Downtown to experiment with closing roads

Retailers and restaurants allowed to expand up to 25 feet onto sidewalks, streets Thursdays and Fridays

By Sharon Stone

Beginning next Thursday, Aug. 20, retailers and restaurants in downtown Fenton will be allowed to expand their dining or retail space outdoors for expected extra business while the world is coping with the COVID-19 pandemic.

On Monday, Aug. 10, Fenton City Council passed a resolution effective Tuesday, Aug. 11 to allow existing businesses in the downtown area to expand their seating and retail space from 4 to

9 p.m. each Thursday and Friday. An end date was not determined.

This area includes between Caroline Street and Shiawassee Avenue, and between Adelaide and LeRoy streets.

This is not the same as the social districts, which Michigan legislators approved in June.

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If they choose to do so, restaurants and retailers in downtown Fenton could expand their outdoor areas Thursday and Friday evenings from 4 to 9 p.m.

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Linden grad gets up to 40 years in prison

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■ Pleads guilty to sexually assaulting two young males he coached in youth baseball

By Sharon Stone

Joseph Frappier, 49, was sentenced to 15 to 40 years in prison. This came after the former youth baseball coach from Hartland

Joseph Frappier counts of sexual assault involving young males in Livingston

County Circuit Court on Thursday, Aug. 6.

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Township and

Linden High

School grad-

uate pleaded

guilty to two

Drive-in rosary prayer



Fr. Ryan Riley conducts a prayer on the steps of the St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church on Wednesday, Aug. 5 during a drive-in service in the parking lot. Approximately 75 vehicles were there. The church has been working on outreach during the pandemic. See story on Page 5. Photo: Hannah Ball

Traveling Taste in Fenton

■ Pandemic prompts Chamber to alter popular foodie event set for next Wednesday

By Sharon Stone

The 20th annual Taste in Fenton has hit the road and has been renamed for this year.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic and executive orders prohibiting large gatherings, the Fenton and Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce reworked its popular food tasting event held downtown on the grounds of the Fenton Community and Cultural Center to a traveling taste event.

The Chamber is inviting the community to sample Fenton's finest foods Wednesday, Aug. 19.

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LETO the person or
persons who
left a note with
a flower in our
mail box on

Lake Valley Drive. Thank you very much. It was a kind gesture and made our day."



LETHE PROPER The Laundry are sobeautiful and well maintained this time of year. It is a treat

to turn the corner and enjoy all the flowers. Thank you from everyone in Fenton."



grateful.
Someone in the car ahead of me at Taco
Bell paid for

my order. I'm 89 years old and I'm so grateful."





Cities and chamber help businesses reopen

■Businesses receive package after they take the Fenton + Linden Safe, Strong Supportive Campaign pledge

By Hannah Ball

The cities of Fenton and Linden and the Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce partnered to create a campaign aimed at helping businesses reopen safely during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The goal of the Fenton + Linden Safe, Strong, Supportive Campaign is "...to highlight and promote the businesses in our communities who are standing together to keep customers, staff and visitors safe," according to fentonlinden.com.

The businesses that take the pledge receive a care package that includes masks, 6-feet-apart stickers to place on the floor, a poster to put in the store window and more.

Shelly Day, executive director of the Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce, said they started the campaign months ago, but it's still gaining traction and businesses are still taking the pledge.

"This is two municipalities and the chamber working together to figure out how to keep the economy moving," she said.

The pledge includes adhering to a set of safety guidelines, which include requiring the use of face coverings by staff and customers, encouraging social distancing and hand sanitization, as well as cleaning the store area regularly, implementing more employee protocols for sanitization,

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They're doing everything they can to help their employees and customers feel safe. ***

Shelly Day

Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce executive director

Honoring past firefighters

■ 'Push in' of new fire truck honors past members and strong fire service traditions

By Sharon Stone

On Thursday, July 30, the Fenton Fire Department conducted a "push in" of its newest fire truck. The push in took place before department training. The truck went into service Monday, Aug. 10.

Fenton Fire Chief Cairnduff said tradition compels the department to push in the new truck. "In the old days when the horse drawn wagons and steamers had to be put back into the station, they had to be pushed in by hand. This tradition honors the past members and the strong traditions within the fire service," he said.

According to a July 1 memo to Fenton City Council, Markland said the cost of the truck is \$621,318 and the city placed a down payment of \$314,409, approximately 50 percent.

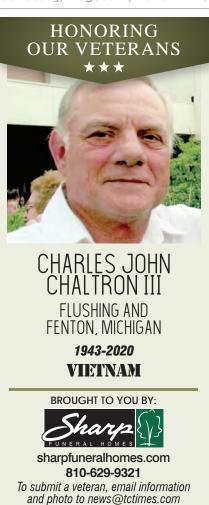
The remaining balance of \$306,909 will be financed. On Monday, July



Twenty-three members of the Fenton Fire Department conduct a "push in" of its newest fire truck Thursday, July 30. The "push in" is a long-standing custom to honor past firefighters and strong tradition of fire service. **Submitted photo**

6, the City Council approved the financing. The State Bank has provided the city with a seven-year loan for the remaining amount at an interest rate of 2.35 percent.

The fire chief said this new truck was manufactured at the KME truck plant in Nesquehoning, Pennsylvania. He said the truck will last the fire department 20 years.







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Building Brands

couple of weekends ago, we managed to do something rare these days and escaped our own four walls. I loved all of it, but my favorite part was watching the sunset over Lake Michigan

from a screen porch. I was tired, but happy after a day of floating on waves and a steady stream of rosé. It was a short trip, but it reminded me why vacation is so important.

I've written before about the importance of taking a vacation — whether at home or away. Frequent readers know I practice what I preach. I'll take a

vacation anytime, anyplace. Readers are also aware (because I'll tell anyone who'll listen) that along with other things, COVID-19 took away at least three of my planned vacations.

Since March, I've worked. And worked. The work has been slightly different than what I was doing prepandemic. In some ways it's been easier, in some ways harder, but overall it's been a steady stream of things that need to be done with a smaller than normal team. (Not as

Take a break before you break

fun as the steady stream of rosé).

That said, I feel extremely fortunate to 1. Still be employed and 2. Work for a company that, despite a pandemic, made it clear that employees were welcome to use

> their PTO. It may take a little more creativity to get work done in someone's absence, but we're making it happen, even if it means asking the publisher himself to cover for you. (THANK YOU, WES!)

If you're in leadership at your company and haven't reminded people the importance of vacation, take this column as a

sign that you should. The last thing you want to do is lose an employee who helped your business through this rough time because of how you handled anything related to COVID-19, especially vacation time.

Emily Caswell

If you're one of the many people, like me, who hesitated to take a day off, I get it. A fortune.com article about vacations during COVID-19, cited a poll done by the Kaiser Family Foundation in mid-May. It found that most Americans are

stressed about personal finances and worried they may be laid off. Exposure to the virus was another concern. Sadly, all of these concerns remain valid more than two months later, but time off is more important than ever. If you have PTO available - use it, even if it's to set up camp in your backyard.

Pre-pandemic the health benefits of a vacation were proven. An inc. com article on the topic mentions stress reduction, heart health, improved productivity and better sleep. In the midst of a pandemic, I think time away (hopefully) offered those benefits and one more very important reminder that while I'm important, I can take a break. The world won't stop because I lose my wi-fi signal. The daily sunset I enjoyed was proof of that.

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MAY I SUGGEST our Linden school board member earn a teaching degree before calling herself a fellow educator.

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Gretchen Whitmer's COVID-19 orders, wear a face mask, social distance, believe Black lives matter too, vote absentee and will vote for Joe Biden.

THE SAYING IS actually 'all lives won't matter until Black lives matter.' All lives do matter, but 'all lives matter' is generally used against people saying Black lives matter. I'd love to sit and chat with you about this.

YOU'VE GOT ME pegged. I'm a 'sheep' for driving on the right side and legally mandated side of the road. We pay for the roads so we should be able to commit crimes on them. Great idea!

IF YOU GO to New York and don't fill out the paperwork and quarantine yourself for two weeks, you can be fined \$100. Wonderful.

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

Should fall sports be allowed?



"Yes!! Classes and sports - with precautions."



"Yes! Our kids' mental health is just as important as physical health! We need them to have school and sports! We must find a balance!"



"My daughter is in softball right now ... they need some normal!"

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"I don't think the government has the authority to disallow sports."

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St. John holds family drive-in rosary

■Churches are slowly reopening, taking safety precautions

By Hannah Ball

Since the pandemic and stay-athome orders began, it's been harder for congregations to reach their members and hold services.

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church is persevering.

On Wednesday, Aug. 5, the church held a family drive-in rosary, which is a prayer well known in Catholicism that's been a part of the tradition for a long time, said Fr. Ryan Riley, associate pastor. Families sat in their vehicles in the parking lot, tuned the radio to the correct station, listened to the sermon and prayed.

He estimates approximately 70 to 75 cars were in the parking lot. He was not sure how many were in each car.

"It was bigger than I expected. I was pleasantly surprised," he said.

An employee brought up the idea at a staff meeting two weeks prior to the event for a drive-in where families could pray together.

"It's an awkward time. It's off. Since we've reopened, probably a month ago, people are slowly coming back," Riley said. "Everybody is obviously on edge."

The catholic bishop gave congregations dispensation from their Sunday Mass obligation until late November.

to go to Mass if they feel



Dozens of families attend the drive-in rosary prayer service at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church on Wednesday, Aug. 5. They stayed in their cars and tuned into the service via radio. Photo: Hannah Ball

unsafe. Obviously, we still like people to pray with the church. The parish isn't the same without everybody here. It's going to take some time before everybody comes back," he said.

Since they've reopened, St. John holds in-person Mass a few days a week, including Saturday and Sunday, with some being live streamed.

> People are able to participate in confession right from their car Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. The full schedule is available at stjohntheevangelist.com.

> They require masks, provide hand sanitizer and wipes, and they clean the area in between Masses to help ensure safety.

"It's something we've

is kind of stifled right now. We're trying our best to alleviate some of those concerns."

The Wednesday event went "well." Riley was worried the equipment wouldn't work, but "everything worked really smoothly," he said.

"The turnout was awesome. Talking to people afterwards, everyone seemed really encouraged. The feedback we got was we should do this again. We're looking into that for sure," he said.

Grand Blanc resident Mitch Rheingans met his wife and kids at the prayer service after work. He said he was "definitely" looking forward to it.

"It's nice to get together with our community," he said, adding that he's been "absolutely" missing getting together with his congregation.

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44The turnout was awesome. **Talking to people** afterwards. everyone seemed really encouraged. 77

Ryan Rilev "No one is obligated St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church associate pastor

never been through before. We're learning just like everyone else," he said. "I think most people of faith are looking for prayer and worship. I think there's a longing for that. Everything





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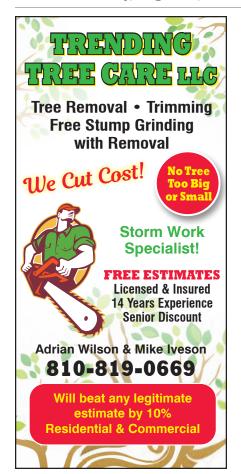
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GUILTY

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Frappier was arrested in November 2019 by the Livingston County Sheriff's Office and later arraigned in 53rd District Court in Howell on 10 counts of various degrees of criminal sexual conduct and one count of furnishing alcohol to a minor. A cash surety bond was set at \$500,000.

Frappier was a youth baseball coach. He was arrested for criminal sexual conduct involving minors and for furnishing alcohol to a minor.

As previously reported in the Times, the charges stem from an investigation where Frappier is alleged to have sexually assaulted two minors at his Hartland Township residence on multiple occasions between 2015 and 2019. Frappier was introduced to the victims through his position as their youth baseball coach.





Virtual jury trials

It has been widely publicized that because of the pandemic, judges throughout the nation have been frequently using Zoom videoconferencing technology in their courtrooms in lieu of personal appearance by attorneys, litigants and witnesses. These court sessions are referred to as "virtual courtrooms."

For example since April 2020, our Michigan courtrooms have logged more than 650,000 hours of Zoom hearings for almost every type of proceeding.

A notable exception to this has been virtual courtrooms for jury trials. However, changes are coming and in some states have already occurred.

Earlier this year the Michigan Supreme Court created a Remote Jury Trial Pilot Workgroup to establish guidelines on how a virtual jury trial could be conducted.

Thanks to their efforts and the State Court Administrative Office. the guidelines were released July 20, 2020 titled "Michigan Trial Courts Remote Jury Trial Standards and Recommendations."

The guidelines are very detailed with 26 different standards starting with qualifying and summonsing jurors for remote participation, through the selection of the jury, the actual jury trial, and ending with the rendering of the final verdict.

There are also 59 recommendations as to possible trial issues and how the judge should address them as well as the rationale for each.

All parties should consent to a virtual jury trial before the court

There are many safeguards built into this process including ensuring full virtual courtroom access to all concerned and a requirement that the constitutional rights of criminal defendants be maintained.

There have been no virtual jury trials to date in Michigan, but in Texas there was a nonbinding verdict virtual jury trial held in May and there is currently a personal injury binding verdict jury trial being held in Florida, which appears to be the first one in the nation. Additionall, New Jersey has used Zoom for some grand jury cases.

No one knows what the future will hold, but clearly until the pandemic is over, virtual jury trials will be an invaluable alternative to traditional jury trials. They could even continue after things return to normal, as the Supreme Court has indicated that some aspects of Zoom are here to stay.

For those interested the virtual jury trial standards and recommendations are available online at the Michigan Supreme Court website.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

MEDIA KEEPS PUSHING the

COVID-19 angle, now it's kids 15-19. Coincidence this comes out now that school debate is ongoing. If you don't see all this for what it is, I feel sad for you.

ACTUALLY, IF YOU throw your garbage out the window of your car, you're not a thoughtless moron, you are just a pig.

AS A TRUE and traditional Democrat, I have no one to vote for this November. I'll either skip that portion of the ballot or write someone's name in.

THANK YOU OFFICER Darren Wilson,

job well done.

LET'S BE FAIR, it's teachers' unions that don't want to get back to teaching, not necessarily the teachers.

QUESTION TO HYSTERICS

castigating mouth-breathers for not wearing masks: exactly where do you breathe from?

GOLLY. IT MUST be an election year. Starting to see our national house representative in the news.

WHY DON'T WE defer school tax payments to the government? Payments should be deferred until the schools fully open and teachers return to in-person learning.

Improve English language skills at MCC

■Non-native English speakers can sign up for online courses because of COVID-19

Mott Community College (MCC) is bridging the language gap for immigrants and foreign students wishing to improve their English language skills for educational or jobrelated purposes.

MCC is offering English for Academic Purposes (ELAP) to help non-native English speakers improved their English language skills in the fall semester 2020. The course is will help non-native speakers improve their English language skills enough to pursue an American college degree or for employment opportunities.

Due to COVID-19, the class will be held online, enabling students to learn from home while engaging with their instructor and fellow students through video conferencing.

"These courses are ideal for students who speak English as a second language," said Debra Gibes, faculty director for experiential learning. "They are designed for English language learners who want to improve their English language skills for college coursework, or those who struggle in their academic programs due to gaps in English language acquisition.

"Additionally, it is a great opportunity for immigrant populations seeking jobs, and for all non-native English speakers to enable them to better engage with their new culture through strong communication skills."

The course provides a comprehensive study of reading, writing, listening, and speaking in multiple college disciplines, including English language

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Students will benefit from an integration of reading, writing, listening and speaking for English language acquisition and a curriculum specifically developed for English Language Learners (ELLs) taught by professional Teachers of English to

Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) instructors.

The ELAP courses count as elective credits that are transferable nationally and internationally to colleges and universities with similar coursework.

For information on how to enroll in ELAP courses, contact the MCC Business and International Studies Division at (810)410-1050 or business@mcc.edu.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

BIG PHARMA GETTING richer off a virus? Clearly, you are not aware of the big money spent on drug trials to see if existing drugs will offer hope for COVID-19 patients. Check out the Profit and Loss of your insurance company during this pandemic and let me know.

WELL, HOT SHOT. The law says keep right except to pass.



Have you seen Asian longhorned beetles?

■Check trees for signs of the invasive pest in August

Help protect Michigan's trees by spending a little of your outdoors time checking for signs of the Asian longhorned beetle.

August is Tree Check Month, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture is asking the public to look for and report any signs of this invasive pest that's not native to Michigan and could cause harm to our environment and economy.

The Asian longhorned beetle was first detected in the U.S. in 1996, when a Brooklyn, New York resident noticed a large, black beetle with irregular white spots and black-and-white banded antennae and reported it. Since that time, the Asian longhorned beetle has been found in 20 locations in six states, including New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Illinois, Ohio and, most recently, South Carolina.

"ALB likely arrived hidden in untreated wood packaging material like pallets and crates from China or Korea,



before we had international standards for treating this material to prevent the spread of insects," said USDA's Asian longhorned beetle national policy manager Paul Chaloux. "The beetle feeds on numerous hardwood species, especially maple, but also ash, birch, elm, poplar and willow, among others."

According to the USDA, over \$750 million has been spent on the Asian longhorned beetle eradication program in the last 22 years, and at least 180,000 trees have been removed from infested neighborhoods and counties.



You can help

The beetle has not been detected in Michigan, but discovering early signs of infestation can prevent widespread damage to the state's forest resources, urban landscapes and maple syrup production.

Look for signs

- Round exit holes about the diameter of a pencil found in tree trunks and branches.
- Shallow oval or round scars in the bark where the adult beetle chewed an egg site.
- Material that looks like wood shavings lying on the ground around the tree or in the branches.
- Dead branches or limbs falling from an otherwise healthy-looking tree.

Look for the beetle

Adult Asian longhorned beetles are distinctively large, ranging from 3/4 to 1-1/2 inches in length, not including their long antennae. The beetles are shiny black, with random white blotches or spots, and their antennae have alternating black and white segments. They have six legs that can be black or partly blue, with blue coloration sometimes extending to their feet.

Anyone observing an Asian longhorned beetle, or a tree that appears to have been damaged by it, is asked to report it. If possible, capture the beetle in a jar, take photos, record the location and report it as soon as possible at AsianLonghornedBeetle.com or contact MDARD at 800-292-3939 or MDA-info@Michigan.gov.

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

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MINOR INJURIES IN MULTI-VEHICLE CRASH

At 11:04 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 5, the Fenton fire and police departments responded to a multiplevehicle crash on southbound U.S. 23, just south of Silver Lake Road. Lt. Jeff Cross said it appeared that a pickup truck was hauling an enclosed trailer and the trailer tipped over. A sedan and a Corvette collided with the tangled truck and trailer. Minor injuries were reported, however, the injured declined going to the hospital. The highway was closed at Silver Lake Road until 1:22 a.m. to clear the debris.

POLICE INVESTIGATE SEAFOOD THEFT

On July 27 at 1:30 p.m., Fenton police were dispatched to a grocery store on Silver Parkway for a retail fraud complaint. Lt. Jeff Cross said a loss prevention employee watched a customer select several seafood items totaling \$209, place them in a shopping cart and exit the store without paying. The man drove away in a maroon Pontiac G6. The case remains under investigation.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

ON AUG. 27, 2019, Joe Biden said his VP will 'preferably be someone of color and a different gender.' Biden's preferences are racial and sexual discrimination, and un-American.

'DO UNTO OTHERS ... I am my brother's keeper?' Yes I am, at my own discretion. Our religions teach, not require, us to consider others as ourselves. If individualism is immoral, why are we created with individual free will? Caring for others includes others not-infected but still affected.

SURE WOULD BE nice to have some comedians step up to entertain all of us and take our minds off of politics and this virus. Where did they all go?

ANY MASK WEARING proponent who votes for Whitmer is a hypocrite. In Michigan, un-restricted executive power has killed as many citizens as un-restricted breathing. You fix Lansing, I'll wear the mask.

I ALSO ENJOY the 25 mph speed limit. It lets me see how many people are late for work.

CLOSING ROADS

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Social districts that local municipalities could allow would enable restaurants to serve beverages to go as long as the customers stayed within the designated social district.

Pat Lockwood, city councilwoman and mayor pro tem, serves on the street closure committee that has been working on this plan for the downtown businesses for the past three weeks. The committee has been working with the fire chief, police chief, the Department of Public Works and other city leaders and business owners.

Lockwood said the city looked at four other communities that have implemented road closure projects including Brighton, Traverse City, Birmingham and Northville for guidance. "Their projects are coming along really well," Lockwood said. "It supports the local businesses and enhances the downtown atmosphere."

With roads closed, Fenton restaurants would be allowed to expand their seating area up to 25 feet into the sidewalk and street area. The designated area would need to be marked. Lockwood said the results could be an eclectic mix of seating, umbrellas and tables. Businesses could look to creative ways to be appealing and to show off their business.

The impacted roads in the downtown area would be barricaded to allow a substantial area for pedestrian traffic. An open lane will be incorporated through the area for emergency vehicles.

Participating in this 4 to 9 p.m. expanded business area is optional for businesses. Everyone will still have to adhere to social distancing and wear face coverings where appropriate, Lockwood said.

Lockwood said the city worked with Chelsea Mills, owner of Behind Your Design, to create a map of where roads will be closed and where parking will be available. Mill Street will remain open with two-way traffic during these hours to utilize the three parking lots off that road.

City Manager Lynn Markland said when restaurants were allowed to open their indoor dining rooms, they found that many people still preferred to be seated outdoors. Due to half-capacity requirements set by the governor, this caused a reduced number of patrons and decreased revenue.

Existing restaurants with liquor licenses are being allowed to request permits for this project with quicker approvals.

Markland said the businesses can experiment with what works and using roped off areas. Those purchasing liquor from a restaurant must stay within that restaurant's designated outdoor area.

The Fenton Farmers Market takes place Thursday evenings and this road closure project is expected to bring more business to that as well.

City council determined that the

expanded outdoor areas should end at 9 p.m., however, this could change if the city manager or police chief recommends a different ending time. As daylight subsides as we move into fall, lighting and weather could impact this outdoor expansion.

Markland said since the end of COVID-19 is unknown, this expanded outdoor and road closure project could extend into next spring and summer if needed be. "It's something new," Markland said. "Our situation is new."

All Michigan Liquor Control Commission laws will remain in effect as well as all local ordinances to ensure public safety. Markland noted that this road closure and expanded outdoor business area is not intended to be a street party. He said the intent of this is to provide an opportunity for retailers and restaurants to do more business during these challenging times.

Fourteen people logged in to watch the Zoom meeting. There was no public comment.





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POLICE & FIRE REPORT

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DRIVING TOO SLOW RESULTS IN OWI ARREST

At 1:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 2, a Fenton police officer observed a vehicle traveling very slowly near Owen and Jennings roads. The officer watched as the vehicle stopped for several seconds at a flashing vellow light. There were no other vehicles in the area. The officer initiated a traffic stop and made contact with the driver, a 48-year-old Fenton man, who appeared to be intoxicated. The driver failed the field sobriety test and a breath test indicated his blood alcohol content was nearly double the legal limit. He was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated. Blood was drawn at a nearby medical facility and he was then lodged at the Genesee County Jail until sober. A court appearance ticket was issued

BRIEFS

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Fish Lake Road to close for culvert replacement

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) expects to close Fish Lake Road between Fenton and Academy roads (culvert is located just north of Ann Street) in Rose and Holly townships for a culvert removal and replacement on Thursday, Aug. 13. The closure will last one day. Access to all homes and businesses in the closed section will be maintained during the closure. The detour for through traffic is Fenton Road to Milford Road to Maple Street to Saginaw Street to Oakland Road to Academy Road, back to Fish Lake Road and vice versa. Fish Lake Road from Fenton to Elliot Road in Rose/Holly townships will be resurfaced this year. The date for that work will be announced soon. This section of Fish Lake Road carries approximately 4,100 vehicles per day.



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HELP

Continued from Page 2 offering touchless options in the store and more. Go to fentonlinden.com for the complete list.

Dozens of Fenton and Linden businesses have taken the pledge and received packages, which comes at no cost to them.

"I think the businesses are really happy we're helping them. I've gotten real positive feedback. They're grateful that we're helping them spread the word and helping customers feel safe," Day said. "They're doing everything they can to help their employees and customers feel safe. Businesses are still signing up."

The chamber also has been making videos with customers and asking them what makes them feel safe when they're out shopping local.

Day also stressed that we still need to be wearing masks and washing our hands.

"It's not outdated," she said.
"I'm really pleased that I live in a community where people want to help each other. I think one of the best things we can do right now is keep the economy moving to help people keep their jobs."

Visit fentonlinden.com to learn more about the Community Safe Pledge Program. Find informational resources, read reviews and see which local businesses have taken the pledge.

FENTON MAN CAUGHT STEALING STORE MERCHANDISE

At 9:54 p.m. on July 31, Fenton police were dispatched to a retail store on Owen Road for a retail fraud in progress. The loss prevention employee told police that they watched a male customer select merchandise, conceal it in a bag and exit the store. The employee made contact with the shopper, a 26-year-old Fenton man, and detained him until police arrived. The man was arrested. Police found several narcotics on the suspect.

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POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

EMPLOYEE FAILS TO RETURN COMPANY VEHICLE

On Monday, July 27, at 10:06 a.m., the owner of a Holly landscape company called Holly police to report an employee had not returned a company vehicle. The owner said the employee is a 20-year-old Holly man who was supposed to return the vehicle on July 25 but failed to do so. The officer investigating entered the vehicle information into the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) system as a "failed to return vehicle." The employee was not answering his phone or returning calls to his employer. A Holly police officer found the vehicle abandoned on the side of a road on July 31 with considerable damage with arrangements made to return the vehicle to the owner. Holly officers are investigating the use for possible criminal charges.

SEVERAL DRUG ARRESTS ON CRESCENT STREET IN HOLLY

On Wednesday, July 29, Holly police working with members of the Oakland County Narcotics Enforcement Team (NET) executed search warrants at a home on Crescent Street where suspected drug activity was ongoing. As a result of the investigation and search warrant, suspected drugs and drug related material were confiscated along with five people being arrested for drug related and other charges. This case is ongoing pending lab results and additional investigation.

NARCAN, AN OPIOID NEUTRALIZER, USED ON HOLLY MAN

On Wednesday, Aug. 5, a Grange Hall Road resident called 911 to report that she witnessed her neighbor fall outside his home, stand up and fall again. He was then non-responsive. Upon arrival of Holly police and fire departments, first responders administered Narcan, an opioid neutralizer, and the patient became alert. The 56-year-old male denied taking drugs and was transported to a hospital for additional medical treatment.

TASTE

Continued from Front Page

This year, as part of their Traveling Taste in Fenton, attendees will have the options to sit down and eat or take their tastes to go. Restaurants will stamp their Traveling Taste passport for a chance to enter for the grand prize drawing.

Shelly Day, Chamber executive director, said they renamed this year's event to a traveling event since they couldn't hold it as usual in downtown. Day said 17 restaurants are participating this year. Last year, they had 18.

Day said some restaurants may offer seating for Traveling Taste in Fenton participants, however, those restaurants also will be open to the public. Some will have outdoor areas for participants.

The Chamber will provide all of the participating restaurants with to-go boxes, sponsored by Hartland Insurance.

This year's main sponsors are The State Bank, Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and McLaren of Fenton.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

DRIVING ON THE wrong side of the road will kill someone. Not wearing a mask will not. Even if you do catch COVID-19, it has nothing to do with mask wearing. Also, you have a 99.98 percent chance of survival with COVID-19. What's the survival rate of headon car accidents?

WHAT IS TAKING the city of Fenton so long to post the final results of the 2020 primary election? Editor's note: there was no Fenton City Council election.

GREAT JOB GRETCHEN

monitoring the Raft Off in Lake St Clair — 60,000-100,000 people in boats, no masks or social distancing. I guess you were too busy to monitor that number of people not following your executive orders.

SHARON, THANKS FOR the nice WWII article — Spirit of '45 Day.

ON THE COVID-19 increase article, next time please try to include more than just positive

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REGION 3

Fenton Road/Thompson Road

(A stamp at the Traveling Taste Photobooth earns you another entry in the Grand Prize drawing)

- Fenton Winery & Brewery
- Legends Sports Cafe
- Wellbridge of Fenton

REGION 4

North Road/Silver Lake Road

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- Beale Street Smokehouse
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case count figures. Number of tests, negative and positive results, hospitalization and death rates would provide a clearer picture and place the stats in their proper perspective.

LOVE THE FOOD truck in town. Wish there were more around town. Would be nice at the gazebo area. We could sit on the grass and eat our food.

I HAVE A suggestion on the method of kids returning to school. No in person schooling until all persons are vaccinated against COVID-19. The only way to control the virus is to kill it. The only way to eradicate it is with a vaccine.

I WAS WONDERING why nothing has been done to fix Torrey Road from S. Long Lake road to the roundabout at North road. The many patches cause drivers to weave in the lanes to avoid the bumpy patchwork.







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Fenton's Miller places third, fourth in events at national track meet event



The 2020 prep track season, along in the top four of two national events. with every other state prep athletic activity, was canceled during the spring.

But that doesn't mean Fenton High School's Brandon Miller has stayed on the sidelines. In fact, the star sprinter is making national headlines with his sprinting ability.

Miller competed at the AAU National Junior Olympic Games recently, placing

Miller placed third in the 200-meter dash with a final time of 21.15 seconds. He also placed fourth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.71 seconds.He competed in the men's 17-18 year old division in both events.

Miller posted a time of 21.80 seconds in the preliminary round of the 200, placing fifth. It was good enough to get him

in the finals. In the final, his time was a half-second slower than the eventual champion, Robert Gregory Jr. (20.65) from the Greater Houston Track squad.

In the 100, Miller placed fourth in the preliminary round with a time of 10.85 seconds. His final time of 10.71 seconds was just .17 seconds slower than champion David Foster's time of 10.53 seconds.

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Sports Times

Some changes made during first day of prep football practice

■As COVID-19 era continues, prep sports hope to compete this fall

of the prep football season usually begins with a team cheer or something to create some excitement like that to motivate the squad for their first practice session.

That wasn't the case at Lake Fenton Monday afternoon, Before anything could happen, varsity football coach Marty Borski had his masked players line up to get their temperatures checked. At Monday's practice, coaches were wearing facemasks constantly while plenty of sanitizer and other precautionary products could be found around the field.

That's the life of trying to prepare for the prep football season during the COVID-19 era. But for Borski, he'll take what he can get.

"When you are with the kids in practice, no matter what is going on in the world, we are in a great place," Borski said. "It's one of the toughest things we've had to deal with mentally in athletics. We are waiting for that anvil to fall like a Buggs Bunny cartoon, but we are working

Lake Fenton — The start hard hoping it's not going to

The first week of practices won't involve pads at state schools. The Blue Devils' numbers haven't been impacted by the pandemic. Lake Fenton expects to field three teams.

"Our numbers are pretty good," Borski said. "We have 33 freshmen which is an incredible number. That's my son's class so I've been recruiting those kids for six years. The sophomore numbers are a point of focus beause we only have 16 to 18, but we have 26 on the varsity, so we are in the 80s. That's pretty good."

Borski said the program will be taking the new precautions seriously. He has some personal reasons to do just that.

"My son has asthma and it can be severe at times," Borski said. "Am I going to let my son play football — hell yeah he's playing football. The values high school football and high school sports teach outweigh the risks. That's what me and my wife believe. If we do it right and are safe, it can be done."



Monday's first Lake Fenton varsity football practice began with varsity football coach Marty Borski (left in left photo) taking temperature checks of his players before they entered the football field for practice. (Below) The players have some line practice at the start of Monday's session.







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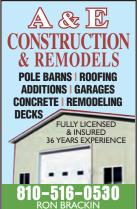
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Wesley Eugene Guy, Jr.

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Jr. - age 78. passed away Thursday, July 30. 2020 in Sioux Falls, SD, Graveside Service will be held 12 PM Saturday, August 15. 2020 at Oakwood Cemetery, Davis St., Fenton. Please join the family for a luncheon immediately following at 1321 Ray Rd. Fenton. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make donations to the Susan Guy Scholarship Foundation, by Paypal account email at michigan-ra@ scbwi.org. Arrangements provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Wesley was born, September 13, 1941 in Benton Harbor, the son of Wesley E. and Marcella Elva (Essig) Guy, Sr. He married Susan Linda Light in Pleasant Ridge, October 13, 1972. Wesley graduated from Highland Park High School in 1960. He proudly served in the U.S Air Force. Wesley was employed

Weslev Eugene Guv.



as a Regional Manager with Xerox Corporation, he retired after 30 years of service. Wesley enjoyed fly fishing, photography, and camping. Wesley is survived by children, Kimberly (Tim) Slavens, Michael (Dionna) Guy, and Stephen (Cathy) Guy; ten grandchildren, Jeffrey, Jeremy, Joshua, Krissa, Cody, Jarren, McKayla, Gina, Olivia and Devon; seven greatgrandchildren, Destiny, Angel, Owen, Gethin, Charlotte, Kenna and Joey; brother, Michael Guy; niece, Meela. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Susan. Online tributes may be shared at sharpfuneralhomes.



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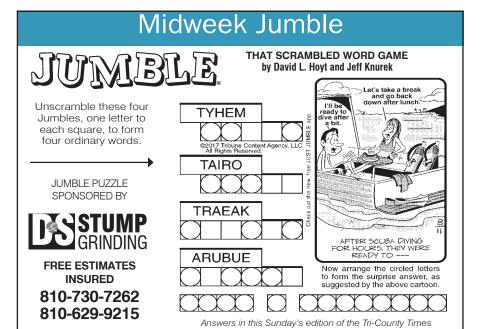
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆ ◆ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Horoscopes

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

A business associate or romantic partner may make a play for more power this week. Aries. Instead of playing defense, see what happens if you cede some control.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

No matter how tempting the opportunity, do not mix friendship with finances, Taurus. This goes both ways, whether you are asking to borrow money or doing the lending.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

Pressure at work could be mounting and leaving you feeling awfully stressed, Gemini. Now might be the time to take a brief step back and enjoy the respite.

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CANCER Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, you may be inspired to fight the system this week. Be sure you have done all your research before diving in full force. Patience is a virtue, after all.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

While it may seem like you can mix business and pleasure Leo, there are some complications that you may not anticipate. It's better if you keep things separate.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, no matter what you do this week there will be challenges. Embrace any hurdles you need to clear en route to getting the iob done well

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

If you do not make a big deal of a difference of opinion then you can work easily with a person whose perspectives differ from your own, Libra. Learn to cooperate.

SCORPIO Oct 24/Nov 22

Someone's extreme emotions can turn your weekly schedule on its head, Scorpio. As you help this person through a tough time, keep a cool head and listen.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, this week loved ones may want to make a big deal about something you are doing. But you're not willing to join the drama parade. Stick to your convictions.

CAPRICORN Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, neglecting your work can have far-reaching consequences. So buckle down even though the last thing you want right now is responsibility.

AQUARIUS

For the week of **August 10, 2020**

Jan 21/Feb 18

Keep a close eye on the things that you value the most,

Aquarius. Keep these things close to your mind and heart and do your best to avoid taking them for granted.

PISCES Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, you may have a lot of

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