led wrestler to make it to a championship match, taking second.

No. 7 - Fenton girls swimming and diving: The Tigers started out on fire and looked like they could be in contention for the top spot very early into the 2018-19 school year, but then calmed down a tiny bit.

Fenton crushed the Metro League once again, and also defeated area rival Grand Blanc. At the state meet, Gracie Olsen won the Division 2 state championship in the 200 individual medley and finished second in the 100 butterfly. All three relays also made it back for a second-day swim.

No. 6 - Fenton boys track and field: The Tigers were the area's dominant track squad going 8-0 in dual play. Then, at the Metro meet, the squad crushed the field by scoring 157 points, 45 more than second-place Swartz Creek. Fenton won eight league event titles.

At regionals, the Tigers took third but did have four event regional championships. Once at the state meet, the Tigers had an outstanding performance, earning 10th at the state meet, along with two event state runner-up finishes. One was earned by Noah Sage in the 400.

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In varsity wrestling coach Don Pluta's final season at the helm, the Holly wrestling team finished No. 8 on our 2018-19 Tri-County Top 16 Teams list. **File photo**

Millpond Park is a hub of downtown activity

■ Streetscape catapulted park and downtown Fenton area into popular destination

This is the second in a series featuring one of the city of Fenton's nine parks, providing information on each and highlighting the amenities available to the public.

By Vera Hogan

Since the mid-1970s, when Urban Renewal resulted in the razing of most of Fenton's downtown buildings, there wasn't too much foot traffic leading people to Millpond Park.

After school and on the weekends, kids and families could be seen visiting the park, perhaps fishing in the Shiawassee River, but for the most part, the park that is nestled next to City Hall and features the city's first gazebo, was a fairly quiet place.

The dam there is also just another pleasant working feature of the downtown area, one that will keep floodwaters at bay in the event of inclement conditions.

In the late 1970s, Tim Faricy, who was very involved with the community and later served on the Fenton City Council, spearheaded development and organized a group of volunteers to build Fenton's gazebo, at no cost to the city.

Referred to "unofficially" as Gazebo City, the city police still bear a patch on the arm of their uniforms featuring a gazebo.

When running for office in 2011, Faricy said his concerns about the city of Fenton included the lack of a viable downtown area, "My interests lean to more walkable city streets and downtown area ..." he said.

Faricy's wife, Linda, was instrumental in bringing the first Concerts in the Park series to the city on Thursday nights, which continue to be enjoyed to this day. The concerts are today sponsored by Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

As the Faricys hoped and predicted, the downtown area has exploded with activity and Millpond Park is at the heart of it all.

Millpond Park is a 4-acre park on the

Shiawassee River. The park is always open and there are no entrance fees.

There are picnic areas, play equipment for children, benches to relax on, and fishing in the river. The gazebo is available for rental at the city offices.

Clark Dibble, one of Fenton's original settlers, is said to have built the first dam. He built it at the site of the present dam and installed an undershot wheel to operate a small sawmill, consisting of one upright saw to cut the logs into plank boards or square timber and a circular saw to rip the edges and boards. Dibble got his sawmill running in the fall of 1834.

In December of 1836, William Fenton and Robert LeRoy came to Dibbleville (downtown Fenton) and platted the village of Fenton in the spring of 1837. Before platting the village, the men secured flowage rights for all property on both sides of the proposed millpond, giving them a 9-foot flowage right over and top of the original dam.

Flowage rights were sold and possession of the dam changed hands a few times. However, since William Fenton was a lawyer and Judge Daniel LeRoy (Robert's father) was attorney general of the state of Michigan at the time (1837), it was a given that all legal matters pertaining to the titles and flowage rights to the mill, dam and incorporation of the village were in perfect legal order.

Today, the Department of Public Works (DPW) keeps an eye on the structure, making sure the sluice gates work and there are no obstructions at that location or at the spillway.

The farmers markets, which began nearly 20 years ago on Thursday nights along with the concerts in downtown Fenton, brought even more people to the park area.

Then, as they say, if you build it they will come. The Streetscape project, which was completed in early 2016, resulted in the building of more residential dwellings, the opening of more shops and several restaurants. It has made downtown Fenton a destination, and



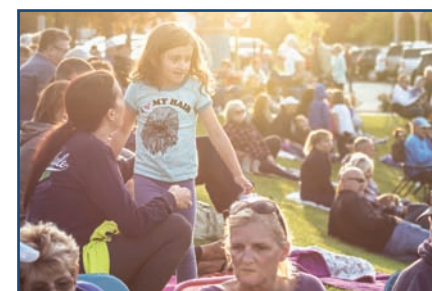
Residents and visitors have been enjoying the Thursday night Concerts in the Park for decades.

Times file photos



in the middle of it all is Millpond Park.

This summer, for the first time, the Friends of the Shiawassee held its first River Festival downtown. More than 2,000 visited Millpond Park and Rackham Park behind the community center for the festivities.



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Chinese students visit Fenton for third summer program

■ Students from Sprouts Akidemy, a Reggio-inspired after school program

By Vera Hogan

The Ellen Street Campus/World of Wonder (WOW) Early Learning Programs in Fenton held its annual exchange program with a Reggio(Emilia)-inspired program in Shanghai, China. The group returned home last weekend.

“This is our third summer hosting students from Sprouts Akidemy, a Reggio-inspired after school program,” Principal Linda Mora said.

Jeff and Sandy Arrowood are the owners/directors of this program, Mora said.

“Jeff is originally from Grand Blanc. He met Sandy when she was studying early childhood education at U of M Flint,” Mora said. “They eventually married and decided to return to China to begin their own Reggio-inspired school. I met Jeff through my relationship with U of M Flint’s Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC) director at the time, Della Becker-Cornell.

“She suggested that if Jeff wanted to see other Reggio-inspired programs he should come visit us in Fenton,” she said. “That was over five years ago. Each time he came back to Michigan he would come to Fenton to visit World of

Wonder. Three years ago, he contacted me to inquire on whether we had any programs that run in the summer. I told him school was not in session, but we did run a Summer Camp/Care Program for school age students. At that point we planned what has become their annual visit/stay with us.”

After the first summer, while Superintendent Adam Hartley was there watching a prepared presentation they had done on their school and life in Shanghai, Mora said she randomly commented on how great it would be if they could come during the school year and actually be able to attend and experience Fenton schools while in session.

Upon gaining Hartley’s support, Mora and Jeff began planning what they refer to as “Winter Camp.”

“Students from Sprouts Akidemy have come during their school recess — during Chinese New Year for the past two winters,” Mora said. “Each time Jeff and Sandy come, summer or winter, they typically come with about 10 students — including their daughter for about two weeks.”

The children are typically all elementary students, 6-12 years in age. “Since I wanted their experience to be as typical as possible to what our students experience, I have Jeff bring them to Ellen



Students from Sprouts Akidemy in Shanghai, China, prepare to come to Fenton’s World of Wonder Early Childhood Education, Ellen Street Campus. They returned to China last weekend. Submitted Photo.

Street each day and they are partnered with Fenton student ambassadors in their own grade levels, and then they ride the bus over with these buddy students to school,” Mora said. “We make sure all three elementary buildings have at least one Chinese guest. The students shadow the students throughout the school day, and then return on the bus after school to child care where they spend more time with our program before they are picked up at the end of day by Jeff and Sandy and transported back to where they are staying,” she said.

It was a simple idea, Mora said. Pair kids up and let them experience school and child care as our kids do. “It ended up working wonderfully — except for dealing with our Michigan weather — all the snow days meant no school for their

students to join us.”

In the summer, the Chinese students are enrolled in the WOW Summer Camp just as our Fenton kids are and attend all activities planned during their stay.

“We involve our students in projects under the Reggio Emilia philosophy in English,” Sandy said. “We encourage our students to explore the world with their inquiries. We strive to stimulate them to obtain the experiences and develop new abilities.”

The parents pay for their child’s trip to the United States. “The expenses vary each time, depending on the price of air tickets each time as well as what they spend individually while in the states,” she said. “Parents sign a travel agreement with permission for their kids to travel with us.”

HOT LINE CONTINUED

AS I DRIVE around town, I can’t help but notice how many people are on their cell phones. At least 90 percent. Someone’s going to get hurt.

SO YOU THINK the bike path would bring more people here; well you are probably right. But we need Fenton to stay safe and small. If you want to ride a bike go to Flint or Oakland County, but make sure you have a concealed weapon permit to carry your gun because it’s not safe there.

TRUMP WILL NOT cause a downturn. It will be caused by the Fed — the people responsible for every collapse since 1913.

THIS PRESIDENT SEEMS to think that people who disagree with him hate our country. When in reality the opposite is true. People who love this country and what it stands for know this president has done more harm than anyone thought possible. He even makes Nixon look good.

A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT is also to criticize those who want to, by design, overwhelm and destroy the country’s economy. The government’s power will then be used to ‘save us.’

WHAT’S WITH THE new words? BOGO! You need to (unless you can guess) Google it to know the meaning of app or whatever. Webster can’t keep up with these new nicknames.

I WISH THE city of Fenton would fine people with so much junk in their yard. Some areas resemble third-world countries.

FOR THOSE WHO say Obama did a great job, please remember that he added nearly \$10 trillion to our national debt.

I’M GETTING TIRED of people saying they have ‘rights’ for everything like education, healthcare, etc. The rights we have are life, liberty and pursuit of happiness. Everything else has to be earned.

RELEASE THE ENTIRE Warren report of Kennedy’s assassination. All of it. The American people deserve to know who the real criminals were, and still are, in our government.

I WOULD LIKE to see a special investigative/prosecution department within the Department of Justice to investigate all cases of lost or misspent federal funds that disappeared during Obama’s administration. These investigators cannot have worked for any federal agency prior to their appointment.

WHY IN THE world did anyone in Michigan vote for Rashida Tlaib? I am embarrassed for her and for those who voted for her. She is a complete embarrassment for the entire state of Michigan.

REGARDING THE ABDO Akl murder trial latest adjournment. Seems Attorney Manley can now plead his client has been denied his ‘timely trial.’

STUDENTS DON’T EVEN attend school when it’s hot. Why waste money on air conditioning for each classroom?

SOCIALISM DOESN’T LIFT people out of poverty, doesn’t encourage hard work or initiative, punishes hard workers, brings all down to poverty level (Venezuela, Cuba), relies on other people’s money, destroys risks and rewards concepts, doesn’t improve lives, gives government control of everything. This is the new Democrat Party’s goals.

TO THE PERSON who found my lottery tickets in VG’s parking lot. Thanks for not turning them in. From an 80-year-old forgetful senior who has no pension.

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ARIES-Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, you have the gumption to complete projects that others may never even attempt. Put your best foot forward and get to work so you can start producing some results.

TAURUS-Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, a friend or family member looks to you for advice this week. Do your best to put yourself in this person's shoes and let him or her know that your support is unwavering.

GEMINI-May 22/June 21

Gemini, a great opportunity to express yourself comes along this week. Make the most of this chance to let others see your creative side. You won't be sorry you did.

CANCER-June 22/July 22
A goal that seems unlikely is still worth working toward, Cancer. Others will be there to offer support and guidance as you pursue this very rewarding goal.

LEO-July 23/Aug 23
Your financial savvy comes into play this week, Leo. Put your skill for finding deals to work and

you will see your balances grow as much as possible.

VIRGO-Aug 24/Sept 22
Give yourself time to form an opinion on an important issue in your life, Virgo. The more time you take, the more clearly you will see the issue at hand.

LIBRA-Sept 23/Oct 23
A budding friendship commands your attention this week, Libra. Give this relationship the attention it deserves and you just may establish a bond as strong as steel.

SCORPIO-Oct 24/Nov 22
Think before you speak this week, Scorpio. Quick wit may lead to some easy laughs, but it's best to consider how your words affect those around you before you speak.

SAGITTARIUS-Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, criticism is coming your way and is intended to be constructive. Recognize others are trying to help and take their opinions to heart.

CAPRICORN-Dec 22/Jan 20
Give yourself a little more time to

solve a puzzling problem, Capricorn. Within a few days, you might have the fresh perspective you need to find a solution.

AQUARIUS-Jan 21/Feb 18
Not everyone moves at high speeds, Aquarius. Just because others can't seem to keep up with you, doesn't mean they do not have anything to offer.

PISCES-Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, focus on doing an activity that brings you joy. This activity is a great way to spend some free time each day being productive.

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Dwight Carroll Thomas

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Dwight Carroll
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Thursday,
July 25, 2019 at
Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel,
1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Pastor
Mark Cox officiating. Visitation will be
held at the funeral home Thursday from
12 PM until the time of the service.
In lieu of flowers, those desiring may
make contributions to the Alliance
for the Mentally Ill. Dwight was born
October 19, 1953 in Austria, the son of
Julian Riley and Lorraine Doris (Burtch)
Thomas. He attended Fenton High
School. He had resided in Fenton since
1961, coming from Flint. Surviving are:
his father, Julian; four siblings, Gregory
Thomas of Fenton, Loren Thomas of
Fenton, Julianne (Robbie) Roberson,
and William (Jeni) Thomas of Vanderbilt;
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Marian E. (Stanley) VanDeusen

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Marian E.
(Stanley)
VanDeusen

- age 86, of
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Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel,
1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Visitation
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make contributions to Adopt-A-Pet
of Fenton. Marian was born April 19,
1933 in Flint, the daughter of Lowrey
and Jessie (Rose) Nash. She was a
1951 graduate of Fenton High School.
Marian retired from Citizens Bank in
1989, after 29 years of service. She was
an avid golfer and enjoyed playing on
leagues until she was 80. She loved
spending time on her pontoon, putting
around Lake Fenton with friends. She is
survived by her children, James (Chris)
Stanley and Sherry (Carey) Schmidt;
grandchildren, Preston (Chelsea)
Bigger and Gina (Travis) Hager; one
great-granddaughter, Evelyn Bigger
and one on the way, due in December;
sisters, Janis Rolison and Vickie (Joe)
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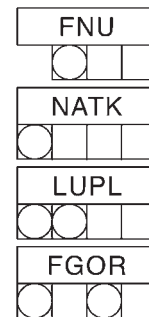
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The letters of these crazy words are all mixed up.
To play the game, put them back into the right order
so that they all make real words you can find in the
dictionary. Write the letters of each real word under
each crazy word, but only one letter to a square.

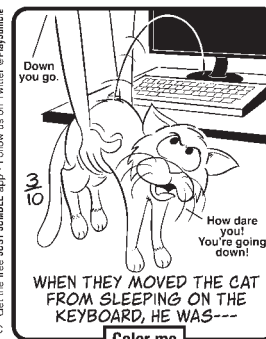
Now you're ready to solve today's Jumble for Kids.
Study the picture for a hint. Play around with the letters
in the circles. You'll find you can put them in order so
that they make your funny answer.



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Down
you go.

How dare
you!
You're going
down!

**WHEN THEY MOVED THE CAT
FROM SLEEPING ON THE
KEYBOARD, HE WAS---**

Color me

Jumbles: FUN
Answer: When they moved the cat from sleeping on the
keyboard, he was - PUT OFF
FROG
PULL
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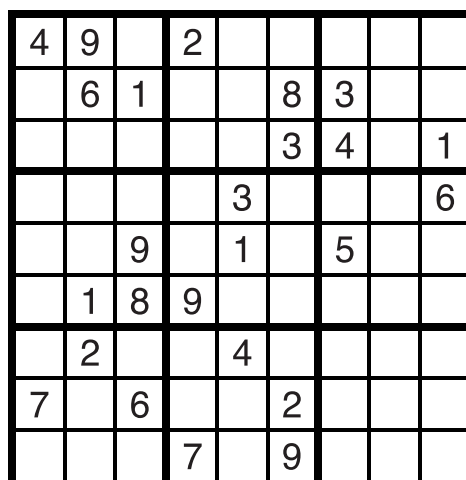
Place a number in the empty boxes
in such a way that each row across,
each column down and each
small 9-box square contains all of the
numbers from one to nine.

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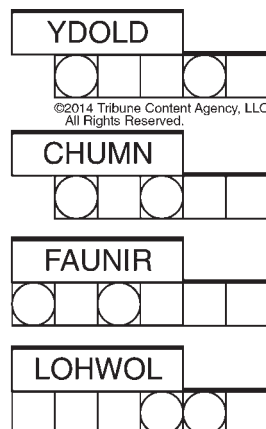
Level: Intermediate

Midweek Jumble

JUMBLE

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Unscramble these
four Jumbles,
one letter to
each square,
to form four
ordinary words.



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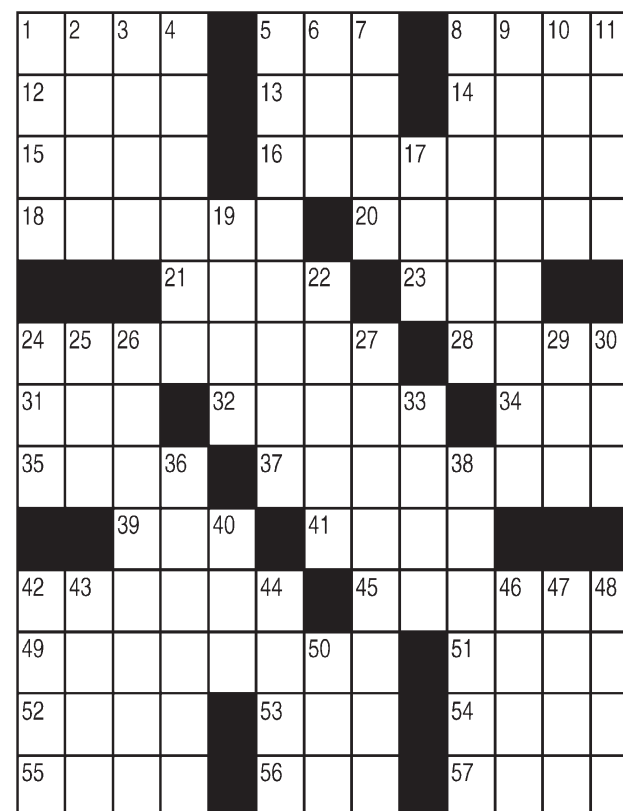
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Midweek Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Collections
5 Toward the
stern
8 Being, to
Brutus
12 Enticement
13 Actress
Myrna
14 "Once — a
time ..."
15 Operatic solo
16 Harem's
housing
18 Hex
20 "Long Day's
Journey Into
Night" writer
21 Fairy tale vil-
lain
23 Explosive let-
ters

- 24 Three-striper
28 Dueling sword
31 Opposite of
"post-"
32 Be philan-
thropic
34 Corn spike
35 St. Louis
landmark
37 Dramatic
musical work
39 Chance
41 Sandwich
shop
42 Alexandrian
peninsula
45 Maximally
49 Repaired



- 51 Hee-haw
52 Wise one
53 Past
54 Slender
55 Low card
56 Neither mate
57 Otherwise
8 First name of
period
20-Across
9 Green type of
soup
10 Earth
11 Carbon com-
pound
17 Pismire
19 Curved mold-
ing
22 Finished
24 Hot tub
25 Blunder
26 Tend a dead
battery
27 Bullfight VIP
29 Chow down
30 Historical
33 Whip mark
36 Invisible rab-
bit of stage
and screen
38 Spry, like
Jack
40 Luau bowlful
42 "Hey, you!"
43 Listen to
44 Read bar
codes
46 Verbal
47 Without (Fr.)
48 Youngster
50 Id counterpart

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