Barricaded gunman found dead

Carjacking in Monroe County ends with police standoff in Holly Township

By Sharon Stone
Holly area residents were shocked and on edge during a barricaded gunman situation at a home on E. Maple Street late Tuesday night.

A male suspect, identified through various media reports as William Lanham, 39, was involved in an armed carjacking in Frenchtown Township, a police chase, two automobile crashes, and an armed home invasion and barricaded gunman situation in Holly Township near the border with Holly Village. He was found deceased with a self-inflicted gunshot early Wednesday morning, Aug. 4.

The suspect’s accomplice, according to media reports, Michelle Holladay, 40, turned herself in to the Michigan State Police. Charges are pending.

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Voters approve Fenton schools’ millage renewal

■Non-homestead tax assessment provides $5.8 million annually

By Sharon Stone
By a vote of 1,594 (65.4%) to 842 (34.5%), voters in the Fenton Area Public Schools district approved the non-homestead millage renewal.

Fenton schools’ millage renewal

By Sharon Stone
Public Schools district approved the millage renewal.

Voters in Linden school district say ‘yes’

■Non-homestead millage generates $2 million annually

By Sharon Stone
With a total of 2,218 people casting a vote, Linden Community Schools’ non-homestead operating millage was approved.

Large orange “road work ahead” signs seem to be everywhere in the Fenton area. Several projects by the Genesee County Road Commission and Michigan Department of Transportation are improving roads and bridges. Here, traffic is congested at the northbound U.S. 23 exit at North Road.

See story on Page 15. Photo: Fred Moses

Health department issues ‘strong recommendation’

■MDHHS mandates masks must be worn indoors in some situations

Cases of COVID-19 in Genesee County have been on the rise over the past month, increasing the county’s MI Safe Start risk level, according to an Aug. 5 press release by the Genesee County Health Department.

In addition, cases of COVID-19 caused by the Delta variant (significantly more contagious than previous SARS-CoV-2 viruses) are now 90% of the cases in the county. In response to this, the Medical Health Officer, has issued the following indoor masking directive:

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What an utter waste of money to hand out new garbage bins just because we have a new company.”

“A lot of the $1.2 million COVID relief money for Fenton can be used to upgrade the water and sewer system. It cannot be used on roads for some reason (thanks Killdee). Let’s hope the money is put to good use.”

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Music at the Gazebo

Two live concerts coming to downtown Fenton this month

By Sharon Stone

Although the traditional summertime Concerts in the Park series was canceled because of the pandemic, the city of Fenton and Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation (SLPR) were able to pull together two musical events at the gazebo next to city hall.

Ed Koledo, executive director of SLPR, said planning for the entire Concerts in the Park series was impacted early on by COVID protocols. With the determination of providing free live music downtown, they have secured two acts to perform, Itchycoo Park and Kari Holmes.

Itchycoo Park will perform 7 to 8:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 12 and Kari Holmes will perform Thursday, Aug. 26, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Both concerts will take place during Street Experience, which runs Thursdays and Fridays in downtown Fenton from 5 to 9 p.m.

Itchycoo Park is a local events band that caters to the late ’60s, early ’70s music scene. Enthusiasts of this era of music are encouraged to put on some bell bottoms and love beads and meet at the gazebo. Travel back in time and hear favorite songs from The Kinks, Janis Joplin, The Doors, The Animals, Rare Earth and more.

Kari Holmes is a Nashville America Records recording artist. She’s recording her first full length album. Her single, “Something New,” was released to mainstream country radio and made the top 200 on Music Row. Her single, “More From Me,” helped to nominate her for Inspirational Country Music’s New Artist of the Year.

Itchycoo Park is sponsored in part by Lasco Ford and Keri Holmes is sponsored in part by the Fenton Downtown Development Authority.

Keri Holmes, a Nashville America Records recording artist, will perform at the Fenton gazebo Thursday, Aug. 26 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. during the Street Experience.

Submitted photos
Leave Britney alone

The #FreeBritney movement has been one of the most infuriating and fascinating news items to follow this past year. It’s infuriating because Britney Spears, one of the biggest music stars in the world, has barely had any control over her life since being put into a conservatorship 13 years ago. It’s fascinating in the sense that the courts and lawyers involved have let it get this bad.

Conservatorships occur when a judge appoints an individual or organization to care for another adult who’s deemed unfit to care for themselves or manage their own finances, according to the California courts judicial website.

They’re not typically used for people who can work and make millions of dollars. Yet, Britney has been stuck in this horrid situation for 13 years.

The “Framing Britney Spears” documentary by the New York Times did excellent work showing how the media attention and paparazzi played a huge role in Britney’s public breakdown in 2008. The photos of her shaving her head and attacking a paparazzi’s car with a baseball bat are, unfortunately, some of her most well known photos.

With this conservatorship in place, Britney toured the world, released multiple albums and made millions of dollars. But she might have done some of this against her will. She has no control over how much she works and she cannot enter into contracts for herself. She needs permission from her conservators to get married or spend her own money.

Who’s thought to be the heroes and the villains in this story has changed. After 2008, many people supported Jamie Spears being in charge of the conservatorship because it appeared Britney needed help. Who better to help than her father and family, right?

Wrong.

For the first time in 13 years on June 23, Britney revealed to a judge via phone call the nature of her horrible situation.

Her father had a doctor put her on lithium against Britney’s wishes. She was put into a psychiatric hospital against her wishes. They won’t even let her take out her IUD so she can have another baby.

The full phone call is available online.

The public probably won’t ever fully know Britney’s full medical record — which is fine because she absolutely deserves privacy — but it’s clear that so many of these decisions have not been made in Britney’s best interest.

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What’s one item on your bucket list?


"I’d love to do a hot air balloon ride. This year I’ve ziplined and parasailed which were also on the list. (I’m 74). The other thing was white water rafting which I did in 2018."

"Visit all 50 states. 30 down 20 to go but getting older."

"I just completed a bucket list item! Motorcycle endorsement!"

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‘Productive’ meetings held to fix Argentine dam

By Hannah Ball

Argentina Township officials, the Genesee County Road Commission and multiple county and state politicians are working to get the Argentine Township dam fixed.

These last few weeks, residents have voiced concerns about the broken dam at township meetings and Lobdell-Bennett Lake Association meetings.

In November 2019, the right principal spillway on the Argentine Township dam failed, resulting in Lobdell and Bennett lakes losing approximately 11 inches of water over the course of about five days.

More than 20 months later, the spillway is still not fixed.

Residents have expressed concern about the dam completely failing and water rushing out, similar to what happened when the Edenville Dam failed in 2020. The Argentine dam is classified by the state as “significant hazard potential,” which means that failure would result in significant environmental, economic and public safety risks, and loss of life is not expected.

Joe Graves, Argentine Township clerk, said they held a “productive meeting” Monday, Aug. 2 with the GCRC.

“Senator Ken Horn and Representative Mike Mueller, along with Commissioner Shaun Shumaker, attended the meeting and were very supportive in regards to obtaining funding for the road commission. The money would come as a pass through from the federal government based on a Senate Bill currently in committee and from the county commission. The township and the lake association hold the position that the county, if given this outside funding, must continue their agreement to maintain the dam perpetually,” he said.

The state of the dam

The dam was built in 1929. It is owned by Argentine Township, and under an agreement entered into with the original owner of the dam, the Argentine Light and Power Company, the Genesee County Road Commission is responsible for maintaining the dam.

According to a letter dated June 16 sent from Genesee County to State Rep. Mike Mueller, the GCRC has spent nearly $494,000 since 2005 to maintain the dam, which includes the construction of an auxiliary spillway in 2001.

Zito Construction Company is retained to determine what exactly is wrong with the broken spillway. The problem has not yet been identified.

A dam safety inspection report dated May 2020, from Lucas Trumble, representative of the hydrologic studies and dam safety unit of the Water Resources Division from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE), states that there were no indicators that suggested an immediate threat to the structural stability of the dam.

“… there were no apparent structural deficiencies that may lead to the immediate failure of the dam,” the report states.

The broken spillway can still be opened manually if needed, according to the GCRC, and the second principal spillway is operational.

“… it is considered to have adequate spillway capacity to safely convey the design floors, assuming the contractor can safely open the gate during a flood. Repairs to the right principal spillway gate operator should be made as soon as possible so that the gate regains full function and can be reliably operated without enlisting the services of the contractor,” according to the report.

The report also found that an operation and maintenance (O&M) plan was never developed for the dam. It recommends that the embankments be regularly cleared of trees and brush, and that the dam’s emergency action plan (EAP) in coordination with the county should be updated.

Supervisor Brian Saad said some residents have expressed interest in building a new dam, but he does not think that’s necessary. Replacing the dam would cost approximately $5 million, and it would most likely involve an assessment on riparians.

Saad would rather the GCRC fix the broken door. He understands people on the lake are frustrated. In the spring, a diver attempted to identify the problem, but was unable to. Saad is in favor of installing a cofferdam so engineers can have easier access to the broken spillway to discover the issue.

Mueller said, “We are taking this very seriously and it showed while discussing a plan going forward to ensure this 100-year-old dam is safe for years to come.”

“We mapped out a plan to rigorously assess the damage to the dam, go through the permit process for the repair, and then find a contractor to complete the work. This will require some time, but we have already put the first steps in motion,” he said.

The dam

The principal spillway structure, located near the centerline of the dam, consists of two 5-foot wide by 6-foot high gated spillway bays controlled by mechanical gate operators located within the Silver Lake Bridge Deck. Flows from the spillway gates discharge through a large concrete stilling basin to North Ore Creek downstream of the dam.
Osama is dead. We have our own Alexander the Great and many others. Is the same thing going back too.

WHAT YOU’RE SEEING in Afghanistan is the same thing going back too Alexander the Great and many others. Osama is dead. We have our own issues.

THANK YOU, MR. Cunningham for spending tax dollars to upgrade the historic Tyrone town hall in 2016. The exterior paint, refinished floor, new furnace, electrical repairs were necessary. As you mentioned, it is small and will only hold a small number of guests. What changed since 2016 that you wish to discard this valuable historical building?

WHAT IS THE value of history? Some say nothing, others say it connects us to our past and is a learning experience for our future. Many seek to preserve their family ancestry. Tyrone Township residents have the ability to save a piece of history by moving the original Town Hall. Please support TyroneRCP.org.

ATTENTION SCHOOL BOARD members, as long as you hold your school elections on these low voter turnout primary days instead of the normal election days I will always vote against any tax. This is a game you play to win your way. Not happening here.

I THOUGHT THE state passed laws prohibiting schools from having these millage elections during these off cycle elections. You know your tax dollars have to pay for these special elections and each one costs thousands of dollars? They do. Your tax dollars hard at work educating our children.

AGAIN, IF YOU have been vaccinated and also wear a mask, you are protected, right? Then why do you think you are also responsible for the unvaccinated? They are no threat to you.

Center of Hope, Community Threads and more organizations giving away school supplies

By Hannah Ball

Families are invited to attend the Back-to-School Blast at Fenton AGS Middle School on Sunday, Aug. 15. From 2-6 p.m., the Fenton Center of Hope is hosting this back-to-school event in conjunction with the First Baptist Church of Fenton, The Road Community Church, The Way Church, Blue Care Complete and Community Threads of Fenton.

These organizations are giving away free backpacks, school supplies, after-school snacks, shoes, clothing and more. Students can come get haircuts, get their face painted and play in the bounce houses.

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Jennifer Strygulec, co-director of Center of Hope, said the purpose of the event is to “bless the students of our community heading back to school. We are prepared to bless 700 students.” Families can register at (810) 620-8167.

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Fenton Township man jailed

Charged with criminal sexual conduct toward 14-year-old girl

By Sharon Stone

James Joseph Sidick, 37, of Fenton Township, was arraigned Aug. 4 in Genesee County 67th District Court on one felony count of third-degree criminal sexual conduct involving a female between the ages of 13-15.

A $40,000 cash surety bond was ordered.

Lt. Andrew Snyder of the Genesee County Sheriff’s Office said deputies were dispatched to a Fenton Township home for a criminal sexual conduct complaint Sunday, Aug. 1.

Upon arrival, deputies met with the homeowner, a 32-year-old Fenton Township woman and her male friend, a 27-year-old Lansing resident. The 27-year-old disclosed that he witnessed the 37-year-old boyfriend of the homeowner, Sidick, allegedly sexually assault a 14-year-old female friend of the family.

Police made contact with Sidick. He was taken into custody and interviewed by detectives.

Sidick is currently being lodged at the Genesee County Jail. When bond is posted, Sidick must comply with bond conditions, including no drugs or alcohol, no recreational marijuana, no possession or purchasing of firearms, ammunition or other dangerous weapons, and no contact with the victim.

AUG. 10

1977: A 24-year-old postal employee, David Berkowitz, is arrested and charged with being the “Son of Sam,” the serial killer who terrorized New York City for more than a year, killing six young people and wounding seven others with a .44-caliber revolver. Because Berkowitz generally targeted attractive young women with long brown hair, hundreds of young women had their hair cut short and dyed blonde during the time he terrorized the city. Thousands more simply stayed home at night.

1934: A group of federal prisoners classified as “most dangerous” arrives at Alcatraz Island, a 22-acre rocky outcrop situated 1.5 miles offshore in San Francisco Bay, on Aug. 11, 1934. The convicts — the first civilian prisoners to be housed in the new high-security penitentiary — joined a few dozen military prisoners left over from the island’s days as a U.S. military prison.

1990: Fossil hunter Susan Hendrickson discovers three huge bones jutting out of a cliff near Faith, South Dakota. They discover out to be part of the largest-ever Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton ever discovered, a 65-million-year-old.

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Company recalls aerosol sunscreen

After low levels of benzene found in some samples — consumers advised to stop using product

Check your beach bag and see if you have any of these sunscreens packed for the next day at the park or lake.

Johnson & Johnson Consumer Inc. is voluntarily recalling all lots of five Neutrogena and Aveeno aerosol sunscreen product lines to the consumer level. Internal testing identified low levels of benzene in some samples of the products. Consumers should stop using the affected products and follow the instructions set forth below.

The only sunscreen products impacted are aerosol products, specifically:

- Neutrogena — Beach Defense aerosol sunscreen
- Neutrogena — Cool Dry Sport aerosol sunscreen
- Neutrogena — Invisible Daily defense aerosol sunscreen
- Neutrogena — Ultra Sheer aerosol sunscreen
- Aveeno — Protect + Refresh aerosol sunscreen

Benzene is classified as a human carcinogen, a substance that could potentially cause cancer depending on the level and extent of exposure. Benzene is ubiquitous in the environment. Humans around the world have daily exposures indoors and outdoors from multiple sources. Benzene can be absorbed, to varying degrees, by inhalation, through the skin, and orally. Based on exposure modeling and the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) framework, daily exposure to benzene in these aerosol sunscreen products at the levels detected in our testing would not be expected to cause adverse health consequences. Out of

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NOTICE – SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARINGS
ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Please be advised, the Argentine Township Board will hold a public hearing for the following Special Assessment Districts Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Township Hall, 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden, MI 48451 to hear any comments or objections. The proposed amounts are for one year and will be placed on the Winter tax rolls. The following proposed amounts are for Township-wide garbage collection, police and fire protection. The additional assessments apply to owners of properties within the proposed districts only.

This year the proposed annual amounts are as follows:

Township-wide Districts:

- Garbage Collection $150.00 per parcel with a home
- Fire Protection $100.00 per improved parcel, a decrease of $30.00; $50.00 per vacant parcel
- Police Protection $200.00 per improved parcel, an increase of $30.00

Residents who live on a dirt road maintained by the county will pay Road Improvement of $92.00 for Chloride – dust control.

The residents who live on the following lakes weed control districts are as follows:

- Lobdell Weeds $175.00 riparian’s Lobdell Weeds Marina/Motel slip/rental
- Kinsman Weeds $130.00 riparian’s
- Softwater Weeds $150.00 riparian’s
- Myers Weeds $75.00 riparian’s, an increase of $50.00
- Stages Tax $718.00 ($458.00 for 10 years for improvements & $60.00 for access and $200.00 for dock installation/ removal)
- Lobdell Estates $140.00 for Vacant Lake Lot Tax

The lighting districts are as follows and only residents who reside in this district will pay the assessment:

- Kovacs Lights $50.00 per parcel for lights
- Hatt, Locke and Angel Drives $120.00 per parcel for road maintenance and lights

- Windwood Beach Drive $150.00 per parcel for maintenance (tree trimming) and light
- Pineview Lake Dr $10.00 per lot for maintenance of the sign and light
- Rustic Trail $10.00 per parcel for light
- Knobhill Lights $300.00 for a light and gate maintenance
- Woods Lights $56.00 per parcel for lights
- White Oaks Drive $40.00 per parcel for lights

The following is for Road Maintenance on roads that are maintained by the residents who live on them:

- Longfellow Drive $300.00 per parcel for road maintenance an increase of $80.00.
- Oakhill Drive $100 per improved parcel and $40 for vacant road maintenance and lake access improvements
- Woodward Drive $30.00 per parcel for road maintenance plus $200.00 for ten years for repairs for a total of $230.00
- Selma and Sharon Drives $150.00 per improved parcel for road maintenance
- Hartwood Drive $30.00 per parcel for road maintenance
- Dougher Drive $225.00 per parcel for road maintenance
- Hiawathia Drive $150.00 per parcel for road maintenance
- Ridge Drive $75.00 for parcels North of Lake Drive, $35.00 for parcels South of Lake Drive for maintenance
- Longfield Drive $140.00 per parcel for road maintenance
- Shiawassee Drive $150.00 per parcel for road maintenance
- Locust Grove $75.00 per parcel for road maintenance
- Shared Driveway (Duffield Rd) $10.00 per parcel for road maintenance

The appearance and protest of a property owner or party in interest or agent at the above-referenced public hearing is required to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Such appearance and protest may be made in person at the hearing or by letter addressed to and received by the Township Clerk at 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden, MI 48451 prior to the close of said public hearing. Any appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal must be filed within 30 days after the date the roll is confirmed.

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Joseph Graves, Clerk Argentine Township
Michigan Boy Scouts honor local volunteer

Recognized for exceptional character, distinguished service for council

The Boy Scouts of America’s Michigan Crossroads Council honored local volunteer Dane Bezemek of Davisburg with the Silver Beaver Award, the highest honor the regional organization can bestow, with a ceremony July 29.

The Silver Beaver is intended to recognize Scouts of exceptional character who have provided distinguished service within a council. Candidates for the award must be nominated by fellow volunteers and each council only has a limited allotment they can award each year.

While Bezemek volunteers with troops in the Holly area, fellow scouts said he distinguished himself through giving leadership to the program across Oakland County.

“Dane has been a Scouter for 34 years,” Council Development Director Denver Laabs said during the ceremony. “His many positions have included Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, chartered organization representative, unit commissioner and assistant district commissioner.”

According to Laabs, Bezemek is a lifetime member of the National Eagle

Chair Jennifer Sanker (left), Commissioner Lonny Jonhson, and Beth and Dane Bezemek listen as Denver Laabs, council development director, speaks of Bezemek’s accomplishments.

Councill Vice Chair John Savage convenes the ceremony.

Dane Bezemek and wife, Beth, pose with his award.

Scout Association and also holds the District Award of Merit, Commissioner Key award and the Community Service Award.

Bezemek presently serves as chartered organization representative for three units in the Holly area, Troop 43G, Troop 43B and Pack 43, all of which partner with his Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5587. Bezemek also serves with other Scouters as a member of the Commissioner Corps for Oakland County’s Pontiac-Manito District.

“Dane has provided incredible service to our scouts and to our country being a member of the military, a COR and active commissioner, and helping to lead or monthly roundtable meeting,” said District Commissioner Lonny Johnson.

Laabs and Johnson were present at the Lafayette Grande Banquet Hall in Pontiac to present the award along with Council Vice Chair of Program John Savage, District Chairwoman Jennifer Sanker and District Executive Brandon Kathman.

“Scouting doesn’t go forward without quality volunteers to provide program for the youth,” Johnson said. “That’s my humble opinion; the BSA cannot provide program to youth without the wonderful work and effort from our volunteers.”
Exhibition match for charity features golf greats Nicklaus, Trevino and MSU basketball coach Izzo

The Ally Challenge presented by McLaren announced the return of one of the tournament’s fan-favorite events, the Celebrity Shootout. For 2021, this marquee competition will feature golf’s greatest champion Jack Nicklaus; fellow World Golf Hall-of-Famer Lee Trevino; and NCAA Men’s Basketball title-winning head coach Tom Izzo of Michigan State University.

In the coming weeks, an additional celebrity will be added to create a powerhouse foursome that will play a 9-hole team scramble exhibition match to benefit charity.

The Celebrity Shootout will take place on Saturday, Aug. 28, following the last tournament pairing of round two, and begin on Hole No. 10 at Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club. Additional details, including celebrity pairings and charitable impact, will be announced soon.

No name is more synonymous with greatness in the sport of golf than the name Jack Nicklaus, and no single person has changed the face of the sport more than Jack Nicklaus — the player, the course designer, the businessman, the philanthropist, and the good-will ambassador.

“I look forward to returning to Michigan and the fans at Warwick Hills, and reconnecting with my friends at Ally,” Nicklaus said. “It’s been a couple of years since we did this, but I recall how kind and appreciative the galleries were. Most important, we raised significant money for charity, and hope to do so once again. I don’t play much golf these days, but I am certain we will have a lot of fun. And if I can negotiate eight shots from Lee for the nine holes, we will have even more fun.”

Trevino is arguably one of the best ball-strikers golf has ever seen. A natural performer, the Texas native shaped a very original path to the top of the sport. Entirely self-taught at first, Trevino eventually became the protégé of Hardy Greenwood, owner of Hardy’s Driving Range in Dallas. Working as a caddie and a green keeper to stay close to the game he loved, Trevino’s playing skills matured later than most Hall of Famers.

“I am thrilled to be coming back to Warwick Hills and joining my good friend, Jack Nicklaus,” Trevino said. “We are going to have a great day on Saturday, Aug. 28. It will be fun to be with all the incredible Michigan golf fans.”

Izzo has compiled an impressive list of accomplishments in 26 seasons as head coach of the Michigan State men’s basketball program, including the 2000 NCAA National Championship, nine regular-season Big Ten Championships, six Big Ten Tournament titles, eight Final Four appearances, eight National Coach of the Year awards and a Big Ten-record 23 straight NCAA Tournament appearances. His career record encompasses 643 wins, which is fifth most by any coach in his first 26 seasons in the history of college basketball. In November 2009, he passed his mentor Jud Heathcote (340 wins) to become MSU’s all-time winning coach.

“It’s a great honor to be invited to play in the Celebrity Shootout at The Ally Challenge presented by McLaren with great names in golf like Jack Nicklaus and Lee Trevino, and I’m really looking forward to it,” Izzo said. “The Ally Challenge is a tremendous event in the state of Michigan that will raise funds for charities in the greater Flint area, which has always been close to my heart.”

The Ally Challenge will be one of the premier Regular Season events on PGA TOUR Champions in 2021, which will give way to the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs — a season-ending, three tournament series used to determine the TOUR’s season-long champion.

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Erik Jones will attend Back to the Bricks at ribbon-cutting event Aug. 18 in Flint

Back to the Bricks is excited to announce Michigan native and NASCAR driver Erik Jones is joining this year’s 17th annual festivities. Jones will join Official Grand Marshal Dr. Bobby Mukamala for the 2021 Back to the Bricks Ribbon Cutting events.

The ribbon cutting and presentation will begin at 4 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 18 at Factory One in Flint. After the ribbon is cut, Mukamala and Jones will drive their own cars and lead the way for the Rolling Cruise along with local police municipalities. Their first stop will be the Grand Blanc High School, where they will visit the “Roll on In” event, compliments of the Grand Blanc Chamber. They will then lead the way to the Official Mega Site IINN (Corner of Hemphill and Saginaw) to visit with sponsors, vendors and all the automotive displays.

Jones also will join Back to the Bricks on Friday on the Flat Lot, on the corner of Kearsley and Saginaw streets from 5 to 6:30 p.m. to sign autographs. Wristband lineup begins at 2 p.m. Then Jones will take the stage before the Cruise N Concert for a special announcement.

A Byron native, Jones started racing at the age of 10, running quarter midget races, traveling around Michigan with his family. He earned his first CRA/All Star JEGS Championship in 2011 and then a NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Championship in 2015. With that accomplishment, Jones became the youngest NASCAR champion in that series, at the age of 19 years old, and collected Rookie of the Year honors, which he went on to achieve in consecutive years in all three of NASCAR’s top racing series.

Jones’ first career NASCAR Cup Series victory came in 2018 at the famous Daytona (Florida) International Speedway and he followed that victory up with another special achievement, capturing the checkered flag one year later at Darlington (South Carolina) Raceway, the track appropriately named “Too Tough to Tame.”

More recently, Jones kicked off the 2020 NASCAR Cup Series season with a win in the Busch Clash, an annual invitation-only 75-lap exhibition race at the Daytona International Speedway. In 2021, Jones was invited to partner with NASCAR legend the “King,” Richard Petty, and together they began a quest to bring the famous No. 43 Chevrolet back to victory lane.

Jones will compete with Richard Petty Motorsports (RPM) at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn on Sunday, Aug. 22.

Back to the Bricks organizers are honored to have him take part in the festivities and welcome him on stage for his special announcement.

To learn more about Jones and his racing career, go to ErikJonesRacing.com.

**LOCATIONS**
Factory One: 303 W. Water Street, Flint
Grand Blanc High School: 11920 S. Saginaw St., Grand Blanc
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The press release stated, everyone while indoors in correctional facilities, homeless shelters, public transportation including school buses, and certain health care settings, including doctor’s offices, long-term care, and hospitals MUST wear a well-fitted mask and adhere to guidance from Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) per the CDC guidelines. (This is an MDHHS mandate)

Effective immediately, everyone 5 years of age and older in Genesee County schools should wear a face covering within indoor spaces, unless a county-approved method is used to assure that all people allowed inside have been fully vaccinated.

Children age 2, 3, or 4 years old, while exempt from this official directive, are also recommended to wear a face covering with the assistance and close supervision of an adult while indoors in a school or day care setting.

While not a mandate, this is a strong recommendation and all people are urged to voluntarily comply with this directive. We know that combining masks and vaccines will protect ourselves and our community against this fast-changing virus.

This directive will remain in effect until the health department confirms that the risk of COVID-19 infections for residents has decreased substantially.

Read online the full Indoor Masking Directive here: https://bit.ly/2WTwByB

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renewed Tuesday, Aug. 3 by a vote of 1,470 (66.2%) to 748 (33.7%).

Voters were asked to keep the current millage rate of 20.3746 mills for nine years, from 2021 to 2030. For non-homestead property owners, such as commercial, business, rental properties, this millage request was on the ballot to maintain current tax levels, not to increase them.

The district’s current millage comprises about $2 million of the district’s operating budget. These funds can be used for classroom supplies, staffing, and more resources the district needs to operate.

Linden Community Schools has voters in Genesee and Livingston counties.

For Genesee County, 1,138 voters said yes to the renewal, while 611 voters said no. For Livingston County, 332 voters said yes to the renewal, while 137 voters said no.

Superintendent Russ Ciesielski said, “Linden Community Schools would like to thank the Linden community for their support of the non-homestead millage renewal, and of Linden students.

“This is an exciting time for Linden Community Schools and our students. The support of the non-homestead millage will allow LCS to continue offering opportunities for our students and operate our district in a very efficient manner. Again, thank you.”
North Road traffic slowed due to construction

MDOT doing bridge repairs along U.S. 23

By Hannah Ball

Fenton — Works continues on the U.S. 23 overpass above North Road in Fenton. On Thursday, Aug. 5, workers were out doing repairs and conducting alternate lane closures to keep the traffic away from the construction.

The Silver Lake Road U.S. 23 overpass also is under construction, and work is completed on the Owen Road bridge. These Michigan Department of Transportation projects are part of a $12.3-million investment in Genesee County bridges.

Work is completed on the Lahrng Road bridge, and motorists can now pass over the bridge.

MDOT is replacing the barriers on the outside of the bridge, doing repair work on some of the steel beams underneath, doing deck replacements, repairing the joints on top and more.

(Top) A worker stops eastbound traffic on North Road on Thursday, Aug. 5 while westbound traffic passes. (Below) Silver Lake Road, from the Fenton Township limits east to Poplar Street, is under construction. Photos: Hannah Ball
North of Squaw Lake in Fenton, Mich. sits Heaven’s Half Acre Rescue & Sanctuary (HHARS). HHARS is a safe-haven for animals and an educational resource for animal-lovers. As a rescue and sanctuary, HHARS cares for once-forgotten animals and provides them the support, resources, and love that they need to thrive.

Because HHARS is a nonprofit organization, they rely on sponsorships, donations, and volunteers to continue caring for all animals with an unfortunate history. By becoming a volunteer or sponsor, community members have the opportunity to learn about responsible pet ownership, wildlife rehabilitation, and ways to coexist with nature.

Have you ever wanted to adopt a pig, without actually adopting a pig? HHARS offers a virtual adoption/sponsorship program. Either by visiting the sanctuary on Rolston Road, west of M-23, or visiting the website at https://heavenshalfacrerescue.org, you can virtually adopt your favorite resident from a variety of cats, dogs, pigs, ducks, turkeys, opossums, goats, and more! To show their appreciation toward your donation and sponsorship, HHARS sends you a gift package every three months, as well as personalized updates regarding your adopted resident.

While sponsoring an animal means you won’t have the first-hand responsibility of caring for your favorite resident, it still requires a commitment. Animal adoptions start with a $20 monthly donation. Payments can be made on PayPal or on Venmo at “@heavenshalfacrerescue.” The donation goes toward the supplies, resources and necessities to keep your favorite residents fed, healthy, and happy.

Donations make a world of difference for the volunteers and animals involved at the sanctuary. So, before you toss your mushy apples, stale cereals, or wilted romaine lettuce in the garbage, consider donating to HHARS. The animals love eating apples, carrots, celery, zucchini, and more. As a nonprofit organization, HHARS appreciates each and every generous donation to provide for these animals.

Here’s another way to help HHARS from the comfort of home. Visitors to HHARS’s website at https://heavenshalfacrerescue.org/ will find links to an Amazon Wish List and a Chewy Wish List. Both consist of resources needed to provide for the animals such as cat and dog food, animal toys, pig treats, and more!

For educational opportunities, some of which include getting your hands a little dirty, HHARS offers visitor days that can be arranged allowing individuals to help out with the piglets and various projects around the sanctuary. Email heavenshalfacrerescue@gmail.com to schedule a time and date that works best for you.

Adoption/foster applications can be found on the organization’s website, as well as the opportunity to sign up for a newsletter to get more details on upcoming events and pet advice. For more information on what you can do to help, visit HHARS’s website at https://heavenshalfacrerescue.org/ or their Facebook “@heavenshalfacrerescue.”
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renewal of the operating millage 
Tuesday, Aug. 3. The current assessment 
of 18 mills that voters were asked to 
approve is used to fund a significant 
part of the school district’s operating 
budget. Approximately 16% or 
about $5.8 million of the annual 
budget comes from the 18-mill non- 
homestead tax assessment.

The school district has voters in 
Genesee, Livingston 
and Oakland counties. 
For Genesee County, 923 voters 
said yes, while 491 said no to the renewal. 
For Oakland County, 
109 voters said yes, 
while 76 said no to the renewal. For 
Livingston County, 
562 voters said yes, 
while 275 said no to 
the renewal.

Following the 
results of the election, 
Superintendent Adam Hartley said, 
“On behalf of the FAPS Board of 
Education and all FAPS employees, 
thank you for your support yesterday 
at the polls. FAPS residents approved the 

non-homestead millage renewal. Thank 
you to those voting in this very important 
election for our school community. 
“We are very grateful for the 
support of Fenton Area Public Schools by our amazing community. The renewal of the non-homestead 

millage allows us to continue our focus on providing a quality education 

for our students.

“Fenton Area Public Schools is a 

place to learn, and a great place 
to work, because of 
our strong community 
support.”

Only businesses 
and individuals who 
maintain a second 
residence in the school 
district are subject to 
the tax. When renewed, 
the school district 
will collect 18 mills 
on non-homestead 
property from its local 
governmental units.

The district’s general 

fund is used for a 

variety of items including salaries for 
teachers, bus drivers and 

custodians. General fund dollars also are used for 
teaching and learning materials and 

the overall operation of our facilities.

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**Correction**

In the Wednesday, Aug. 4 article, 
“Five years of heartache,” it was 
inaccurately reported that the 
Bruegers have put in $15,000 of 
their own money to add to the 
Crime Stoppers and ATF reward. 
The Bruegers have put in $6,000 
and the combined reward is now 
$20,000.

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Fenton, Linden football opening seasons at special venues

By David Troppens

When the 2021 prep football season begins, two of the tri-county area teams will be starting their seasons with big venue contests.

For the second time in five seasons, the Fenton varsity football team is scheduled to begin its season with a contest at The University of Michigan Stadium. Meanwhile, the Linden varsity football team will open its season by playing one of the four games over two days being played in the fourth-annual Vehicle Gridiron Classic at Kettering University’s Atwood Stadium.

The last time the Tigers played at Michigan Stadium was in 2017 when Fenton opened the season with a game at “The Big House” against the Ortonville-Brandon Blackhawks. The Tigers won the contest 46-21, racking up 572 yards total offense, including 431 through the air. Fenton

Linden’s Mickel Spencer prepared to start professional boxing career as part of Pacquiao-Spence card

Spencer’s first fight is Aug. 21 in Las Vegas

By David Troppens

Holly — Mickel Spencer has been boxing most of his life.

He’s watched his older brother, Joey Spencer, have success in his first 13 bouts while he trained, waiting for his time in the limelight.

While still only 17 years old, Mickel Spencer will be getting that chance soon.

Spencer will be making his professional boxing debut Aug. 21 in Las Vegas as part of the undercard of the highly anticipated Manny Pacquiao vs. Errol Spence Jr. fight.

“It feels very good,” Spencer said about the start of his professional career. “I’ve been working a really long time. Since I was 12. ... Now, I’m getting it done and I’m excited about that.”

Spencer is only 17, but a boxer can compete professionally in Las Vegas at that age. Spencer will compete at 135 pounds in the lightweight division. Spencer spent a good chunk of Wednesday preparing for his first bout at his training facility, the Ultimate Athlete Performance Training facilities.

“I’ve been expecting it for a long time and I’ve been focusing on it,” Spencer said. “It’s more of a relief that it’s happening now than anything.”

Spencer announced about his first fight on his Facebook page Thursday.

“I’m happy to announce my pay per view is coming on Aug. 21st on Pacquiao-Spence in Las Vegas, Nevada,” Spencer said. “I’ve been working really hard for a really long time, and to be able to do it at 17 is just a blessing.”

COVID-19 has impacted Spencer’s time in the ring. He hasn’t been able to fight competitively for about 18 months, limiting the chances of competing in amateur events.

“It’s made me very anxious to fight,” Spencer said. “I don’t think (it will impact my professional career). I’ve been having good train-
Joey Spencer deals with broken hand between fights, maturing as a fighter

By David Troppens

Before July 31, the last time Joey Spencer entered a boxing ring for a professional fight was January 30 of this year — about six months ago.

In between his knock out victory of Isiah Seldon (January 30) and his eight-round unanimous decision victory against James Martin, Spencer has had his ups and downs during training.

The first issue he had to deal with was breaking his right hand, which was the primary reason for the long period in between fights.

“After my last fight I got in the gym and had a quick turnaround,” Spencer said. “I had a bad shot to the top of a head and it broke. I didn’t know how bad it was going to be and then I had an X-Ray done and found it out was broken pretty bad. I had pins in it and it ended up being a bad deal. It ended up being for the best and I was happy with the way the recovery went and I got back at it.”

He had another issue about two weeks ago.

“I was sick two weeks ago,” Spencer said.

But it all worked out just fine. “It wasn’t the best camp but God put me through it and because of the work we put in the past, ... I was able to go eight rounds with a tough guy like that.”

The broken right hand may have changed Spencer’s boxing style a bit as he may have used his left more frequently than in the past.

“I think the broken hand definitely was part of it,” Spencer said. “It worked really well. ... During my training camp I was mainly healed but I had a huge pad on it. It made my right hand really heavy and my shoulder sore.”

Getting used to the television, the crowd and social media

Spencer said as he’s gotten older (he’s still only 21) that he’s maturing mentally when it comes to dealing with the outside forces that really have nothing to do with his performance in the ring.

“When I was 19, the first thing I’d turn to is read the comments on Instagram and see what people said about my performance and what they thought

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Wednesday Night

CROSS COUNTRY RACES

at the Park

Here are 1/2-mile results from the final Wednesday Night Races at the Park event held at Linden County Park on July 21. The four races brought more than 240 entrants in the four different races held each night — the 1/2-mile, one-mile, two-mile and three-mile events. The popular running event is done for the season.

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Tigers’ bats erupt in ninth inning in 2001 verdict against Texas Rangers, 19-6

**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 actual date of our current publication.

Aug. 8, 2001
Detroit 19, Texas 6

**Network/Announcers:** We finally have our hometown announcers for a game. Ernie Harwell and Jim Price are doing the game on the radio.

**Background:** The Tigers weren’t a good team in 2001. Their strength was supposed to be the team’s offense but at this point of the season, that wasn’t even working. Just recently, the Tigers had played five straight contests, scoring a run in each. Their most recent game was a 7-3 victory the night before, but the Tigers’ offensive woes were still fresh in everyone’s minds.

**Game summary:** Who remembers Nate Cornejo? He made his Major League debut in this contest and lasted just three innings, allowing six runs. Entering the game, his debut was much of the talk surrounding the contests.

Early on, both teams were hitting. Texas scored three runs on four hits in the bottom of the first inning, taking a 3-1 lead. Later, Robert Fick hit a solo shot in the third, Randall Simon hit a solo shot and Damion Easley hit a two-run home run to help the Tigers tie the game at 6-all in the top of the fifth. It stayed 6-6 until Detroit’s ninth.

The Tigers’ ninth started with Fick being hit by a pitch and Bobby Higginson hitting a double. Tony Clark was intentionally walked, loading the bases. Randall Simon responded with a bases-clearing triple, giving Detroit a 9-6 lead. That was just the start.

Shane Halter hit an RBI-double and Deivi Cruz followed with a two-run home run, raising the lead to 13-6. The home run chased Mike Venafro out of the game in favor of Brandon Villafuere, but he didn’t do much better. Cedeno reached base on an infield single and then Jose Macias grounded into the first out of the inning. The Rangers’ fans gave out a mock applause.

Ryan Jackson pinch hit and hit an RBI-single and Wendell Magee walked to reload the bases. Simon followed with an RBI-single and Shane Halter followed with a four-run grand slam home run. The Tigers led 19-6 and had scored 13 runs in the inning.

“I can’t believe this,” Price said. “This is unbelievable.”

“The Ranger faithful aren’t too faithful any more,” Harwell mentioned.

**Damion Easley:** Easley had the game of his life in this contest. He finished going 6-for-6. He drove in three runs and scored three runs. It was the last time someone has gone at least 6-for-6 in a Detroit uniform since Cesar Gutierrez went 7-for-7 against the Cleveland Indians on June 27, 1970.

Easley had some interesting things happen to him in 2001. He hit for the cycle and helped the Tigers turn a triple play during the season as well.

**Nate Cornejo:** Cornejo would go on to start nine more games during the season, and he struggled during most of them. He was still considered a solid prospect after posting a 7.38 earned run average. Cornejo spent parts of four seasons with the Tigers, but only posted a 12-29 career record with a 5.41 earned run average.

**A new record:** At the time the Tigers broke the club record by collecting 11 hits in the ninth inning.

**So what happened next?** The Tigers’ offense went into the deep freeze once again as Detroit lost its next five games, being outscored 31-12.

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In the down period that followed the Tigers’ offensive outburst, they were outscored straight contests, scoring a run in each.

Of course there will always be people making comparisons of the two professional boxing brothers. Spencer said that they are two completely different people with different styles.

“Me and Joey are completely different people. He likes hunting and fishing and I really don’t like those things,” Spencer said. “I like playing sports — basketball — things like that. I’m extroverted. I like being around people, playing video games and being at the church.”

When asked about his goal in his first fight, Spencer had two quick words he said.

“Knock out,” Spencer said. “I want to see my power translate.”

The bout won’t be shown as part of the pay per view at this time. Spencer is thrilled to be part of the card.

“I can’t wait to see the fight,” Spencer said. “Pacquiao is my favorite fighter and I want to see the fight. Spence is crazy, too.”

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Photo: David Troppens

Linden’s Mickel Spencer, 17, will begin his professional boxing career on Aug. 21.
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will play Midland Dow at noon on Fri-
day, Aug. 27.
“You get the kids’ attention right away,” Fenton varsity football coach Jeff Setzke said about scheduling the team’s season opening game at Michigan Stadium. “It will be so cool to have a football game with the students there. We didn’t have a homecoming game last year. There hasn’t been a parade for two years. Things like that are part of your high school experience, so having a game like this is neat to do.”

The Tigers were outstanding during their first trip, particularly on offense. Josh Czarnotta completed 16-of-23 passes for 431 yards and five touchdowns. Chanse Setzke caught nine passes for 266 yards and four TDs. The game was tied at 14-all until Spencer Rivera had TD runs of 23 yards and 58 yards on his first two carries of the season, giving the Tigers a 26-14 lead with 9:11 left in the third quarter.

The Tigers’ staff also has the added experience of coaching a game at the stadium.

“The stadium is so cavernous,” Jeff Setzke said. “Communication is a problem there. ... We will have all of the pre-game time we want being the first game, but when the game is over we can’t go back to the locker room.”

Fenton has made it a little bit of a tradition to have special first games. The Tigers have also played in the Vehicle City Classic and Grand Valley State University.

Tri-county fans should be able to make it to both games. Linden plays at Atwood Stadium Aug. 27 at 7:30 p.m. against Pontiac Notre Dame Prep. The Linden game will be the final of the four contests played over two days. The Linden Eagles are veterans to the Vehicle City Classic themselves, playing at Atwood Stadium in their opener of the 2017 season. The Eagles faced Flushing, and earned a thrilling 27-22 victory against their Flint Metro League foes.

Quarterback George Walterhouse threw a 19-yard TD pass to Corbin Sines with 4:10 remaining in regulation to earn Linden the go-ahead score. The Raiders had a chance to retake the lead, but the Eagles stopped Flushing on a fourth-down play.

“It’s nice to go to a place like Atwood with it’s great tradition,” Linden varsity football coach Denny Hopkins said. “At one time it was the top place around, and then it kind of went to the wayside. However, Kettering took over and now it’s gorgeous out there. It’s very nice.”

There will be a large Flint Metro League feel to the two days of games. On Aug. 26, Goodrich plays Frankenmuth at 4 p.m. followed by Flushing facing Powers at 7:30 p.m.

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about my career,” Spencer said. “Now I realize everyone has an opinion and everyone has a different opinion, so there’s no way to please everybody.

“All I need is God’s glory and making my family happy. As long as I do those two things, I don’t need the admiration of anybody. I’m thankful to God I was taught that so young.”

As opposed to recent matches, there was a full capacity crowd at New Jersey’s The Prudential Center Saturday night. And, of course, the bout was broadcast on FOX.

“The arena was almost full because they wanted to see the rematch (Martin initially was supposed to fight a rematch against prospect Vito Mielnicki Jr.),” Spencer said. “I wasn’t affected by the crowd as I have been in the past time. Last time I got tired because I was so focused on the crowd and everyone’s eyes were on me and I was wondering what everyone was thinking. But now what I pray for is to focus on my opponent and not the crowd, and I’m able to do that.”
Two residents headed to water ski nationals

■ One Byron resident has won state competition 25 times

By Hannah Ball

Two local residents are preparing to compete at the GOODE Water Ski National Championships from Aug. 8-14 in Wilmington, Illinois.

Doug Rooker, who lives on Bennett Lake, will compete in the slalom men’s six division, and Byron resident Mark Johnson, 50, who grew up on Lobdell Lake, will compete in the slalom men’s four division.

They’re best friends who have water-skied together for decades. They qualified by competing in previous tournaments. Both Johnson and Rooker came in first in their divisions at the Michigan 3 Event State Championships on July 24 near Grand Rapids. At the Liquid Edge Midwest Regional Water Ski Championships in Illinois from July 30-Aug. 1, Johnson came in first in his division and Rooker placed second.

Rooker, who started waterskiing at age 6, isn’t sure how many times he’s won his division at regionals.

“I’ve made it to the podium for regionals about eight or nine times,” he said. In 2019, he won first at regionals, and that year was the first year he made it to the podium at nationals, when he won fifth. They did not compete in 2020 due to the pandemic.

“It was exciting. It gets to be quite rigorous and quite the rat race this time of the season. You’re grinding out your practices and preparing for tournaments. It’s a passion,” he said.

The slalom event involves skiing around six buoys while being pulled by a speedboat with a 75-foot rope. When skiers complete a pass, the rope is shortened. Scores are calculated based on how short the rope is and how many buoys they can clear. The world record

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She was transported to the Oakland County Jail.

Victims of the carjacking and home invasion were not injured. Victims of the car crashes sustained non-life threatening injuries.

At 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 3, Michigan State Police troopers and Holly police officers responded to E. Maple in Holly Township on a report of a barricaded gunman. This was the result of a pursuit of a car-jacking suspect. The suspect ran into a home.

MSP asked residents in the area to shelter in place.

At 10:30 p.m., MSP announced via its Twitter page that its preliminary investigation revealed a male suspect and a female suspect were observed in a stolen Honda Pilot by a tipster who called 911. The caller reported seeing the vehicle enter a rest area before E. Holly Road on northbound I-75.

Troopers responded and attempted a traffic stop, however, the suspects fled. Troopers pursued the vehicle to the E. Holly Road exit. The suspect continued at a high rate of speed and troopers lost sight of the van.

As the troopers continued on E. Holly Road, they observed a vehicle with crash damage along the side of the road. Farther up the road was a second crashed vehicle and the stolen Honda Pilot in the front yard of a home. E. Holly Road turns into E. Maple Street at Falk Road.

The drivers of the other two vehicles had non-life threatening injuries and were transported out of the area. The suspects were observed by troopers running into an occupied home. The homeowners were released unharmed.

MSP’s Emergency Services Team created a perimeter around the home. MSP aviation also responded to the area. Homes near the area were evacuated.

At approximately 11:30 p.m., MSP announced that troopers were continuing to negotiate with the suspect and that Holly Village residents may have heard a bang earlier. The area remained secure.

Holladay surrendered and was taken into police custody. The male suspect fired shots at law enforcement, yet remained in the house. Troopers continued trying to make contact with him and residents were asked to remain in their homes.

Just after 12:30 a.m., MSP announced that after no response from Lanham, a bomb squad robot was sent into the home and located the male suspect dead from a gunshot wound.

The Third District Incident Response Team will be handling the investigation.

As of 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 4, E. Holly Road/E. Maple Street was closed for continued investigation.

**Reported carjacking that led to the barricaded gunman situation**

Monroe County Sheriff Troy Goodnough reported a carjacking that occurred Tuesday, Aug. 3, at approximately 2:15 p.m. at the Quality Inn located at 1225 N. Dixie Hwy. in Frenchtown Township, Monroe County.

The initial investigation revealed that the victim was in the parking lot of the Quality Inn with her two young grandchildren, loading her vehicle when she was approached by a man and a woman. The man displayed a handgun and demanded the car. The man and woman got into the vehicle and fled. The stolen vehicle was last seen entering northbound I-75.

The victim is a 55-year-old woman visiting from Alabama. Her grandchildren are 11 and 7 years old. No one was injured in the carjacking.

The stolen vehicle was a gray 2008 Honda Pilot, with an Alabama Crimson Tide personalized license plate.

Detectives were seeking the location of two people of interest: Michelle Holladay, 40 and William Lanham, 39, who were both considered to be armed and dangerous. Police did not release the hometowns of the suspects.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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**BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS**

**AUGUST 2, 2021**

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday August 2, 2021 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan, and took the following actions.

1. Trusted Goupil offered the opening prayer.
2. Clerk Krug led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
3. Appointed Clerk Krug as temporary chairman.
4. Approved the agenda as presented.
5. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of $798,555.53.
6. After conducting a public hearing on same, adopted Resolution No. 2021-16, creating the Enid Boulevard Special Assessment District.
7. Approved the hiring of Monica McAlistor for a full-time clerical position.
8. Approved the hiring of Tate Hall as a member of the Fenton Township Fire Department.
9. Postponed action on an offer to purchase tax-reverted property owned by Fenton Township.
10. Adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and are available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

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**Word Search**

**MAKE THE GRADE**

**AVERAGE, CLASSROOM, COURSE, EDUCATION, EXAM, FAIL, GOALS, GRADES, GRADUATE, HOMEWORK, KNOWLEDGE, LEARNING, MEMORIZE, PASS, PROFESSOR, QUIZ, RANKING, REMEMBER, REPORT, RETAIN, SCHOOL, SUPPLIES, SYLLABUS, TRAJECTORY**

Answers in this edition of the Tri-County Times
WATER SKI
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is 43 feet “off,” which refers to how many feet the rope is shortened.
Rooker can go usually 38 feet off, and he said he used to be able to do 39 feet off.
“Mark has been crushing it this year,” Rooker said. Johnson, who’s won his state division 25 times, can clear buoys at 39 and a half feet off.
The two have been waterskiing partners since the early 1990s. Rooker said it’s important to have someone reliable to pull the boat.
“We’re best friends. There’s no doubt about it. It’s a passion we share. We understand each other perfectly,” Johnson said. Both gave credit to Chris O’Connell, a well-known waterskier in the area who mentors them in the sport.
“I just love the water,” Rooker said, adding he was a competitive swimmer in high school and he also scuba dives. “I just love lake living and being on the water.”
He had an uncle who was into water skiing. When Rooker was a kid, they couldn’t find skis that fit him, so he wore tennis shoes in the bindings. Now, his daughter is into the sport as well. His best pass was 39 and a half off. In 2020, they were able to ski on Lobdell Lake in every month of the year. In the winter, they break the ice near the boat launch to make it melt faster. In the summer, they practice three to four times a week, weather permitting. It’s been harder this year with the rain. They thanked Jason Kenyon, owner of Tivoli Gardens Water Ski Club, where they do most of their practices. With nationals coming up, Rooker said he’s nervous like any other competitor.

Mark Johnson of Byron will compete at the GOODE Water Ski National Championships nationals this week in slalom water skiing. Along with skiing, he’s also well known for driving the boat for other skiers. He’s driven for pro events multiple times. Submitted photo

Mark Johnson is seeded fourth and Rooker is seeded sixth. Seedings are based on tournament scores, and the people placed highest compete last.
“I’m the sixth seed this year in my division right now. Ideally, I would certainly like to at least match my seeding and come in sixth, but I’d like to make it to the podium like I did in 2019. It’s kind of a hard, long, arduous journey. I’m optimistic,” Rooker said. Rooker would like to thank MasterCraft and Action Water Sports for making him a member of the MasterCraft Promo Program.
“I certainly have to thank my wife, Karen, and my family for being so patient and going to tournaments. Without their support and understanding, I certainly wouldn’t be doing this,” Rooker said.
He added that Johnson has a good chance of winning first this year at nationals.
Johnson, who’s water skied since he was a teenager, said regionals was a “fantastic weekend,” but it was also stressful. It was the first time he was the number one seeded skier in his division at regionals, so he watched everyone else compete before him. He said making passes was an “extraordinary feeling.”
“It was so emotional to do,” he said. “It was very gratifying. A lot of hard work.”
His best pass was 39 and a half off with one and a half buoys cleared. With the boat going 65 mph, one pass takes about 16 to 17 seconds.
“I feel pretty good about my chances to at least place (at nationals) going up against some of the best talent in the county,” he said. “You’re going up against the best of the best. These guys are all fantastic skiers. It takes a little bit of luck. I think we’re all pretty closely matched this year. I’m excited for the opportunity to compete. It’s an honor.”
Johnson is sponsored by GOODE Water Skis.

Weekend Scrambler
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Answers in this edition of the Tri-County Times
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Weekend Crossword

PUZZLE CLUE:
HIDDEN STAIRS

1. Acrostic in the newspaper
2. Madam's name in the novel
3. Neighbor of Colin
4. Al address
5. Scotch isle
6. Pop music of Jamaica
7. Quits
8. Eyelashes, anatomically
9. Give the boot
10. Awareness
11. Pre-91 world
12. Keen insight
13. Lumber tool
14. High ethical standards
15. Encourage
16. Court excuse
17. — Park
18. Jed
19. Clipper
20. Impulses
21. Make
22. Obscure
23. Pooh creator
24. Put up —
25. Undergoes oxidation
26. TV's Turner
27. On the job
28. “POV” aimer
29. “Behold,”
30. “For sure!”
31. “FORE” for four
32. Pizza place
33. Slang term
34. The Big Apple
35. Small
36. Indian chef
37. “Duh!”
38. Movie director
39. “She-ne”
40. “Boo!”
41. Crossword
42. Quaint
43. “That’s what she said!”
44. “Duh”
45. Slang term
46. Movie director
47. “You’re on!”
48. “I need gas!”
49. “Keep going!”
50. “I’m alive!”
51. “I’m home!”

Solution Time: 23 min.

Puzzle Answers

Midweek Sudoku, Crossword Puzzle and Jumbles are located in the last Midweek’s issue. All other puzzles are located throughout this edition of the Tri-County Times.

Puzzle Answers

Read then Recycle

Midweek Jumble Answers:
OZONE, FLUFF, RUNNER, ONWARD
Answer: When each of them hit onto the next fairway, the golfers were — “FORE” for four

Weekend Scramble Answers:
TRIFLE, TURN, SOBER, TINGLE
Answer: SINGLE
BRITNEY
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Keep in mind that conservatorships are generally not used for people who are capable of making millions of dollars a year. But when you think about how her father has been paid at least $5 million before taxes since February 2008 from the conservatorship, it’s obvious why he’s fighting to keep it in place.

Britney has expressed multiple times that she’s afraid of her father and she doesn’t want him to be part of her conservatorship. In 2019, Jamie Spears stepped down as conservator as her person. He’s still co-conservator of her estate. For a time, Bessemer Trust was the other co-conservator, but they requested to withdraw because they thought the conservatorship was “voluntary.”

Her longtime court-appointment attorney, Samuel Ingham III, requested to resign from the conservatorship in early July. It’s obvious he never had her best interest in mind. Britney revealed that he never told her that she could petition to end the conservatorship. She thought she’d never get out of it.

A judge allowed Britney to hire her own lawyer, and now Mathew S. Rosengart is her attorney. Fans, including myself, have more hope. They’ve filed a petition to remove her father as conservator, a move that her medical team supports.

It all makes me so sad and angry for her. Her family and team have taken advantage of her for 13 years, and I really hate to see an amazing pop star, or any human being, in this type of situation.

#FreeBritney

Legislative Initiative Petition 1: Repeal one of two state emergency powers laws
To approve an "initiated law" that would repeal one of the two Michigan statutes that authorize a governor to assume extraordinary powers during an emergency, including statewide “lockdowns” like those ordered under the 2020 coronavirus pandemic. Enacted in 1945, this law places no limit on the duration of a declared emergency. The state’s other emergency powers law adopted in 1976 puts a 28 day deadline on a governor’s assumption of emergency powers, with legislative approval required for any extensions. Approval by the governor is not required for an initiated law approved by both the House and Senate. The Senate approved the proposal a week earlier, which means with this vote the 1945 law is officially repealed.

Repealed 60 to 48 in the House
Rep. Bob Bezotte (R-Dist. 47) YES
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) YES

House Bill 4788: Authorize village term limit initiatives
To authorize voter initiatives to place term limits on elected officials of "general law" villages. A petition signed by 10% of registered voters would place a measure on the local ballot limiting future elected officials to four two-year terms or two four-year terms.

Passed 59 to 49 in the House
Rep. Bob Bezotte (R-Dist. 47) YES
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) YES

House Bill 4305: Repeal mandate on campaigns to report fundraiser turnout
To repeal a provision in the state campaign finance disclosure law, which mandates that campaign fundraising committees must disclose to regulators the turnout at each fund-raising event.

Passed 103 to 5 in the House
Rep. Bob Bezotte (R-Dist. 47) YES
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Print Answer Here

To play the game, put them back into the right order so that they all make real words you can find in the dictionary. Write the letters of each real word under each crazy word, but only one letter to a square.

Now you’re ready to solve today’s Jumble for Kids. Study the picture for a hint. Play around with the letters in the circles. You’ll find you can put them in order so that they make your funny answer.

Print Answer Here
Ardis Joan Stewart 1936-2021

Ardis Joan Stewart - age 84, of Fenton, passed into Heaven on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at home surrounded by her sisters, Barbara and Berneice and two of her nieces. Services will be held 11 AM Thursday, August 5, 2021 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1025 Main St., Fenton, with Pastor Peter Ahlersmeyer. Internment will follow at Flint Memorial Park. Visitation will be held 10 - 11AM Thursday at the church. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to Trinity Lutheran Church Debt Reduction Fund. Ardis was born August 16, 1936 in Davison, the daughter of Warren and Edna Peters. Ardie grew up on Peters Farm on Black River Rd., Cheboygan. Later, moved to Flint where she had a brief career at Bell Telephone, then retired from GM Parts Plant in 1993 after 30 years. Ardie was active playing golf, sailing her boat, driving her MGB sports car and traveling the United States. Ardie was instrumental in making the Franklin Avenue Mission a success, helping feed the hungry in the neighborhood. She also helped make the land around the Franklin Avenue Mission A more attractive environment by helping the Flint Land Bank clear trash in the area. She was a member of the Grand Blanc Sports Car Club. She leaves behind two sisters, Barbara (Chuck) Eckert of Flint and Berneice (Vic) Thomas of Tampa, FL; step-daughter, Debra Stewart of Dearborn; nieces, Laurie (Mike) Martin of Fenton, Shari (Martin) Miller of Grand Blanc; Kerri (Michael) Lane, Sundae (Ryan) Ford; and Mary Eckert of Flint; nephew, James Polk of FL; several great-nieces and great-nephews who also loved her dearly. She was preceded in death by her nieces. She will be preceded in death by her sister, Sharon Hogan; two nephews, Charles Eckert, Jr. of Flint and Buddy Polk of Colorado. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton, MI 48430. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

David John “Jack” Bretzke 1929-2021

David John “Jack” Bretzke - age 90, of Fenton, died Thursday, September 3, 2020. A Memorial Service will be held 11 AM, Saturday, August 14, 2021 at St. Jude’s Episcopal Church, 106 E. Elizabeth Street, Fenton. Jack was born October 3, 1929 in Flint, the son of Paul Julius and Eva Maude (Stillwell) Bretzke. He married Rita M. Leggett on July 28, 1951 in Pontiac. Jack retired from Fenton Public Schools in 1985 as the Supervisor of Facilities. He was a member of St. Jude Episcopal Church and managed F.A.R.R. Thrift Store. He loved to travel, work with stained glass and fish. Surviving are wife, Rita of Fenton; son, James Bretzke of Flint; daughter, Wanda (Richard) Spangler of Lancaster, PA; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Ernest, Max and Edward Bretzke; and sister, Ruth Barton. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton, MI 48430. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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Military training exercise shuts down M-32

On Aug. 5, the Michigan National Guard conducted training exercises on M-32 near Alpena, landing aircraft on the roadway and taking off again. Photos: MDOT

Michigan Air National Guard practices landing aircraft on closed-off highway near Alpena

By Sharon Stone

The U.S. Air Force took its aircraft out onto highways across the nation for an exercise. According to thedrive.com, a destination for news, features, reviews and guides about modern automotive culture, A-10 Warthogs operated from a U.S. highway for the first time, including M-32 near Alpena.

The Drive’s Thomas Newdick reports that four A-10 Warthog attack aircraft and two C-146A Wolfhound special operations transports took part in the road-landing drill, which is part of the wider Exercise Northern Strike. The highway deployment reflects the ever-increasing importance of dispersed operations for the U.S. military, including as part of the Air Force’s Agile Combat Employment (ACE) initiative.

The highway exercise on M-32 took place Aug. 5 and was run by the Michigan Air National Guard, with the help of Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). A section of M-32 was closed for five hours as the A-10s and C-146s touched down. The highway drills were conducted by the Michigan Air National Guard’s 127th Wing, which flies A-10Cs from Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

According to the article, the section of M-32 was chosen because of its proximity to the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center.

HISTORY

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1961: Shortly after midnight, East German soldiers began laying down barbed wire and bricks as a barrier between Soviet-controlled East Berlin and the democratic western section of the city. After World War II, defeated Germany was divided into Soviet, American, British and French zones of occupation. The city of Berlin, though technically part of the Soviet zone, was also split, with the Soviets taking the eastern part of the city. After a massive Allied airlift in June 1948foiled a Soviet attempt to blockade West Berlin, the eastern section was drawn even more tightly into the Soviet fold. Over the next 12 years, cut off from its western counterpart and basically reduced to a Soviet satellite, East Germany saw between 2.5 million and 3 million of its citizens head to West Germany in search of better opportunities.

AUG. 14

1945: In what later became known as Victory Day, an official announcement of Japan’s unconditional surrender to the Allies is made public to the world on August 14, 1945. Even though Japan’s War Council, urged by Emperor Hirohito, had already submitted a formal declaration of surrender to the Allies, via ambassadors, on Aug. 10, fighting continued between the Japanese and the Soviets in Manchuria and between the Japanese and the United States in the South Pacific. In fact, two days after the Council agreed to surrender, a Japanese submarine attacked the Oak Hill, an American landing ship, and the Thomas F. Nickel, an American destroyer, both east of Okinawa.

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