Nearly 73,000 people in Michigan have recovered from COVID-19. They are urged to donate convalescent plasma, which was just approved by the FDA, to help other people who have been infected by the China virus.

Glad to see that St. John School and Holly Academy are moving forward with in-classroom instruction. Wonder how many families are looking to switch their kids to those schools?

I’m very excited for workers to finish repaving the northbound U.S. 23 entrance ramp on Silver Lake Road. That section of road has been terrible for years.
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Challenger Tim Draeger, from Fenton Township, released a statement: “It is with a heavy heart that I report our write-in bid for the Genesee County Commission’s 6th District seat fell short. Based on the statewide formulas used to determine the minimum number of votes required for a write-in candidate combined with the huge voter turnout for the Democratic race for county sheriff, our number of write-in votes needed to make the November ballot jumped from approximately 80 to 297.”

He “personally reviewed” the 615 write-in ballots cast for him and found 252 ballots with the correct spelling of his name in multiple variations. The votes cast fell short by 45 votes needed to put his name on the November ballot.

He thanked everyone who helped with his campaign and announced that he will run for the seat again in two years.

Governmental immunity

When a person or entity negligently causes personal injury to another, the law calls the act a “tort” and the injured person has the right to seek compensation from the “tortfeasor” for their injuries.

The word tort comes to us from the French word for “wrong.”

However, there is an important exception to this right when the tortfeasor is a governmental agency engaged in the exercise or discharge of a governmental function when the injury occurs. In such cases, there may be no liability for the victim’s injuries. This is called “Governmental Immunity.”

This concept started hundreds of years ago in the English common law when the King of England was considered to be the law and therefore could not violate it. The expression “The king can do no wrong” was used to describe this immunity.

When the United States was established, this rule continued as to the states and their subdivisions. Over the years it has been recognized that this was rather harsh and gradually the rule was modified to allow tort claims against the government in certain defined situations.

Now, in all states a governmental entity may be held liable for torts when specifically allowed by statute or the courts.

In Michigan, we have the Governmental Tort Liability Act, which provides for both governmental immunity and for six immunity exceptions.

These exceptions are for personal injuries caused by negligence as to improper highway maintenance (“highway” includes other things such as sidewalks); dangerous conditions in a public building; money making activities of the government; government owned hospitals; operation of a motor vehicle; and sewage disposal system overflows.

Individual government employees can also be held liable under certain circumstances.

The courts have held that immunity is to be considered in the broadest possible way and the exceptions are to be considered very narrowly.

This is an extremely complicated area of the law and I’ve only provided a very brief summary.

In situations where a person has been injured by the government, I recommend consulting with a lawyer. There are strict deadlines, notices, and other procedural requirements that must be complied with, otherwise the claim won’t be allowed.

For more information, I suggest starting with an informative article at the AVVO website under Michigan Governmental Immunity.
Holly Village fire department installs free alarms

By Hannah Ball

The village of Holly Fire Department did a “Smoke Alarm Blitz” on Saturday, Aug. 22 and installed 145 smoke alarms and 35 carbon monoxide detectors in 47 homes.

This event was planned because the department joined the MI Prevention statewide fire safety campaign through the State Fire Marshal, the Bureau of Fire Services and Michigan’s fire safety organizations. The goal is to reduce the number of fire deaths, injuries and property loss in the state.

Fire Marshal Jeremy Watson said all alarms and detectors were installed free of charge in village of Holly homes by teams of trained volunteers.

“Having working smoke alarms in your home and making fire safety a constant priority are the best ways to prevent fires before they start, and stop fire-related deaths and injuries,” Watson said. “The lives of all Michiganders depend on fire safety, education and awareness.”

In 2018, 139 Michiganders perished in home fires with a reported $260 million in property damage. Since Jan. 1, 2020, 84 people have died in residential fires in Michigan. These statistics are gathered from the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) data. See ALARMS on 10

Teams of volunteers from the village of Holly Fire Department got together and talked about the campaign before traveling around the municipality and installing nearly 150 smoke alarms and 25 carbon monoxide detectors in 47 homes.

Photo: Hannah Ball

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Jeremy Watson
State fire marshal
Building Brands

Volunteer your way to a strong brand

Editor’s note: A version of this column originally ran in our sister paper, The County Press, on July 30, 2017. Many nonprofits are in need of volunteers right now as they navigate the changes brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. While those same nonprofits could use your dollars, this column is a good reminder never to underestimate the value of your time. While volunteering may look a little different today than it did at the time of this column thanks to the coronavirus, giving your time still has the ability to help in so many ways and is a great way to build your brand.

My knowledge of poker is limited — there are chips, cards and some players wear sunglasses. That’s about all I know, but when I finish this column I’ll head to a poker room to volunteer. When I joined the Center for the Arts of Greater Lapeer board almost a year ago, I knew volunteering was part of the gig. I pictured manning the concession stand and helping out at festivals. I did not picture spending hours behind a desk entering player names into a computer at a poker room. However, nonprofits can use poker rooms to fundraise.

Many people reading this column are familiar with this process because they have done it. In sharing about my volunteer commitment, I’ve learned a lot of people I know also volunteer in poker rooms, so why is no one talking about this? Part of my personal brand is giving unsolicited advice. So, here’s this week’s. You should volunteer more and then you should talk about it — a lot! Volunteering is something to be proud of, but it seems most people who volunteer don’t volunteer that information.

A fastcompany.com article on the topic by Lydia Dishman sites a 2016 Deloitte Impact Survey that found that not only should people talk about their volunteering, they should include it on their resume. From the article: The respondents (to the Deloitte Impact Survey) were overwhelmingly in favor of volunteering as a professional development tool. Among the findings:
• 92 percent believe volunteering expands an employee’s professional skill set.
• 85 percent are willing to overlook resume pitfalls when an employee includes volunteering on a resume.
• 82 percent are more likely to choose a candidate with volunteering experience.
• 80 percent believe volunteering is an effective way to boost leadership skills.
• 73 percent believe people who volunteer are more successful.

Despite this, the survey found that only 30 percent of resumes list volunteering. Beyond your personal brand, an organization that is known for the volunteer power their team provides is an organization that people want to work for and do business with. Another fastcompany.com article by Pamela Hawley lists the many benefits of volunteering for both individuals and organizations. Here are a few from the article:
• Improves employee attraction and retention
• Improves client attraction and retention
• Establishes local buy-in

Armed with this information (and my unsolicited advice) I know you’re motivated to volunteer. The best part? It’s free and there are no qualifications required.

Emily Caswell is the brand manager for VIEW Group, the branding division of View Newspaper Group.

What was your most memorable moment this summer?

“Spending time with my new grandson at the beach for my birthday.”

Jean Keiser
Holly

“Camping in the Plumas National Forest.”

Rachel Fogleman
Oakley, CA

“Our daughter’s virtual graduation.”

Sandy Hodson
Owosso

“I TOTALLY AGREE with the Hot-liner who said the Times is censoring conservative Hot lines. I’ve submitted several lately that didn’t get printed just like this one won’t.

I WAS A teacher in the 1980s who left the field because of the politics of the teacher’s union. I said back then that they would destroy the education system. They are more interested in advancing their own political agenda than in educating the children. Teachers are essential workers and should be in the classroom with their students.

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Visionary Promo Tour officially canceled

Back to the Bricks makes announcement Monday, sets 2021 dates

By Sharon Stone

Officials with Back to the Bricks Visionary Promo Tour announced Monday, Aug. 24 that they canceled the 2020 tour, which had already been rescheduled from May to Oct. 9-13.

On Monday, the Back to the Bricks Promo Tour committee leaders met and made the decision that they believed was best for all. They said the decision came after a thorough evaluation of possibilities to responsibly host their event in consideration of current state mandated event size limitations, social distancing requirements and other factors unique to the Promo Tour.

They had spent the last few months discussing options, talking with host cities and hotels, taking the safety of all participants, the cities they stop in, and Muskegon.

After careful consideration, officials with the Back to the Bricks Visionary Promo Tour canceled the 2020 event due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Photo: backtothebricks.org

HOT LINE CONTINUED

UNFORTUNATE SIDE EFFECT of the First Amendment is disinformation. Like the Hot line liar claiming ‘two months of peaceful protest in Portland.’ Violent, anti-government protests have been ongoing in Portland as far back as June 2019. For truth, research the terms ‘Occupy ICE,’ Andy Ngo or Van Spronsen.

YOU CAN’T HAVE it both ways. Claiming mail-in voting is safe and free from interference while at the same time accusing Trump of election interference for not giving additional funding to the United State Post Office. A functional post office is not a requirement for free and fair elections.

YES, WE’VE LIMITED the spread of COVID-19, but at what cost? For every person protected, there are thousands forced out of jobs or school, prevented from seeing loved ones, unreported increases in poverty, depression, drug and alcohol abuse and suicide. Fear and narrow mindedness only see COVID-19 deaths.

WITH BIDEN’S VP announcement, we finally know our choices this November: the Trump/Pence ticket versus the How Long Until Harris ticket.

TO THE PERSON in weekend Times who said Trump was the one who caused problems in Portland when he sent in federal officers. HA, HA, HA, HA, HA, HA. You are a real joke and probably one of the evil violent protesters who were arrested. Grow up. People like you make us sick.

DESCRIBE TO ME what a ‘mostly peaceful protest’ looks like. Is that where you try to burn down the federal court house but don’t succeed. Somebody’s been watching too much CNN.

SO, BIDEN IS going to raise taxes, force manufacturing jobs out of our country again, and start to control our individual lives with socialism. When this happens, I don’t want to see one liberal whining about what they do not have any more after illegals start taking your jobs.

YOU WOULDN’T BE calling the rioters ‘mostly peaceful’ if they were in your parents’ yard trying to burn down where you live or your place of work if you had one.

News Briefs

Compiled by Sharon Stone

WHY THE NUMBER OF COVID-19 DEATHS CHANGE

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) employees have been reviewing death certificate data maintained in the state’s Vital Records reporting systems three times per week, according to Michigan.gov. As a part of this process, records that identify COVID-19 infection as a contributing factor to death are compared against all laboratory confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the Michigan Disease Surveillance System (MDSS). If a death certificate is matched to a confirmed COVID-19 case and that record in the MDSS does not indicate a death, the MDSS record is updated to indicate the death and the appropriate local health department is notified. These matched deaths are then included with mortality information posted to Michigan.gov/Coronavirus. As a result, data could include additional deaths identified through this methodology.

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Fenton business makes the ‘coolest’ cut

Peabody Insurance Agency is one of Michigan’s ‘100 Coolest Places to Work’

Compiled by Sharon Stone

On Friday, Aug. 14, Crain’s Detroit announced the “100 Coolest Places to Work in Michigan.”

Peabody Insurance Agency was the only company in Genesee County to be included in the top 100 rankings. Peabody Insurance is listed as the 28th Coolest Company in the state and the 11th Coolest in the small employer category.

These rankings are determined 75 percent by an 80-question employee survey.

The survey seeks to determine, among other things, whether employees understand the strategy of the company, and if they feel they are being groomed for new positions. The additional 25 percent is determined by employer provided information on benefits and policies.

Peabody Insurance is an independent insurance agency selling commercial and personal insurance. They are based in Fenton but are licensed to service policies in more than 25 additional states.

To contact an agent call (810) 629-1504 or (810) 908-1869 or go online to chat at peabodyinc.com.

Peabody Insurance Agency in Fenton, which includes (from left) Grace Peabody, Jim Peabody, Jeri Stiles and Dave Lucas, was listed as the 28th out of 100 “coolest places to work” in Michigan by Crain’s Detroit. They ranked 11th in the small employer category. Submitted photo

Peabody Insurance Agency, at 265 N. Alloy in Fenton displays a large banner to announce its “cool” ranking by Crain’s Detroit. Submitted photo

HOT LINE CONTINUED

MUST BE NICE to live in a world where you don’t have to come up with any original thoughts, just regurgitate opinions you hear on propagandists TV channels. There’s no such thing as a ‘mostly peaceful protest.’ It’s either peaceful or not.

TRUMP ONLY SENT in the feds after 39 nights of rioting and only after they attacked the federal courthouse, which he has a duty to defend. Get your facts straight before you start spouting ignorance.

FOR 90 NIGHTS, the ‘protests’ have not been peaceful and businesses, homes, and buildings have been looted, burned and destroyed. Many police and citizens have been seriously injured by violence, caused by BLM and antifa. Federal agents are required to protect federal buildings and to quell the violence and destruction.

BIDEN/OBAMA HEADED a failed presidency, economy and foreign policies. They led a corrupt administration (FBI, CIA, IRS, DOJ, Russia collusion debacle, built cages for children at border, doubled our national debt, and gave billions to terrorists. Dems support violence in our cities and forced nursing homes to accept COVID-19 patients.

SECURE DROP BOXES are available and no postage needed for the November election. Absentee voting is safe and secure. Stop listening to those with unfounded and uneducated ideas. If you have questions, talk to the clerks who make sure the process is protected. Stop spreading conjecture and rumor. Know the facts.

YES, TRUMP HAS the guts to face those nasty, vile reporters unlike Biden who takes no questions. He will walk off the stage after trying to answer questions from reporters who talk over him, and constantly interrupt him and try for ‘gotcha’ questions. This president takes more questions than any president in American history.

YOU TRUMP BASHERS who constantly state your untrue comments in the Hot lines need to include some facts with your comments. For instance, the kids in cages started in the Obama administration, who also built them and it was Obama who doubled the national debt during his term.

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DOG BITE 8-YEAR-OLD, OWNER CITED
On Wednesday, Aug. 5, Genesee County sheriff’s deputies were dispatched to the 1300 block of River Rock Pass in Fenton Township for a dog bite. An 8-year-old girl was bit by a dog. A citation was issued to the owner for vicious animal.

ARSON ON WINDSOR BEACH
On Saturday, Aug. 8, Genesee County Sheriff’s Office were dispatched to the 2000 block of Windsor Beach in Fenton Township for an arson complaint. The incident remains under investigation.

HARRASSMENT ON N. LONG LAKE ROAD
On Wednesday, Aug. 12, deputies from the Genesee County Sheriff’s Office were dispatched to the 1400 block of N. Long Lake Road in Fenton Township for a harassment complaint. A 58-year-old Fenton Township man was arrested and lodged at the Genesee County Jail for harassing communication.

HOME DAMAGED ON GRANGE HALL ROAD
On Tuesday, Aug. 18, at 1 p.m., a Grange Hall Road resident called Holly police to report malicious damage to her house. The woman showed the responding officer trim that had been removed from her deck and was laying in the yard. The woman told the officer that other minor damage has been done in the past by an unknown person. The case remains under investigation.

CHROMEBOOK STOLEN FROM CAR
On Thursday, Aug. 20, at 2:17 p.m., a Crescent Street resident reported to Holly police that someone had entered her vehicle and took a school issued Chromebook. The vehicle owner reported that she always locks her vehicle but it was driven by other family members so she wasn’t sure if it was always locked. There are no suspects at this time.

SUSPENDED LICENSE LEADS TO ARREST
On Friday, Aug. 21, at 5:06 p.m., a Holly police officer was advised by a witness that a vehicle was being driven erratically and provided a good description and license plate number of the vehicle. The officer spotted the vehicle and initiated a traffic stop. The driver showed no signs of intoxication but was extremely agitated and argumentative with the officers. Officers ran a Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) check and determined the driver had a suspended driver’s license. The driver was arrested for driving on a suspended driver’s license and a court date is pending.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE TIMES A liberal news source? Conservatives get the same print if they send them in but we get tired of answering the same unfactual comments sent in by liberals, for instance two in Sunday’s edition. One says they hate Trump and another claims Trump hasn’t done what he said he would. Untrue and no facts.

TO THE PERSON who said President Trump has not fulfilled his promises. Border control, prison reform, lowest unemployment for African Americans, Latin Americans, Asian Americans, best economy in the history of America. All done. Tell me one thing the Democrats have done in the last 50 years to further the American dream.

FEAR IS THE friend of evil.

PELOSI’S SCREE ABOUT election interference is actually just her realization and distraction from the fact that she, and Congress, failed to properly fund and prepare the USPS in a timely manner. Now she is behind the eight ball. Should have focused more on her job and less on impeachment.

TO THE HOT-LINER listing all the reasons why she won’t vote for Trump. The DNC called, they want their talking points back. Congratulations, you’ve proven yourself to be a loyal parrot for the Democrats.

THANK GOD, MY children attend Livingston Classical Academy. State aid needs to follow the student. State aid needs to follow the student.

ANYONE WHO BUYS anything from China after all this world has been through and going through should be horse-whipped.

NOT AT ALL surprised that between ‘slap on the wrist’ Leyton and having a rich doctor/father that Abdu Akl is only facing up to 15 years. Pitiful.

THANK YOU TO the GHOST task force for your work. In reading about your sting operation, I first wanted to cry for the hurt being done to these children and then wanted to cry tears of joy that you found some of these missing kids. I hope you find them all.

AS I SEE it, we have two poor choices; first Trump who in his lifetime has done many things, 50 percent wrong, but something. The other is Uncle Joe, who in his lifetime has done ‘nothing’ but talk, always ‘I am going to.’ Take your choice.

THE POST OFFICES haven’t had trouble processing all the extra mail in December. Why wouldn’t they be as professional in November?

STEVE BANNON IS charged with mishandling $200,000 in public donations. As president, Barack Obama’s net worth rose to over $300 million in eight years as a public servant. No questions asked. Justice is blind?

I KEEP WAITING to review some of this science that Gov. Whitmer keeps talking about, but it seems that the science is not available to the citizens of the state. Sign the ‘Unlock’ petition; it’s our only hope to see the science.

HOLLY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AUGUST 19, 2020
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

Roll Call: Supervisor Kullis, Clerk Winchester, Mark Freeman, Trustee Feeney and Trustee Ruth.

Approved: Consent Agenda as Amended.


Approved: National Suicide Prevention Month – Proposed Resolution 2020-19.

Approved: Bat Extermination Proposal.

No Action: Speed Limits on Unpaved Roads Discussion.

No Action: Senate Bill 431 Discussion.

No Action: Communications.

Karin S. Winchester, MMC
Holly Township Clerk

George A. Kullis
Holly Township Supervisor
Parent volunteer Kelly Ahn helps students into a vehicle during pick-up time at St. John School on Tuesday, Aug. 25. School let out at 11:30 a.m., and Tuesday was the last half day before the school began full-day classes. Photo: Hannah Ball

ST. JOHN SCHOOL
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The school has implemented mask breaks, when teachers take students outside under tents where they aren’t required to wear face coverings. This is one of the few changes they’ve made to prevent COVID infections.

“We’re trying to adjust to that concern. So far, so good,” he said.

The school follows guidelines from the Genesee County Health Department and Michigan Department of Education.

Students in grades K-8 will be required to wear masks throughout the day in the classrooms as well as hallways, common areas and recess, except while eating lunch, during designated mask breaks that take place outdoors, and if someone is medically unable to tolerate one. Staff and teachers are required to wear masks except while eating and if they’re unable to medically tolerate one.

Adult guests entering the school will be screened for symptoms, and they must wear a facial covering and wash/sanitize hands prior to entering. If a child shows symptoms or has a fever over 100.5 degrees, they are not to come to school or they are to be picked up by a parent.

If someone has a confirmed case of COVID-19, those who spent 15 or more minutes within 6 feet of them are required to stay home and monitor their health for 14 days since contact with the positive case. The school encourages frequent hand washing, social distancing and classrooms will be regularly cleaned.

For preschool students, masks are not required to be worn. Students will sit as far from each other as possible, no toys will be allowed from home, and frequent cleaning will take place inside classrooms.

“Phase 4 prohibits indoor assemblies that bring together students from more than one classroom with the exception of Mass. In these instances, students and staff will follow social distancing protocols and Diocesan Policies,” according to the plan.

Other changes include checking the temperature of children upon arrival, direction arrows on hallway floors, students not being allowed to wait in the lobby after school and more.

Parents would often participate in daily activities, such as Mass and lunchtime, but that is not allowed currently.

“During our Phase 4 and Phase 5 plans, we will ask that only lunchtime and loop volunteers enter the school. Our All School Mass will need to be limited to teachers and students only. Please be understanding of this TEMPORARY change,” according to the plan.

All of the changes are available at stjohnfenton.com.
Online buyers beware

Better Business Bureau receives more than 60 complaints on mask retailer

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) is warning consumers that it has received 61 complaints and 56 negative customer reviews for online retailer, Hyperfavor.

The business, which claims to be based in Sheridan, Wyoming, operates the website, hyperfavor.com, where it sells themed and customizable apparel— including a wide assortment of cloth face coverings.

Consumer interest in this business has skyrocketed as face masks have become mandated in regions across the country. BBB has received more than 19,000 inquiries on hyperfavor’s business profile since the end of April.

Consumers report order fulfillment concerns including delayed shipments and receiving partial orders. Many complainants allege never receiving ordered merchandise despite extensive waiting times.

Complainants also allege receiving tracking numbers that appear to be fraudulent or that never update.

A Michigan consumer reported being charged and receiving a tracking number for their order but never receiving their masks. After reaching out to Hyperfavor, they received responses saying the order would be “shipped in a few days.” Eventually, the consumer reached out to USPS, which indicated it did not have that tracking number in its system.

“With people back at work and now starting to go back to school, facemasks are still a hot commodity, and scammers know that,” said Melanie Duquesnel, President and CEO of Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. “Do your research before ordering from online retailers, especially those you haven’t heard of before. See what other consumers are saying and if they have had any issues.”

BBB added that the Sheridan, Wyoming address advertised by the company is a commercial registered agent’s location and not typically a physical place of business. Furthermore, BBB has been unable to locate a registration on file with the Wyoming Secretary of State.

BBB has attempted to contact the company via email, postal mail, and telephone regarding the pattern of complaints filed and to seek information regarding their business practices, structure, and location. The business has not responded to our concerns at this time.

The company currently has an “F” rating based on the volume of complaints received and their failure to respond to the majority of them.

WHEN SHOPPING ONLINE, BBB ADVISES CONSUMERS:

• Research the seller’s reputation and track record at BBB.org.
• Think before you click and be especially cautious about email solicitations and online ads on social media sites.
• Review and understand the company’s Terms and Conditions.
• Save copies of your order confirmation and any emails for future reference and as a record of your purchase.
• Review the company’s privacy policy and understand what personal information is being collected and how it will be used.
• Confirm that the company provides valid contact information so that you are able to reach the business if necessary.

Source: Better Business Bureau

Mitten Life Realty

Will Stiverson, Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors member, Meghan Grimshaw, Fenton & Linden Chamber membership director and events coordinator, Jared Pfeiffer, Mitten Life Realty owner, brokers Kimberly Pfeiffer and Jamie Rogers, and Dennis Richardson, Fenton & Linden Chamber Board of Directors member, celebrate the ribbon cutting and grand opening of Mitten Life Realty at 1447 N. LeRoy St., Fenton on Friday, Aug. 21. Photo: Emily Caswell

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PAVING PROJECT FOR AUDUBON MEADOWS
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of petitions of property owners within the township signed by the record owners of land whose frontage constitutes more than 50% of the total frontage of the proposed district, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton proposes to repave Audubon Drive, Rolling Meadow Drive and Waterside Drive, and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein.

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

Units 1-13 and 15-36 of the Audubon Meadows Condominium Subdivision

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has received preliminary plans showing the improvements and an estimate of the costs of such construction, contingencies and related services in the approximate amount of $118,250, has placed the same on file with the Township Clerk, and has passed a Resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make such improvement and to create the special assessment district. The Township Board has also tentatively found the petitions for the improvement to be in compliance with statutory requirements.

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

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing upon such petitions, plans, district and estimate of costs will be held by telephone conference call (Phone Number: (844) 855-4444, Access code: 323110#), commencing at 7:30 p.m. on Monday August 31, 2020.

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

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

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ALA  

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The Renaissance Festival Team announced the cancelation Thursday, Aug. 20.

In the announcement, Jim Peterson and the team said they are “profoundly disappointed” to announce that the 2020 Michigan Renaissance Festival will not be taking place this year.

“We understand the impact of this decision on so many wonderful artisans, performers, participants, volunteers, and countless families seeking a place to celebrate and enjoy a touch of normalcy that our yearly festival tradition brings,” Peterson said in the announcement.

Organizers have worked the last five months to develop a plan and mitigation measures, which they firmly believe would have resulted in a safe and healthy Renaissance Festival.

However, it became clear that the current State directives will not change significantly in time to allow the Festival to open this fall.

In the announcement, the Team said, “Although we disagree with the current State directives that prevent a spacious outdoor venue from opening, we recognize the difficulty of the State government’s task. We share their goal of keeping Michigan safe and healthy.

“We will continue to have events that can be produced within the current directives such as the reimagined incredible FEAST OF FANTASY and others we are working to bring to you this fall and next spring.

“We will be announcing new and exciting activities in the days and weeks ahead such as the RenFest Food and Entertainment Parade. We promise that you will not have to wait long for your turkey leg.”

The Michigan Renaissance Festival will return in 2021.

All 2020 tickets will be honored in 2021.


Peterson and the team said, “We’re extremely grateful and wish to express our thanks to our artisans, cast, corporate partners, sponsors, staff, vendors, volunteers, Groveland and Holly townships and valued patrons and appreciate your support and commitment to the continuation of this great Michigan family tradition. We sincerely appreciate our Renaissance Festival Family and look forward to seeing you all again in 2021.”

For updates, go to michrenfest.com.

ALARMS

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The campaign focuses on the two groups affected most by fire fatalities—adults over age 40 and children under the age of 9.

“Nearly 80 percent of Michigan’s population are in these high-risk groups and it’s where we’ve seen the greatest number of fire deaths,” said State Fire Marshal Kevin Sehlmeyer.

These volunteers also talked about fire safety with homeowners who were involved in the program and have these new alarms, which are expected to last 10 years.

Homeowners can contact village of Holly to request a fire safety home visit at no charge, by calling (248) 531-6010 or by email at jwatson@hollyvillage.org.

The village of Holly also is working to educate citizens, increase awareness, correct bad habits, and cut down on unsafe behavior, according to Watson. MI Prevention also is educating the more than 30,000 firefighters in Michigan to fully understand community risk reduction concepts to maximize fire prevention efforts in their own counties. The grant also allocates funding for marketing and educational campaigns to raise awareness.

Funding for the initiative comes from a competitive, one-year $525,000 Fire Prevention and Safety grant through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Department of Homeland Security, and a 5-percent state match.

Consumers can find more resources and safety information at the MI Prevention website: michigan.gov/miprevention.

HOT LINE

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NEWS FLASH; THE Spanish flu ended World War I and was five times more deadly (10-percent death rate) than COVID-19.

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Linden professional boxer Joey Spencer ended a long layoff due to the COVID-19 pandemic in convincing fashion during a FOX Network broadcast Saturday night.

Spencer, still only 20, improved to 11-0 with a fourth-round knockout of boxer, kickboxer and MMA fighter Shawn West at Los Angeles’s Microsoft Theatre in a building with no fans due to the pandemic.

Spencer dominated the fight from the start, enjoying a consistent punch advantage in number and accuracy through all four rounds. Spencer enjoyed a 17-8 punches landed advantage in the opening round and then started taking over with about two minutes left in the second round when he used a left-hook, some right hands and some punches to the body to set up his first knock out. West was able to survive that flurry and remain in the fight, but Spencer never lost control. He enjoyed a 20-6 punch advantage during the second round.

Spencer was more patient in the third round, only landing nine punches versus West’s six. Then in the fourth round, Spencer ended the scheduled six-round fight early with another combination that ended with a right hook that resulted in the second, and final, knockout of West.

“I felt great about it. I think that everything I’ve been working on (I executed),” Spencer said after the fight. “After I got the knock down, I took my time, threw a good flurry. When I realized how tough he was (and that he was) going to be able to take some shots, I calmed down, picked the right shot when it came again and it presented itself. I was really proud of myself.

“That’s what we’ve been working on and I really think the experience I’ve gotten during the rest of my career so far showed through in this fight.”

Spencer didn’t show any ring rust. If anything, he had one of his most impressive fights in recent bouts, enjoying a 63-23 landed punch advantage. He also connected on 48 percent of his shots. With power punches, he connected on 52 percent, hitting on 41 total. West connected on just 17 power punches.

“We knew he was tough and a lot of fans and a lot of people were discrediting that he was just another bum and he’s not another bum,” Spencer said. “The guy has six wins and one loss in the boxing ring and 50-some-odd kickboxing and octagon fights so he had experience taking hard shots and he hasn’t been stopped much in any of those sports. He’s a tough guy. I knew he was going to be there and I knew he was going to be awkward and I didn’t disappoint. I couldn’t be happier.”

The last time Spencer fought was Jan. 18 when he defeated Erik Spring in a six-round bout by unanimous decision. Spencer has won eight of his 11 fights through knockouts but three of the last four before Saturday night were decision wins. He put his power on display against the 31-year-old West. All but one of his fights has been on television.

After the bout, Spencer, who is nicknamed the Small Town Soldier, discussed the value of his family in his career.

“I couldn’t do this without the family I have. If I didn’t have the mom, the dad, the sister, my little brother, my wife — they all played a huge part and do something to keep the training moving forward,” Spencer said.

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L.W. “Bill” Richmond - age 88, of Fenton, died Sunday, August 23, 2020 at his residence. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Friday, August 28, 2020 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton with Fr. David Harvey celebrant. Visitation will be held 2 - 8 PM Thursday at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton, where a Rosary will be prayed at 7 PM. Visitation will also be held from 10 - 11 AM Friday at the church. Private burial will take place at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to St. John Educational Foundation.

Bill was born in Michigan, in the UP on November 23, 1931, the son of Lafayette Dennis and Marie (Hanna) Richmond. He attended Central Michigan University, joined the US Navy in June of 1951 and served abroad the USS Jason as an electrician for three years during the Korean War. While at sea, Bill honed his card playing skills and became the Pacific Fleet Euchre Champion. Bill attended Michigan State University from 1955 - 1959, graduating with a degree in electrical engineering.

Forever a MSU Spartan, Go State! Bill married the love of his life, Ruth Rau, in the fall of 1956, she preceded him in death in 2016. They were blessed with 60 years of marriage! Bill’s career with General Electric took him from NY; to Bitburg, Germany; to AZ before finding a home in Fenton in 1966 and starting a career at Champion Spark Plug in Detroit. He retired from Champion in 1993 as the Plant Manager. Bill and Ruth spent 20 winters as “snow birds” in Naples and made new flocks of friends while there. He looked forward to the spring and planting his garden, his love of gardening was acquired from his summers spent at his grandparent’s farm, Twin Elms, in Stitsville. He loved digging in the dirt! Bill leaves behind four children, Nick (Tricia) and their children, Briggs, Chase and Jackson; Tanya (Mike) Heaphy and their children, Cooper, Lincoln and Spencer; Stephanie Truesdell, and children, Bailey and Carson; Jennifer Cislo and children, Parker, Drew and Cameron; great granddaughter, sweet baby Vaida Grace Cislo, born April 2020 to the delight of Great Grandpa Bill! Bill was a member of St. John’s Parish in Fenton for over 50 years and was a charter member of the Knights of Columbus. Bill always looked forward to Tuesday morning coffee with the ROMEO’s (Retired Old Men Eating Out) and Wednesday golf league with his buddies the “Old Farts.” He was an early member of the Fenton Beautification Commission, planting many trees around Fenton. In the last few years, he was a volunteer with the Accounting Aid Society, always open to learning something new, and helping others. Bill will be particularly missed by the “Mutual Admiration Society” Margaret and Don Seyfried, Doris Quick and Gertee Brownlee. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Collette (Dauner) Martin. He is survived by his sister, Margaret and Don Seyfried, and two sisters, Margaret Martin and Marjorie Martin Kelly. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Robert John Martin - age 94, of Fenton, passed away Thursday, August 20, 2020. Graveside Services will be held 11 AM Thursday, August 27 at St. John Cemetery, Fenton. Arrangements are being handled by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Those desiring may make contributions to the Michigan Nature Association. Robert was born July 20, 1926 in Detroit, the son of Edward J. and Collette (Dauner) Martin. He was a veteran of the US Navy. John earned his PhD in Electrical Engineering from University of Michigan. He taught at Ferris State College for many years. John planted white pines over many years and built up what is now the Dauner Nature Sanctuary in Fenton. He is survived by his sister, Marion Martin; niece, Sandra Kelly Theusch; and nephew, Robert P. Kelly. John was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Edward Martin; and two sisters, Margaret Martin and Marjorie Martin Kelly. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.
**Midweek Crossword**

**ACROSS**
1. Early bird?
4. Said "not guilty"
8. Molt
12. By way of
13. Emanation
14. Rent
15. Work unit
16. Whirl
17. Long-billed wader
18. Sprinter's device
21. Many millennia
22. Parcel of land
23. Allude (to)
26. Driver’s license datum
27. Foundation
30. Out of control
31. "Okie"
32. Stead
33. Vat
34. Haw partner
35. Turkish accessory
36. Prohibit
37. Emeril’s shout
38. Extremely
39. Exciting
40. Plankton
41. Component
42. Love god
45. Dove’s remark
46. Works with
47. New Haven school
48. Choose
49. Not so much
50. Resorts international?
51. "The Matrix" role
52. Snitch
53. "Unh-unh"
54. rounds
55. Football garb
56. Grower's home
57. Vagrant
58. The Red
59. Dilbert's worksite
60. A few
61. Fight song
62. Half of
63. Snare
64. Census statistics
65. Pass (off)
66. Auction action
67. Wet wiggler
68. Payable
69. Hung
70. Genie’s home
71. Claus
72. Marching band section
73. "Across"
74. Sunset
75. Otherwise
76. Pass (off)
77. Unh-unh"
78. Booty
79. Snare
80. Picture
81. Total
82. Snare
83. Score
84. Payable

**DOWN**
1. Prior nights
2. Encircle
3. Lady —
4. Cleric
5. Pea-family
6. Miss.
7. Brockovich
8. New Haven school
9. Half a circus
10. — The Red
11. Dilbert's worksite
12. A few
13. Fight song
14. Half of
15. Sunset
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21. Football garb
22. Grower's home
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26. Payable
27. Fight song
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**Horoscopes**

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Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, acting your age will not feel like fun this week, but you have to hunker down and be the adult. Even as others shirk responsibility, you know how to get the job done.

**Taurus**
Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, it is alright to go against the grain once in a while if it means that much to you. Sometimes you have to be a trendsetter. This week you stand out in a good way.

**Gemini**
May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, look around at all the possibilities to learn new things. You can expand your knowledge tenfold.

**Cancer**
Jun 22/Jul 21
Cancer, eagerly follow all impulses to explore new interests. This is a great time to start a new hobby or even change careers. Be aggressive with your goals.

**Leo**
Jul 23/Aug 23
There is some tension going on with you this week over what you desire and what you know is good for you, Leo. You'll need to walk a fine line if you are to get both.

**Virgo**
Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, sometimes the best conversations you can have are the ones in which the person you are chatting with disagrees with what you are saying. It’s an opportunity to debate.

**Libra**
Sept 23/Oct 22
Libra, take inventory of the value of what you have. That doesn't strictly mean material things. It also refers to the friends and loved ones who always have your back.

**Scorpio**
Oct 23/Nov 21
Scorpio, it can sometimes be best to walk into a situation without any expectations. This way anything that happens can be taken at face value.

**Sagittarius**
Nov 22/Dec 21
It’s required patience, but things will start to make sense in your life this week, Sagittarius. All of the parts start to fall into place and the bigger picture is revealed.

**Capricorn**
Dec 22/Jan 20
There is no need to deny yourself some guilty pleasures, Capricorn. Dig into a big piece of cake or indulge in some binge-watching. You've earned it.

**Aquarius**
Jan 21/Feb 19
Aquarius, expect more plots than a soap opera in the days ahead. The good news is that you decide which course things will take. Surround yourself with your support network.

**Pisces**
Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, excitement is fine, but your eagerness to jump into a project may seem too intense to others. Temper some of your emotions.
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