Two Fenton proposals will be on November ballot

City wants $2 million per year for 10 years to fix roads

By Vera Hogan and Tim Jagielo

The language may be different, but the intention is the same — asking voters to decide on one proposal to approve a charter amendment to allow a special millage specifically for road and street improvements for up to 10 years — and the other to create a roads millage for 5 mils.

See PROPOSALS on 7

Primary election 2018

The results for the Tuesday, Aug. 7 primary election will be posted online at www.tctimes.com and on the Tri-County Times’ Facebook page as soon as they become available. Polls close at 8 p.m. Additional information about Tuesday’s primary will be published in the Sunday, Aug. 12 edition.

TRI-COUNTY TIMES TIM JAGIELO

The polling location for all Fenton City precincts is held at the Fr. Harvey Activity Center at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. It was steadily busy all day for the 2018 primary election on Tuesday, Aug. 7.

Judge grants CSC suspect a support dog

On trial for alleged child criminal sexual conduct

By Sharon Stone

Douglas William Walsh, 61, of Linden, was in Genesee County Circuit Court Monday, Aug. 6 for a hearing. His attorney motioned the court to allow Walsh to have a support dog and to have a closed courtroom at trial time because of testimony from an alleged child victim.

Judge Joseph Farah granted the motion for a support dog.
See SUPPORT DOG on 9

DDA reimburses $350,000 to city

By Vera Hogan

Since the Fenton City Council and Downtown Development Authority (DDA) have approved their fiscal year 2018-2019 budgets, it’s time again to enter into another revenue sharing agreement.

See DDA on 10

FANG members investigated for misconduct

Fenton and Linden pay narcotics group approximately $20,000 per year

By Vera Hogan

A recent Michigan State Police (MSP) internal investigation determined that several members of the Flint Area Narcotics Group (FANG), while on-duty and after work hours, consumed alcohol, at the FANG office, according to a statement released by MSP.

“The investigation involved five MSP enlisted members, three of whom are command officers. The disciplinary proceedings for all involved are pending at this time. In the interim, the command officers involved have been reassigned to administrative duties or are on administrative leave.”

FANG is a multi-jurisdictional drug team that investigates drug and criminal activity in Genesee County. FANG is comprised of officers from a number of law enforcement agencies.

F/Lt. Shannon Sims has been reassigned from the MSP Lapeer Post to be the new commander of the FANG.

See FANG on 9

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Fenton and Linden hosting Back to the Bricks Tune-Up parties; Holly hosts weekly show

By Tim Jagielo

Holly — The light rain followed by bright sun seemed to make the classic cars along Saginaw Street glow and sparkle. The threat of rain yielded a tally of 98 cars for the weekly Battle Alley Car Cruise on Wednesday, Aug. 1, and a healthy number of visitors.

Co-organizer Bob Allsop said the event can bring about 400 and 500 cars. “The world’s been built on the car business,” said Allsop, who has helped run the car show for approximately 10 years, along with a small army of volunteers. “People love their cars,” Allsop said.

Holly’s car show will run weekly from 5 to 8 p.m. in downtown Holly until the first week of October, ending with the Halloween car show. Official Tune-Up Events in Fenton and Linden this week

Back to the Bricks in Flint runs from Aug. 14 to 18. The week prior to that, several associated Tune-Up Parties are held in communities around Genesee County.

Tune-Up Parties are held in Holly Township the week of Aug. 13, and they are celebrating it all weekend with a small army of volunteers.

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If I Were King...

The case against August

Okay, let’s just come out with it and say what everyone is already thinking — August is the red-headed stepchild (yes, stepchild is one word) of the calendar. It’s beastly hot and muggy. It has a dismal history with anything positive occurring. Many believe there is no reason to actually have an August. Better we should have only 11 months in each year by simply adding 2.583 days to each of the remaining 11 months rather than wallow around with the indecisive, unlikable and unpredictable August. August has a miserable track record. It is when the first-ever atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. It was when Anne Frank was arrested. Elvis Presley and Marilyn Monroe died in August. It also is the month that Barack Obama was born in (take your pick) Hawaii, Africa or Chicago. The frosting on the cake would be that August is National Catfish Month, as well as the month when the Sonny and Cher Comedy Hour debuted in 1971. Need I say more?

For some reason August is also the top month for thugs and dictators to attempt to take over the world. World War I started in August 1914. Iraq invaded Kuwait Aug. 2, 1990. The Berlin Wall was erected on Aug. 13, 1961. Why August? Perhaps the villains assume we’ll be too distracted by vacations or humidity to notice.

If that isn’t enough, President Abraham Lincoln signed into law the first Federal income tax, a 3-percent tax on incomes over $800, on Aug. 5, 1861, a day that will live in infamy.

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Federal income tax, a 3-percent tax on Lincoln we’ll be too distracted by vacations or holidays. But, fear not, August has an embarrassing array of lame celebrations such as National Minority Blood Donor Month, as well as Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Week and Carpen- ter Anti Awareness Month. Wooohoo, break out the booze and let’s partaaay!

August is also the month of vague- ness. November is the 11th month. March is the third month. What month is August? Does it have 30 days or 31? Uh-uh... just as I thought. You had to recite the month rhyme.

The famous people with August birthdays are a sorry lot, including such beloved celebs such as Fidel Castro, Alfred Hitchcock, Lyndon Johnson, Michael Jackson, as well as John Holmes and Harry Reems of porno fame (I had to ask a friend who they were).

Adding insult to injury, August babies are at a huge educational disadvantage. They are basically 6-12 months behind all their peers in every measurement — physically, mentally, speech, cognition, athletics and maturity. That’s a lot of strikes against you when just being released into the world.

Thus, I close the “case against August.”

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TO HOT-LINER RECOMMENDING

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"mature audiences."

It was Steven Spielberg who helped

usher in the PG-13 rating. When Jaws

was released in 1977, it was rated PG,

despite the violence being too much

for young kids, but of course deemed

not enough that it needed an R rating.

In 1984, he directed Indiana Jones and

the Temple of Doom and was the execu-

tive producer on Gremlins, and both

received a PG rating. He felt the PG

rating was too broad and suggested a PG-

14 rating. The next year, the MPAA,

taking Spielberg's suggestion, institut-

ed the PG-13 rating and Red Dawn was

the first film with that rating.

As for the X Rating, it wasn’t synony-

mous with pornogra-

phy until the 1970s.

At first it simply meant that no one under

17 would be admitted to the movie, but

the MPAA never trademarked the X rat-

ing (unlike the other ratings) and it was

hijacked by the pornography industry

as a means to hype their material, often

adding several Xs to imply that their

movie was much more risqué and obscene

than others.

In 1990, the X rating was changed to

the new NC-17 rating for films where

those under 17 were not to be admitted.

Six years later, this was changed to any-

one 17 and under, making 18 the new age

requirement for these films.

Sources: Film ratings.com, gzmodo.com
Linden City welcomes new clerk

**City’s deputy clerk excited about promotion**

By Hannah Ball

Linden City Council approved the appointment of a new clerk at the July 23 meeting.

Erica Armstrong, who is the former deputy clerk, was promoted to the position.

“I am excited to start my new role and am looking forward to this opportunity,” she said.

Lynn Henry, who left the clerk position, accepted a job in Grand Blanc Township.

Armstrong is looking to get more people involved in the Linden community.

“From registering to vote or signing up to volunteer at an event, to working at our community clean-up or to working at our community clean-up or joining a Board or Commission, there is a way for everyone to pitch in,” she said. “I hope to help make people more aware of these opportunities and get as many people involved in the Linden community as possible.”

Armstrong has worked in the municipal field since 2012, and has been with the city of Linden since 2015. Her background includes legal work as an attorney, including non-profit organizations.

She first worked as an election inspector in Atlas Township and later took a position as an Assistant Elections Administrator and Records Management Consultant in the same municipality.

Her role as deputy clerk in Linden gave her the necessary training and experience to become the clerk.

“As the deputy, I was expected to be able to assume the duties of the clerk in her absence, and I regularly had the occasion to do so over the past couple of years. Those experiences, coupled with the support of the city manager, former clerk, and other members of the city staff makes me well prepared for this position,” she said.

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PROPOSALS
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City Manager Lynn Markland made the request to approve the two proposals at its Monday, Aug. 6 work session. The deadline to get these two proposals on the November ballot is Monday, Aug. 13, before the city council has another chance to meet.

The Fenton City Council discussed the topic for more than 40 minutes before a packed conference room, before voting unanimously to approve both proposals. Council members agreed that not repaving the roads would result in a failure on their part, which led to discussion on how much to ask on the proposal. Eventually they settled on 5 mills.

“Every city is going through this, not just the city of Fenton,” said Mayor Sue Osborn.

A major topic of discussion was the importance of communicating the proposals to the community.

“We only have three months to educate 8,000 voters,” said Councilwoman Pat Lockwood. “This (millage) benefit everyone.”

“You have to be careful not to cross the line into advocating,” said Markland. “We can provide pictures (of the roads) but most people can just open their front door …,” he said, prompting laughter from the council and the audience.

Last year, voters defeated a proposal to amend the charter to allow for a taxing period of 10 years instead of three for any purpose, by a vote of 1,140 to 385.

The proposal in this November’s election would increase the number of years for just the road and street improvements.

Fenton City officials have repeatedly said there is only one way to get the city streets fixed, and that is if voters approve a citywide millage. And in order to maximize the number of streets that can be fixed under one millage, a 10-year collection period is necessary, said Markland.

Markland said the city council has during the last couple of years been looking at ways to fund street improvements.

He said the funds the city receives through Public Act 51 is not enough to fund regular maintenance, including winter maintenance and improvements to the streets.

Public Act 51 (of 1951 as amended) created the Michigan Transportation Fund (MTF). Revenues collected through highway user taxes, state motor fuels taxes, vehicle registration fees, and other miscellaneous automobile-related taxes are deposited into the MTF.

By the year 2021, the city of Fenton is expected to collect $1,398,117 from the MTF.

Markland said, “Most of the city’s major streets are in good condition because most are federal aid eligible. We have received several grants to improve those streets. However, local streets in subdivisions are not eligible for federal aid and as stated previously, the Act 51 funds are not sufficient to pay for winter maintenance, routine maintenance and improvements to streets.”

A few years ago, the state legislature enacted some new legislation that provides more funds for roads and streets, he said. But the first few years of that additional revenue collection will go to pay off Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) debt (bonds) that was incurred many years ago.

The city’s additional revenue is estimated to be an additional $500,000 in revenue by 2021, but until MDOT’s funds are paid off, the city’s increase will be marginal.

It should be noted that DDA (Downtown Development Authority) dollars cannot be used for street or road improvements.

The city’s engineers have conducted a street and road study and have determined that the city needs to spend about $2 million a year on improvements, and the only way the city has to raise revenue is through a millage. Markland said based on information from the city treasurer, it would take 4.75 mills to raise approximately $1.5 million for roads.

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HOT LINE

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THANK YOU TCT for the great article on depression. I suffer from it, and for years have eloquently tried to describe it to non-suffering friends. ‘Lori’ summed it up beautifully.

SHAME ON THE president for his inflammatory remarks about the press. He’s only ramping it up because the Russia investigation is getting close to bringing him down.

LENIN DID NOT say that. Do yourself a favor and stop trying to understand politics.

A FETUS IS most definitely not a baby.

IN THE ARTICLE about ‘motorcycle fatalities double for riders’ without helmets was so far out of context. How about an article about motor vehicle fatalities for driver and passenger that don’t wear seat belts since that law was passed. Now that might be a fair comparison.
Local business grant worth more than $11,000 in VFW improvements

By Tim Jagielo

Fenton — On Wednesday, Aug. 1, the Fenton VFW Curtis-Wolvertonpost 3243 was surrounded with a small volunteer army clad in orange T-shirts, wielding rakes, trimmers, shovels and chainsaws to landscape the grounds.

Inside, they pulled down old ceiling tiles from scaffolding. Discarded tiles were piled on a rolling cart. Everyone who worked are employees at various Home Depot stores in the district.

The Fenton VFW post is getting a substantial cosmetic facelift, thanks to a grant by The Home Depot. The program is called, “District Team Depot Good Neighbor Project.”

Judy Custer, district community Team Depot captain, said the value of the materials alone was approximately $11,000.

The home improvement center provided the materials, such as all new exterior vinyl siding. Store employees from around the district volunteered, and numbered approximately 100 throughout the day.

Amy Besaw of Fenton works at the Hill Road store, and helped chop up trees that had been cut down on the property.

Branches and other lawn debris were put into a rented truck and removed.

The project included heavy exterior landscaping work, such as removing all the old shrubs from the front and trimming and removing trees in the back area.

Inside, crews pulled down and replaced old ceiling tiles to brighten up the room, and provided handicap and safety updates for the bathrooms.

“We've had our veteran focus for several years now and it seems to be working wonderful, and it's a way of thanking their service to us,” Custer said. She said her district, which includes 11 stores in mid-Michigan, has five or six such projects per year.

Richard Carmer is the Fenton junior vice commander of the Fenton VFW post. He expressed gratitude for the project and the volunteers who came to help on their day off work.

He said it would take a lot of time and

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Judy Custer
District Team Depot captain

The Home Depot employees volunteer as part of the Team Depot community project at the Fenton VFW on Wednesday, Aug. 1. The Home Depot awarded the VFW post a grant that went toward interior and exterior work and materials.

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The Home Depot employees replace more than 800 ceiling tiles inside the Fenton VFW on Wednesday, Aug. 1.

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**‘Good Neighbor’ refreshes Fenton VFW**
Best social media comments from past weeks

Includes cow jokes and money debates

By Hannah Ball

Over the past few weeks, the Times has reported on the Fenton Butterfly Garden, a woman who was set on fire, Taste in Fenton, and more. On our social media, our readers offer a wide range of opinions from how city money should be spent, to options with childcare and vaccines. Below are some of our prominent comments from the past two weeks.

Facebook

On the story about added safety improvements to the Fenton Butterfly Garden bringing the cost up to $54,000, people shared opinions on the Downtown Development Authority and the roads. Money from the DDA cannot go to the roads.

Danielle commented, “Way to waste money Fenton?”

Bill said, “Having a safety issue and ignoring it until someone gets hurt and then sued for millions would be a waste. It’s DDA money and it can only be spent on DDA projects.”

On the story about a tip jar being stolen from a business on Caroline Street, Steve called the suspect a “turd,” and Norma said, “Lowlife. Get a freaking job.”

On the story about a Fenton police officer chasing a runaway cow, a few people made jokes. Gregory posted, “Is that a moo-vinger violation?”

Diane wrote, “Well the Fenton police can’t say they don’t get an excitement around this little town.”

Twitter

On the photo and outline of St. John Catholic Church celebrating its 175th anniversary with a picnic and balloon launch, Kelsey commented, “Arrive Early. Stay Late. Pop the bubbles.”

On the story of Travis Kloczek playing baseball at Linden, Nick said, “Great example of a multisport athlete.”

Instagram

On the story about the two-year anniversary of Ally Breugger’s murder, @fema45 said, “So sad, hope the killer is caught soon.”

@spdypat1 posted, “How I wish I could help! I am praying who ever did it that their conscience would be seared!”

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Support dog

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However; he denied the motion for a closed courtroom.

The reason Walsh requires a support dog was not revealed on the court website.

Walsh is the husband of a Fenton in-home daycare owner. He is facing six counts of second-degree criminal sexual conduct (CSC) with a victim under the age of 13
dating back to alleged offenses on Aug. 18, 2012.

He is out on $60,000 personal recognizance bond.

If convicted, Walsh could face up to 15 years in prison, according to the Michigan Penal Code.

Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter said in a previous Times article that his department investigated the allegations and presented its case to the Genesee County Prosecutor’s Office for review. Sutter said there are no criminal charges expected against the owner of the daycare.

The license of the daycare, which had been in business since 1994, was suspended July 13, 2017 by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), Bureau of Community and Health Systems, after investigators found that it violated the Childcare Organizations Act and administrative rules regarding family and group childcare homes.

No new court dates have been scheduled.

Fang

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According to the statement, “The Michigan State Police (MSP) expects and demands the highest standards of professional conduct from our enforcement and civilian members. As such, we take all allegations of misconduct seriously.”

Two local communities support FANG with membership dues.

Fenton City Manager Lynn Markland confirmed that the city is still a member of FANG, and that Mayor Sue Osborn serves on the FANG Board representing the city. “Our current contribution for fiscal year 2019 is $18,000,” Markland said.

Some years the contribution has been offset by drug forfeiture funds. Unless there has been a recent policy change, the membership fee also includes coverage for meth lab clean-ups.

“Those clean-ups can be very expensive because of the hazardous material that is usually associated with that type of illegal lab,” he said.

When asked if the last time a meth lab clean up was needed in the city of Fenton, Markland said there hasn’t been one since he started working for the city in 2008.

“Fenton Township does not currently contribute funds to FANG and has not for several years,” said Thomas Broecker, deputy clerk and operations manager.

The city of Linden also contributes funds to FANG. According to Treasurer Beverly Vondra, “We paid them $4,524.62 in November 2017 for 2017/2018 membership dues for the police department.”

Clerk Denise Graves said Argente Township does not contribute money to support FANG.

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The Legislature is on a summer campaign break. Rather than votes, this report contains some interesting or noteworthy recent bill introductions.

Senate Bill 978: Authorize interagency homicide review teams introduced by Sen. David Knezek (D), to authorize state, county and local agencies to establish interagency homicide review teams to “identify systemic gaps in homicide investigations,” and to evaluate and make recommendations regarding resources that assist families affected by homicides and that address potential root causes. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

Senate Bill 1021: Create a state “independent counsel” law introduced by Sen. Steve Bieda (D), to create a state “independent counsel” law like the federal one that was adopted after Watergate (and substantially revised since), which would empower the governor or the attorney general to appoint an independent counsel to investigate and prosecute cases where they determine that the attorney general has a conflict of interest. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

Senate Bill 1040: Give registration discount to military surplus vehicles (but not tanks) introduced by Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D), to include certain military surplus vehicles at least 25 years old in the definition of historic vehicles eligible for discounted license plates. This would not apply to tracked vehicles or half-tracks, but would apply to “a high multiplicity, multipurpose wheeled vehicle or a motor vehicle manufactured for military usage and subsequently authorized for sale to civilians.” Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 5874: Mandate school counselor-to-student ratio introduced by Rep. Robert Kosowski (D), to mandate that public schools have at least one counselor for every 450 students. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 5883: Tax bicycle sales introduced by Rep. Leslie Love (D), to impose a $2 excise tax on the sale of a bicycle or electric bicycle, moped or Segway. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 5896: Ban corporate subsidies to firms with high-pay executives introduced by Rep. Abdullah Hammoud (D), to prohibit corporations that pay their CEO more than 100 times the amount of the lowest paid employee from getting direct or indirect state subsidies including taxpayer-funded grants, loans or other state assistance. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

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The revenue sharing agreement was presented to the City Council at its Aug. 6 work session.

“Since 2004, the DDA has been making agreements with the city council to reimburse for incremental increase in demand for public services in the DDA district. This year $350,000 will be paid to the general fund to reimburse the city for public services in the DDA district.”

“The general fund is in the process of stabilizing, however has ongoing challenges due to slow growth from state-imposed restrictions,” he said. “Additionally, future budget projections show the probability of continuing or new revenue impacts to the general fund.”

“While major cuts have been made and the overall way the city operates has changed, the reimbursements the city receives from both the DDA and Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) are crucial,” Hart said.

A similar agreement was presented to the city council for the LDFA revenue sharing for the fiscal year 2018-2019, the LDFA will pay $72,000 to reimburse the city’s general fund.

The City Council is expected to approve both agreements at its Aug. 13 regular meeting.

**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

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Fenton football hosts annual midnight practice

By David Troppens

Prep season began on Monday statewide

Fenton — During the early years of Jeff Setzke’s varsity football coaching career at Fenton High School he thought about the idea of doing a midnight football practice on the official first day teams could prepare for the upcoming season. He did it and now it looks like he may be “stuck” with them until the day he retires the position.

“I tried to cancel it and they wouldn’t let me,” Setzke said about the players. “They are like, ‘No, no, we’ve been doing this forever. We can’t stop now, ‘so I guess we won’t.”

The Fenton Tigers were the only area team to host a midnight football practice for its first official session on Monday this season. Lake Fenton typically does as well, but the Blue Devils will be doing theirs on Thursday with full pads on. That meant in the tri-county area, the Tigers were the only ones needing their football lights on so they could run a practice at 12:01 a.m. Fenton has always done special teams work during the one-hour practice session, and this year was no different.

“We get some real work done,” Setzke said. “Our special teams are important so it gives us an opportunity to run just those tonight and get some good work in.”

“There are some teams that run full practices at midnight, but there’s only so much you can do at midnight. We’ll put in our hour’s worth of work and we’ll be back up 4 p.m. (Monday.)

In Setzke’s tenure as varsity football coach, the Tigers have seen their squad go from a struggling program that at one time had seven straight losses, including the first three with Setzke. However, in 2008 the Tigers went 8-2 and since then have made the playoffs every year. The Tigers have also won the Metro League championship in three of the last four straight seasons. Fenton hasn’t lost a Metro League contest since 2013 when they lost a tight 14-13 contest at Lapeer West on Oct. 25. Since then, Fenton has won 29 straight Metro League contests. Fenton did lose to Flushing in the playoffs a year ago, but that game wasn’t a Metro League designated contest.

Some may think this is the season to catch the Tigers. After all, the Tigers have lost some of their most talented offensive players in school history with the graduations of quarterback Josh Czarnota and fellow skill players like Channe Setzke and Josh Maher. They also graduated key lineman Grady Sondgeroth and strong players like John Sage, David Pietryga, Trevor Edgar and Devin Fuller, so some may think if there is a year the Tigers’ streak could come to an end, it may be this season. Jeff Setzke loves hearing this type of talk. He knows Fenton will respond with the same type of talking back. Their next chance to do that will be next week. The Tigers will open up their season at home on Thursday against Clarkston on Friday.

More football this weekend

We’ll highlight practices during Linden’s and Lake Fenton’s first week in the Weekday Times.

Linden’s Joey Spencer (right) works on earning his fourth win in four fights after beating Bruce Lutchedmeidial in two rounds by knock out Saturday.

Mayweather’s advice leads to Spencer’s fourth win

By David Troppens

If you are going to take advice from someone in the audience on how to finish a fight, listening to one of the greatest boxers of all time is a pretty good person to listen to.

Linden’s Joey Spencer found himself in that situation on Saturday during his fourth professional boxing match of his career when he faced Bruce “The Iron Lion” Lutchedmeidial. Boxing icon Floyd Mayweather was yelling advice from the stands, and Spencer listened as he earned a second-round knockout of Lutchedmeidial during FOX’s national boxing broadcast.

Spencer (4-0) was pushed to his longest match of his young professional career, but still dominated the bout. Spencer took control in the opening round, but never really hurt Lutchedmeidial during the opening three minutes. But then during the second period, he heard Mayweather.

“He (was) actually calling for body work, and then after that once the body work started affect- ing him and he started crouching a little bit, (Mayweather) started calling for the right uppercut. I was giving him what he asked for, and (Lutchedmeidial) started snapping his head back and that eventually led to the stoppage. That was kind of cool.”

Spencer’s national reputation of being one of the hottest pro prospects continued on Saturday, earning what was his fourth knockout in four fights, and his third straight during a televised bout. Still only 18, Spencer has knocked out two of his foes in the opening round and two in the second round. He still hasn’t taken many shots, but Lutchedmeidial (2-4 in boxing matches and 6-3 in mixed martial arts fights) probably hit Spencer more than his first three opponents did combined. However, Spencer was never hurt and always in control.

Spencer was patient in the opening round, attacking the body with the occasional head shot. Lutchedmeidial never looked very good in one you’d expect from an MMA fighter, and he was matched by seeing SPENCER on 13

Prep season began on Monday statewide

By David Troppens

Holly varsity football coach Ryan Culloty talks to his team minutes before the end of Monday’s first practice session.

Dallwitz excited about his last year with Holly football

By David Troppens

Holly’s Cade Dallwitz is trying to embrace it all.

As a Holly senior, Dallwitz realizes he’s now experiencing the “last” of everything as the 2018-19 academic year begins. On Monday, one of his first “lasts” happened when he experienced his last first official day of prep football practice at Holly High School during the early morning.

“This is nice now because I know this is my last chance to experience everything,” Dallwitz said. “We have 11 or 12 seniors and we know that everything is going to be faster and crisper, but what it comes down to is kids (are just getting back into the routine). As the week goes on, See DALLWITZ on 13.
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the kids will be faster and better. That’s just the way it is. The first day is a little slower process than what you want, but we’ll definitely get it up to speed.”

“This has been a consistent group all summer. They’ve worked hard.”

Dallwitz said on Monday’s first session.
“We started slow, but we are getting there and we are picking up our pace. We will be ready by week one.”

Dallwitz said the team did a lot of conditioning over the summer and also had their seven-on-seven sessions. Just as with most prep sports, today’s athletes spend more time during the offseason than ever before doing a variety of activities to help prepare them for the actual first official practices.

“This has been a consistent group all summer.” Culloty said. “They’ve worked hard.”

Culloty has been coaching first days since being a graduate assistant coach in 2000. Since then, football has dominated his falls either at Madison High School or at Holly High School. And since Culloty has been the leader on Holly’s sidelines since 2008, he’s brought the program to a higher level than it had been since possibly the 1950s. Before Culloty’s first season at Holly, the Bronchos had suffered through 17 losing seasons in 18 years, including 11 one-win or no-win seasons during that span. However, that trend has changed. The Bronchos have had more winning regular seasons (6-4) than losing ones and have made the playoffs three times. In each of the last three seasons the Bronchos have been right on the cusp of joining the Metro’s upper echelon, winning five games each of those three seasons. They made the playoffs in 2015, losing a heart-breaking 21-20 contest in the opening round of the playoffs at Fenton.

Holly runs an offensive play during its first official practice of the 2018 football season. All Michigan high schools were able to start practices on Monday.

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his team remains very talented.
“What I tell everyone is you can look through the years and we graduate good kids all the time, and we have kids waiting to get in there,” Setzke said. “We don’t have Josh and Chanse and it seemed like we had Grady Songdgeroth here forever. But the kids are ready to step in, and the new names we will be talking in about a couple weeks’ time will start to surface. People will be like, ‘Wow, I didn’t know they had him.’ These kids look forward to that challenge. And they kind of take it personally because people think because some people are gone they won’t be any good. Well, they work just as hard not to be good.”

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Anna Pilibosian
of Holly, Michigan

Anna Pilibosian is the newest Mortgage Loan Originator at Simple Mortgage in Fenton, Michigan. She currently resides in Holly, Michigan where she grew up and went to school. Anna loves the area, the open land, the small town feel, and the people. After graduating from Holly High School, Anna continued her education further at Saginaw Valley State University. There she earned her bachelor’s degree in General Business and a minor in Sociology.

After graduating from Saginaw Valley, Anna moved to Oklahoma for a year where she worked as a Realtor’s/Broker’s Assistant. This is where she began to develop an interest in real estate and above all, mortgage lending. After moving back to Michigan, Anna also realized she had a passion for customer service. She always made it her priority to make sure the customer was always happy and satisfied. Becoming a Mortgage Loan Originator (MLO) just made sense. It combined the interest of mortgage lending and the passion for customer service.

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second round of their fight on Saturday.

PHOTO COURTESY OF TRAPPFOTOS
Linden’s Joey Spencer (right) watches over Bruce Lutchmedial after knocking him out in the second round of their fight on Saturday.

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Spencer’s boxing abilities. However, Spencer really didn’t hurt the 27-year old veteran either.
That changed in the second round when Spencer’s accumulated body blows started taking their toll. Spencer was measuring Lutchmedial for large portions of the second round and found his range with his body shots. With about 90 seconds left in the second round, Spencer focused more on body shots and that was the beginning of the end for Lutchmedial. He eventually knocked Lutchmedial to the canvas for the first time with about 25 seconds left in the round, on a left body blow, followed by a right and then another left. About 15 seconds later, Spencer finished the bout with an entourage of almost exclusively body shots.

“I was glad I was able to come in here and get another knockout win,” Spencer said at his press conference. “We are going to keep progressing and getting better. I’m excited about the future.”

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ARIES
Mar 21/Apr 20
It can be challenging to silence your suspicious mind, Aries. Not everyone is trying to pull the wool over your eyes. Avoid gossip whenever possible, and you’ll be fine.

TAURUS
Apr 21/May 21
Wear your heart on your sleeve, Taurus. Doing so may endanger you to others. It may seem like you’re putting all your cards on the table, but you’re showing you’re genuine.

GEMINI
May 22/Jun 21
With your style, Gemini, toning things down is not necessarily your style. But this week you may want to. It can be difficult for your detailed-oriented self to draw the line at what to include in a task and what to leave out. You strive for perfection in all you do, Scorpio.

CANCER
Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, it is very easy to get wrapped up in the problems of others. But sometimes you may be surprised at the reactions.

LEO
Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, behind the big lion’s roar beats the heart of a pussy cat. Your sensitive side is bound to come through this week, when you may provide comfort to a person in need.

VIRGO
Aug 24/Sept 22
What you show to the public may not be the true Virgo you keep close to yourself. Let a few intimate details sneak out, and you may be surprised at the reactions.

LIBRA
Sept 23/Oct 23
This is a prime time to nurture business relationships that could push your employment career into a new direction. Libra. There are many possibilities at your disposal.

SCORPIO
Oct 24/Nov 22
It can be difficult for your detailed-oriented self to draw the line at what to include in a task and what to leave out. You strive for perfection in all you do, Scorpio.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov 22/Dec 21
You are wondering if you should play it safe or dance closer to the edge this week, Sagittarius. It may be because you are feeling trapped by routine. Change can be good.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, you want to be there for all the people who may need your assistance. But avoid stretching yourself too thin so you can approach each situation energetically.

AQUARIUS
Jan 21/Feb 18
Choose your battles, Aquarius. There are not enough hours in the day to be an activist for every cause. Only select the ones that you truly feel strongly about.

PISCES
Feb 19/Mar 20
Try not to record every moment on social media, Pisces. It’s good to leave an aura of mystery from time to time and enjoy the moments.

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7 Congratulatory slap
8 Oodles
9 Open
10 Meadow
11 G.I.’s dinner, for short
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15 Stein or Stiller
16 Life time?
17 Swiss capital
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19 Oven
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21 “Explain, please”
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27 Ontario neighbor
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1 Biblical king who had 7 Lived
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9 Surrounded
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