Some ambulance call times improve 40% in township

■Single service provider system showing faster response times

By Hannah Ball

Ambulance response times have become faster on average in Fenton Township since the municipality entered into an agreement with Medstar, according to data from Genesee County 911 Dispatch.

The agreement, which designates Medstar as the primary provider of EMS/ambulance services in Fenton Township, began May 9. After being active for 60 days, Medstar collected data from the county and found that response times were noticeably faster.

"We have not been in critical status in

Fenton Township since we have started our agreement with Medsar, nor have the 13 or 14 municipalities that have signed an agreement with them," said Ryan Volz, Fenton Township fire chief. "It's a good feeling as a fire chief to know that we're going to have an ambulance here to support our residents. It's running better than we thought it would."

Reaching critical status means that there are fewer than 10 available ambulances in the county.

In 2021, Fenton Township Supervisor Vince Lorraine asked Volz to find a solution to the issue of long wait times for ambulances. Genesee County's ambulance system is unique because it does

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Local state rep announces funding

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For new pickleball courts, accessible baseball field

State Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Fenton Township) recently led the Michigan legislature's approval of funding for pickleball courts and other park improvements in Linden and a new accessible baseball field in Mundy Township.

In Linden, \$296,000 will fund the development of four pickleball courts at Linden County Park, two multi-use courts for tennis or pickleball, paved parking facilities, and a picnic area with tables, grills, and benches. Paved connection

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Rodeo brings family fun to Gaines



A man holds on as long as he can while riding a bull during the 19th annual Gaines Community Rodeo on Friday, July 15, which featured contestants competing in events on Friday and Saturday, July 16. Thousands of people attended the event. See story on Page 10. Photo: Hannah Ball

Dial 988 if experiencing behavioral health crisis

■ Operates with existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline network

Michiganders in crisis now have an easy-to-remember three-digit number to call for help — **988**.

Michigan has joined the nation in transitioning to the 988-dialing code, which will operate through the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline's network of more than 200 locally operated and funded crisis centers across the country.

"The **988** number is another step See **988** on 9

Lin your list of candidates for State Senate in the 24th district, you list two Republicans and one Democrat. On my ballot there is only one Republican. Is this a mistake on your list or is my ballot wrong? Editor's note: Douglas Wozniak-R was on an initial ballot and later withdrew. Ruth Johnson is the lone Republican in this race."

6 There's a new

senior center open in Mundy Township. It looks like they have some fun things going on in their temporary location. Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation has senior events too. Get out and have some fun."

6 € Wow, The Fenton

Village Players outdid themselves with Spamalot. High-energy humor done by a spectacular cast. Hurry to see this one before the cast wears themselves out."





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Men's retreat planned for Oct. 22-23

■'We need to be better instruments in the community'

By Hannah Ball

Fenton resident Will Stiverson's main message to men about the Genesis New Beginnings Men's Retreat is that it's a retreat they cannot miss.

Genesis, founded by Stiverson, is described as a "spiritual renewal experience" that brings adult men together to "deepen their relationship with God and each other" on stjohnfenton.org/genesis. html. The retreat is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 22 and Sunday, Oct. 23.

The goal of the program is to help reshape the narrative around masculinity and help men become better role models. It teaches men to be more patient and understanding.

"God made the man the leader of the family, but they're also supposed to love the wife and mother like Jesus loved the church and there's no other greater love than that, which is huge. Everybody kind of forgets that part," Stiverson said. "You need to go to this, dude. You need to go. Your wife will be thankful."

Sixty men attended this first retreat April 23-24 at the St. John's Activity Center in Fenton, some of which were





Fenton resident Will Stiverson, known for his community involvement in multiple organizations, hopes to garner interest in the Genesis New Beginnings Men's Retreat, which he founded based on his experiences attending other retreats. Submitted photos

successful male business owners in the area.

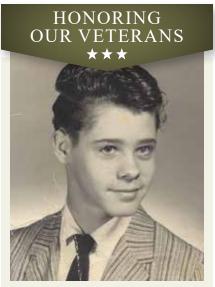
"There's just such a huge need. I'm not trying to be political, but if you look at a lot of the problems that we have in this country, it's absent fathers or abusive fathers. If Jesus can get a hold of somebody's heart through this program and that changes just even one or two or three people's lives, and then all of a sudden, there's reconciliation or whatever between that man and their family, that'd be great," he said.

One man who attended spoke about his struggles with his father who drank too much. Another attendee is a former alcoholic. Stiverson said men who are good husbands and fathers still learn and realize different aspects of their own lives they could improve.

On the first day, they begin with testimonial talks and engage in group talks. On Sunday, they attend Mass together. Stiverson, who's Catholic, said that Jesus is the center of his life and he wanted to bring that focus into the retreat's program.

"If you're really pushing the whole Christian part of your life, you should be more forgiving and understanding about others," he said. "Some guys come in and their careers are the most important thing in their life and they're neglecting their families or they're neglecting something.

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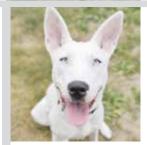
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Don't Rush Me...

o you ever just sit down and wonder anymore? Or do you just sit down and react with your thoughts?

Do you have time to reflect or are you on the go, 100 miles per hour, zigging and zagging, fixing this jam or another, plugging this or that hole wherever there's a leak, every waking moment?

I find myself sitting a lot these days. I sit on the couch. I sit in the living room chair. I sit in my car on my way to work and then sit at my desk.

Much of that time, whilst sitting, I'm thinking. I just find myself letting my brain go blank, then think. Or maybe I find myself not thinking so much as wishing.

Now, before you jump on me with the old cliches, I know. "If wishes were horses, beggars would ride." And, I'm fond of another old saying, "be careful of what you wish for, because you just might get it." That said, it can't be all bad to have a little wish list, can it? For example, I wish I would have saved some audio recordings of my sons where their voices were young and sweet. There's nothing wrong with their deep, manly voices they have now and I love hearing them, but I sure

If wishes were horses, beggars would ride

would like to hear their young, 3-, 4- and 5-year-old voices. Just thinking about that makes me smile. And, the things they used to say, "Poppy, why are we taking a shortcut?" Where's the long cut?" "Poppy, will you still be my dad when I'm 10?"

They asked a lot of questions, those two.

I kinda' wish NASA. or maybe Elon Musk, with all their satellites flying over us and taking pictures down on us, that on July 4 they broadcast from space, all the big firework shows. They could start on the East Coast and move west as the sun goes down. We have all seen the fireworks from ground level, but I think it would be cool to see it from the heavens, downward. I bet they could "stitch" everything together and make a pretty awesome presentation.

Those two wishes couldn't get me in trouble, could they? Okay, how about this next one:

I wish we were not such a narcissistic society. Our kids haven't got a chance truly at living a full, wonderful life if their parents act like petulant children. Seems, just like very little kids who have no sense of time or history, today's adults are concerned only with how they "feel" or "want"



now. Seems decisions are based on feelings and wants without understanding nuance or repercussions of decisions. I hear parents, or older people all them grousing about the "younger" generation because "they don't do this" or "they won't do that." To which I oft say, "Is it any wonder? Look who taught them."

Everything, I mean everything these days, is "deserved." There is little discussion on risk or rewards or working for something you desire/want. There is little talk about "life ain't fair," and "things happen," and "you're gonna' have to get over it sooner or later." Move on or forever go through life stuck in the rut, with your hands out asking for someone else to fix things for you.

Was that a wish or a "rant?" Maybe we can call it a rash, or "wint?"

I'm thinking I sit too much doing nothing but thinking too much. What say you? Speaking of "what say you," I got the following email in regards to my column on old newspapers and how they wrote about things "back in the day."

Wrote Deb L (I presume of Lake Orion): Greetings, I really enjoyed See RUSH on 8

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THANK YOU, TIMES for the candidate profiles for the upcoming primary. Always appreciated. Seriously disappointed in the Republican candidates for governor. If you want to lead a complicated state with a huge budget and trade and environmental issues, you better have more than 'let us pray.'

I HAVE COME to realize just how important our primary elections are when it comes to putting the best candidates in position to take back our state and our nation. I encourage everyone who can vote legally to hit the polls next month and in November.

ITOTALLY DISAGREE with the Hot-liner who states that the city of Fenton should install charging stations for electric vehicles. We all know that nearly every government project turns out to be a failure. Private enterprise is the way to go. now and always.

LET'S NOT GIVE in to all the whiners and close LeRoy Street half the time for another summer. What a mess for residents.

Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter —— Question asked to Tri-County Times' Facebook followers

What's your favorite season and why?



"Fall spring winter times. I like summer but it kills the grass during the summer time when we don't get rain."



"Spring, where all the trees and bushes look like they're brand new!"



"Fall! Colors, weather, football, fires! Chili & soups & pies... Just

yummm."

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"The summer because everything comes back to life."

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Board splits vote on policy for minutes

Clerk adamant she will continue writing minutes with detailed public comments

By Sharon Stone

After a heated discussion on Wednesday, July 13, the Rose Township Board of Trustees voted 3 to 2 to approve a motion made by Trustee Patricia Walls not to include word-for-word comments in the minutes that were made during public comment time June 8 and in the future.

Clerk Debbie Miller and Trustee Glen Nobel voted against Walls' motion.

This motion came after Walls pointed out a misspelled word in the previous minutes. Clerk Debbie Miller typed "desert" in the minutes regarding an ice cream treat rather than "dessert."

Walls then asked that the township board stop including detailed comments made by residents during public comment time and instead just write that a resident addressed the board. She is the secretary for the North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) board and said this is how comments are done in those minutes.

NEWS

BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

Blood drive in Holly

Calling area blood donors. Summer supplies at hospitals are very low. There is a Blood drive, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturday, July 23 at Holly Calvary Church, 15010 N. Holly Rd. in Holly. Donor link is: https://donate.michigan. versiti.org/donor/schedules/ drive schedule/141650 or call 866-MIBLOOD (866-642-5663) for questions or make an appointment. Donors can be 17 years old and weigh more than 115 pounds. Donors must bring photo ID with birthday and 16-year-old donors must have a parental consent form signed.



Debbie MillerRose Township
clerk



Patricia Walls
Rose Township
trustee

Miller said, "That's not going to happen. I'm the clerk. You don't pull the minutes for a typo. You can't take out comments because you don't like what they said."

Walls told Miller that the less detailed minutes is the way she does her NOCFA board minutes. Miller told Walls that she cannot tell her how to do her clerk's job regardless of how Walls does the NOCFA board minutes.

Treasurer Paul Gambka acknowledged Walls' way of doing the NOCFA board minutes and that this is a board decision. Hesuggested residents watch the meetings posted to YouTube or attend the meetings if they want to hear the comments.

Supervisor Dianne Scheib-Snider approved of changing the board policy regarding minutes to be like NOCFA's minutes.

Miller said, "You don't tell me how to do my job. These are my minutes and I'm not changing it."

On Monday, July 18, Miller said she is seeking legal guidance on the board's decision.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHEN IS THAT new long awaited cell tower going live on the corner of Lobdell and Linden road?

ANYONE KNOW WHY the black sludge is on the wall of the dam? First year I have seen this.

WHOEVER IS CLICKING their pen on the Rose Township board needs to quit doing that. You can hear the clicking the entire time you watch the YouTube video of the meeting. It's a very nervous habit and irritating, just like someone smacking their gum.

Rose Township votes not to recognize Juneteenth

■New federal holiday commemorates the Emancipation Proclamation in the U.S.

By Sharon Stone

During its meeting Wednesday, July 13, the Rose Township Board of Trustees failed to pass a motion made by Trustee Pat Walls to recognize Juneteenth as a federal holiday.

Voting to have Rose Township recognize Juneteenth as a federal holiday was Walls and Supervisor Dianne Scheib-Snider. Voting against the motion was Treasurer Paul Gambka, Trustee Glen Noble and Clerk Debbie Miller.

During discussion time, Gambka asked what Juneteenthis. Scheib-Snider explained and added that since it failed, the township offices would remain open that day per township policy.

Juneteenth

On Sunday, June 19, the U.S. observed the nation's newest federal holiday, Juneteenth, which was officially recognized in 2021 by President Joe Biden. The holiday commemorates the Emancipation Proclamation in the U.S.

President Abraham Lincoln issued the proclamation to free enslaved AfricanAmericans in secessionist states on Jan. 1, 1863, but enslaved people in Galveston, Texas, would not learn of their freedom until two years later. On June 19, 1865, Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger informed the community of Galveston of Lincoln's proclamation. Though it was issued years prior, enslavers were held responsible for telling the enslaved they were free, and some ignored the directive. Maj. Gen. Gordon demanded Galveston locals comply with the proclamation.



THIS WEEK'S GENESEE COUNTY ROAD PROJECTS

TOWNSHIP	WHERE	IMPACT TO TRAFFIC	TIMELINE	DETOUR	PROJECT DETAILS
Flint	Bristol Rd. bridge between I-69 and Linden Rd.	One lane open in each direction	April 4 - August 29	none	Bridge rehabilitation
Flint	Flushing Rd. between El Dorado Dr. to N. Ballenger Hwy.	One lane open in each direction	July 11 - September 9	none	Rehabilitation; Diet to 3 lanes
Grand Blanc	Baldwin Rd. between South Dort Hwy. and Holly Rd.	Detour posted	June 6 - September 2	Fenton to Cook to Holly	Widening to 3 lanes
Grand Blanc	Misty Meadows	Open to local traffic	May 2 - TBD	none	Rehabilitation



SEARCH WARRANT REQUIREMENTS

During my judicial career, I have signed hundreds of search warrants allowing police authorities to search for and seize a wide variety of items related to criminal activity. Examples include illegal drugs, stolen property, and allowing blood draws for drunk driving cases.

Although every warrant was slightly different, each had one thing in common — they all had to meet the requirements of the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

The Fourth Amendment guarantees the right of the people to be secure against unreasonable searches and seizures. Accordingly, unless there is a limited exception, officers must first obtain a warrant for a search to be reasonable.

Under the Fourth Amendment, the warrant must state with particularity the place to be searched, the person or things to be seized, and specifically identify the alleged criminal activity justifying the warrant.

There also is an accompanying affidavit signed under oath by the officer, detailing the facts of the case and why the warrant is needed. The affidavit also must state that it is made a part of the warrant by being "incorporated by reference."

A recent example of how these search warrant requirements are applied is seen in the July 14 Michigan Court of Appeals case of People v Steven Brcic.

In Brcic, the defendant had been drinking in Cheboygan County and then crashed his SUV. He tried to flee the police and jumped into the Indian River.

He was unsuccessful and was eventually caught and arrested.

Thereafter a search warrant for a blood draw was obtained with an accompanying affidavit. The blood was sent to the crime lab with positive results

Interestingly, the warrant didn't include the defendant's name and simply indicated that the person to be searched was located at the Cheboygan County Jail.

Additionally, although the affidavit named the defendant, it was not incorporated by reference in the warrant and was merely referenced as being attached to it.

After reviewing the facts of the case, the Court of Appeals held that these omissions made the warrant facially invalid and prohibited the blood test results from being used at trial.

This opinion is a wonderful example of how the protections of the Fourth Amendment work, how important it is to follow the rules, and what happens when they're not.



COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

THIEVES STEAL CATALYTIC CONVERTERS FROM BUSINESS VEHICLES IN FENTON TOWNSHIP

On Thursday July 14, at 7:37 a.m., deputies from the Genesee County Sheriff's Office responded to two separate businesses on Torrey Road in Fenton Township for a larceny of catalytic converters complaint involving six company vehicles and three personal vehicles. Upon arrival, deputies met with the complainant who said an employee was starting up their work vans when it was observed the vehicles did not sound right. The complainant advised one of their cameras that faced their work vehicles had been moved. The complainant said nothing else on their property or inside their vehicles were stolen. Deputies reviewed the security cameras with the complainant. The security footage showed what appeared to be two males coming onto the property from the woods from the west at approximately 5:02 a.m. One male was wearing a black ski mask, black coat, white T-shirt, blue pants, and white shoes. The second male was wearing a black ski mask, orange long sleeve shirt, black pants, and black shoes/ sandals. The two males exited back through the woods at approximately 5:30 a.m. The complainant showed deputies two red sawz-all blades in the bushes near the area of where the two males were walking. The sheriff's office asks that you call 911 if you see anything suspicious or unusual. If anyone has any information on this theft or any other crimes, contact (810) 257-3422,







(left) New pickleball courts, similar to what is shown here, are expected to be coming to Linden County Park. Funding approved by the state's legislature comes from the Natural Resources Trust Fund. (right) Approximately \$256,000 will help fund the development of an accessible baseball field at Mundy Township's new park, Mundy Miracle Commons. Submitted photos

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paths will join the parking facilities with the courts, picnic area and the multi-use trail that runs from the city of Linden to the north boundary of the park. This will allow for intergenerational park use and will be accessible to park users of all abilities.

"Linden Park is a favorite spot in our community," Mueller said. "These improvements will make it more enjoyable to even more people."

About \$256,000 will help fund the development of an accessible baseball field at Mundy Township's new park, Mundy Miracle Commons. The Miracle League Field will include dugouts with wraparound shade screening, fencing, and field lighting. Other amenities include benches for teams and spectators, sidewalk connections from the parking lot, trash receptacles, and interpretive signage identifying ecological points of

interest around the site.

The field project is an effort led by the Miracle League of Greater Flint, a non-profit organization dedicated to creating opportunities for children with physical and emotional challenges to play baseball in an environment that is safe and supportive, designed to meet their needs.

"This project is going to create so many great opportunities for young people in our community to get outside and enjoy the game of baseball," Mueller said. "I'm glad we were able to support such an important project that means so much to the people of Genesee County."

Funding for both projects is part of Senate Bill 1028, which includes \$45.6 million for 22 land acquisition and 95 recreational development projects throughout the state with revenues from the Natural Resources Trust Fund. The fund's board approved its recommendations in December 2021 and the projects were recently approved

with overwhelming support by the House and Senate.

On Tuesday, July 19, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed the legislation authorizing \$45.6 million in Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grants.

Money in the Natural Resources Trust Fund comes from the development of minerals on state land — not general tax money — and is distributed on an annual basis in partnership with local governments. The money must be used for acquisition or recreational development projects, according to the Michigan Constitution.

NOTES OF THANKS

I would like to express my gratitude to the Rose Township residents who contributed and presented me with my lovely plaque for my prestigious award of the State of Michigan 2022 Township Clerk of the Year during the July 13, 2022 Board of Trustees meeting. It has been an honor to work for the people of Rose Township and the residents' acknowledgement of my achievements and kind comments on my professionalism and job performance are so appreciated by me and I want to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart.

Debbie Miller

Rose Township clerk

Correction

The last name of two individuals on the Republican Delegate to County Convention for Fenton Township in precinct 1 was spelled incorrectly in the Sunday, July 17 edition of the Times. The correct spelling is Carolyn Nance and Dave Nance.



Residents congratulate clerk

Residents of Rose Township present Rose Township Clerk Debbie Miller with a plaque to recognize her accomplishment of being Michigan's 2022 Township Clerk of the Year at the Rose Township Board of Trustees meeting on July 13. More than a dozen residents publicly congratulated her during the meeting.





AMBULANCE

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not have one dedicated ambulance service. Instead, multiple EMS companies provide service in the county.

Multiple municipalities, including

Fenton Township and Linden, reported better service for residents. Volz, Lorraine, County 911, Medstar and other

long wait times for ambulances, sometimes reaching 15-20 minutes. Volz said they wanted to work out a long-term fix, not a short-term fix, and create a

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your column July 13. I think if this Lake Orion Review could always have a section on "what was then and now" it would be something I would look forward to reading. The old Review in the 1990s had some funny passages in the criminal stories (for lack of better description) on recent arrests made in past week. I cannot elaborate on any but I do remember reading things like, "suspicious man was seen at corner of M-24 and Clarkston Road." I laughed because I wondered what is meant by suspicious?

Anyway, reminded me of a Keystone Cops kind of report. So passing on my compliment to you for sharing some of those "wild headlines." Truly we do have some awful things going on today but to look at the bright side is my antidote for living each day with a smile and knowing God is in it! Thank you. You brought back some thoughts of "good old days."

Thanks, Deb. Those criminal stories were in the police log, or police blotter and taken from police reports and yes, we used to have fun with it. In the Oxford police log, you could bet a buck and win that every week there would be a "barking dog on Athlone."

Email Don your thoughts and comments to DontRushDon@ gmail.com.

affected agencies sat down and worked out the agreement to designate Medstar as the sole ambulance provider for the township.

State law requires dispatch centers to send the closest ambulance to a call. The agreement requested that the Genesee County 911 Dispatch Center dispatch Medstar to calls in the municipality.

Medstar utilizes technology and data to determine where to station crews, which allows them to respond to calls faster. They use this approach with more than a dozen municipalities they have an agreement with, all of which have seen faster response times.

May

Average response times for calls when ambulance crews used emergency lights and sirens were 13% lower in May 2022 (8:21) compared to May 2021 (9:39). Average response times for calls when ambulance crews did not use emergency lights and sirens were 40% lower in May 2022 (9:14) compared to May 2021 (15:33). Crews only use lights and sirens in time-critical medical emergencies.

June

Average response times for calls when ambulance crews used emergency lights and sirens were more than 35% lower in June 2022 (7:52) compared to June 2021 (12:12). Average response times for calls when ambulance crews did not use emergency lights and sirens were more than 29% lower in June 2022 (9:24) compared to June 2021 (13:21).

Kolby Miller, Medstar CEO and president, said, "Everyone's feedback has been fantastic...When a systems approach is taken to a problem like this, it always improves performance compared to the happenstance structure that has been in place for 40 years."

He said there was initial fear mongering from other providers, but data from municipalities that use a designated provider show reliable service. There were no requests for mutual aid in communities that have signed an agreement with Medstar, which means Medstar handled every call.

"When we know that we have allocated resources over a known demand pattern, then we allocate resources around providing an appropriate response. That's exactly what happened in the communities that have the service agreements," he said. "Not only do we deploy resources for the volume that we know that we're accountable for, we move those resources within a mile or half a mile. We're constantly shifting the resources from point to point so that we smooth the coverage over the known area."

He added that utilizing this technology and data allows a single service provider to create a system in which calls are handled appropriately.

"We know where the volume is, we know the geography that needs to be covered, we know where to put resources for the volume shifts that go on during the day and we know the average number of calls that are going to come in. We build a system around it," he said.

This system is also accountable to elected officials and community leaders, Miller said, and there have been more communities reaching out to Medstar now that they see how the system works.

"The ultimate benefit is to the patients. The patient feedback has been good," he said.

In the beginning, there were some hiccups that had to be worked out, but Volz hasn't heard of any mistakes.

"Hats off to County 911 and hats off to Medstar's IT," he said, adding that Medstar is "sticking to their guns" and is doing what they said they were going to do. "It's working."

He praised Medstar's approach and mentioned that firefighters in some outlying municipalities are having to go on fewer medical runs because ambulances will arrive faster.

"It's good for our residents," he said. Volz hopes to schedule a few training sessions with Fenton Township firefighters and Medstar.

"The chief came to me with a problem and I had asked him to solve the problem, and he came back to me with a solution with Medstar. We did our due diligence. They have kept their promise." Lorraine said, adding that it's good that municipalities are able to contract with ambulance providers they believe will do the best for their residents.

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And they're like, why am I doing all of this? I need to slow down."

Stiverson said men don't usually share and express emotion like this the way women do, and that sharing stories is a

way that helps them open up.

"One of the guys gave a testimony on marriage and all of the mistakes he made with his wife...I know that there were several guys, like 'I'm doing that with my wife right now," he said.

In April 2021, he first began developing the retreat. He asked the leadership of St.

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toward strengthening and transforming crisis care and mental health services in our state, which is a key focus of the department," said Elizabeth Hertel, Michigan Department of health and Human Services (MDHHS) director. "This universal number means no matter where you live or call from. you can reach a trained crisis counselor who can help. We encourage Michigan residents or their family members to call 988 if they are experiencing mental health-related distress, emotional distress or a substance use crisis."

In 2020, Congress designated the new 988 dialing code to operate through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline This action expands the existing Lifeline beyond people who are feeling suicidal to all individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis, including suicidal thoughts or substance abuse issues.

"Crisis is defined by the caller," said Dr. Debra Pinals, medical director for Behavioral Health and Forensic Programs, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. "And by providing an easy-to-remember number we are making help more accessible and strengthening support to those in need. Trained counselors will be available 24/7 to field calls. They will listen to the caller's problems, assess their needs and provide support by connecting them with resources, and alert local emergency crisis teams, if necessary. The roll out of 988 as an easier number to remember will provide a natural extension to the already promising work of the department in implementing the Michigan Crisis and Access Line."

Anyone with these concerns can call:

- Mental health-related distress
- Thoughts of suicide
- Substance use crisis
- Emotional distress

There are specialized services available for veterans, LGBTQ individuals and other groups.

People who are worried about a loved one who may need support also can call.

The 988-dialing code does not replace the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (800-273-TALK (8255)) or other locally operated crisis lines. Instead, it serves as a universal entry point to connect individuals in need to trained crisis counselors who can help. MDHHS is working to ensure a solid infrastructure is built through coordination with 911 and other crisis service providers as the 988-dialing code launches.

Prior to the development of 988, the Michigan Crisis and Access Line (MiCAL) was funded by the Michigan Legislature in December 2018. MDHHS was charged with the development of MiCAL, which is currently operating in Oakland County and the Upper Peninsula, and with 988 implementation.

MiCAL is built on the SAMHSA's National Guidelines for Behavioral Health Crisis Care which is also the foundation for 988. In Michigan, MiCAL is responsible for answering 988 calls in all areas of Michigan. In Macomb and Kent counties, Macomb County Community Mental Health and Network 180 will answer 988 calls with MiCAL providing back-up call coverage.

Crisis center calling services are available in English and Spanish, and a Language Line Solutions to provide translation services in more than 250 additional languages is also available.

Text and chat are currently available in English only.

TTY users will be served either through their preferred relay service or by dialing 711 then 800-273-8255.

For more information, visit 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline and Michigan Crisis & Access Line.

John's if he could put on a men's retreat.

"With everything that's happened the past two years, I was really upset by the differences of opinion and how strongly those sides people had," he said, mentioning masks and COVID.

Some are skeptical of attending, but he tells them it will be "one of the greatest the overall perception of the Catholic experiences of your life."

"We need to like recenter and get back to what's important. We need to love each other," he said. "We need to be better dads. community."

Stiverson brings his own life experience and community involvement into how he runs the retreat. He is an executive board member of the Fenton & Linden Chamber and is a former Applefest chairman.

2013 and leading a few, he's learned what perfect," he said. works and what doesn't, and he added his own spin. It took him a year to develop.

"I'm very grateful for the perish leadership for allowing me to even do this. It's not just Catholics that can go, anybody in the community can go whether you ers supplies and food.

practice anything or not," he said.

His goals were for people to have an encounter with Christ, to have an exposure to St. John's and for them to walk away saying "this is one of the greatest experiences of my life."

Stiverson also wants to help improve church.

"When people think of the Catholic church in general, they think of pedophiles or they think of Roe vs Wade so anybody We need to be better instruments in the that's Catholic hates women. That's not who we are at all...we feed more people in any country or organization in the world. We educate more people than any country or organization in the world, we take care of the sick more than any counof Commerce and is on the Lake Fenton try or organization in the world. When Education Foundation Board. He's been you have one billion Catholics globally, involved in St. John's program for years of course, you're going to have a whole bunch of people that make mistakes and After attending numerous retreats since need to be held accountable. We're not

> Those interested in attending can email genesis@stjohnfenton.org for more information. Registration, available on stjohnfenton.org/genesis, won't be open until September. It costs \$49, which cov-













The Flying Star Rodeo brought the entertainment for the Gaines Community Rodeo this past weekend. Approximately 130 contestants competed in events both days. Photos: Hannah Ball

Rodeo brings family fun to Gaines

■Knights of Columbus use proceeds to help community

By Hannah Ball

Gaines — The Flying Star Rodeo lassoed the attention of thousands of people this past weekend at the Gaines Community Rodeo.

The annual rodeo, hosted by the Knights of Columbus 12186 of Gaines and put on by the Flying Star Rodeo, took place Friday, July 15 and Saturday, July 16.

This is the 19th year for the rodeo in Gaines.

"This was either our largest or second largest year. It's definitely among the top. This year and last year blew out the other years by a long shot," said Brian Wendt, Knight and chairman of the event. They couldn't have the event in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The event gets bigger every year. He estimates that approximately 1,000 people attended Friday and more than 1,500 attended Saturday. However, these numbers don't include children under 5 because they get in for free, and it also doesn't include volunteers.

"It's definitely something unique. It's not something you see all the time. A lot of people say, 'rodeo? I didn't even know they had rodeos in Michigan.' There's a lot that have never been to one until they come to this one," he said. "I truly think it's something exciting that's unique that people aren't used to seeing all the time."

The rodeo featured about 130 contestants each day that participated in barrel racing, bull riding and more events. They compete in a league and earn points.

The fan favorite event is "hands

down" the bull riding, Wendt said.

"It's what everyone looks forward to. It's the toughest sport on dirt," he said.

Most of the weekend passed without incident, except for on Friday. A man was bucked from his horse and broke a pelvic bone.

Wendt of Gaines said they always receive compliments from the contestants on the Gaines community and how they run the show.

"You hear every year that Gaines is one of their favorite rodeos to go to all year long," he said.

The announcer, Christian Stoner, who had his first year in Gaines this year, sent Wendt a message that reads, "It was an honor to be an announcer this weekend. The most absolute best crowd I've seen in a long time. The hospitality was awesome and top notch staff. You guys rock!"

About 20 vendors set up booths near the food area and sold locally made products.

"We love seeing the community's involvement," Wendt said.

The Knights of Columbus Council 12186 of Gaines, which is a nonprofit, donates the proceeds to various community charities throughout the year.

He gave a "huge thank you" to all the sponsors, spectators and volunteers.

"They are the only reason we can continue to do this every year. Without the support of volunteers, sponsors and spectators, this rodeo obviously would not happen," he said.



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BRIEFS

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Join Michigan State Police troopers and the village of Holly Police Department on Thursday, July 28, from 8 to 11 a.m. at Battle Alley Coffee Co., 101 Battle Alley, Holly for "Coffee, Cops & Conversation for a Cause." Battle Alley Coffee Co. will donate a portion of the proceeds from this event to the Heart of Holly Fund – restoring. rebuilding and reimagining the heart of this historic community after a devastating fire — Heart of Holly Patroncity.com.

READERS

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.

Rose Township minutes

Dear Editor,

Censorship is alive and well in Rose Township. On Wednesday, July 13, 2022, the Rose Township board voted to redact residents' comments from the 'Public Comments' section in the minutes of the June 8, 2022 meeting. Apparently, they don't like residents questioning their actions. Voting in favor of redacting (censoring) residents' comments from the minutes were Dianne Scheib-Snider (supervisor), Paul Gambka (treasurer) and Patricia Walls (trustee). Voting against redacting residents' comments were Glen Noble (trustee) and Debbie Miller (Michigan 2022 Township Clerk of the year). Both Dianne and Paul have active recall campaigns against them. When asked why residents' comments were being redacted from the minutes, Dianne quipped, 'This is the public comments section of the meeting, we don't answer questions,'

> Dan Johnson Rose Township



Diverse group of squads make up this edition of the Tri-County Top 16

By David Troppens

Diversity is good in life.

And the second installment of the Tri-County Top 16 has a little bit of diversity. It seems a lot of times a constant theme hits each installment story the sports staff creates. For example, our first story included three of four Fenton squads. It also included three spring sports teams and two track and field squads. But what we like to see that rarely happens (if it ever has) is see four teams listed in a story with one each coming

from one of our tri-county four schools. But, that's not going to

happen this season for one reason. Holly was unable to get a squad in the final top See **TOP 16** on 13



The Linden varsity girls soccer team can celebrate being No. 10 on our Tri-County Top 16 poll.

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Sports Times

Hillger comes home, hosts his own camp at Lake Fenton

By David Troppens

Lake Fenton — Trent Hillger was back home.

While the three-time All-American wrestler may be known as Thor while he competes on the University of Wisconsin wrestling team, the three-time All-American is still better known by his real first name, Trent, when he walks around the Lake Fenton High School gymnasium.

Those in the tri-county area don't need an impressive nickname to understand the impact Hillger has made during his wrestling career. After all, that career started right in the gym he was hosting his own Hillger's Hammer wrestling camp last week.

"I was happy to come back here," Hillger said during the second day of his two-day camp. "I haven't been in this high school in about three to four years, which is crazy to think about. I love this area. All of my friends are still around here, so I try to get back here as much as possible."

It's easy to see why Hillger likes to get back to Lake Fenton as much as possible. Now one of the best heavy-weights in collegiate wrestling, Hillger was one of the state's most dominant prep grapplers while at Lake Fenton. He was a three-time state champion, posting a 241-8 overall record during his Blue Devils career, winning those crowns in each of his final three seasons.

The 2017 graduate also helped the Lake Fenton wrestling team to some pretty lofty standards. During his career, the squad qualified for the team state wrestling meet three times, advancing to the state semifinal match twice.

"It's nice to be able to come back here," Hillger said. "It's nice to be able to give back to Lake Fenton, a school that gave me so many opportunities. I appreciate (Lake Fenton varsity wrestling coach) Vance Corcoran for inviting me. I started this Hillger Hammer camp and getting the chance



to run my first camp at my alma matter is awesome."

Hillger had about 30 wrestlers of both genders and ranging from grade school right to high school age. While at the two-day camp, Hillger taught techniques to the campers that have helped him advance to the levels he's earned at the collegiate level. Each day ended with a question and answer as well.

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HILLGER

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"I consider myself a really good technician," Hillger said. "Even though I'm at heavyweight I can still show little guy wrestling moves. They just have to be tweaked a little differently.

"But my favorite part is the Q and A at the end of each day. I love when the kids ask questions like why did I choose wrestling over football, or what is life like in college. I am able to give these kids an idea of what a daily schedule is like in college."

The start of his collegiate career

One other story he's able to share is one of how challenging wrestling can be, even for those who seemingly are at the elite level.

Hillger learned that lesson when he decided to continue his wrestling career at the University of Wisconsin. Wisconsin is a member of the Big Ten Conference, which is known as the elite wrestling conference in the nation.

"People don't understand the jump up level," Hillger said. "I was an undefeated state champion my last three years in high school, but I didn't score a point in the wrestling room for the first four months (at Wisconsin). So I went from basically not giving up a point for three straight years to not getting a point for four months."

Hillger's mental strength, and maybe some past lessons he learned from his father, David, helped him get through those days. When Hillger was younger, he said his father made sure he always wrestled athletes older or more talented than him than his current age. For example, when he was in middle school, he'd train against elite high school wrestlers.

"I was constantly getting my butt beat," Hillger said. "I'd come back to the car crying and moping. But my Dad said, 'I don't care. We are going to do it again.' ... But that's where you get that competitive edge. I got to the point where I'd rather get in a fist fight than lose."

Eventually, things started turning at Wisconsin as well. First, he started scoring points, and then he eventually started winning matches. During his redshirt freshman season, he posted a strong 20-6 record overall at heavyweight.

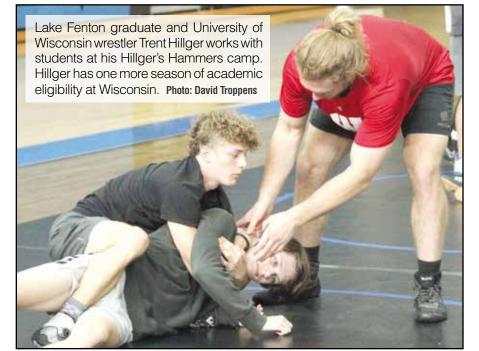
During the 2018-19 season, he made his varsity debut for the Badgers and finished with a 24-9 overall record. He finished fourth at the Big Ten Championships, qualifying for his first NCAA tourney, finishing eighth.

During his sophomore season, Hillger posted a 16-3 mark. He took fourth at the Big Ten Championships, qualifying for the national event for the second straight year. He entered the event the sixth seed, but due to COVID, the tourney was canceled. He earned First-Team All-American status by the National Wrestling Coaches Association.

In 2020-21, Hillger had an ankle injury, but still found a way to finish fifth at the Big Ten Championships, earning a spot at the NCAA tourney, and placing sixth. He held a 10-6 season record.

Last season, Hillger recorded a 19-6 record overall and was off to a 10-0 start until he was struck with an illness. He had trouble regaining the weight needed to compete at heavyweight. While he was able to qualify for nationals, he went 1-2 and didn't earn All-American status.

Due to COVID, Hillger has one more season of eligibility left. He's returning



again this fall for one more season with the Badgers. He'd like to end his career with a high.

"I think I can win it," Hillger said. "I know I'm talented enough. This past season I was 215 pounds going into the NCAAs. I got too small and I have no one to blame but myself. I had a good start, and got sick and fell down to 205 pounds by the NCAAs. ... I know I'm talented enough to be one of those top guys, but now I have to put the size on and get it all together."

What about Thor?

In many ways Hillger has already made his dent on the NCAA wrestling scene. After all, how can one not have made one when their nickname is Thor.

Hillger said he got the nickname during a dinner hosted at Wisconsin head wrestling coach Chris Bono's home. At the dinner was a Wisconsin wrestling donor.

"He said, you kind of look like Thor," Hillger said about the donor. "He said, 'I'm going to come to the first match with a bunch of Thor signs' and I thought, 'whatever crazy dude.' I thought he'd forget."

He didn't.

"I show up for the first meet and as I am running out, I see hundreds of Thor signs," Hillger said. "I was like, 'what the heck?"

Hillger not only won the match, but he came back from a large point deficit to win in overtime. He celebrated with the Thor celebration by slamming the hammer down, and the Thor nickname was now his. He's known around not only Wisconsin as Thor, but around the wrestling nation.

"I have to feed into it, right," Hillger said. "If I can use it in any way to make myself a bigger name, I'm going to take it. Michigan knows me as Trent, but when I went to a camp in Wisconsin the kids knew me as Thor."

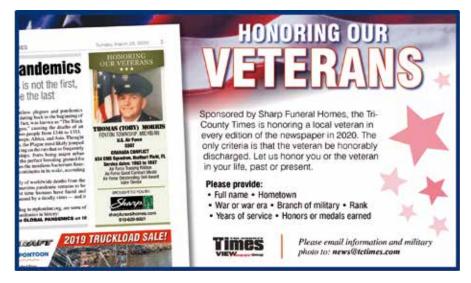
Hillger in the WWE?

Hillger hasn't cut off the ideas of a football career yet (maybe trying out for a USFL or a Canadian Football League team but it seems wrestling remains on his mind, but in a different way — professional wrestling.

Hillger had a WWE tryout last year and he said it went really well. The WWE wanted him to come back in December for a tryout, but he couldn't due to his college wrestling obilgations.

"They told me I could come out after my college career is over," Hillger said. "Right now, that's my number one option. I never watched (professional wrestling) before, so I went in blind and I loved it. The people down there were awesome. It was a great time. I loved it. It was so much fun, I'm itching to do it."

But, that will wait at least one season. At least for one more year, Hillger will be Thor on the Badgers' squad and not for the WWE.



Wednesday Night CROSS COUNTRY RACES

Here are the results from the third week (July 13) of the Wednesday Night Races at the Park. Held at Linden County Park, the final session scheduled is today. The \$2 registration starts at 6 p.m. with the first races starting at 6:30 p.m. There are half-mile, one-mile, two-mile and three-mile races.

HALF-MILE RACE

GIRLS (AGE)

Gabi Loria (9)	4:13
Payton Nowack (4)	5:06
Lily Wines (5)	5:27
Sophia Ward (8)	6:00
Lucy Swoyer (6)	6:00
Payton Nixon (3)	6:31
BOYS (AGE)	
Lincoln Brooks (8)	4:36
Alex Wambold (5)	4:57
Nathan Nixon (7)	5:15
Michael McRae (4)	5:57
Logan Swoyer (4)	6:01
Rayan Waqua (3)	6:14

ONE MILE RACE

ALL RUNNERS

Lennox Naswell (12)	5:55
Anna-Kate Larsen (9)	8:06
Sydney Ferrell (12)	9:23
Zaoin Waqua (8)	9:27
Amber Salla (39)	9:29
Abby Shepherd (8)	12:16

TWO MILE RACE

ALL RUNNERS

Abram Larsen (12)	13:31
Ryan Hladik (31)	14:11
Sydney Shepherd (13)	14:41
Rick Brooks (41)	15:42
Mary Sushysnski (39)	15:48
Ben Sushynski (12)	17:44
Katie Brooks (38)	18:13
Luke Sushynski (11)	19:08
THREE MILE RACE	

THREE MILE RACE

ALL RUNNERS

James Lott (47)	21:43
Brian Burnell (56)	26:06
Gary Mundy (77)	41:59

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16. However, we have the next-best option — each of the other three schools has at least one team among our No. 12 to No. 9 squads. Also, each represents a different sport. So, that's reasonably diverse.

No. 12 - Fenton competitive cheer: If someone wants to know what parity is then all they have to do is check last winter's Flint Metro League competitive cheer standings.

The Metro League season started with Lake Fenton winning the first jamboree, followed by Linden in second and Fenton in third. Right now, it may be hard to see why the Tigers rank so high on this list based on that start. However, the Tigers won the second jamboree with Swartz Creek in second, Lake Fenton in third and Linden in fourth. This kept all three tri-county squads in the mix for at least a co-league championship.

Swartz Creek won the third meet, while Fenton placed second. That gave the Tigers the league title for a second consecutive season.

That was a nice start for the Tigers, but the league title in itself wouldn't have gotten Fenton to No. 12 for the school year. What did was that they followed up their success with a district championship, qualifying for the regional meet. At regional the squad finished in just 10th, keeping them from moving any higher than this position.

No. 11 - Linden softball: The Eagles (32-8-1) are becoming a consistent top 16 team finishing in the poll each of the last three years a spring sports squad could land in it. Last year's No. 4 squad had another strong season in 2022. The Eagles spent a large chunk of the season ranked among Division 2's top 10 teams and deserved that honor with a strong offense.

The Eagles had to fight for it but eventually captured the Metro League Stripes Division title in a tight race with Holly and Fenton, posting a 17-3 record. They faced Owosso for the outright Metro League crown, but lost that game.

The Eagles returned to their winning ways at the start of the postseason. The Eagles won a district crown by beating Lake Fenton 8-6 and Brandon 3-0. However, that's as far as Linden would advance as they lost to Essexville Garber in the regional semifinals 4-2.

No. 10 - Linden girls soccer: The Eagles were coming off a strong Flint



The Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team finished the 2021-22 school year as our No. 9 squad in our Tri-County Top 16 list. **Photo: David Troppens**

Metro League championship season the prior year, but were entering this year with many of those players that made the title season possible playing club soccer. They also were a unified group after the passing of assistant coach Stan James.

Yet, the Eagles had some young players with some talent, and they were able to capitalize once again. The Eagles earned the league championship by posting a 10-0-1 Metro record, edging out second-place Lake Fenton by three points. Actually, the Eagles played Flushing in the final league game of the season with the Raiders still having a chance to win the title outright, but Linden won that game 2-1.

In district action, the Eagles defeated Avondale 8-0 and Lake Fenton 4-0 to earn a district crown. However, that's where the run ended as South Lyon East defeated Linden (16-2-3) by a 6-0 mark.

No. 9 - Lake Fenton wrestling: The Blue Devils are pretty consistent members of our top 16 poll, and actually were the No. 1 squad for the 2016-17 school year.

The 2021-22 squad wasn't at the level

of those two teams, but it was pretty good, maybe quietly better than most may have thought initially.

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The Blue Devils quietly posted an eye-popping 31-3 overall team record, and among those three losses, two were against the eventual Division 2 state runner-up Goodrich Martians. In some ways, looking at it that way, maybe the Blue Devils are underrated here.

Goodrich was the team's nemesis. They kept the Blue Devils from winning a Stars Division title. When the two divisions merged at the league meet, the Blue Devils and the rest of the Stars teams proved their star power, earning three of the top four spots. Lake Fenton finished a clear second-place with 163 points, 62.5 more than third-place Corunna. Lake Fenton finished with four league champions and three runner-ups.

In the postseason, the Blue Devils won the Fenton district, defeating Linden 51-30 and then Holly 60-21. They advanced to the team regional and defeated St. John 51-27, but then lost a spot in the state quarterfinals by losing to Goodrich 50-15.

Maybe we did underrate this team.







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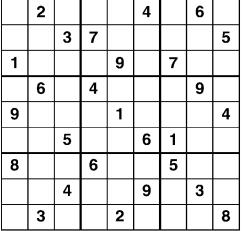
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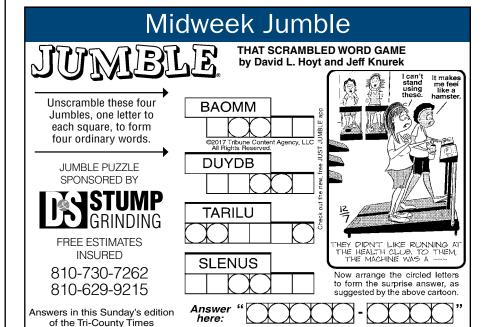
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◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging

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Horoscopes

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Financial inspiration could arrive this week, Aries. Instead of repeating old cycles in your life, think of minor tweaks you can make that will have an impact on your bottom line.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, if you are in a rebellious mood, find an outlet that will not get you into too much trouble. Engage in challenging pursuits, like puzzles or sports games.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, your relationship status is about to reach another level. Welcome these changes as they come and enjoy the ride. Don't hesitate to share good news with others.

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CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

You may have outgrown a career or a community in recent weeks, Cancer. Take your time exploring new opportunities so your next move can be effective.

Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, a change in your responsibilities could lead to a pay raise or even a promotion in the days to come. Focus on where you want to be in your career.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22 A unique experience shared with someone else can make a big difference in your relationships, Virgo. Learn from every lesson that comes your wav.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, if you have been practicing or trying to perfect something, now is the time when you will see some long-awaited progress. Keep the learning process moving along.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Someone may want to surprise you this week, Scorpio. You may prefer to know what is coming, but this is a goodnatured gesture, so go with the flow this time.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

One minor change in your daily life can make things easier for your family, Sagittarius. Even if this change requires a sacrifice on your part, it could be worth it.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20 Capricorn, there are many enjoyable things you can become involved in if you are willing to put in the effort. Once you do the work, the rewards will come.

For the week of July 18, 2022

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, your family life is going to change in a big way in the not-so-distant future. How it plays out remains to be seen, but the effects will be profound and positive.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20 Some surprising information comes to light this week, Pisces. It may change your self-image and how others perceive you.

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