



Fighting fire on an island

■ Fire departments, island residents work together during Saturday training

By Hannah Ball

Fenton Twp. — Fighting a fire on an island surrounded by water may seem simple, but Fenton Township Fire Chief Ryan Volz said this is not the case.

Four fire departments and more than a dozen residents of Case's Island on Lake Fenton had an informational training session Saturday, July 10 to train fire-fighters and island residents on what to do during an emergency.

Volz said providing islands with emergency fire services presents unique issues, even if the island is surrounded by water.

"It's a special area," he said.

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Firefighters gather on a boat in preparation to train on Case's Island on Saturday, July 10. Photo: Hannah Ball



A beekeeper (right) from the Dexter area gently brushes honey bees from a tree at a Fenton Township home into a box to safely remove and relocate. Once the queen bee is brushed into the box, the other bees follow. Rather than panic and spray with chemicals, residents are urged to reach out to beekeepers so that the honey bees can safely be removed and relocated to save them. Submitted Photos



'It was mesmerizing'

■ Local couple watch in awe as beekeeper safely captures, removes honey bees from yard

By Sharon Stone

A Fenton Township family watched with fascination as a skilled and patient beekeeper worked for more than an hour to gather a swarm of honey bees that decided to make a tree in their yard their home.

During the morning of Monday, July 5,

Melanie and Scott McPeake saw what they described as a 10-foot-tall black tornado in their yard. They watched as this big swarm flew back and forth in their yard, finally settling on a tree. They were so surprised by the experience they initially forgot to

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Private donors for Linden Gazebo restoration revealed

■ Donors will be in attendance at plaque dedication Saturday, July 17 at 10 a.m.

By Hannah Ball

The names of the donors who made the Linden Gazebo restoration possible have been revealed.

Roger Sharp, owner of Sharp Funeral Homes, and Joe Kimble, a former Linden resident, donated the funds in honor of their parents, Kenneth and Opal Sharp and

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Community rallies behind injured soccer player

■ FHS grad in hospital after brain injury; friends and teammates create fundraisers

By Hannah Ball

Fenton — The point of the soccer game Thursday, July 8 at Fenton High School wasn't about winning or losing — it was about supporting a teammate who's in the hospital

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"I want to thank the ladies who paid for my mom's and my dinner Saturday evening, July 10, at the Fenton Coney in Fenton. It was my mom's first eat-out since COVID hit and she was a little apprehensive to go. You made her day and put a smile on her face. Thank you, again."



"I'm looking forward to celebrating Linden's 150th anniversary and I like the sprucing up around town, but, why hasn't the Linden Mills building been repainted?"



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Local Boy Scout troop celebrates

■ Seven new Eagle Scouts from one troop take part in ceremony

By Sharon Stone

Boy Scout Troop 192 in Davisburg celebrated an unprecedented seven new Eagle Scouts this summer during their first Court of Honor since the COVID-19 pandemic began.

The ceremony honored Owen Gilliam, Elijah Ekstrom, Jared Ekstrom, Matthew Lacey, Benjamin Sanders, Shane Kenyon and Jacob Mattson for their achievements.

Brandon Kathman, Scouting's local district executive, said Kenyon Ekstrom and Mattson Ekstrom attended home school programs and the remainder of the Scouts attended Holly High School. "In 18 years with Scouting, I have never heard of so many boys making Eagle at once," Kathman said.

According to the Boy Scouts of America, the rank of Eagle is the highest honor a youth can achieve in the traditional Scouting program. Official statistics suggest that only 4% of youth who enter the movement achieve the award, making so many new recipients at once very rare.



Owen Gilliam, Elijah Ekstrom, Jared Ekstrom, Matthew Lacey, Ben Sanders, Shane Kenyon and Jacob Mattson stand before their troop, waiting to receive the Eagle rank. **Submitted Photo**

"We're very proud and excited to see this progress, especially in the face of last year's challenges," Jennifer Sanker, chairwoman for Scouting's Pontiac-Manito District, said. "We're also excited to see where these scouts go in the future."

In order to attain the rank of Ea-

gle, each of the seven Boy Scouts completed a large service project for the benefit of the community. During the Court of Honor, Scoutmaster Daniel Hornback recounted how each youth planned and executed their own project.

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You may have noticed a lot of Help Wanted signs around lately. It seems like everyone from fast food joints to your very favorite locally owned newspaper company (hint, that's us) is looking for talent.

And talent is taking note. For various reasons it seems like a lot of the work force is ready to switch things up. From a Fast Company article on the topic, "A new survey conducted by Harris Poll exclusively for Fast Company found that the majority (52%) of U.S. workers are considering a job change this year, and as many as 44% have actual plans in place to make the leap."

With stats like this, chances are we all know someone headed into an interview. My brother is one of these people. He was actually contacted by the out-of-state company he's interviewing at because he's applied there many times for previous positions. He described the role as his dream job.

As any smart person would do, he asked the smartest person he knows for some advice before the interview. As luck would have it, that person happens to be our dad (and my boss) so I

Land your dream job with this sage advice

somehow (I will not disclose how) got my hands on that advice appropriately titled "Dad's advice for the big job interview."

I hope that if you or someone you care about is headed into a job interview in the near future that you find this as helpful and insightful as my brother did. By the way — he got the job!

Be prepared to take notes

You don't have to write down everything but taking notes helps to focus your nervous energy and it's a good idea to jot down names, dates and other key facts that come up during the interview.

Make sure you understand the job offer including title, responsibilities, hours, base pay, incentives and

benefits. Ask for a written job description if not already provided. If the benefits discussion is deferred to a meeting with HR, be sure to learn at what point in the process that meeting will take place.

Shut up and listen

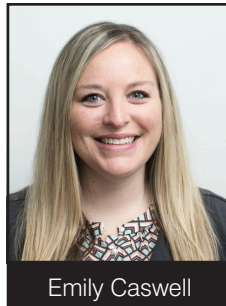
The job interview is a good time to remember the adage about God giving us one mouth and two ears because we should listen twice as much as we speak.

Listen carefully to each question. Don't be thinking about what you are going to say. Focus on what the interviewer is saying. Repeat the question back to the interviewer for clarity if necessary.

Ask questions

In addition to understanding the See **JOB ADVICE** on 9

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

Do you believe in astrology?



"No, because of physics."

Brad Jacob
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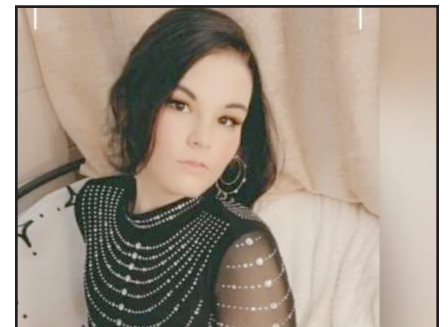
"I look at it the same way I look at God, Ghosts and other things of that nature. I don't believe because I've seen no proof to make me believe but I am not closed minded to the possibilities of the existence."

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"Absolutely! The sun, the moon, the stars, the planets. It all has bearing on our lives. If you also study zodiac signs, you will find how accurately it correlates to ones personality. It is almost mind blowing. I am a Taurus."

Angie Bates
Flushing



"Yes! I used to be a huge skeptic, but some aspects are scarily accurate if read correctly. It's way more than your sun sign; there's a lot that goes into it. I've done charts and was able to read what kind of childhood others have had, including possible traumas — super weird!"

Amber Martin, Holly

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INJURED PLAYER

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recovering from a brain injury.

In mid June, recent FHS graduate and soccer player Jimmy Myers fell backwards down a flight of stairs and hit his head on a brick wall. He was rushed to Hurley Medical Center for emergency brain surgery.

While he recovers, his teammates, friends and community have rallied behind Jimmy and his family to show support and help fundraise to pay for medical bills.

His mother, Maureen Myers, said Jimmy's friends are involved "120%" in every step.

"It's beyond words. It's incredible. They're so incredibly gracious. Right away, they took care of everything for us," Myers said. "I didn't know what to do, where to turn, and I could have gone through it blind and alone without Jimmy's dad and these guys would have made sure I made it."

Jimmy's father is Jason Myers.

His friends and teammates started the "Jimmy's Fight" fundraiser right after the incident. Zoe Eakes, a Fenton student, started the gofundme called "Help for Jimmy Myers & family." FHS senior Ava House organized a fundraiser at the Fenton farmers market during the Street Experience on July 1. Her mother, Carrie House, who owns Avenue 19 Boutique in Fenton, designed shirts for "Jimmy's Fight." They sold out of shirts

and bracelets at the farmers market and had to order more. Shirts sell for \$20.

Aside from playing in a fundraiser soccer game, some of the students offered to mow the Myers' lawn and do other helpful activities. Jimmy has played soccer since he was 5. He played on the FHS team and for Nationals Genesee.

When the accident happened, Jimmy was walking on stairs in tight quarters with a friend arm-in-arm. They lost balance and fell back. He was able to turn his friend so she landed on him and wasn't hurt, Myers said. His head hit a brick wall.

Myers said the day of the game on Thursday was a "really great" day for Jimmy.

After emergency surgery, he was in a coma for a while. When he came out of it, he had a setback last week and was motionless for a few days. He's doing better now. He's off the ventilator and has a feeding tube.

Myers said Jimmy can move his limbs and shoulders. Nurses bring out a whiteboard for him to write on so they can communicate. He and his mother have their own hand sign for "I love you" that he did for her Thursday.

On July 10, she posted in the Jimmy's Fight Facebook page that he's now off all medication and can communicate and move more.

"He's doing really good," she said. "He's progressing."

They don't yet know the extent of the brain injury or what other neurological damage he could have. After he's released from the hospital, he'll go to an inpatient facility for rehab.

"The medical bills will continue until he's playing soccer again but he'll get there. He'll get there," Myers said. He had plans to attend Northwood University to play soccer in the fall.

Ava House said they have a group chat with approximately 30 people.

"He's just been a really good friend to all of us, and when it happened we all came together and started planning out ideas on how to fundraise. It was pretty natural," she said.

She described Jimmy as "very energetic."

"He was always very upbeat. I've been friends with him for three years now and I've never seen him in a bad mood ever. He just always kept everyone happy, he's always energetic, always up and dancing and making sure everyone's involved. He was just a really good friend to us," she said.

After seeing so many people getting involved in the fundraisers, House said, "It feels really good, I could cry," which



Maureen Myers, the mother of Jimmy Myers, talks with Fenton students at the soccer game fundraiser Thursday, July 8. **Photo: Hannah Ball**

is a shared sentiment in their friend group.

FHS soccer coach Matt Sullivan, who organized the game on Thursday, said, "Jimmy's family was blown away by the amazing turn out. It was so special to see members of the Lake Fenton and Linden soccer communities there to support us. It shows how much everyone loves Jimmy. This game is just one example of how everyone has come together to help him and his family."



(Left) Relatives of Jimmy Myers hang a banner in honor of the recent Fenton High School graduate who's currently in the hospital. (Below) Friends and teammates of Myers play in a soccer game fundraiser Thursday, July 8. Myers played on three soccer teams while in high school. **Photos: Hannah Ball**



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Residents of Case's Island drive the firefighters to the island on Saturday morning. The residents created a pontoon task force to assist first responders during an emergency. **Photo: Hannah Ball**

ISLAND

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The island is approximately 13 acres large with 39 cottages. Case's Island has a pontoon task force to assist emergency services if need be.

They started at the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) launch off Grove Park. From there, firefighters from Fenton Township, Fenton, Lin-

den and Mundy Township assembled equipment and got a ride over to the island from island residents.

Within 18½ minutes of leaving the DNR dock, the firefighters made it to the island and had water flowing.

He said the training on Saturday went "really good."

Volz said it was a joint effort between the firefighters and residents because they will need resident support during emergencies. Training helped them understand how much manpower



Firefighters listen as Fenton Township Fire Chief Ryan Volz talks about the training at Case's Island on Saturday, July 10. **Photo: Hannah Ball**

er they need, how much time it takes to get all the equipment set up and the unique challenges they face battling fires on a land space that doesn't have an easily accessible water space.

In order for emergency services to reach land, the Fenton Township Fire Department has to put its boat in the water, they can request the Genesee County Marine Division come out or they can have the residents drive them out.

"It's just tough all the way around. You can't walk to it, you can't drive to it," Volz said.

The island doesn't have a dedicated water source besides the lake. Firefighters have to draw water from the lake as close to the fire as possible.

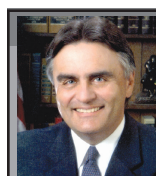
"It depends where on the island the fire is too because the structures are at different distances from the water," he said. Residents have golf carts, which they used to haul equipment.

Training went for four hours, he said, and both the fire departments and the island residents learned valuable information. They discussed the possibility of installing a 3,000-gallon tank for water, which would be easier for the firefighters to hook up to as opposed to using the lake.

The Fenton Township Fire Department, and departments that give mutual aid, have emergency plans for the island for all four seasons.

"It was a very good training. We had a lot of participation from our mutual aid departments," Volz said, adding that they were open to hearing ideas from firefighters and islanders on ways to make it easier to fight fires on the island.

The island residents fed them after the training.



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These certainly weren't legal questions, but if they were and addressed to a judge about making trial decisions in their civil court cases, the answers for the most part would be "no."

This is because approximately 97% of all civil cases are resolved without a trial primarily because of settlements.

Judges, lawyers, and policy makers understand and promote the idea that fair settlements as early in the legal process as possible, save on expenses, provide certainty, and are in everybody's best interests.

Even though they aren't trial decisions, judges make other decisions on these cases which help in the settlement process such as rulings on motions.

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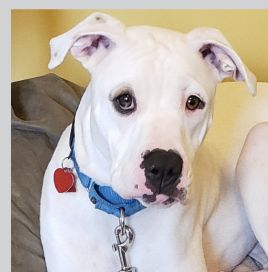
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Ralph and Marjorie Kimble. Linden City Manager Ellen Glass revealed the names at the Monday, June 28 Linden City Council meeting.

"The Gazebo is an important part of our community. Music by the Mill, weddings, and other events are held there. On nice summer days, we always see people gathering and kids playing by the gazebo. It has been a part of Linden for so long that it is a landmark. The community takes pride in the gazebo and mill pond area," Sharp said.

Kimble said he donated because he grew up in Linden.

"Childhood memories never lose their pull. Robert Frost called it the 'ache of memory.' And because I wanted to honor my parents, who were devoted to Linden," Kimble said.

On Monday, July 12, the council passed a resolution recognizing the donations and officially naming the gazebo and park after the two families.

Asked why he donated, Sharp said he grew up in Linden and spent a lot of time by the river as a kid.

"I was part of the self-proclaimed 'River Rats' with a group of kids from Linden. I also wanted to honor my parents along with Joe's parents. Our fathers were close friends and our families were very active in the Linden community for years," he said, adding that their parents "were staples of the Linden Community and this is a great way to remember their contributions to the community."

Kimble was first contacted by Betty Ciesielski, a longtime Linden resident, in February 2019 about the project. He then contacted Sharp and they met with Michelle Robins, Linden Downtown Development Authority member.

"Michelle had done all the planning and design work. She showed us the plans and estimates, and after the meeting, Roger and I decided to support it as a worthwhile community project," Kimble said.

They've been in touch with Glass

and Robins as needed and Kimble said they've been a "pleasure" to work with.

Fine Finished Carpentry, owned by Phil Schmelter, is doing the restoration work. He said the gazebo will be usable by Linden's 150th birthday celebration and plaque dedication Saturday, July 17 at 10 a.m.

The only requests Sharp and Kimble made to the city was that the money strictly be spent on the gazebo. They also discussed with Glass and Robins the design and placement of the plaque.

"The gazebo is a landmark in Linden. Everyone knows it, and to have it looking beautiful and well designed only adds more to the community," Sharp said.

When asked what the gazebo means to him, Kimble said it wasn't there when he grew up, but "if it matters to Linden,

it would have mattered to Mom and Dad. Betty convinced me that it means a great deal. Events are held there, people enjoy walking in the area, it's in a scenic part of the city. People gather there, apparently, and if it helps create a sense of community and

foster pride in the city, we are happy to support it. Maybe it will inspire other projects and community support."

Sharp said the progress looks "great" and he's looking forward to seeing the finished product. Kimble, who lives in Okemos, has traveled to see the progress a few times. He said it looks "great" and he hopes others will agree.

Both of them will be in attendance Saturday, July 17 for the plaque dedication.

Robins said she thinks it's an amazing gift for their hometown.

"Everyone was thrilled to learn that this project that we had been working on was actually going to happen. I am very happy with how the gazebo is turning out. This is what I do for a living, come up with concepts and select materials, pricing out the labor and the material and put the right people in place. The best is the end result, and I am extremely happy with how it is coming together," she said.

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Roger Sharp

Sharp Funeral Homes owner

Ken Horn, Mike Mueller to attend Linden's plaque dedication

■ City will receive Michigan Milestone Award Plaque at 10 a.m., July 17 at Linden gazebo

By Hannah Ball

Linden — Multiple politicians will be in attendance Saturday, July 17 at the Michigan Milestone Award Plaque dedication and ceremony at the Linden Gazebo to recognize the

city's 150th birthday.

On Monday, July 12, Linden City Manager Ellen Glass announced that State Sen. Ken Horn (32nd Dist.), State Rep. Mike Mueller (51st Dist.)

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They soon realized they were watching thousands and thousands of honey bees. Not knowing much more than how important honey bees are to the world, Melanie said Scott started searching online for a beekeeper to safely remove the swarm. He called several beekeepers and one from the Dexter area was available to drive to their home.

Melanie said all of the beekeepers were eager to remove and relocate the honey bees, however, just the one that morning was available. She said all of them were thrilled with the news and said there would be no charge to come out.

The beekeeper they contacted was at their home by 10:30 a.m. She

**“It was really
something to watch.”**

Melanie McPeake
Fenton Township resident

said they were mesmerized and watched for over an hour as the beekeeper gently brushed the bees into a box, hoping that the queen bee made it into the box. If the queen bee wasn't brushed into the box, the other bees escape and go back to their queen.

Eventually, the beekeeper was successful in getting the queen bee into the box and the other bees, as expected, swarmed into the box.

“It was really something to watch,” Melanie said. “It was mesmerizing.”

Melanie said the beekeeper at first was working barehanded, but he eventually put on some gloves. She said it did not appear that he was ever stung by the bees. She added that the beekeeper was happy to be taking the honeybees to another beekeeper to replenish ones they had lost.

IMPORTANCE OF HONEY BEES

Honey bees are big money makers for U.S. agriculture. These social and hardworking insects produce six hive products – honey, pollen, royal jelly, beeswax, propolis, and venom – all collected and used by people for various nutritional and medicinal purposes.

But the greatest importance of honey bees to agriculture isn't a product of the hive at all. It's their work as crop pollinators. This agricultural benefit of honey bees is estimated to be between 10 and 20 times the total value of honey and beeswax. In fact, bee pollination accounts for about \$15 billion in added crop value. Honey bees are like flying dollar bills buzzing over U.S. crops.

Honey bees are vegetarians. Nectar and pollen collected from flowering plants are the entrees on their dinner plates. Bees harvest the nectar and convert the sugary liquid to honey, the insects' primary source of carbohydrates. Honey provides the bees with the energy for flight, colony maintenance, and general daily activities.

Source: fda.gov



BOY SCOUTS

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"The Eagle Scout service project requires the candidate to plan, develop and lead others to a successful completion of a service project," Hornback said. "Although there is no time requirement, the project must involve considerable hours and represent the youth's best effort."

Most of the boys dedicated their efforts to the preservation of Michigan's natural places. The seven projects created protection measures for threatened animal species, removed invasive plant life, and introduced gardens and nature libraries for

public use. Altogether, they accounted for hundreds of service hours from dozens of local Scouters.

For Assistant Scoutmaster John Coleman, the ceremony was especially moving. Coleman holds two positions in Scouting, also serving as Cubmaster for Pack 192, a unit for elementary-aged youth. He recalled when several of the boys were first graders in his "Tiger" den nearly ten years ago.

"Four of them were Tigers under me," Coleman said. "It was very rewarding. I would love to see every boy come in as a Tiger and make it all the way to Eagle."

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS

Owen Gilliam — He designed and directed the building of four raised mobile flower beds for Mission Point Nursing Home in Holly so that the residents could tend their vegetables and flowers from their wheelchairs.

Elijah Ekstrom — He built two hibernacula for the endangered Massasauga rattlesnake. A hibernaculum is a place where snakes can hibernate during winter without freezing. There was a key property managed by the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy north of Davisburg that is a sanctuary for Massasauga rattlesnakes.

Matthew Lacey — He created a native plant garden and bench for the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy that is along a walking and biking path. He designed the garden and led volunteers in removing invasive species, planting native plants and installing a park bench.

Jared Ekstrom — He built bee "hotels" for native bees on three properties managed by the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy. These three habitats were lacking bee population.

Benjamin Sanders — He cleared two invasive species (Russian Olive and Purple Loosestrife) from the river bank and Mill Pond park to reduce the risk of their spreading into the Shiawassee Basin.

Shane Kenyon — He built bat houses for Camp Wathana, which helps preserve the bat population and continues the good will between Troop 192 and Camp Wathana.

Jacob Mattson — He designed, built and installed three Little Nature Libraries for a Detroit Audubon project in which underutilized parks are being restored to native meadowlands for bird habitat and public enjoyment and education.



Troop 192 poses for a group picture with its new Eagles. Submitted Photo

JOB ADVICE

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duties and responsibilities of the job you are seeking, try to learn about the culture and unwritten rules of the organization by asking questions.

How would the interviewer describe the most successful hires for this or similar positions?

How long does it usually take new hires to come up to speed?

Understand your own talents, skills and knowledge and how each can help you successfully meet the requirements and challenges of the position you are seeking.

My dad writes that some of the best advice he got from a mentor was learning the distinction between those three qualities. Here he breaks it down in his own words:

- **Talent:** Your God-given, genetic or innate abilities, instincts, proclivities
- **Skills:** Those abilities you've acquired through practice and repetition
- **Knowledge:** The sum of your learning and experience

He said it is good to distinguish whether it is talent, skill or knowledge that will help you meet a particular requirement when responding to a question. For example, saying you "have a talent" for developing a project timeline may not be accurate and sounds like idle bragging. Stating you have developed your skill for building effective project timelines by having performed that task numerous times is accurate and instills more confidence.

If you're interested in putting this advice into action with an interview at View Newspaper Group, find details on Page 8.

What's your best advice for a job interview? Email me at ecaswell@mihomepaper.com.

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DEDICATION

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and former Linden mayor David Lossing will be in attendance and will give a speech at the ceremony.

The event begins at 10 a.m. Linden Mayor Danielle Cusson will speak, as will other members of the community, including the two families who donated the money to restore the gazebo. Roger Sharp, owner of Sharp Funeral Homes, and Joe Kimble, former Linden resident, donated the funds in honor of their parents, Kenneth and Opal Sharp and Ralph and Marjorie Kimble.

The dedication was made possible by the Linden Mills Historical Society (HSM), which sent documents to the Historical Society of Michigan to prove that the city was incorporated in 1871. A representative from the HSM will attend.

The city's sesquicentennial celebrations coincide with the Shiawassee River Fest, put on by Keepers of the Shiawassee and Happening in Linden. The public can come to downtown Linden from July 16-18 for multiple river activities, a kids zone, food trucks, and more.

Start making your plans

■ The Mackinac Bridge Walk is back for Labor Day 2021

The Mackinac Bridge Authority (MBA) board announced Friday, July 9 that the annual Mackinac Bridge Walk will go on as scheduled this Labor Day, Sept. 6.

Board members welcomed the end of pandemic restrictions that will allow the event, citing its importance to the Straits area economy and the eagerly anticipated return of a beloved Michigan tradition. The board heard an update from staff today about ongoing preparations for the walk during its regular meeting at Mackinac Island City Hall.

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer was among the first to celebrate the news.

"I am thrilled that the Mackinac Bridge Authority has enabled the Labor Day Bridge Walk, a cherished tradition, to move forward this year," Whitmer said. "After the year we have all had, I know how excited we are to get back to activities and attending events that we all love. Michigan is putting one foot in front of the other as we continue our economic jumpstart, and I am so glad that we can enjoy this great tradition to close out a Pure Michigan summer."

The news was welcomed locally as well by Kelly Vieau, administrator of the Greater Mackinaw City Chamber of Commerce (GMCCC).

"The GMCCC is excited for the return of the Annual Labor Day Mackinac Bridge Walk. For more than 60 years, it has been a holiday tradition for many people, young and old," Vieau said. "The GMCCC business owners and residents are thankful it will continue on this year and hopefully for more years to come."

Based on the success of the 2018 and 2019 events, the MBA will again start the 2021 Annual Bridge Walk from both St. Ignace and Mackinaw City, which eliminates the need for busing and offers additional options for participants. The bridge walk was canceled in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A video, posted on the MBA website at MackinacBridge.org/Walk,

explains the bridge walk schedule and the choices people will have whether they start from the north or south ends of the bridge.

Walkers essentially have three main options, outlined in the video:

- Walkers can start from either end of the bridge and walk toward the center, turning around at the midpoint and returning to the city they started from, where their transportation is located. The turnaround points will move toward the ends of the bridge beginning at 10 a.m., but walkers can walk at least a portion of the bridge if they start by 11:30 a.m. Walkers must be on the side of the bridge they wish to return to before 10 a.m.

- People can walk the entire length of the bridge starting from either end. Those who choose this option must reach the midpoint before 10 a.m. or they will be turned back. Anyone who walks the entire bridge must arrange their own transportation back to the side they started once the bridge reopens to public traffic at noon.

- People can cross the bridge, starting from either end, and then turning around and walking back to the side they started from. In this option, walkers will need to cross the midpoint on their return trip by 10 a.m. or they will be turned back and need to find their own transportation back across the bridge after it reopens at noon.

The bridge will again be closed to public traffic during the 2021 walk, from 6:30 a.m. to noon on Labor Day, Sept. 6, based on recommendations from the Michigan State Police and U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Emergency vehicles will still be permitted to cross the bridge, but no public vehicles will be allowed until the walk concludes and participants are off the bridge.

The bridge walk has been an annual event since 1958, with the exception of 2020. The 2021 walk will be the 63rd event. Between 25,000 and 30,000 people have participated in recent years.

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Verlander dazzles Royals during his rookie season in 2006

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 cur-



"Tiger baseball is on the air."

rent publication.

July 15, 2006

Detroit 6, Kansas City 0
Network/Announcers: Today's game is a Fox Sports Detroit broadcast by Mario Impemba and Rod Allen.

Background: The 2006 Tigers brought the excitement of a pennant race back to Detroit for the first time

since probably 1988 and for the first time in the Tigers' new stadium, Comerica Park. By July 15, 2006, the Tigers had gone beyond a nice little "great start" story and were now looked upon as legitimate American League pennant contenders. That's what happens when a squad has the best record in baseball, with a 61-29 record in mid-July.

Detroit entered this game winners of
See VERLANDER on 12



Justin Verlander enjoyed an outstanding rookie season in 2006.

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Sports Times

Fenton's Sage continuing his track career at Michigan State

By David Troppens

Noah Sage has had an outstanding prep career at Fenton High School.

The 2021 graduate ended his career by becoming an All-State performer with a second-place finish in the 400 meter run at the Division 1 state meet.

However, his track career has hardly begun. Sage will continue his track career at Michigan State University. Sage said he was looking at Grand Valley State University, Michigan and Michigan State.

"I did look at Grand Valley but the money wasn't the same as Michigan State," Sage said. "Michigan State was right for me. I talked to the coaches and loved the coaches. I talked to the guys and it seemed like it would be a perfect fit for me. The competition will be crazy."

Sage helped the Fenton varsity boys track team capture the program's first-ever team state championship during the spring with Sage scoring a lot of those points. He finished runner-up in the 400 (47.41) and also placed seventh in the 200 (22.58). He also teamed with Brandon Miller, Donovan Miller and Evan Koch to place second in the 800 relay (1:28.23).

Sage said he started thinking about competing at the collegiate level early in his high school career.

"I would say it was in my sophomore year,"

Sage said. "My freshman year was good, but not as good as I thought it could be. I improved my times like crazy my sophomore year. ... I really enjoy the sport. I want to continue growing."

Sage already compares well among Michigan State's top track performers. His time of 47.41 seconds in the 400 at the state meet was better than any time posted by the Spartans this spring. The best time posted was Zach DiStefano (48.99). The MSU school record in the 400 is a 45.00 by Eliot Tabron set in 1982.

Sage's top 200 time this season was a 21.64 at the MITCA D1 Team State Meet. MSU's best in the 200 is a 20.54 by Tabron (1982) and Marshall Dill (1973). The best MSU time in the 200 this season was a 21.23 posted by Postell. Sage's best 100 time this season was a 11.06, also at the MITCA Team State Meet. Postell had the Spartans' best time in that event as well this year, with a time of 10.51.

"I realize I have a lot of work to do," Sage said. "I'm ready to compete against the top dogs, but I have a lot of work to do and training to do. The training is way harder. The competition is ridiculous compared to high school. The state meet is good competition but by competing in the Big 10 and nationally, there's always going to be someone better to push me to get better."



Noah Sage (right) prepares to hand off the baton in a spring race. Sage, a 2021 Fenton graduate, will be competing at the collegiate level at Michigan State next school year. **Photo: David Troppens**

Area golfers doing well in Kensington Junior Golf events

The first half of the Livingston County branch of the Kensington Junior Golf Tour has created some pretty solid results for some tri-county girls junior golfers.

As the tour took a little break around the Independence Day holiday, incoming Fenton senior Elise Roberts has had an outstanding season in the Girls 18 Hole Division of the Livingston County Junior Golf Tour. She was fourth in the overall point standings after posting two top-four finishes in her Livingston County events and was in first place in the Washtenaw portion of the tour after earning a victory in that tour's only event prior to the Fourth of July.

Roberts won the event at the Links of Whitmore Lake with a score of 81 (+8) in the 18 hole tournament. She won the eight-player field by seven strokes.

In the Livingston portion of the tour, Roberts finished in a tie for third in

an 18-team field with an 81 (+10) at Hunter's Ridge Golf Course in Howell. Finally, she also earned a fourth-place effort at the event competed at Hartland Glen Golf Club. She recorded a score of 88 (+16) in the 23-player field.

Fellow Fenton resident Katelyn Burkett competed in two events and was tied for ninth in the overall league standings. She took second in a field of 35 golfers at the event held at Faulkwood Shores Golf Course in Howell. She posted a score of 87 (+15), falling four strokes short of the lead. She also earned a ninth-place finish at Hunter's Ridge with an 89.

Fenton's Jillian Roberts also had competed in two events and placed in a tie for sixth at Hunter's Ridge with an 88. Two Linden residents had top-10 performances at Faulkwood Shores as well. Kaitlyn Straub finished in a tie for sixth with a 96, while Caitlin Draper was eighth with a 102.

VERLANDER

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five of their last seven games, looking for their 11th straight victory against the Kansas City Royals. The last time the Tigers had won 10 straight against a team was in 1946 against the Philadelphia Athletics.

What happened: Detroit rookie starting pitcher Justin Verlander was in the middle of his outstanding first season, and this game was one of those strong showings. He tossed seven innings of two-hit, two-walk ball, helping the staff toss the shutout. Jamie Walker pitched the final two innings, allowing just one hit.

Offensively, the Tigers slowly grew to a pretty sizable lead in front of the highly entertained 40,210 at Comerica Park.

The Tigers scored a single run in the second inning on an RBI-double by Brandon Inge (his 50th RBI of the season), and added another run in the third on a Marcus Thames RBI-single. In the fourth, the Tigers added two more runs on Placido Polanco's double. The Tigers led 4-0. The Tigers' final two runs were plated in the sixth on a Polanco sacrifice fly and on an Ivan Rodriguez RBI-single.

Honoring the Negro Leagues: The Tigers played in Detroit Stars uniforms while the Royals wore Kansas City Monarchs outfits. There have been a couple of Negro League players inducted into the Hall of Fame with strong Detroit Stars ties. They are slugger and high-average hitter Turkey Stearnes and lefty starting pitcher Andy Cooper.

Tigers' manager Jim Leyland's brush with the Minor Leagues: During

the game Impemba and Allen discussed a story Leyland had about his brush with the Negro Leagues. While growing up in Perrysburg, Ohio (a suburb of Toledo), Leyland was a bat boy in a game pitting a local team from his city against the Kansas City Monarchs.

Leyland the manager: A day earlier in a 10-9 victory against the Royals, Jim Leyland came to the mound with two out on a 3-2 count in the top of the ninth inning to supposedly talk to Tigers' reliever Todd Jones in a 9-9 tie contest. That's what Leyland wanted the Royals and batter Mark Teahen to think as the story was told by Impemba and Allen. The actual goal was to get Teahen thinking that Leyland was discussing trying to throw some off-speed stuff to him on the next pitch. It worked. Jones threw a 93-MPH fastball by Teahen on the next pitch and the Tigers were out of the inning. When Jones was asked after the game, he said Leyland just pretended to say something while he was on the mound to begin the mind games.

The Tigers won the contest in the bottom of the ninth when Carlos Guillen hit a home run with on one on and one out.

More on Verlander: To contend the Tigers knew they had to pitch their rookie star, but at the same time they wanted to save his arm from too many innings. The answer was missing his previous starting assignment to give him a break.

Pitching 10 days after the last time he was on the mound, it seemed to work. When he needed to, Verlander threw a 98 MPH fastball on a strike three call to end the first inning.

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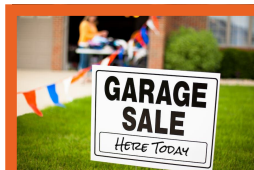
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Midweek Crossword

ACROSS

1 Parking place

4 Toy block name

8 Narcissist's love

12 Bashful

13 Cameo shape

14 Russian river

15 Home

17 Wheels of fortune?

18 One of the Fab Four

19 Doze

20 Con games

22 Facebook action

24 Director Wertmuller

25 Tyrannize

29 Vichy water

30 Church key-board

31 Big D.C. lobby

32 Realm

34 Hertz rival

35 Swiss peaks

36 Justice Kagan

37 Waterlogged

40 Mideast airline

41 Say it's so

42 Rectangular game pieces

46 Painter Magritte

47 Regarding

48 Shell-game

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49 Initial chip

50 Optimum

51 Stately tree

10 Hobbling

11 Broadway failure

16 "— Rock"

19 Epidermis

20 Rosebud, to Kane

21 Pisa farewell

22 Trademark symbols

23 One-named supermodel

25 Faucet problem

26 Letter holder

27 Ms. Brockovich

28 Tabula —

30 Unique

33 "Amen to that!"

34 Actor Rickman

36 "Adam Bede" author

37 Poet Teasdale

38 Roasting spot

39 Bloke

40 911 responders

42 Wee dollop

43 Sugary suffix

44 Moray, for one

45 America's uncle

DOWN

1 Leary's drug

2 Discoverer's call

3 Ear membrane

4 Venue

5 Satan's forte

6 Lass

7 Flamenco cheer

8 Morose

9 Buffalo's lake

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging

♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Midweek Jumble

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by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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They both look great on you.

They're both so perfect.

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

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Horoscopes

For the week of
July 12, 2021

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, an unexpected financial windfall that comes your way this week allows you to make some changes. You may move or upgrade your home or car.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

You are looking trendy and fabulous lately, Taurus. Others are taking notice, including your spouse, significant other or potential mates. Expect sparks to fly.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, you may be introduced to an artistic talent you never knew you had this week. Develop these skills by taking a class or fine-tuning your skills at home.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, a social gathering may put you in touch with many like-minded, friendly people. Overcome your concerns if you're on the fence about attending.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

An opportunity to meet one of your heroes comes your way, Leo. Whether he or she lives up to your expectations remains to be seen. Move forward with an open mind.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, a romantic partner asks you to attend an event that will not necessarily be your thing. Despite that, be supportive of this person and his or her interests.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Don't shy away from the potential for some intense discussion this week, Libra. It could be between you and a significant other and dictate the future of your relationship.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you're in the mood for love, so channel your sensuality and plan a one-on-one evening with the person you love. Make it a spectacular date night.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

Someone new on the scene catches your eye, Sagittarius. You'll like what he or she has to say and this could be a catalyst for the formation of a lasting friendship.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Some difficult decisions must be made this week, Capricorn. You may have been avoiding them for some time, but it's time to approach them head-on.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

You are motivated to be close to your romantic partner this week, Aquarius. Express your love and engage in a gesture that illustrates your feelings.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

A trip down memory lane makes you wish you could speak to someone who is no longer in your life, Pisces. Try to track this person down.



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