

# Midweek **Times**

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## Rose Township adopts tax rates

■ Provides funds for operating budget and fire coverage

By Sharon Stone

On June 29, the Rose Township Board of Trustees unanimously adopted its 2021 tax rate request, which must be submitted to the Oakland County Board of Commissioners by Sept. 30. The taxes will be levied Dec. 1.

The motion was made by Trustee Glen Nobel and supported by Treasurer Paul Gambka.

The board approved the renewal of an operating millage of 0.9645 mills.

The board approved two millage renewals to fund the North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA), which provides fire and EMS coverage to Rose Township. The board approved one millage at 1.2995 mills and one millage at 0.7173 mills, both to be levied Dec. 1.

Both fire millages expire Dec. 31, 2021.



The 2020 Fenton Freedom Festival Queen, Chelsea Bujak, a Fenton High School senior, crowns the 2021 queen, Mai Nguyen, 17, on Friday, July 2 during the Street Experience while a group of family, friends and onlookers applaud. Nguyen said she likes the safe atmosphere of Fenton. **Photo: Hannah Ball**

## The 2021 Fenton Freedom Fest Queen is...

### ■ Fenton High School junior named Freedom Festival Queen

By Hannah Ball

**Fenton** — The Fenton Freedom Festival has a new queen.

Mai Nguyen, Fenton High School junior, was crowned the 2021 Fenton Freedom Festival Queen on Friday, July 2 during the Street Experience in downtown Fenton.

She said she was “really excited” to be chosen. Last year’s queen,

Chelsea Bujak, crowned Nguyen in front of an applauding crowd.

“I know there were a lot of really good contenders,” she said. “Today was really fun.”

Nguyen thanked her family, friends and Fenton officials who put on the event and scholarship program. Applicants go through an interview process and answer questions about their involvement in the community, how they want to give back, and what Fenton means to them.

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## Road commission testing new substance for dirt roads

■ Perma-zyme could lead to better dust management, fewer potholes

By Hannah Ball

The Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC) is testing a new substance that could improve dust control and prevent potholes on dirt roads.

Perma-zyme, created by Substrata, is a substance that binds soil particles together to form a “concrete-like substance,” according to the company. In June, the GCRC in conjunction with Flushing completed a perma-zyme treatment to Carpenter Road, a one-mile dirt road, in one day.

“Our Carpenter Road project went well. It is hardening up well with very little dust. We also had Huron, Livingston, and Oakland county road commissions show up

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“If it works well, we hope to do more roads in the future.”

**Randall Dellaposta**

*Genesee County Road Commission  
director of operations*



“It’s sad there

was no spring season last year. I’m so glad that this season was able to be used as ‘warm-

up’ for the travel season. My child cannot wait for travel ball to be in ‘full-swing!’”



“Feels like

the pandemic is over. The lakes in Fenton have been packed

and the restaurants are full. All this talk about some Delta variant is not stopping anyone from enjoying life.”



“All these orange

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# Meet Linden school’s new therapy dog

■ School officials say young students love reading to Mari the chocolate lab

**By Hannah Ball**  
**Linden** — Linden Community Schools will soon welcome a new employee to work at Argentine Early Childhood Center — Mari the therapy dog. Mari is the latest addition to the district’s therapy dog program. The 14-month-old chocolate lab is expected to join the school full time this July. Superintendent Russ Ciesielski gave a presentation about the program to the Linden City Council on Monday, June 28.


“We are implementing a therapy dog program in our district. We’re starting with our youngest learners at Argentine Early Childhood Center and that’s our pre-K students,” he said. The Hyatt Elementary principal works with someone who has a certified therapy dog to bring them into the school. Ciesielski has been discussing the potential of having a therapy dog at Linden Elementary, too. “When we looked at what just happened with the pandemic year we had, one of our main focuses was on the health and wellness of our students and




Denice Westervelt (right), early childhood coordinator at the Argentine Early Childhood Center, trains with Mari at the school Friday, July 2. She will be the primary handler for the dog. Dianne Hukill (middle), administrative assistant, and Kathy Haycock (left), teacher, also will work with Mari. The three of them have been working with Paradise Dog Training. **Photo: Hannah Ball**

our staff,” he said. They did research on how therapy dogs have worked at other businesses and industries, and they wanted to “jump right on board.” “Obviously, it eases social isolation of students. It does bring people together,” he said. “Animals help reduce anxiety and they lower stress levels.” Paradise Dog Training in Fenton is handling Mari’s training. She’s been visiting the Argentine Early Childhood Center. “It does help students to read, and there’s research out there because students feel comfortable reading to a dog See **THERAPY DOG** on 8

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Sharin' the spotlight

Independence Day fireworks

By Editor Sharon Stone

People across this country love their fireworks. There's just something nostalgic about relaxing on a warm summer night and watching the skies above explode with colorful sprays of fireworks. The bright lights can momentarily light up your surroundings and cast a patriotic red, white and blue glow over everyone.

I know numerous people were upset that the city of Fenton canceled the traditional Fenton Freedom Festival and nighttime fireworks based on the number of Hot lines that came across my desk. The FFF committee had an April 5 deadline to make a decision on whether they could move forward with the biggest event of the year. At that time, the COVID rules for Michigan wouldn't permit such a large gathering and there was no way our local committee could predict the future.

But, to the delight of families across the tri-county area, just as they have done in past years, lake

associations sought private donations from members and businesses hoping to raise enough money to purchase fireworks and host their own fireworks shows.

When darkness fell over us Saturday, July 3, the skies over Lake Ponemah/ Squaw/Tupper (PST) lakes and Lake Fenton lit up to help us celebrate our great country's



Sharon Stone

Independence Day. Our country is now 245 years old. Since it was my birthday, I joked that the fireworks were to celebrate my big day too.

The PST board members collected more than enough money to purchase this year's fireworks thanks to generous residents and businesses. The money left

over will go to next year's fireworks show. The group coordinating this year's fireworks did have to scramble at the last minute to find a suitable place to launch the fireworks since the small island they typically use was a bit underwater because of the heavy rains the area saw recently.

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# Hotlines

Submit Hot lines online at myfenton.com or text to 810-771-8398

All submissions, if approved for publication, must be 50 words or less and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Tri-County Times. We reserve the right to edit for clarity, length and liability.

**TO THE HOT-LINER** that wants to pay the same taxes as the rich. Quit your job and invest in the stock market. Taxes are based on earned income (wages) not investments.

**WHEN THE COST** of insulin is so high people are skipping doses that could be saving their lives, but they are giving away a vaccine for free and even paying you to take it — they do not care about your health.

**HERE IN MICHIGAN**, asking for an age group 'not affected by COVID-19' is a dumb question. Whitmer's illegal lockdown and school closing policies affected all demographics.

**JUST WHAT LINDEN** School Board needed, another board member who puts athletics above the entire student body. Those happy about one member stepping down, just because you have your opinion, and might be more vocal, doesn't mean your opinion rules. The strong are willing to try and adapt.

READERS  
WRITE

Letters, 150 words or less, must be signed and include a phone number. We reserve the right to edit for clarity and liability. Letters must be written exclusively for the Times.

American flags

Dear Editor,  
I am concerned about the Fenton Planning Commission article in the June 30 issue. I think the planning commission should allow flags certainly for major holidays like July 4th. I understand there is an ordinance, but treating small businesses like that and not having an exception to the rule is crazy. What has our world come to when you cannot fly the American flag on Fourth of July! I am not a service person, but I am truly offended that people have given their lives for us to be where we are today, and we do not seem to care. I recommend the planning commission rethink their position on the flags, or otherwise businesses will leave town and there will not be anything left for the commission to plan.

Randy Redmond  
Holly

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

What does the American Dream mean to you?



"The American dream has turned into something that, like most dreams, don't come true for most people. It's a depressing fact that's difficult to acknowledge and so we go on dreaming."

Stephen Haynes  
Hamtramck



"Freedom."

Jamie Jones  
Fenton



"The opportunity to make a life for yourself of your choosing."

Tammy MacKenzie  
Flint

street talk



"Corruption has ruined the American dream."

Lisa Smith  
Fenton

# Back to the Bricks announces grand marshal

■ Ribbon-cutting at Factory One in Flint on Aug. 18 at 4 p.m.

Back to the Bricks announced this year's 17th annual Car Show & Cruise official grand marshal, Dr. Bobby Mukkamala.

In a July 1 press release, organizers stated that when the Back to the Bricks Executive Committee met to discuss this year's grand marshal, the main topic that kept coming up was who in our community is deserving of a much-needed "thank you" for all they have done in our community through the pandemic? It was a very easy decision.

This year's official grand marshal is Dr. Bobby Mukkamala. The Board of Directors unanimously agreed that Mukkamala played a huge role in making their event, and other events in the community, possible. This past year through the unprecedented times, Mukkamala stepped up and stepped out of his normal everyday life to truly help

others. His dedication and innovation to create masks with his son in his lab, his educated wisdom throughout the COVID-19 pandemic to the governor's office, lawmakers and physicians statewide was just the beginning.

Mukkamala still dedicates his time to make sure vaccines are available for our community. He supported and encouraged everyone, even led by example for all to get vaccinated.

Mukkamala is a true leader in this community, and one that doesn't like the limelight, but is very deserving of it. He will take part in the ribbon cutting at Factory One in Flint at 4 p.m., Aug. 18, followed by a Rolling Cruise from Factory One to Grand Blanc High School where he will be received by the Grand Blanc Chamber of Commerce at their "Pit Stop" Cruise In along the cruise route.

Mukkamala also will be at the Saturday Main Event Opening Ceremony as a Special Guest, Aug. 21 at 10 a.m. near the GM Statue Plaza in downtown Flint on Saginaw Street.



Dr. Bobby Mukkamala

## POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

### DRUNK DRIVER CRASHES IN HOLLY, ARRESTED

On Sunday, June 27, at 10:30 a.m., Holly police were dispatched to the area of Academy Street near Emily for a single vehicle rollover crash. Officers located the damaged vehicle with the uninjured driver still inside. He was identified as a 36-year-old Shelby Township man, who was obviously intoxicated. He was determined to be over twice the legal limit to drive. Alcohol intoxication was determined to be the primary factor in the crash. The driver was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

### GRAND BLANC WOMAN TWICE THE LEGAL LIMIT FOR DRIVING

On Saturday, June 26, a Holly police officer on patrol on N. Saginaw Street tracked a vehicle speeding. The vehicle was stopped and found to be driven by a 24-year-old Grand Blanc woman who appeared to be intoxicated. Sobriety tests determined the woman was over twice the legal limit to drive. She has a previous conviction for drunk driving and was arrested for second offense of operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

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### The NCAA decision and Kurt Vonnegut Jr.

Kurt Vonnegut Jr. has been called one of the most important contemporary writers and dark humor commentators on American society.

His first novel was "Player Piano" published in 1952. It was set in a fictional post World War III society where life was dominated by machines.

There were also some other significant differences from the way things were before the war.

Among these was college football, where the concept of amateur athletics was abandoned and instead all of the players were paid salaries. Recruiting was based on attracting players using salary incentives rather than scholarships.

I remember thinking when I read the book in 1971 that this could never happen in real life.

Sometimes truth is stranger than fiction or at least has similarities.

Fast forward to 2014 when a regional director of the National Labor Relations Board found that Northwestern University's scholarship football players were "paid employees" and could form a labor union.

Although this decision was reversed on appeal, the door to reviewing compensation for college

athletes had opened briefly.

On June 21, 2021 the United States Supreme Court released its opinion in National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) vs Alston and unanimously held that the NCAA's rules restricting certain educational benefits for student athletes violated antitrust law under the Sherman Act. This law prohibits businesses colluding or merging, thus forming a monopoly, to dictate pricing in a particular market, which results in an unreasonable restraint of competition.

The court found the educational benefits restrictions by the NCAA and its member schools (such as not allowing laptops or paid internships) were anticompetitive and schools should be allowed to offer whatever educational benefits they wanted to recruits.

Because of the procedural posture of the case, the court didn't rule on other possible non-educational benefits which could be offered including salaries.

However Justice Brett Kavanaugh in a concurring opinion, questioned the NCAA's right to have any restrictions at all.

On June 30, in response to Alston, the restrictions on athletes signing professional endorsement contracts for their names, images, and likenesses, were removed by the NCAA.

Reportedly a number of athletes have already signed contracts.

No one knows what will happen next, but I am certain that if he were still with us Mr. Vonnegut would find this all very interesting.

### HOT LINE CONTINUED

**WE MAY AGREE** that gas prices were going to rise due to the end of pandemic restrictions and summer surge, but we disagree about presidential impact. Whereas Trump worked to ensure supply met consumer demand, Biden cuts supply and drives up prices. Biden owns every cent of \$3.25 gas.

**PSST, DON'T TELL** the mayor. I've been putting my yard waste in my blue trash bin. Republic takes it every time.

**I'M NOT SURE** what math the person uses who claims federal employees get 44 paid holidays. As of 2021, we

have 11 paid federal holidays. Personal leave can add 13-26 days based on years of service. Use facts when making your argument. Sincerely, your neighbor, a 34-year federal employee.

**TWITTER, SNAPCHAT AND** Pinterest exist to feed the vapid egos of celebrities, politicians and youth.

**OK MR./MS.** Hysteric, you asked, I'll answer. CDC reports from over 20 million, 5- to 14-year-old females, only 51 have died from COVID-19. At .000026%, that number is so infinitesimally small as to equal zero, thus that demographic has not been affected by COVID-19.



# How to plan a perfect game night

## ■ Strengthen bonds between friends, share laughs to last a lifetime

Shared experiences are ideal ways to make new friends or solidify established relationships. Bonds can be strengthened even further when those shared experiences include entertaining activities. This is a great reason for adults to incorporate routine game nights into their social calendars.

Game nights are nothing new. Perhaps your parents or grandparents gossiped over a few games of gin rummy or weekly poker gatherings? Before the widespread proliferation of digital video games, board games were a go-to way to have fun. Even now, game nights can provide the perfect way to slow down, have fun and get together with friends.

Hosting a game night can be an ideal way to have fun at home without turning on the television. The following are a few things to consider when planning a game night.

### The number of people dictates which games can be played

How many people are invited to game night will determine the games that can be played. Game nights tend to be more successful with a guest between four and eight players. Keeping people engaged in a game can be more challenging if there are more than eight individuals, and most games are designed for a maximum of eight players.

### Plan for finger foods

Game night etiquette typically dictates that hosts will provide refreshments. In lieu of a sit-down meal, offer finger foods, which are easier to manage while engaged in



A game night can unite existing friends and help people interested in making new acquaintances find common ground.

game play. Premade party platters are an option if you want to spend more time entertaining and less time preparing food. Guests also can be encouraged to bring small dishes, such as sandwiches, chips and dips or other snacks.

### Have a variety of games on hand

Let the course of the night be relatively fluid, even if you have a certain game in mind. If guests are not fans of a particular game, make sure you have others at the ready. Music or a sports game playing in the background also can be a way to keep guests entertained between turns. When deciding on games, consider these criteria, courtesy of Game Night Gods, an online game night resource:

- The game should be easy to learn.
- The game should be relatively fast-moving.
- The game should pique interest and be strategic.

### Get out of your comfort zones

Acting zany and engaging in games that push people out of their comfort zones can help guests get to know one another and laugh along the way. Games also are a perfect way to learn something new with little to no pressure.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

■■■■  
**HOW ABOUT A** sobriety check lane on Grove Park this weekend between 5 and 9 p.m.? First, they're drunk driving their boats then they tow those boats home while they are still drunk. Scary.

■■■■  
**NICE TRY. WHITMER'S** proposed 45-cent gas tax failed miserably. She

has absolutely nothing to do with today's road construction, she's just implementing Snyder's plan.

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**YOU ASK WHAT** age level has not been infected/affected by COVID-19? Genesee County reports zero infections for citizen between 103 and 114-years old. The lone 115-year-old was infected, but didn't pass.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

### HOLLY DDA NEEDS YOUR VOTE FOR \$5,000 GRANT

The Holly Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is asking residents to help Holly win a \$5,000 grant to help with events and items for the Battle Alley Social District. People can vote once per day until July 16. The

grant is provided by the Michigan Municipal League (MML). To vote or to find more details, go to [mmlfoundation.org/grants/first-fridays](http://mmlfoundation.org/grants/first-fridays). The Holly DDA hosts First Fridays, when downtown businesses stay open late and the DDA brings in a special event for the night. The DDA hopes to highlight the arts and local artists at its August and November First Fridays, as well as continue to make the area of Battle Alley a place that the community can gather.

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Mari, the 14-month-old chocolate Labrador, loves when students read to her, said school officials. She's calm and loves to be pet. **Photo: Hannah Ball**

## THERAPY DOG

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versus reading to their peers," he said. "It's going to help students academically as well as emotional support."

He said therapy dogs will also help with emotional support for staff.

"The dog is actually a Linden school employee. We're really excited," he said. "I know the kids are really excited, our staff is excited."

They plan to bring the dogs to Linden events as well.

Denice Westervelt, early childhood coordinator, will be primary handler for Mari. They brought the dog in to meet some of the students and staff last week and on Friday, July 2.

"It was wonderful. I can't say enough about Paradise Dog Training," she said,

adding that the company found a dog that was a good fit to be around young children.

"She loves sitting with the kids. She doesn't jump, she doesn't bark. She's a very calm dog. She's not going to hurry up to the kids and scare them," Westervelt said.

Paradise brings Mari to the school so she can get used to the environment and the staff can learn the commands. Mari should be done with training in mid or late July.

Westervelt will take her home at the end of the school day.

"I'm excited, I'm delighted. After the last year-and-a-half of COVID and everything, I think it's just a nice feeling for everybody. I know my staff was delighted when I said we're going get a therapy dog," she said.

## FIREWORKS

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A new family at the tip of Emerald Pointe graciously volunteered their backyard for the launching site and the problem was solved. The show was recorded and can be found on YouTube.

Just across the highway, fireworks were launched from Cases Island in the middle of Lake Fenton. They have gotten larger every year and are enjoyed by boaters on the lake as well as families around the lake if they have a view. Organizers have had a gofundme account for a few

years to raise funds so that each year's show could be bigger and more colorful than the last. The Lake Fenton Cases Island Firework Team has been entertaining the area for 35 years but did announce this week on social media that this year's fireworks display from Cases Island would be their last. The show, provided by private donations and the work of such a dedicated group of individuals, will be missed in the future.

To all of the people who made these Fourth of July shows possible, thank you, and Happy Independence Day, America.





Mai Nguyen, 17, Fenton High School junior, poses with family for photos after she was crowned 2021 Fenton Freedom Festival queen on Friday, July 2.

Photo: Hannah Ball

## QUEEN

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This past year, Nguyen got involved when a company proposed building an asphalt plant in Tyrone Township.

"I spoke at the board meeting...they were talking about why it's a bad idea to have it there. I personally focused on the pollutants and the economy and how the housing market around Tyrone Township will go down and how it will affect the economy even if it will produce jobs," she said.

Nguyen, 17, has attended Fenton Area Public Schools her whole life. She's frequently in downtown Fenton for the farmers markets and other events.

"I really like how safe it is here. My parents picked Fenton as a place to raise their kids. I have two little sisters. It's a very safe atmosphere to be in," she said. "Moving to Fenton was a really good decision for them."

Bujak, the 2020 queen's scholarship recipient, and Brody Stack, the 2020 king's scholarship recipient, spoke at the

event and commended Fenton officials for their work.

Nguyen thanked Bujak and Stack and said they helped her a lot throughout this process and as seniors in school.

The three students helped during the Street Experience on Friday, July 2 by handing out candy and ice cream.

Nguyen will be a senior at Fenton this coming fall.

"It's been a long ride. It feels like it's going really fast. It's already July and I remember taking the SATs the other day. I'm really excited to move on but at the same time, I'm really nervous," she said.

Every year, the Festival and Fenton & Linden Chamber of Commerce present the winners with \$1,000 scholarships.

Pat Lockwood, chair of the Fenton Freedom Festival, said there were no applicants for king this year.

She said they look forward to next year when they will return to a "full fledged and robust" Freedom Festival with a parade, fireworks and engaging the local nonprofit and civic groups in the events.

## SUBSTANCE

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to see the process and learn a little more about the product," said Genesee County's Director of Engineering Eric Johnston in a press release.

This is the first year they've used the perma-zyme from Substrata.

Randall Dellaposta, director of operations at the GCRC, said, "If it works well, we hope to do more roads in the future. We're always looking for creative ways to be cost efficient, and we're looking for quality ways to maintain the roads safely and securely for the motorists."

Substrata is a bio-chemical manufacturer of enzyme-based products used for road and soil stabilization, soil conditioning, petroleum bioremediation, cleaning and odor control. According to substrata.com, perma-zyme is made with a special enzyme formula that hardens dirt roads to form a concrete-like surface that lasts 10 years.

The GCRC normally uses magnesium chloride or liquid calcium chloride for dust control. They contract with townships to apply it twice or three times a year to dirt roads, depending on what the municipality requests.

The perma-zyme is more expensive. A standard one-mile, two-lane road treated with perma-zyme costs \$6,000. Chloride treatments cost approximately \$1,300 per mile for both lanes.

Dellaposta said the long term investment is better. The perma-

zyme only needs to be applied once and the effects last years longer, requiring less maintenance for the roads.

The press release states that the results "last up to 15 years with little to no maintenance."

Dellaposta said they hope the treatment leads to fewer potholes so they require less grading.

They'll be monitoring Carpenter Road, and in the meantime, they're planning to use the perma-zyme in multiple municipalities on a trial basis. In Fenton Township, they'll apply it to Fairbanks Road and on Hogan Road, from Lahring Road to Smith Road.

"Once we see how it performs and holds up, I think you're going to see it a lot more," he said.

The substance is also environmentally and worker friendly, requiring no special protective equipment, according to the release.

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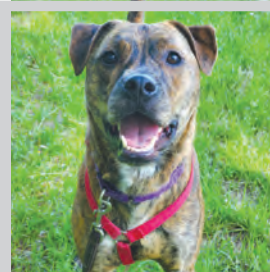
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Lily Wright works on her dribbling skills during a recent session with the Lake Fenton basketball program. **Photo: David Troppens**

# LF girls basketball enjoying the normalcy of this summer

**By David Troppens**

**Lake Fenton** — Life is back to normal for Brian VanBuren and the Lake Fenton girls basketball program.

A year ago, everything was mass confusion. With the COVID-19 pandemic, life was strange. It was a mystery if teams could get together, and if they did, what could they exactly do? The Lake Fenton girls basketball program just tried to make the most out of it all.

“Last year for the summer we only did outside things on the football field,” VanBuren said. “We were doing all sorts of different stations — sit ups, push ups — all the type of physical stuff to keep the girls minds engaged. We just wanted to do things together.”

This summer life is closer to normal. The team has already gone to some shoot outs and have gone to a camp. There are voluntary sessions inside the high school

gymnasium on weekdays for the girls who want to attend. And, of course, there aren’t as many masks.

“(A couple of weeks ago) was our first day in the gym and the whole mask thing felt weird for a bit,” VanBuren said. “We are like if you feel comfortable without a mask you don’t have to wear one. That was different, and it was different because normal felt weird.”

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## Sports Times

# Fenton’s Miller wins national championship in 200 at Outdoor Nationals

■ Miller overcomes bout with COVID, earns second national title of 2021

**By David Troppens**

Brandon Miller is a national champion.

The Fenton 2021 graduate capped off his prep track and field career by capturing the 200-meter dash national championship at The Outdoor Nationals Presented by Nike held at Hayward Field at the University of Oregon last weekend.

Miller, also posted the second-fastest time in Michigan prep history in the 100-meter dash (10.52 seconds).

Miller, ran the 200-meter dash in a time of 20.49 seconds, defeating Jordan Anthony (20.57) by .08 seconds to earn his 200 national championship. Miller ended up an All-American in the 100 as well.

“I was absolutely elated,” Miller said. “It meant the world to me to win that because I sacrifice almost every day for practice.”

It is the second time this year that Miller earned a national championship. He captured the Adidas Indoor Nationals championship while running the 200, earning a time of 21.183 sec-

onds at that meet in February

Justin Miller also competed at nationals in the high jump and earned All-American honors while Noah Sage competed in the 200 and the 400.

Brandon Miller had a slim lead in the 200 final once the runners got beyond the turn. He stretched it early on the straight away and then held on down the stretch against who was supposed to be one of the favorites, Anthony.

“I remember getting a good enough start to be in the mix,” Miller said about the 200 final race, “and then slingshotting off the curve and slowly pulling ahead of the rest of the field.”

He posted a time of 20.96 seconds to finish third in the preliminary round.

“When I pretty much jogged my 200 prelim and went 20.96, I knew that I was bound to go pretty low in the finals,” Miller said.

The win was considered a “surprising” victory for Miller on some sites. One recording of the 200 final includes no

discussion of Miller during the race until he’s about 20 meters away from the finish line.

Miller placed second at the Division I state meet with a time of 21.36 on June 5.

In the 100, Anthony was the national champion with a time of 10.21. Miller posted a time of 10.52 seconds in the preliminary round, earning him the third seed entering the final.

Once the race began, Miller was in the middle pack for the entire race, and posted his personal-best time of 10.41 seconds. He edged out Jonas Clarke by .01 second for fourth.

“I was also very pleased with my 100 time,” Miller said. “I’m honored to now hold the second-fastest 100 meter time in Michigan high school history.”

Despite all of his success, which included leading the Fenton Tigers to their first-ever team state championship in boys track, nothing came easy for the graduated senior. Miller started the season on an all-time high, taking first in the 200 at

**See MILLER on 11**



Fenton’s Brandon Miller won a National Championship at The Outdoor Nationals Presented by Nike by winning the 200-meter dash with a time of 20.49 seconds. He also was an All-American in the 100 with his time of 10.52 seconds. He’s pictured in both photos. Justin Miller also won All-American honors in the high jump while Noah Sage also competed at the meet.



# Tigers were one of four teams in crazy 1967 AL pennant chase battle

**Editor’s Note:** Through the years sports editor David Troppens has collected historical radio and television broadcasts of Detroit Tigers games. During the summer, he’ll be featuring some of these games through his collection based on the a date close the actual date of our current publication.

July 8, 1967

Detroit 2, Boston 0

**Network/Announcers:** This was an NBC Game of the Week. The announcers were Curt Gowdy, Pee Wee Reese and Sandy Koufax.

**Background:** The 1967 American League pennant race is among those that many books have been written about. Boston won the title by a game over the Tigers and the Minnesota Twins. Chicago finished three games behind. Entering action on July 8, the White Sox were three games ahead of second-place



“Tiger baseball is on the air.”

Detroit while Minnesota was 3 1/2 games behind with the Boston Red Sox and California Angels six games behind. Detroit was on a five-game winning streak.

**What happened:** This was a pitchers’ duel between Detroit’s Denny McLain and Boston’s Lee Stange. A year before his magical 31-win season, McLain tossed a

four-hitter, while walking four and striking out just two. Detroit got just enough offense to win this game, scoring single runs in the the third and eighth innings. The run in the third happened when Ray Oyler reached base on an infield error and McLain followed with a single, moving Oyler to second base. Little-used Lenny Green, playing for Al Kaline, responded with a run-producing single.

In the eighth inning, Green singled with one out. After another out, Dick McAuliffe walked and Norm Cash hit a

run-producing single.

Boston put together a strong threat in the top of the ninth. Carl Yastzremski opened the inning with a single. An out later, George Scott walked, putting the go-ahead run at the plate. However, McLain got out of the jam, getting Rico Petrocelli and Smith to ground out.

**What about Al Kaline:** Kaline nursed injuries many seasons during his career, and he was doing just that when this game was played. Despite playing with what the announcers said may be the best player in



Denny McLain pitched a four-hitter to lead the Tigers to a 2-0 victory against the Boston Red Sox on July 8, 1967.

baseball, Detroit remained in the race, going 7-2 in the nine without him in the order (prior to this contest). Kaline returned July 27 and before he did the Tigers went on a losing skid. At that point, the Tigers trailed Chicago by 3 1/2 games.

**What was coming up on TV:** NBC was promoting the new season of Bonanza coming up in the fall. It was the second-longest running western series on television behind Gunsmoke, lasting 14 seasons and 431 episodes.

**The pennant chase:** Detroit and Boston were tied in second a game behind the Twins entering the final weekend while Chicago was two games out. The Twins lost two games against Boston, giving the Tigers a shot at the title. However, the Tigers split their final four games of the season, all against California. The season ended with a doubleheader against the Angels. Detroit won the first game 6-4, but lost the second 8-5.

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“I got used to if I was talking to a kid one-on-one I’d turn my body. I’d talk straight but in the opposite direction than they were. Now it’s back to normal.”

The Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team has been one of the top programs in the area of the last couple of seasons. Two years ago, the Blue Devils had their greatest season of the new century

posting an 18-6 record, which included two six-game winning streaks during the season.

The second started during the second-last contest of the regular season, a 66-42 victory against Olivet and continued with a 72-39 victory at home against Brandon. The Blue Devils then competed in Division 2 district action at home and defeated Mt. Morris, Brandon and Goodrich to capture the D2 title.

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Emerson Baker does a drill during a recent Lake Fenton basketball summer session at the high school gym. Photo: David Troppens

## MILLER

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the SPIE Ohio Championship Preview Meet on Jan. 30 with a time of 21.29 seconds, and eventually as the MITS Indoor State Finals runner up with a time of 21.85 seconds. As mentioned, he also won a national championship at the Adidas Indoor Nationals in February with a time of 21.183 seconds.

However, during the spring season

Miller was struck with COVID, and was in quarantine until near the end of the regular season. He was able to come back for the Metro League meet, winning the 100 (11.01) and the 200 (21.88) titles, but he still wasn’t at full strength.

“I just got over COVID two weeks ago so it’s been a little tough,” Miller said at the time. “I’m still trying to get my endurance under me but I’m getting a little better every week.”

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## HOLLY TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF 2021-2022 BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING DATES

According to the Open Meetings Act enacted by the State of Michigan:

The **Holly Township Board of Trustees** will hold its regular meetings at **Holly Area Schools Board Room 920 E. Baird, Holly, Michigan at 6:30 PM** on the following dates:

July 21, 2021	November 17, 2021	March 16, 2022
August 18, 2021	December 15, 2021	April 22, 2022
September 15, 2021	January 19, 2022	May 18, 2022
October 20, 2021	February 16, 2022	June 15, 2022

The **Holly Township Planning Commission** will hold its regular meetings at **920 E. Baird, Holly, Michigan at 6:30 PM** on the following dates:

July 6, 2021	November 2, 2021	March 1, 2022
August 3, 2021	December 7, 2021	April 5, 2022
September 7, 2021	January 4, 2022	May 3, 2022
October 5, 2021	February 1, 2022	June 7, 2022

The **Holly Township Zoning Board of Appeals** will hold its regular meetings on scheduled Planning Commission dates when there is business. The meetings will be held at **920 E. Baird, Holly, Michigan at 5:00 PM**, unless otherwise posted.

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**Synopsis of Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting June 28, 2021**

Call to order @ 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Saad.

Present: Schmidt, James, Saad and Graves. Conner, (Owosso, MI)

Absent: none.

Approved: Minutes as printed of Regular Board Meeting May 24, 2021.

Approved: Minutes as printed Budget Workshop June 16, 2021.

Approved: Budget amendments.

Approved: Clerk to amend Budget as needed to balance fiscal year.

Approved: Payment of expenditures.

Promoted: Officer Honkanen to rank of Sergeant.

Entered: Closed session at 7:12 p.m.

Returned: at 7:36 p.m.

Promoted: Assistant to Police Chief to full time status.

Approved: 12 hour shifts in Police Department.

Promoted: Officer Balewski to full time status.

Approved: Expenditure of \$3,063.27 Police Boat repairs.

Approved: 12 hour shift schedule for Police Department.

Approved: Termination of employment of Fire Fighter.

Adopted: 2021/2022 Budgets.

Issued: 7 building Permits which totaled \$6,073.59.

Issued: 4 Zoning Permits which totaled \$820.00.

Approved: 2021/2022 Budgets.

Adopted: Special Assessment Budgets.

Date set: Windwood Beach Special Assessment Hearing.

Date set: Special Assessment Hearing all districts.

Appointed: Tom Atherton to Board of Review.

Approved: Amendments to Purchasing and Procedure Policy.

Approved: Charitable Gaming License for Graduation Celebration, Linden Schools.

Approved: Supervisor and Clerk to negotiate amendments to Police Contracts.

Adjourned: 8:43 p.m.

Submitted by Joseph Graves

Argentine Township Clerk

# Obituaries

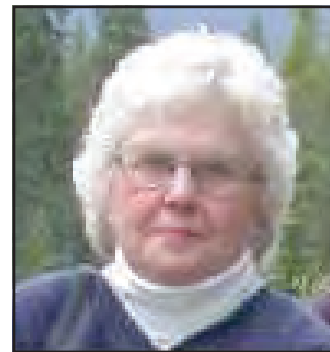
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**Patricia Ann Schuh**

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Patricia Ann Schuh

- age 84, of Holly, died Friday, July 2, 2021. Funeral services will be held at 12:30 PM Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly with Father David Blazek officiating. Burial will be in Crestwood Memorial Cemetery, Grand Blanc. Visitation will be from 2 - 7 PM Tuesday. Mrs. Schuh was born in Detroit on June 21, 1937 to William and Sadie (Newton) Elliott. She was a graduate of the University of Michigan was a former Holly school teacher, retiring after 24 years of service. She was a member of St. Rita Catholic Church of Holly, and she



enjoyed traveling and her years as a snowbird wintering in Myrtle Beach after her retirement. She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Larry Schuh; two children, Laurie Maupin and Chris Schuh; son-in-law, Scott Soderlund;

six grandchildren, Cory (Allison) Maupin, Ken (Hope) Soderlund, Aaron Schuh, Chelsea (Fiancée Donovan Price) Maupin, and Jessica (Angel) Schuh; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; and daughter, Colleen Soderlund. Memorial donations may be made to Adopt-A-Pet of Fenton. [www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com).

## MICHIGAN VOTES

**LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY**

— Compiled by Sharon Stone —

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, June 25.

**House Bill 4434: Require unemployment bureau communications use plain language**

To end further state participation in the \$300 weekly "supplemental" unemployment benefits authorized by a federal "stimulus" spending bill. News reports indicate 25 other states have refused the benefits due

to concerns they incentivize people not to work while jobs are plentiful. The bill would also require the state unemployment agency to use clear and concise plain language in its communications and determinations.

**Passed 19 to 16 in the Senate**

Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14)	YES
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15)	YES
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22)	YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	NO
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	YES

**Senate Bill 379: Prohibit governor from unilaterally increasing state's road debt**

To prohibit a governor from adding to the state's long term debt by borrowing money for road repairs ("bonding") without consent from two-thirds of the House and Senate. The bill comes after the legislature refused to enact a 45-cent-per-gallon gas tax proposed by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, who then authorized \$800 million in new road debt in 2020, and eventually up to \$3.5 billion. Money to service these debts comes out of future gas taxes and other

transportation tax revenue.

**Passed 19 to 16 in the Senate**

Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14)	YES
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15)	YES
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22)	YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	NO
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	YES

**House Bill 4204: Authorize automated "photo cop" school bus passing citations**

To permit school districts to install cameras on school buses for the purpose of prosecuting motorists who illegally pass a stopped school bus.

Passed 35 to 0 in the Senate	
Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14)	YES
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15)	YES
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22)	YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	YES

**House Bill 4603: Permanently allow "virtual only" commodity marketing board meetings**

To permit members of the agricultural commodity marketing boards to meet electronically. The bill would permit

this on a permanent basis, not just in epidemics. These entities allocate money collected through mandatory assessments levied on growers; examples include commissions for growers of apples, asparagus, potatoes, cherries, beans, beef and others.

**Passed 34 to 1 in the Senate**

Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14)	YES
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15)	NO
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22)	YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	YES

**House Bill 4980: Permit drag races in the sand at Silver Lake State Park**

To make an exception to the state law banning drag racing for "an activity at Silver Lake State Park authorized by the Department of Natural Resources." This would apply to a 450-acre section of sand dunes park managers have set aside as a "scramble area" for ORVs.

**Passed 96 to 12 in the House**

Rep. Bob Bezotte (R-Dist. 47)	YES
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51)	YES



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33 "Three Sisters" sister

34 Last (Abbr.)

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37 Outing for two couples

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53 Adams and Schumer

54 Grant's foe

55 Vegas game

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1 Son of Noah

2 Commotion

3 Life story

4 "Alas ..."

5 "As You Like It" setting

6 Actor Billy — Williams

7 Neighbor of Kenya

8 Self-evident truth

9 Pre-game morale booster

10 Year in Spain

11 "Awesome!"

19 Compete

21 Club —

23 Like some exclusive communities

24 Cabin components

25 "— the night before ..."

26 Tater

27 Head light?

28 In reality

32 Size up

33 Washington Monument, e.g.

35 Carte lead-in

36 Chowd down

38 Londoners, e.g.

39 Keen

42 Nest setting

43 One-named supermodel

44 Roman censor

45 Actress

46 Thurman

46 Tiara sparkler

48 Spell-off

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

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Midweek Jumble

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Horoscopes

For the week of  
July 5, 2021

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, opportunities to discuss future business enterprises with interested parties arise this week. Your meticulous nature ensures you are prepared to take advantage of these chances.

GEMINI

May 22/June 22

Gemini, even if you do not consider yourself to be an artistic person, inspiration to pursue creative endeavors comes to you this week. Try something different.

LEO

July 23/Aug 23

You may be pushed into the public eye, Leo, and perhaps you are worried that you will not be prepared. You are a natural born leader who can impress a crowd.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Unusual dreams could spark new ideas in your life, Libra. Don't discount them as fantasy. Figure out how you can push the boundaries of your imagination.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, if you feel like you have been spending too much time at work lately, it could be time to dial things back a bit. Don't overdo it.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, you may decide to host a social event at your home over the next few days. Don't put too much pressure on guests. See how the day unfolds.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Others begin to notice how articulate and charming you can be, Taurus. This is a prime time to invite friends over or to find a romantic partner if you're single.

CANCER

June 22/July 22

Cancer, you will be the planner for an event that brings together a number of people who share a common goal or interest this week. Conversations will be stimulating.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Someone new and exciting comes into your life this week, Virgo. You will likely spend hours talking about your fields of interest, including exotic locations.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you have been craving social contact with new and interesting people. That is just what you will find at a neighborhood gathering this week.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Much of this week will be spent in the company of family and close friends, Capricorn. Lots of people rooting for you might be just what you need right now.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Shake up your schedule, Pisces. Engage in something that is outside of your comfort zone. Push yourself to try new things.

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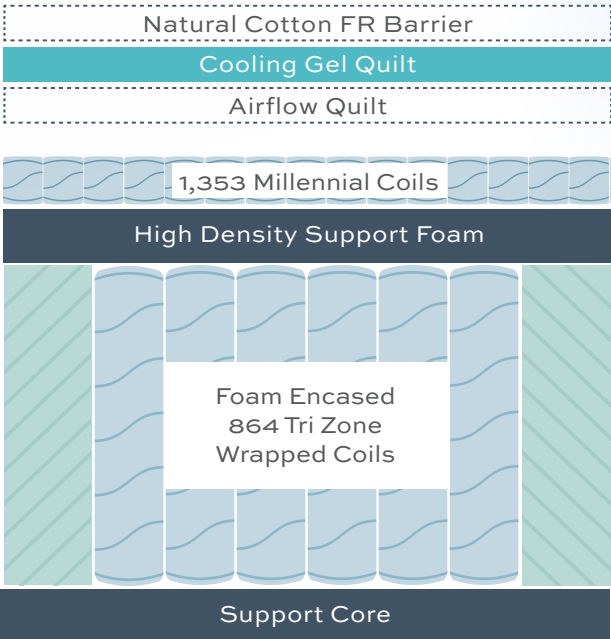
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