

Five years of heartache

■ Unsolved homicide beyond frustrating for Rose Township couple — reward increased

By Sharon Stone

Alexandra (Ally) Brueger, 31, was gunned

down doing what she loved to do — running. She was fatally shot approximately one mile from her parents' home where she also was living in Rose Township on July 30, 2016. Her killer has not been found.

Since her death, the Times has been in communication with Ally's parents, Nikki and Franz Brueger, as well as the Michigan State Police, which has been investigating the homicide. See **HEARTACHE** on 7

Nikki Brueger of Rose Township holds a photo of her only child, Ally, who was fatally shot five years ago. Her murder remains unsolved.

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Regional Dog Park

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Linden's Back to the Bricks planned for Aug. 11

■ Tune Up Party to celebrate classic cars

By Hannah Ball

Linden — Linden's Back to the Bricks Tune Up Party is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 11.

The Linden City Council approved the application for the event Monday, July 26.

Sponsored by Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation, this classic car show will feature a DJ, a hot dog vendor and more from 5 to 8 p.m.

"Getting the approval for Linden's Back to the Bricks Tune Up event was awesome. We are so happy to be a part of this and we are looking forward to an excellent night in downtown Linden," said Ed Koledo, executive director of SLPR.

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Fake emergencies for real-life training



Cadets with STAT EMS help a "patient" during a training exercise Friday, July 30. The Fenton Fire Department set up a fake car crash and cadets had to provide medical assistance and safely get the five people out of the vehicles and into waiting ambulances. Photo: Hannah Ball

■ Stat EMS and Fenton Fire Department set up scene to help train cadets

By Hannah Ball

Fenton — Two vehicles collided. Five people need medical attention, including a child, but there are only four ambulances. Both vehicles are inaccessible and the doors are locked.

This was the situation set up by STAT EMS and the Fenton Fire Department to help train emergency medical services cadets Friday, July 30. People with fake wounds sat inside two cars arranged to appear like the aftermath of a collision in the Fenton Fire Department parking lot.

"There are mistakes that can cause injury. This is not the classroom anymore," said STAT EMS

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“Thank you so much nurse Elisa for taking the time, compassion and consideration to make sure I was

okay when you saw me having a little bit of distress while mowing my ditch Sunday afternoon. Your kindness touched me. We need more people like you in the world.”



“New stores and the new facades on Silver Parkway are attractive, however, the

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CATALYTIC CONVERTERS STOLEN FROM TRUCK IN FENTON

The Fenton Police Department is investigating a larceny of catalytic converters from a 2005 pickup truck. Lt. Jeff Cross said police responded to an apartment complex in the 200 block of Trealtout Drive on a larceny complaint made by a Grand Blanc woman. She told police when she went to her truck and started it, it was very loud. She soon learned that the catalytic converters underneath had been cut off and stolen. A witness told police they saw an individual get underneath the truck between 4:30 and 5 a.m. The witness couldn't provide a good description of the suspect. The items cost approximately \$300 each to replace. Cross said thieves typically sell a valuable metal found inside the converters to scrap yards. The Genesee Auto-theft Investigative Network (GAIN) is investigating a recent rash of similar thefts.

20-YEAR-OLD GENESEE TOWNSHIP MAN CAUSES THREE-CAR CRASH ON U.S 23

At 8 a.m. on Tuesday, July 20, Fenton police and fire departments responded to a three-vehicle crash on northbound U.S. 23 near Torrey Road. Lt. Jeff Cross said traffic was backed up because of the construction farther north. The at-fault driver admitted to police that he had looked down at his phone when he struck the back of another vehicle. His vehicle then struck another and

then rolled several times. He sustained minor lacerations to his hand. The other motorists involved were not injured. Responding police determined the at-fault driver, a 20-year-old Genesee Township man, had been drinking. The driver admitted to drinking overnight in Detroit and a breath test revealed a blood alcohol level between .02 and .07. However, since he is underage, there is zero tolerance for drinking. He was arrested and processed at the Fenton police station and then lodged at the Genesee County Jail.

NO VEHICLE LIGHTS LEADS TO DRUNK DRIVING ARREST

At 11 p.m. on Tuesday, July 20, a Fenton police officer on routine patrol at North and Torrey roads observed a vehicle traveling on Torrey Road with no lights on. A traffic stop was initiated. The driver admitted to drinking alcohol. The 24-year-old Fenton man was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated, processed at the Fenton police station and then lodged overnight at the Genesee County Jail.

CATALYTIC CONVERTERS STOLEN FROM CHURCH VAN

On July 24 at 10 a.m., a Fenton police officer responded to a church in the 800 block of N. LeRoy Street on a report of stolen catalytic converters from a 2005 GMC van. The church's surveillance camera captured a white Mercury Mariner SUV pulling up to the van, and then two Black males walking to the van and getting underneath. The suspects were seen leaving soon after. Fenton police are working with GAIN (Genesee Auto-theft Investigative Network) since there have been multiple complaints recently of stolen catalytic converters.

CLASSIC CARS

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Requested street closures include Broad Street, from Bridge Street east until Hickory Street, and Main Street until the Linden Library.

During the meeting, Councilor Heather MacDermaid asked if there would be an issue lining up the cars since the closures on Silver Lake Road means many won't be able to travel from the east.

Councilor Brad Dick said it won't be an issue.

Back to the Bricks is native to Genesee County. Communities have tune up parties, promo tours and more leading up to the main event week from Aug.

16-21. The purpose is to celebrate classic cars and recognize Flint's role in America's automotive industry.

- **Car enthusiasts** are invited to go to the staging area at Linden Elementary from 3-4 p.m.
- **Classic Cars escorted** downtown at 4 p.m. for event parking (no early parking)
- **Event time** will be open to the public from 4-8 p.m.
- **The DJ** will be playing from 4-8 p.m.
- **Shirts given** out at 4:30-7 p.m. under the ELGA tent.
- **Public parking** at Hyatt Elementary
- **For the safety** of the public and the integrity of the event, classic cars are asked to stay until the end of the event, 7 p.m.

Vote for the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park

■ Grant money would go to buying trees for shade at dog park

By Hannah Ball

The Thompson Road Regional Dog Park (TRRDP) committee is seeking the public's help to win a \$5,000 grant.

The PetSafe Bark for Your Park 2021 grant contest is giving away \$150,000 this year to dog parks across America. Since 2011, the company has given away more than \$1.5 million.

Ian MacDonald, TRRDP committee member, submitted for the grant in July. On Tuesday, Aug. 3, the public could begin voting to help the dog park secure the \$5,000 maintenance grant.

Vote daily at barkforyourpark.petsafe.com.

MacDonald said the money will be used for the purchase and planting of trees to create more shade.

The submission for the grant states, "Currently, the park is vacant of shade for the owners and dogs. The park has numerous breeds visit, and some of these breeds have a hard time staying cool due to their short snouts. This condition prevents them from regulating their temperatures, as their nasal passages are short. Some of the common breeds coming to the park that are



The Thompson Road Regional Dog Park committee is seeking the public's help to win a \$5,000 grant to buy and plant trees. Vote at barkforyourpark.petsafe.com. Times file photo

affected by this condition include pugs, Boston terriers, and bulldogs.

"All funding received for the park is donation-based, as there is no admission fee to the park, making it an even bigger attraction to dog owners. Donations alone will not cover the cost of the

purchase and installation of trees. With the PetSafe Bark for Your Park grant money, this will be possible."

The dog park officially opened in December 2017 is a popular place for people to bring their dogs for fresh air and exercise.

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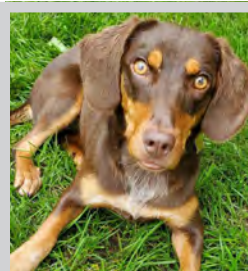


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Sharin' the spotlight

By Editor Sharon Stone

Every day for the past five years, Nikki and Franz Brueger have started their day wondering who killed their only child, 31-year-old Ally. July 30 marked the five-year anniversary of her murder. She was shot at several times as she ran her usual 10-mile route in Rose Township. Nikki told me this week she is haunted by the terror her daughter must have felt as she ran up the driveway with her hands in the air as she fled from her assailant who sped off in an unknown vehicle on Fish Lake Road.

There are so many unanswered questions in this homicide, under investigation by the Michigan State Police, which provides coverage to Rose Township. Was her assailant an ex boyfriend? Was it a kid or kids out looking for mischief? Was it someone trying to abduct her thinking she was a child since she was a petite woman with a short pixie haircut? Was it someone who might have engaged in a road rage situation with Ally? Was it someone related to a patient where Ally worked as a registered nurse? The investigation has produced no solid suspects.

Don't underestimate the determination of grieving parents

Several individuals have taken a polygraph test. Still no solid leads.

Dogs are loyal friends and Ally's rescue dog, Zeus, is no different. Nikki and Franz have taken over caring for Zeus. Nikki said it's common for Zeus to walk into Ally's room and jump up on her bed. He misses her almost as much as her parents do.

The reward has been increased with the hopes that someone will be enticed by a combined \$20,000 reward if it results in an arrest. The Bruegers have put in \$15,000 of their



Sharon Stone

own money.

Someone must know something. Nikki is convinced that someone is sitting on a tip or has information that they might not even know will lead to the identity of a suspect. Someone might have overheard a conversation at a bar since it's not uncommon for criminals to speak or even brag about a crime they committed. Someone in the Rose Township area might remember seeing a car driving erratically the afternoon of Saturday, July 30, 2016.

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WHAT HAPPENED TO good old-fashioned common sense? Are you all really so self-involved?

■ ■ ■
WHAT ON EARTH is going on with Fenton? No 4th of July parade when other neighboring communities were able to do it and now we are saying no to Back to the Bricks? I am so unhappy with our decision makers.

■ ■ ■
THE OLD TYRONE Township building is simply an empty unused building that only has sentimental value to the Tyrone Historical Society. That being the case, let the society finance any moves. This is not something that our tax dollars should be used for.

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KUDOS TO SUPERVISER Mike Cunningham for his statement in the Times. Thank you, sir, for setting things straight and we now understand that this little house has had no attention from residents in all this time but now suddenly it's a huge issue.

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WHAT YOU'RE SEEING in Afghanistan is the greatest argument for the second amendment I have seen in my 74 years.

Who is your hero?

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

street talk



"My dad. He was a 23-year-old college student who met a widowed woman (my mom), legally adopted and raised her three children as his own. He is also a strong man of God and an amazing mentor and leader of our family."

Marcy Deffendall, Kalkaska



"Every nurse in 2020."

David Marsh
Fenton



"My husband. He served in several combat tours, sacrificed so much for his family and country and was always the best father to our children. He passed in 2019. He will forever and always be my hero."

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Recognizing when a court has jurisdiction

In the 1973 movie “Magnum Force,” Clint Eastwood famously said, “A man’s got to know his limitations.”

That’s excellent advice for many things in life for both a man and a

woman and includes the courts.

As to the courts, the reason is quite simple. The law requires a court to take notice of the limits of its authority, and must recognize when it has no jurisdiction and proceed no further except to dismiss the case.

“Jurisdiction” is a court’s power to act and authority to hear and decide a case.

There are various types of jurisdiction but the two starting points for all courts are “subject matter jurisdiction” and “jurisdiction over the person.”

Subject matter jurisdiction is the right of the court given to it by constitution or statute to exercise judicial power over a particular class of cases.

Using Michigan as an example, we have circuit courts, probate courts, and district courts as our trial courts. Each court (with limited exceptions) is given exclusive jurisdiction over specific case types to the exclusion of the others.

This is the reason why divorce cases are only heard in the family division of circuit court; wills and estates cases are only heard in

probate court; and small claims cases are only heard in district court. There are many other examples I could cite.

As to jurisdiction over the person, if a court has subject matter jurisdiction, there must also be proper service of the summons and complaint on the defendant to allow the court to render a binding decision as to that party.

If either required jurisdiction isn’t present any judgment rendered is void or voidable.

As to the limited exceptions, the most common is the doctrine of “concurrent jurisdiction.”

This is when two or more courts both have subject matter jurisdiction and is found in situations where a plaintiff could file a claim in either state or federal court.

Finally, if a case is pending on appeal to a higher court, the law prohibits the trial court from making any decisions until the appeal is decided.

The above are the basics.

The Rolling Stones once told us, “You can’t always get what you want.” Filing a complaint in the wrong court guarantees that result.

NEWS

BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

Genesee County courts to require masks

Effective Thursday, Aug. 5, all participants and other occupants in courtrooms and hearing rooms at the Genesee County Courthouse, Circuit and Probate Courts, will be required to wear face coverings regardless of vaccination status. Chief Judge Duncan Beagle announced in an Aug. 3 press release that this action is based on information received during a consultation with the Genesee County Health Department relative to the recent uptick in COVID-19 cases, primarily the delta variant. Masks will not be provided to the public, but will be made available upon request for a limited period of time at courtrooms and hearing rooms. The Court continues to have the interest of the staff and public at the forefront of all operational plans. As circumstances may change, the Court will review its protocols.

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HEARTACHE

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F/Lt. Mike Shaw of the MSP urges anyone with a tip to call 855.MICH.TIP (855-642-4847) to report what they know or any other suspicious activity. Tipsters can also visit Michigan.gov/michtip.

Her murder shocked the community and five years later, her parents have learned little on who might have shot at her multiple times in the back, one round being fatal, and left her for dead. Four shotgun casings were recovered from the scene.

The Bruegers beg anyone to come forward anonymously with any tips, such as a suspect's name, color of car, a license plate number, something they heard being talked about at the bar, or any other tip that could lead MSP detectives to a suspect. A reward has grown to \$20,000 for information that leads to an arrest. The Bruegers have increased their own portion of the reward to \$15,000 and Crime Stoppers and ATF are offering \$5,000 for total of \$20,000.

WXYZ Channel 7 with Heather Catallo did a segment this past weekend about Ally's murder. Nikki said friends of Ally contacted her and let her know



Zeus, Ally Brueger's rescue dog, has given much comfort to Nikki and Franz Brueger, following the murder of Ally, their daughter, on July 30, 2016. *Times file photo*



A reward of \$20,000 is now offered for information that leads to an arrest of the person who shot Ally Brueger on July 30, 2016. *Submitted photo*

that they were sharing the video on social media to keep Ally's name out there, hoping someone would come forward with new information.

Nikki said it is believed now that Ally did not know her killer. She said very early on after the shooting, it was reported that Ally likely knew her killer, which might have deterred someone from reporting an anonymous tip.

She said the man living on Fish Lake Road who called 911 to report the shooting and attempted to save Ally's life reported that he heard the first gunshot and ducked. He reported hearing more gunshots and then heard a woman scream. He saw Ally with her hands raised running toward his home before collapsing.

Nikki is asking for anyone to think back to that day. If they remember anything, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-SPEAK-UP.

Recalling these past five years, Nikki said the shooting feels like yesterday. "Ally was my everything. It's as if time stopped. The only difference between then and now is the intensity of the shock and grief," she said.

One consolation for the Bruegers is Ally's dog Zeus, a boxer American bulldog mix who just turned 8 in June. Ally rescued Zeus earlier that year when the dog was less than 3 years old.

"He rescued us," Nikki said. "I don't know what we would have done without him." She added that Zeus continues to go into Ally's bedroom, which has not been touched, and lay down on Ally's bed.

The thing that haunts Nikki and

Franz the most is the terror that their daughter must have felt as she was trying to flee her killer. "She was taken. You don't get over that. I'll never get over it," Nikki said.

The story...

On Saturday, July 30, 2016, Ally Brueger, a 31-year-old registered nurse at the time, was shot while running on Fish Lake Road in Rose Township. She ran a route of 10 miles every day for the past 10 years, until that deadly Saturday afternoon.

Brueger was shot shortly after 2:30 p.m. while running in the 11000 block of Fish Lake Road. She was shot at four times before collapsing in the yard of a private residence.

The homeowner found her bleeding in his front yard. He called 911 and tried to resuscitate her. She died later at Genesys Regional Medical Center (now Ascension Genesys) in Grand Blanc Township.

Her father, Franz Brueger, later said he recalled vividly staring at the emergency room floor and the dozens

of shoe prints in his daughter's blood by the doctors and nurses trying to save her life.

Brueger was described as small in stature at 4-feet, 9-inches tall, weighing 98 pounds. Despite her small size, her parents said she was mighty in presence. Her mother has often said that from the back, her daughter resembled a 12-year-old child. "Who would shoot a child in the back?" she asked.

Following the televised news report over the weekend, Shaw said, "We have not received any tips over the weekend. Detectives are continuing to work on this case and are open to any possibility."

KEEP THE TIPS COMING

CrimeStoppersofMichiganislooking for more information about Brueger's murder. Any information that leads to an arrest will be awarded with a cash reward up to \$20,000. Crime Stoppers of Michigan is asking you to make an anonymous call to 1-800-SPEAK-UP or visit 1800speakup.org.

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TRAINING

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Instructor Adam Hyrman. "We're trying to simulate a little bit of chaos while being safe."

There were more patients than the cadets could handle at one time, and that was by design. Everyone wore protective eyewear and boots to avoid injuries from broken glass.

Since the cadets couldn't get the doors open themselves, Fenton firefighters assisted by prying open doors with crowbars and the Jaws of Life, a powerful hydraulic tool used to pry open vehicles, and other cutters.

"If you want a roof off, they'll cut it off," Hyrman said.

The cadets did not ask the firefighters to cut a roof off a vehicle, but the firefighters did take off multiple doors and the divider in between the front and rear door on one of the vehicles.

Fenton Fire Department's Lt. Dustin Lucius said, "A lot of times, you guys might be the first ones there before us. Don't get that tunnel vision. You've got to step back and look at that big picture first because there could be a car on its side, there could be a fuel leak, there could be a number of things in a car accident that could affect you."

Hyrman said cadets are taught SN-NAC for how to assess an accident. S stands for scene size up, which means ensuring scene safety and making sure they have all necessary protective equipment. N stands for nature of illness/mechanism of injury. Cadets have to quickly determine which patients' injuries are most severe. The second N stands for number of patients.

A is for additional resources. Cadets were encouraged to utilize the firefighters in order to get into the vehicles. C stands for C-spine. One of the first duties of medical responders is to assume the patients have spinal injuries and do cervical spine stabilization until they can get a neck brace.

The cadets assessed the injuries and worked to get the patients out of the vehicles and into waiting ambulances without hurting them further.

Being knowledgeable of a vehicle's structure can help first responders avoid injuries. If not handled correctly, airbags can deploy and can cause injuries to those helping patients.

"There's a lot of things at a crash scene that can hurt you," said Dep.



The "injured" people who assisted in the training wore makeup to look like wounds. One patient had a broken leg and multiple patients had head injuries. **Photo: Hannah Ball**

Chief Ed Hadfield, who was the safety officer for the event. This includes cars driving by, the tools, the broken glass from breaking the windows and more. "Protecting yourself and protecting your patient is paramount," he said.

Instructors told the cadets to expect bystanders to stand around, gawk at the accident and sometimes offer to help. Hyrman said it's important to control the scene and focus on those injured.

The cadets did not save every "patient." The driver of one of the vehicles was in shock, had burns, internal bleeding, breathing injuries and other injuries that led to his death.

"The training went great," Hyrman said. "This was the first time doing something of this magnitude in several years and we were excited to get back into it. STAT and the city of Fenton have a long-standing relationship, so having their involvement was an easy decision. The cadets performed well and demonstrated the culmination of their education and training in the most realistic way possible. Though they have always had our confidence, we are more sure than ever that they are ready for the challenges this career will bring them."

Hyrman said Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff was immediately on board when contacted about the training.

"They were eager to work with our cadets and teach them how our agencies can work together to accomplish the mission. Dep. Chief Hadfield, who was the officer in charge of the fire department and safety officer for the event, was more than accommodating to our needs, without whom this event would not have gone nearly as smoothly as it did," Hyrman said.

Fenton girls golf finishes No. 2 in our Top 16 once again

By David Troppens

Finally, we are to the final two teams in our 2020-21 Tri-County Top 16 poll.

Today we'll look at the school year's No. 2 squad.

So who has finished in the runner-up position the most? Three teams have finished at the No. 2 spot twice prior to this season's poll. They are the Linden boys

cross country team, the Fenton girls golf team and the Holly boys track squad. The other runner-up teams include Lake Fenton wrestling, Holly wrestling, Fenton girls soccer, Holly girls tennis, Holly boys cross country and Fenton volleyball. Cross country is the sport that has earned the No. 3 spot the most, earning it three times.

That three-way tie the sports

staff talked about among the squads that have finished second twice will be broke in today's edition. Wondering who it is? Well, it's time to reveal that squad.

No. 2 - Fenton girls golf: It can easily be argued the Tigers have been the best program of the last four seasons in the tri-county area. Why? Well, the girls finished sec-

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The 2020 Fenton girls golf team can celebrate finishing No. 2 in our 2020-21 Tri-County Top 16.

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Sports Times

Setzke pleased with Fenton football's summer

By David Troppens

The summer session is over and Fenton varsity football coach Jeff Setzke is pretty pleased with what his squad has completed over the last couple of months.

"We've had a good summer," Setzke said. "I'm pleased with our progress because we needed one. Not because the kids are not motivated to do things, but last year was not a traditional summer. We had a great summer with seven-on-sevens and things of that nature."

Of course COVID made doing much of any thing nearly impossible during the summer of 2020. And if that wasn't enough, the season started late, and even when it did start practice with COVID created its own special challenges. Teams didn't start playing until Sept. 18 and six-game schedules were slated. All that said, the Tigers had a pretty successful season. The Tigers captured their second straight Flint Metro League championship and at least a share of the crown for the ninth of the last 10 seasons. But that didn't come without its challenges, particularly during the postseason. The Tigers

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Linden's Spencer looks strong in 13th straight win

By David Troppens

What could've been a drastic problem ended up setting up the ideal situation for Linden's favorite professional boxer, Joey Spencer.

Unable to make the weight for his scheduled fight with scheduled boxer Dan Karpency on Saturday at New Jersey's Prudential Center as one of the fights on FOX's national broadcast, a little luck worked in Spencer's favor. An opponent in another bout was unable to make weight, opening the door for Spencer to fight James Martin for eight rounds.

Martin had already upset another up-and-coming prospect, Vito Mielnicki Jr. in his previous fight and was hoping to see him in a rematch. Instead, he ended up facing Spencer and it was the best-case scenario for "The Small Town Soldier."

Spencer faced who was his best opponent to date, battled with him eight rounds and captured an impressive unanimous decision victory against Martin. The win improved Spencer to 13-0.

"It ended up being a huge blessing that it ended up happening," Spencer said about not making weight. "At that point he definitely brought a lot more in me than my previous opponents, and it

worked out for the best.

"It's hard to say what happened. I make my weight cut every time, and I just couldn't get the weight off. ... But I don't believe it happened by accident. I think I was meant to fight him and it all worked out."

Spencer controlled the fight from the start, but Martin proved to be a game opponent. Spencer connected on some body blows that set the tone for the night. They put Spencer's superior power on display.

"(My power) gives me a lot of confidence," Spencer said. "In the first round, I landed three good shots to the body. I delivered one particular right hand to the body and it landed very hard."

Martin didn't back down during any of the eight rounds. He was active, actually throwing more punches than



Linden resident Joey Spencer (right) won his eight-round fight with James Martin on Saturday at the Prudential Center in New Jersey. Photo: Sean Michael Ham/PBC

Spencer, but Spencer's shots were more powerful and Spencer landed his at a much higher percentage.

Spencer connected on 35 percent of his power punches, landing 47 of 133 for a 35 percent success rate. To his credit, Martin (7-3) threw 104 more power punches, but was inefficient,

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hitting on just 55, or 23 percent. Plus, he never came close to hurting Spencer during the entire fight. Spencer seemingly controlled every round and ended up winning on two of the judge's score cards 79-73 and one by a perfect 80-72. The 79-73 scores mean the other two judges gave Spencer seven of the rounds and Martin just one.

"He was mentally stronger than the guy I was supposed to fight," Spencer said. "The other guy was a tough guy, but I don't think he would've been able to go more than one or two rounds, and I was discouraged about it to be honest. I was literally craving the type of fight I ended up having. I wanted to fight more defensive and be more responsible. I really wanted to show a full night's work."

Spencer, 21, did that. While Martin never looked like he was on the verge of being knocked out, he certainly was slowed by Spencer's stronger punches. Spencer ended up landing 71 of 252 total punches, hitting on 28 percent while Martin hit on just 59 of 397 shots (15 percent).

With the fight well under control, Spencer even took a moment in the sev-

enth round while locked in the corner to say, "I'm having too much fun" to the Fox Network broadcasting crew. The crew included ex-heavyweight champion and legend Lennox Lewis. This was the first time Spencer went more than six rounds in a fight, and he passed the conditioning test with flying colors.

"It was a fight I was able to prove myself," Spencer said. "The last time I went the distance I got so tired and that was still in the back of my mind. ... It was nice to break that curse that was hanging over me. I went back and rewatched the fight. I was able to break it with a 10 times better opponent than (the last opponent he faced when he felt tired). I'm fully broken from that now."

Spencer hopes to fight at least two more times before the end of 2021.

"I had so much time off between the last one, I want to come back, hopefully, in September and get two more (fights) in," Spencer said. "The fights are getting tougher and eventually I'm going to have to take more time between fights, but I want to get four fights in this year."

"2022 is the year I want to go for a title. All these fights are setting me up for that."



Joey Spencer (right) and James Martin exchange punches during Saturday's eight-round fight won by Spencer.

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1970 Tigers' strong start begins to fizzle, lose to Yankees in second game of DH

Editor's Note: Through the years sports editor David Troppens has collected historical radio and television broadcasts of Detroit Tigers games. He'll be featuring games through his collection based on the a date close the actual date of our current publication.

Aug. 6, 1970

New York 7, Detroit 5

Second game of doubleheader

Network/Announcers: The radio broadcast is by Yankees' announcers Phil Rizzuto and Frank Messer.

Background: The Tigers and Yankees were in a battle for second place when this date's doubleheader took place. The Tigers (58-49) entered the twinbill a half-game behind the second-place New York Yankees (58-48). Neither team looked capable of challenging the first-place Baltimore Orioles (68-39) for the American League



"Tiger baseball is on the air."

East Division title. The Tigers were as close as three games to the Orioles after sweeping a doubleheader against the Kansas City Royals on July 19, improving to 52-38, but the steady decline down the standings was already beginning by the time of this twinbill. Detroit would go 9-20 in August and end up with a losing record (79-83), eventually finishing in fourth place.

Game summary: Tigers were a half-game ahead of the Yankees for second place after winning the opening game of the twinbill 2-1, but they didn't stay there long after losing this contest. The game started out well. Detroit's Dalton Jones opened the first inning with a solo home run, and eventually a single by Don Wert plated Mickey Stanley, who walked, for the Tigers' second run.

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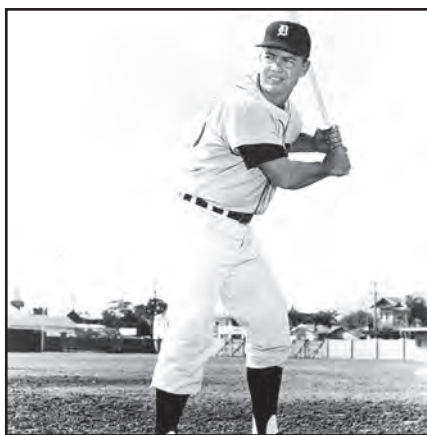
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The Yankees bounced back with three runs in the bottom of the first against Joe Niekro. The big blow was a three-run home run by Roy White. The Yankees led 3-2.

Detroit added two runs in the top of the second when Niekro singled and scored on Mickey Stanley's single. Another run scored on Ike Brown's fielder's choice ground out. Detroit led 4-2. The Tigers added another run in the third when Stanley hit another RBI-single. The Tigers led 5-2.

That was end of the highlights for Detroit. John Hiller relieved Niekro in the second and pitched three innings of shutout ball, but was tagged for two runs in the fifth on Bobby Murcer's two-run home run. Hiller also allowed a run in the Yankees' sixth when pinch hitter Thurman Munson hit into a double play with the bases loaded. New York led 6-5. The Yankees scored another in the eighth on Gene Michael's RBI-single.

Scoring controversy: In the top of the fourth, Detroit's Norm Cash led off the inning with what was called an error by Yankees' second baseman Horace Clarke. Rizzuto, who in many games can be heard complaining about the official scorer's decision in games, did so here. He argued it should be an infield single for Cash and actually went to find the official scorer in between innings to argue his viewpoint. Rizzuto apparently won his case. If you look at the official



Norm Cash had two RBI-singles in the Tigers' 7-5 loss to the Yankees in this Aug. 6, 1970 radio broadcast of at past Tiger game.

play-by-plays of the game, Cash is now credited with an infield single.

Gates Brown: Brown was a popular Tiger player and spent most of his career as a pinch hitter. His top season was 1968 when he batted an eye-popping .370, but only came to the plate 104 times (92 at bats) the entire season. In this game he started the contest, batting third, but he have as well have been a pinch hitter. He batted in the first inning and hit a hard line out to left field. By the time he got back up to the plate in the second inning, the lefty hitter was taken out of the game because lefty pitcher Steve Hamilton replaced Yankees' starter Stan Bahnsen. Brown played in 81 games in 1970 but only came to the plate 148 times, batting .226.

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ond in the poll during the 2017-18 and 2019-20 school years and were on the top of our 2018-19 poll. This means this is the fourth time in four years the Fenton varsity girls golf team have been in the top two. Wow. Now, that's impressive.

The Tigers finished the 2020 fall season with an 8-1 dual record in Flint Metro League play, only losing to the Goodrich Martians by a single stroke 171-172. However, the Tigers rebounded and captured the title at the Metro League's meet with a team score of 335, defeating the Martians by 10 strokes. That meant the two teams ended up tying for the league crown.

The Tigers only got better in the

postseason. Fenton placed third at its regional with an 18-hole team score of 362, enabling the Tigers to qualify for the Division 2 state meet. However, at the state meet the Tigers posted a team score of 363 and earned a tie for fifth at the event with Dearborn Divine Child. It became apparent why the Tigers only placed third at their regional meet as well. Okemos placed third and Haslett placed fourth, meaning all three qualifiers from Fenton's regional earned a top-five placing. The Tigers were in a really talented regional.

So who led the team? Why it was Brook Herbstreit. She capped her outstanding Tigers' career by finishing in 10th place at the state meet with an 84.



Fenton varsity football coach Jeff Setzke talks to his team after a 2020 contest. Setzke's squad has put in a productive summer of 7-on-7 sessions and weight training among other things **Photo: David Troppens**

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won their first playoff contest against Walled Lake Central 36-3, but then were struck with some serious COVID-19 protocol. The Tigers were forced to bring up a large number of players for their playoff game against North Farmington, and many played and did admirably well. The results were a tough 44-28 loss.

"We knew last year from a developmental standpoint they didn't get a summer," Setzke said about the players last year. "But We had five freshman and four sophomores on varsity last year and brought them up to get acclimated to varsity football. ... Our last playoff game we had COVID, lost four starters and played 14 freshmen and sophomores in that game."

This season the Tigers are losing a strong senior class but now that experience the youth earned will pay off.

"The nice thing is we have all those sophomores up this year and they still have 25 sophomores playing JV football," Setzke said.

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GRIEVING

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As the Times reporter for the past 17 years, this type of crime is rare for Rose Township. It's a quiet, rural landscape with horse farms, wide open spaces and dirt roads. People usually know their neighbors and when a vehicle looks out of place. I can still remember hearing the dispatch alert for a tier one medical and a reported shooting. I sent my reporter Hannah Ball to the scene for coverage for the newspaper.

From personal experience, I know how hard these past five years have been for the Bruegers. One day your child is here and the next, they are gone.

I'm sure the Bruegers would rather be out enjoying their retirement and enjoying the company of Ally and her dog Zeus, but that scenario is not possible now. Under intense stress and sadness, these grieving parents have put themselves in the public eye hoping to find their daughter's killer and to find out why this horrific crime was committed.

I commend Nikki and Franz for their continued push on finding the truth.

If anyone remembers anything about that day, speak up. Go back and look at old calendars to see if you were in town that hot summer day.

There's multiple ways of submitting an anonymous tip, either through Crime Stoppers or through the Michigan State Police. For the Brueger's sake, I hope someone remembers something, even if it seems like nothing, and reports it. That piece of information might just be the missing piece of the puzzle.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHY DON'T FENTON police patrol Silver Parkway? People speed every day all day there and the tailgating is insane. Thanks for not policing the roads. Owen and Silver Lake roads need to have patrols too. You'd pay for your entire road construction if you just did your jobs.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND allowing horses and a donkey within the city limits. Counting wetlands as your allowed acreage shouldn't be okay. The noise added to our community is annoying.

I THINK MOST people who have to put up with fireworks do not love them. You should not be so degrading and make bad remarks just because you love them. They are very dangerous in the wrong hands. Go have your boiling hot cup of coffee.

PEOPLE OF THOUGHTLESS actions are always surprised by consequences and yet there will be consequences. Buckle up.

IF YOU REALLY mean to save the children's future then grownups must act like adults and get vaccinated. Put your fears aside, grow up, and step in front of the needle so the children don't suffer from your poor choices.

ALL PARENTS: AS the school year starts, you need to be asking your kids specific questions about what and how they are being taught on racial and sexual topics.

TOTALLY IMPRESSED BY the honor and leadership Simone Biles demonstrated by remaining and cheering on her teammates. Great Job, Simone!

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Horoscopes

For the week of August 2, 2021

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, feelings of nostalgia may come over you this week, prompting you to look at old family movies or thumb through photo albums. Enjoy this trip down Memory Lane.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

It is good to remain positive and keep an open mind, Taurus. Maintain your optimistic attitude and others will soon gravitate toward you.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

Take heart that many people around you are experiencing extreme emotions this week, Gemini. Help them work through the situation and your efforts won't go unnoticed.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

Stand up and defend yourself when the need arises. Your reputation is beyond reproach, and for good reason. Others can be relied on to support you.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, others appreciate your straightforward, no-nonsense attitude. You'll find support by being honest at all times, so keep up the good work.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, you often like things to be orderly and fact-based. However, this week you may find yourself clouded by emotions. You may have to go with your heart this time.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Reach out to others for help with a sticky situation, Libra. Only by letting others know that you may need some support will you get friends and family to come to your aid.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you can't always assume that people will be in tune with your needs. You may need to advocate for yourself if you want help along the way.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

Don't jump too quickly into making decisions this week, Sagittarius. Take some time to consider a situation and then form your opinion.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, don't avoid emotional topics right now, even if you're tempted to run in the opposite direction. Facing a strong challenge will make you much stronger.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

To reveal the truth about something, tap into your psychic abilities, Aquarius. It may cause others to be a bit uncomfortable, but it is important to clarify things right now.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, when dealing with powerful, opinionated forces, including your own, it's best to keep a level head and remain patient.



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