Son's disappearance 'horrible for all of us'

Reward offered for information on Noah Kerridge, a Linden graduate, missing since April 19

By Sharon Stone

months since family has seen Noah Kerridge, 20, of Linden and Waterford.

Sarah Whitson, the mother Aug. 14 will mark four of Noah Kerridge, said they are still searching for him. The 2019 graduate of Linden High School was last seen Monday, April 19



Noah Kerridge

at approximately 4:50 p.m. His mother said he's not responding to his phone and no one has reported seeing him. He told his father, Keith Kerridge, he was going for a walk but never returned home and his cell phone was turned off.

Kerridge had been living with his

father in Waterford for about a year prior to his disappearance. He is 6-feet, 4-inchestall, is approximately 185 pounds and has long brown hair and blue eyes. He ran cross country and was on the robotics team for a short time at Linden High School.

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Carjacking suspect held on \$1 million bond

■Her alleged male accomplice found dead in Holly Township home after standoff with police



By Sharon Stone

Michelle Anne Holladay, 40, is being held in the Monroe County Jail on \$1 million bond. She was charged with a

Michelle Anne Holladay

Tuesday, Aug. 3 carjacking in Monroe County

and was taken into custody in Holly Township later that night.

Holladay and William Lanham, 39, allegedly carjacked a Honda See SUSPECT on 8



Millpond weeds

Garrett Ruff and Garrison. 7, of Mundy Township, fish at the Linden Milloond on Tuesday, Aug. 10. More and more residents are expressing concerns over the weeds and algae in the water. See story on Page 2, Photo: Hannah Ball

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SERIES

Linden students return Aug. 23

■District supports GCHD recommendations but will not require vaccines or face masks

By Sharon Stone

Administrators and school boards are finalizing their policies and safety guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The goal is to follow the ever changing



Russ Ciesielski

guidelines issued by the Genesee County Health Department (GCHD), the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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Loving the amazing farmer stands all over selling locally grown, fresh

off the vine produce. How can you not stop and grab some? What a way to support a local business."

You can't get there

from here. Every day on my commute is an adventure with so many road closures and orange cones. I've been down some back roads that I never knew existed.³



tree for those from Holly in the military is a nice tradition.

My thoughts and thanks go out to these men and women. Perhaps other cities should follow suit as it serves as a reminder to all of us about the services and sacrifices."

U.S. 23 ramps closed at Silver Lake, North and Torrey roads Public Transportation does bridge

By Hannah Ball

The U.S. 23 ramps at Silver Lake Road, North Road and Torrey Road are closed beginning Monday, Aug. 9 while the Michigan Department of

demolition work. The public can also expect overnight closures on Silver Lake Road and North Road. See RAMPS on 8

Section of Ripley Road to close

Canadian National Railway will work on railroad upgrades

By Hannah Ball

A section of Ripley Road will be closed Tuesday, Aug. 17 to Friday, Aug. 20 while Canadian National Railway completes upgrades on the railroad crossing.

The city of Linden made the announcement on Facebook on Monday, Aug. 9. The road closure is between Rolston Road and Saddlebrook Drive.

The post states, "This section of Ripley Road will be a complete closure for those four days. Only local traffic will be allowed for residences within the affected area. Thank you for your cooperation!"

Council discuses weed control for millpond

Councilors, residents and weed control experts talk about lack of fish and native plants in Linden Millpond

By Hannah Ball

Linden—The Linden Millpond has a weed problem.

That was the consensus at the Monday, Aug. 9 Linden City Council meeting. Numerous residents were in attendance to voice concerns and complaints about the state of the millpond. These concerns were echoed by the council. City Manager Ellen Glass said in 2012, the city attempted a special assessment for the millpond. Concerns over the weeds have been growing in recent years.

Glass invited Nick Brookshire, manager of Aquatic Nuisance Plant Control, to discuss the possibility of paying for weed control to kill the invasive species and weeds in the millpond. This company handles weed control on Byram Lake and the Fenton Millpond.

"I'm sure you guys have all the invasives that everyone else has

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THE STATE BANK Fenton, Michigan

FARMERS STATE BANK OF MUNITH Munith, Michigan around here," he said. The flow of water spreads the invasive plants more.

For a job of this caliber, they would use contact herbicides and do two treatments per year for weeds and then a midseason algae treatment.

"That is what we find is the best control for these invasive weeds and also your algae," he said.

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Heather

MacDermaid

Linden councilor

The two main invasive species they treat in the Fenton Millpond are Eurasian millfoil and curl leaf pondweed. They do harvesting in the millpond after the Fourth of July. When communities choose to harvest instead of using chemicals, the little fragments of weeds left over from harvesting can spread and root.

"In the long run, you're just making the problem worse," Brookshire said.

When contact herbicides are used, there's a swimming restriction of 24 hours as a safety precaution as well as a three to five day restriction on irrigation. They put up treatment posters with this information. "In the 11 years that I've been doing this, I've never had any incidents or people getting sick or anything like that from treatment," he said.

One treatment would be around Memorial Day, but it depends on the weather. If the winter isn't cold enough to kill the weeds, they come earlier. They would do an algae treatment around the Fourth of July and then the second treatment at the end of July or early August. They don't charge for the algae treatment.

One resident said at one location, the lily pads almost completely choke off the access. If it weren't for the motor boats, there would be no access.

Another resident said within the last year, he's witnessed two people out of their kayaks due to the overgrowth. Safety is becoming an issue. He also asked about wildlife.

Brookshire said these chemicals have been found to be safe and are approved by the Environmental Protection Agency. Treating the river will be different compared to treating lakes because the river is always flowing. They would use Clipper Herbicide on the millpond. It's a fast-acting contact herbicide that quickly attaches to plants and can kill multiple invasive species.

Another resident said, "The fish seem to have gone this year. I don't know where they went. I used to be able to catch bass and everything off like that."

He asked if the ecosystem will come back once the weeds are gone.

Brookshire said the millpond doesn't have a good native plant base.

"What we have noticed is when you get rid of those invasives after a few years, you start seeing more natives, more native plants.

That's a sign of a healthy ecosystem," he said.

Councilor Pam Howd, a biologist for the state of Michigan, mentioned multiple reasons for the weed treatment, such as wildlife.

"We don't have wildlife. We did a few years ago, but the ducks have virtually vacated and then water quality itself suffers because the invasives choke the oxygen out of the water. That's why you don't have fish because they have nothing to breathe."

This also means the native plants don't have oxygen, so they can't grow and replenish.

"People come here to kayak and enjoy our parks...and I see the pond and it's very disheartening," she said, adding that the weeds will hurt the dam mechanics, too.

Councilor Heather MacDermaid, who lives on the river, said. "We've been trying to get this done for years, and in the years that I've lived here, it's gotten worse and worse and worse."

It's not only people living on the millpond who use it anymore.

"This has become a place to go," she said, adding that the millpond is disgusting now. "I'd really like to see it taken care of."

Brookshire said it's too late in the season to treat it this year. He did not provide council with a quote. The council has not decided how to pay for any treatments.

Linden might join statewide mutual aid program

By Hannah Ball

Linden — Linden City Council is considering joining a statewide mutual aid program that shares wastewater and public works resources in times of emergencies.

The Michigan Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (WARN) is a conglomeration of 52 public works agencies across the state that have agreed to share resources and assist each other in the form of personnel, equipment, material and supplies in the event of emergencies that disrupt utility services.

WARN is recognized by the Michigan State Police as a National Incident Management System first responder.

Linden would be the 53rd community to join.

Thomas Trice, interim public works director, said, "If we need aid, we can ask for it. If somebody else needs aid, they can ask us for it. It allows us to provide aid if we can." He gave a presentation on the program to council Monday, Aug. 9.

In a letter to the council, he detailed how in May of this year, several communities from Genesee, west Oakland and Livingston counties met and discussed providing mutual aid in the area of public works.

"As first responders to incidents that require immediate action and, many times, specialized or multiple pieces of

equipment to clear the issue or provide a safe environment, first responding public works departments rely on their surrounding communities to help until they get control of the situation and can provide the necessary contractors to do the work." Trice

wrote. "Major storms, tor-

nadoes, flooding, water and sewer supply interruptions, blocked roads are a few of the emergencies public works responds to that can quickly deplete their forces."

The Urban Cooperative Act of 1967 authorizes public bodies and private entities to work together to provide mutual aid. Trice said 49 states have WARN programs.

The program is not binding.

The agreement gives sole discretion to the members whether to respond to a request for assistance, or to what extent to respond if they choose to. Members can request cost reimbursement for services rendered.

"It is very simple and clear. If an agency asks for assistance from the city, we can choose to provide it or not depending on our situation at the time of the request,"

Trice said. "The greater value to the WARN program is that it is statewide ... The agreement is to provide initial aid until an agency can get control of the situation and provide what is needed through other means, such as private contracts."

There is no cost **If somebody** to join WARN. Trice believes Linden is the else needs aid, they only one in Genesee can ask us for it. It County that's considering joining as of allows us to provide right now. He's been aid if we can. 77 in contact with Fenton officials.

Thomas Trice Linden interim public works director

> Dick said, "Looking through, it looks like it's a very good idea with our other mutual aid programs. I'd be for it."

Councilor Brad

Councilor Pam Howd asked about the possibility of a statewide emergency. Trice said emergencies are usually local, and agencies across the state can travel to give assistance.

Councilor Brenda Simons said it's a good idea and they should have been doing this long ago. Councilor Aaron Wiens agreed.

Manager Ellen Glass said they would have the city attorney look at the agreement. They will discuss it again at the next meeting.

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Face-to-face meetings can't be beat

Building Brands

air is a big deal in our household. Caring for it, styling it and keeping it (in the case of my better half)

take up a large portion of our self-care time and budget. During the pandemic, however, all that effort pretty much went to waste. With face-to-face work and meetings making a comeback, hair is once again a big deal (at least to us).

Turns out seeing others' hair in real life was something

I missed. This became apparent last week when our team had our first faceto-face meeting. It was so good to see everyone, and it was fun to see who had changed up their hairstyle in the time we'd spent apart. There were new colors and cuts and lots to be admired.

Of course, the purpose of our first face-to-face team meeting in over a year had nothing to do with hair. It was far more important than that. Back in January, group Publisher Wes Smith shared in this column that he was hoping — despite the pandemic — to find ways to connect the team. "Our team members did a fantastic job in 2020 working individually and in small groups. But we know that inspiration, satisfaction

and dedication to a shared vision and mission is multiplied when we feel

Emily Caswell

connected. That's what I'll be working on in 2021." With that in mind, the goal for this first team

meeting was fairly modest — get everyone in one room. Bonus: There was fresh coffee and donuts.

At the meeting, each person was asked to share a challenge and a reward of their job. The responses were great.

I'm not one to dwell on or share challenges, but I'm going to put a few of our team's challenges here because I think it's helpful for readers to know that newspapers — although we played a vital role in the pandemic - were not immune to some of the negative impacts brought on by the last 17 + months. Here's what our team had to say:

• Re-learning processes after returning from furlough

• Selling during a pandemic and now a shortage of workers for many of our clients

• Loss of clients due to retirements and closures brought on by the pandemic

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• Building relationships in new territories, which were "inherited" due to our team shortages

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I LOVED THE comment about common sense, unfortunately, common sense isn't that common.

NO STATE SHALL make a law impairing the obligations of a contract. Article 1sec 10 US Constitution. If you owe rent, pay it.

MY WIFE WAS almost T-boned near the bank at LeRoy Street this week by left turner on red. I was second vehicle at Poplar turning left on North Road with a green light, three vehicles turned left on red light. If I'm first I'll hit somebody just to get police there.

WE LIVE VERY close to wetlands. My husband goes out to feed the birds in the morning and is about eaten up by insects. Where are the men in trucks that always sprayed this area? This is ridiculous. Don't we pay taxes for this service?

JUST CURIOUS IF anyone else has an issue with mail just vanishing once it's dropped off at the Fenton Post Office?

WHAT HAPPENED TO all the money that wasn't spent on fireworks for Fenton the last two years?

street talk

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

What's one of your proudest accomplishments?



"Graduating high school in five and a half years. Not sure if I earned it or they got sick of me but I got the diploma."



"That I opened my first business and we are going on 25 years."



"My kids."



"Winning two National titles with my miniature gelding at the AMHR Nationals in Tulsa. Ok!"

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HOLLY MAN ARRESTED FOR OWI, CHILD ENDANGERMENT

On Friday, July 30, at 9:58 p.m., a Holly police officer observed a vehicle commit a traffic violation on Grange Hall Road and made a traffic stop. As the officer approached the driver, he could smell a strong odor of intoxicants on his breath. The driver was identified as a 33-year-old Holly man, who failed sobriety tests and was determined to be almost double the legal limit to drive. A passenger was identified as a 33-yearold Holly woman who had a valid arrest warrant from another police agency. There also was a 5-year-old child in the back seat. The driver was arrested for operating while intoxicated, second offense, and child endangerment. The passenger was detained on the open warrant for the arresting agency, who was unable to take custody. The passenger and child were released.

SPEEDING IN HOLLY LEADS TO OWI ARREST

On Saturday, July 31, at 3 a.m., a Holly police officer conducting traffic enforcement stopped a vehicle for driving 45 in a 25-mph zone. The driver exhibited several signs of intoxication and failed sobriety tests, having a blood alcohol level twice the legal limit. The 23-year-old White Lake man was arrested and charged for operating while intoxicated.

POLICE ORDER DRUNK EX BOYFRIEND TO LEAVE

On Saturday, July 31, at 7:56 p.m., Holly police were dispatched to a residence after a woman reported that a former boyfriend was at her front door intoxicated and demanding to be allowed inside. The woman told him to leave, but he refused. Officers arrived and spoke with the man who admitted he was intoxicated and "should leave." To help resolve the incident, an officer transported the man to the home of a family member. Officers advised him not to return or bother the caller.

23-YEAR-OLD HOLLY MAN SPEEDS, ARRESTED FOR OWI

On Sunday, Aug. 1, at 2:07 a.m. a Holly police officer conducting patrol heard a loud vehicle accelerating quickly Westbound on Grange Hall Road. The officer positioned behind the vehicle and paced it above the speed limit. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was identified as a 23-yearold Holly man. The officer detected signs of intoxication and performed roadside sobriety tests. The driver was determined to be over twice the legal limit to drive. The driver was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

HOLLY WEEKLY POLICE ACTIVITY

Holly Police Chief Jerry Narsh released his weekly police activity report for Aug. 2 for incidents the week prior. In that report he listed: calls for service — 158, crash reports — 3, misdemeanor arrests — 4 and felony arrests — 0.

THEFT OF CATALYTIC CONVERTERS CONTINUES

On Friday July 30, deputies from the Genesee County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to the 3000 block of W. Thompson Road for a larceny report. Upon arrival, deputies made contact with the operations manager, who said he went to use one of the company vans and noticed the catalytic converters had been cut off. It was later discovered that the catalytic converters were removed from a second company van that was on the premises. There was evidence collected at the scene and all surveillance footage is being reviewed.



Fire department to buy LUCAS device

Automated CPR device will replace problematic device that is five years old

By Sharon Stone

Fenton City Council unanimously approved a request Monday, Aug. 9 from Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff to purchase an automated CPR device.

In a memo from Cairnduff to City Manager Lynn Markland, the fire chief explained that the fire department needs to replace its current automated CPR device that is five years old. He said the device is used whenever the fire department responds to a medical emergency and the patient does not have a pulse. The unit is placed on the patient and the machine performs automated chest compressions.

Cairnduff said the fire department

has had numerous issues and repairs with the current device, manufactured by Zoll. He said they pulled the current device in March and first responders have reverted to manual CPR.

After researching the devices and obtaining quotes, the fire chief requested that the fire department purchase a LUCAS (Lund University Cardiopulmonary Assist System) 3, v3.1 system, sold by Stryker. The LUCAS device costs \$18,985.47, which includes the system and five-year service and maintenance agreement that covers all on-site repairs, preventive maintenance and batter replacement during those five years.

Cairnduff said the quote will also includes a \$3,000 trade in value of the current device from Zoll.



HOT LINE CONTINUED

DEAR CITY OF Fenton police, love that you are trying to get the speeders on S. Adelaide, but you don't have a good hiding place. They see you, they know it's you.

IF YOU CARE about saving the old town hall, support the Historical Society. Do not waste your money by donating to Tyrone RCP.

CAN'T BELIEVE THE city of Fenton wants to change to GFL. We live in Tyrone Township where they have missed our trash three times this year. No response to three emails and was next in line on hold for 1.75 hours. They cash your checks fast enough, though.

IF OUR FORMER president can hold a big birthday bash where guests were not wearing masks, we're going to hold a big birthday bash too.

IF YOU CHOOSE to vaccinate, it's for you. Stop saying you're doing these things for others. It is just virtual signaling, you acting like you're a superior person because you do things 'for me.' I am hereby

absolving you of that notion. We're each only responsible for our own health.

THE U.S. POSTAL system has serious concerns. I mailed an international package and it took 40 days to get to Chicago. From Chicago to Nova Scotia, it took a mere seven days. I could have walked it to Chicago in less than 40 days. Please say prayers for the USPS.

HERE IS A fact for you. Only eight people in Genesee County died from COVID-19 over the last month.

IF I HAD been out of work for some time I'd seriously consider going back as early as I could. As my dad used to say, 'The first one on the bus gets the best seat.'

WITH ALL THE job postings I have seen, advising that the employer 'will train,' I can't believe that will last long when everyone who has been out of work goes back into the work force. The best jobs will go fast.

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Luis Ricardo Hernandez Martinez (second from left) and his fishing friends show off the state record Chinook salmon that he caught Aug. 7 in Lake Michigan. It weighed 47.86 pounds. Submitted photo

Ortonville man catches record fish

■ Reels in 47.86-pound Chinook salmon from Lake Michigan

Using a Moonshine raspberry carbon spoon lure this past weekend, an angler from Ortonville turned in a new staterecord fish.

Luis Ricardo Hernandez Martinez was troll fishing with Capt. Bobby Sullivan of Icebreaker Charters on Lake Michigan near Ludington early Saturday morning, Aug. 7, when he caught a Chinook salmon weighing in at 47.86 pounds and measuring 47.5 inches.

"I never expected a catch like this would happen," Martinez said. "It's possible for anyone if I can do it. I would like to extend a great 'thank you' to Capt. Bobby, as it was he who made this catch possible for me."

Sullivan added, "Luis did an amazing job, executing perfectly everything I asked him to do in order to bring this fish in."

This record breaks the previous staterecord Chinook salmon — 46.06 pounds, 43.5 inches long—caught in 1978 by Ray Essex, of Grand Rapids, out of the Grand River in Kent County.

The new state-record Chinook salmon wasverifiedbyJayWesley,LakeMichigan Basin coordinator with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, with Scott Heintzelman, the DNR's Central Lake Michigan Management Unit supervisor, also present.

Michigan's state-record fish are recognized by weight only. To qualify for a state record, fish must exceed the current listed state-record weight, and identification must be verified by a DNR fisheries biologist.

To view a current list of Michigan state fish records by species, visit Michigan.gov/StateRecordFish. For more on planning a fishing adventure, visit Michigan.gov/Fishing.





The pandemic and the CDC eviction moratoriums

Unfortunately, the pandemic remains with us.

We don't know when it will end, but with current events in mind, this is a good time to provide a brief history and an update of a current law, which resulted directly from it — the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) eviction moratorium.

STUDENTS

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The Times reached out to school officials at Linden Community Schools, Holly Area Schools, Lake Fenton Community Schools, Fenton Area Public Schools, Holly Academy and St. John School in Fenton with a series of questions to inform readers of what will be happening at our local schools.

Linden Community Schools Super-

intendent Russ Ciesielski said classes for his students will begin Monday, Aug. 23. He said the district anticipates enrollment numbers to be less than what they were in the 2020/2021 school year. "We are projecting a loss of 50 students compared to 2020-2021. These projections are not COVID related."

Linden will offer in-person classes and a 100% virtual option. There are no COVID policies exclusive to student athletes.

The recommendations of the CDC and the GCHD encourage facemasks to be worn inside of buildings, regardless of vaccination status.

Ciesielski said, "Linden Community Schools supports these recommendations, but will not mandate or require facemasks to be worn. Face masks,

 families make regarding this decision." He added that anyone (regardless of vaccination status) when on public transportation, including school buses, pursuant to a federal order from the CDC, will be required to wear a face mask.
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Russ Ciesielski

Linden Community Schools

superintendent

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The original order was issued by

the CDC on Sept. 4, 2020, temporarily

halting residential evictions nationally

for the non-payment of rent. It was

intended to prevent eligible tenants

from becoming displaced and to stop

the spread of COVID-19. It has been

extended from time to time since then.

Shortly after it was issued, various

landlord groups throughout the United

States filed suit claiming that the

CDC did not have the authority to

issue such an order and seeking to

One of these lawsuits (Alabama

Association of Realtors v Department

of Health and Human Services) made

it to the United States Supreme Court.

On June 29, 2021, the court, in a 5 to

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not required for students, employees,

and unvaccinated, staff, students, and

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we will fully support the choices our

"We understand that vaccinated.

have it declared void.

cine for enrollment, employment, or visitors."

During the spring, Linden worked with the GCHD to schedule vaccination clinics for LCS staff. Linden had over 75% of its staff take part in the scheduled vacci-

nation clinics. "We do not have information on staff who were vaccinated on their own," Cielsielski said.

Field trips will be allowed. Depending on what the field trip is, the destination, and what special rules may be in place by the destination will determine what, if any, special rules will need to 4 vote, left in place the nationwide moratorium and the latest extension until July 31.

Justice Brett Kavanaugh cast the fifth and deciding vote. Although he found that the CDC had exceeded its authority and only Congress could extend the moratorium by legislation, he voted not to end it because the extra time would allow for an orderly distribution of previously approved relief funds to tenants.

Congress didn't extend the moratorium and it expired.

be in place.

On Aug. 3, the CDC issued a new moratorium order (to expire Oct. 3) on a "county by county" basis. The order states that the moratorium applies only to U. S. counties, which are experienc-

He added that the school district will

not require regular COVID testing of

anyone in the district. If a student, or

staff is deemed to be a close contact,

the quarantine time is 10 days (subject

to change based on guidance from the

Genesee County Health Department).

ing "substantial" or "high" levels of community spread of COVID-19. If a county subsequently reaches these levels, it will apply until the rate is either "moderate" or "low" for 14 consecutive days. This test also applies to counties, which were initially covered.

The Alabama plaintiff filed an emergency motion in the original lower court seeking to have the CDC order declared void. The motion remains pending.

This is legal drama at its best. If the Supreme Court ultimately rules the new order is void it will have national implications.

Many legal commentators believe the plaintiff will be successful. Only time will tell.

Isolation for a COVID-19 positive individual is 10 days (subject to change based on guidance from the Genesee County Health Department).

Linden participates in school of choice and does not limit the number of students accepted through school of choice.



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SUSPECT

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Pilot from a grandmother and her two small grandchildren from a Quality Inn in Frenchtown Township, Monroe County at 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 3. The 55-year-old victim, visiting from Alabama, told police that the man, later identified by media reports as Lanham, displayed a handgun and demanded her vehicle.

That afternoon, the stolen vehicle was spotted on I-75 in the Holly area and Michigan State Police troopers attempted to stop the vehicle. Driving in the Honda Pilot, Holladay and Lanham crashed into other vehicles on E. Holly Road, injuring the

occupants of the other vehicles.

The duo then fled on foot into a home on E. Maple Street in Holly Township. The family inside the home at the time was able to escape unharmed.

Holladay eventually surrendered and was taken into police custody Tuesday night. Lanham barricaded himself for hours and a police robot found him deceased from a selfinflicted gunshot wound.

Holladay was initially transported to the Oakland County Jail and then transported to Monroe County where the alleged carjacking took place. Charges against her are pending in Oakland County.





An employee with CA Hull places barriers at the Silver Lake Road northbound U.S. 23 entrance ramp on Monday, Aug. 9. The Michigan Department of Transportation is doing bridge work on the overpass until November. **Photo: Hannah Ball**

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Keith Brown

Michigan Department of

Transportation construction engineer

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The estimated completion date is November.

Keith Brown, construction engineer with MDOT, said they need to demolish the existing barrier wall on the bridge. They will do the outside portion first and will do the inside at a later date.

"We will not be demolishing the

whole bridge, just the sections we are working on," he said. "When we remove the barrier, we also need to remove about 5 feet or so of the bridge deck to tie all the steel back into the bridge deck."

This project is part of a \$12.3 million

investment in significant bridge improvements to 16 structures along the I-75/U.S. 23 corridor through Genesee County. Work includes steel beam repairs, deck replacements, and protective epoxy coating. MDOT completed work on the Owen Road bridge earlier in the summer. The Silver Lake/North Road/Torrey overpass requires more steel repair work comparatively. Keith said he believes this bridge was completed in the late 50s while the Owen Road bridge was completed in the early 90s.

In this section, Brown said they're also replacing the expansion joints on the deck.

"These run transverse to U.S. 23,

so in this stage we will remove them through the ramp lane and a little into what would be the right lane. Once we have this side done, we will switch traffic and do the rest of the joint," he said.

When the joints are out, a few beam ends will be removed and replaced along with other work under the bridge. "Once we have the bridge work set,

we will remove the approach pavement

on U.S. 23 and replace that," he said.

Last week, MDOT employees began work on the U.S. bridge over North Road while doing intermittent lane closures. Traffic shifted toward the median to allow work to occur on the overpass.

From Aug. 16 to 21, drivers should expect Silver Lake Road and North Road to be closed at U.S. 23 during overnight hours (8 p.m. to 4 a.m.) while bridge demolition is completed, according to the press release.

Following the Labor Day holiday weekend, drivers should expect lane closures on U.S. 23 from Silver Lake Road to the Shiawassee River bridge and also south of Hill Road at the Swartz Creek bridge. These lane closures will be in place through November.

The Fenton Police Department shared the press release on Facebook with the caption, "Please note, we did not choose an orange barrel summer, an orange barrel summer chose us."



Fenton boys track takes top spot in Top 16

By David Troppens

The sports staff enjoys checking back at the past when we create these top 16 stories, and today we'll look at the past No. 1 squads.

Only nine teams have finished No. 1. Cross country teams have

earned the top spot more than any sport, earning four. The Linden boys cross country team is king of the hill, earning the No. 1 spot a whopping three times in just 12 seasons. The only other squad to earn the No. 1 spot twice is the Lake Fenton wrestling team.

Wrestling squads have finished No. 1 three times, with the Holly grapplers also earning No. 1.

What other teams have been No. 1 once? They are Linden girls cross country, Fenton girls soccer, Linden baseball, Holly girls ten-See TOP 16 on 10

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The Fenton varsity boys track and field team finished No. 1 on our 2020-21 Tri-County Top 16 poll after earning a team state championship at the D1 meet. **Photo: David Troppens**

Sports Times

Linden camping trip is area's 'unofficial' start to football season

By David Troppens

Grayling — The first official day of the prep fall sports season, including football, was Monday.

But for the Linden varsity football team, the "unofficial" official start is a few days earlier.

This season it was Thursday around noon when the 36 varsity players met up at Linden High School not for some weight training, 7-on-7 practices or anything like that. It was so they could head to past Linden athletic director and ex-assistant football coach's Greg Durkac's cabin located in a wooded area in Grayling for the team's annual camping trip.

Footballs were thrown, but

usually they were the silly tiny sponge variety. Sports were played, the competitions included games of slam ball and cornhole. Great stories were told while walking trails to old cemeteries. There was some physical education as well. But instead of experiencing it in a weight room, it happened during the annual canoe trip. There were races down, attacks and sinking of canoes on the Manistee River.

In short, the annual camping trip the weekend prior to the start of official prep football practices, was a hit once again this year.

"It's great to be out here," senior James Barrie said. "It's a great experience for everyone. We are having a great time bonding, and it's a great thing to do. Getting all that time bonding with each other and being with the team is so valuable. It forms bonds we'll through the whole season."

"I like getting everybody together and getting away from foot-

from football for a few days. I want everyone to be themselves, be kids again or be more See

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Since Denny Hopkins became the Linden varsity football coach, one of the squad's greatest traditions is the camping trip held the weekend prior to the start of the first official football practice of the season. The highlight is the canoe trip (left). A big goal for the weekend (above) is having players sit together and come closer as a family. **Photo on left provided by Brandon Pennington**



her and come closer as a family. Photo ed by Brandon Pennington

would love a quiet home and someone with lots of love and patience and room for her canine friend, Ruby!

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MIDWEEK TIMES

Ordóñez's four-baggers vs. Athletics makes a little Tiger history

Editor's Note: Sports editor David Troppens collects 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. 12, 2007 Detroit 11, Oakland 6 Network/Announcers:

Dan Dickerson and Jim Price

are doing the game on the Tigers' radio d network.

Background: A year removed from competing in the 2006 World Series, the Tigers were still a strong squad in 2007, and entering this contest Detroit was just one-half game out of first place in the American League Central Division. After the victory the Tigers ended up back in first place by a half-game. At this time, it looked like the Tigers were headed for another postseason run.

Game summary: Magglio Ordóñez had the best season of his career in 2007, and this was one of the games that made it a memorable season. Ordóñez became only the second Detroit Tiger ever to hit two home runs in the same inning, helping the Tigers earn the 11-6 victory.

The four-baggers came in the bottom

Tiger baseball is

on the air."

of the second inning. After the Athletics scored two runs in the top of the second on a Marco Scutaro home run, the Tigers responded with eight runs during the bottom of the second. Ordóñez opened the inning with a solo home run and just a few minutes later, the bases were loaded. A Mike Rabelo ground out, plated the Tigers' second run and a two-run single by Bran-

don Inge gave the Tigers a 3-2 lead.

Placido Polanco followed with an RBIsingle and an out later, Gary Sheffield singled. Ordóñez returned to the plate against Oakland starter Dallas Braden for a second time during the inning, and Ordóñez hit a three-run shot, giving the Tigers an 8-2 lead.

The Tigers didn't just cruise from there as Oakland was able to score six runs, with four coming against stating pitcher Nate Robertson, but Detroit's offense made sure the Tigers allowed the 39,960 Comerica Park fans to leave happy.

More about Ordóñez's day: Remarkably, in the Tigers' strong history of many great power hitters, Ordóñez's two home runs in one inning effort was only the second time it had happened in Detroit's history. The only other player to do it? Many

NOTICE OF PROPOSED BANK MERGER

Notice is hereby given that Farmers State Bank of Munith, 201 North Main Street, Munith, Michigan has made application to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Washington, D.C. 20429, for its written consent to merge with Interim Bank, 175 North Leroy Street, Fenton, Michigan. It is contemplated that all offices of the above-named institutions will continue to be operated.

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Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the Regional Director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at its Regional Office, 300 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60606, not later than August 27, 2021. The nonconfidential portions of the application are on file at the appropriate FDIC office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the nonconfidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request.

INTERIM BANK Fenton, Michigan

FARMERS STATE BANK OF MUNITH Munith, Michigan may have guessed it — Al Kaline hit two four-baggers in one inning in the Tigers' 16-0 victory against the Kansas City Athletics on April 17, 1955. They were his second and third home runs of the contest, as he also hit one earlier in the contest. Kaline finished the game 4-for-5 with six RBI.

The last three Tigers to hit three home runs in a game prior to this contest were Dimitri Young (2005), Carlos Pena (2003) and Bobby Higginson (2000).

Ordóñez finished the season with an American League leading .363 batting average. He hit 28 home runs, an AL leading 54 doubles and drove in 139 runs. He finished second in the American League MVP race.

Joel Zumaya: Zumaya was a flame throwing reliever that captured the imagination of Detroit fans during his 2006 rookie season. However, he never was the same pitcher after 2006. He suffered an injury in 2007 and was going to go to Toledo for a Minor League contest on the date of this game. If things went well, it was expected he could be back up to Detroit within the next handful of games. He did return and played in his first game with the Tigers since May 1 on Aug. 21.

Nate Robertson: Price summarized Robertson's career during this contest

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nis, Fenton girls golf and Fenton boys soccer.

The 2020-21 school year's top team is a new one to the top of the poll. Wondering who it is? Well, let's find out.

No. 1 - Fenton boys track and field: This one should've been pretty easy to guess. The only tri-county area team to win a team state title during the school year, the Fenton boys track squad won its first in school history. In fact, it's the tri-county's first team state championship since the Linden boys cross country team won its D2 state championship in dominant fashion way back during the 2008-09 school year.

The Tigers had an outstanding season. Not long ago, the Tigers finished in last in the Metro League, but this season Fenton dominated the Flint Metro League, going undefeated in dual play, and beating every league



Magglio Ordóñez became only the second Detroit Tiger in baseball history to hit two home runs in the same inning during the Tigers' 11-6 victory against Oakland on Aug. 12, 2007.

with one comment. "I guess the way to describe Nate's performance is inconsistent," Price said. "You see some stuff you like and then you go, 'what happened?""

There were times during the 2006 season he was the Tigers' best starting pitcher and he'd show that talent, seemingly, for a few innings every start, but then struggle mightily during others. Robertson finished his career with a 57-77 record and a 5.01 earned run average. Robertson got the win in this game, but allowed four innings over 5 2/3 innings.

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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foe by at least 30 points. At the league meet, the Tigers locked up the Stripes Division title by outdistancing secondplace Flushing by 57 points.

In the postseason, the Tigers were magical. Fenton won a team regional championship, collecting 105 points. Then, at the state meet the Tigers earned their first team state trophy with 34 team points. The big events were Noah Sage's second in the 400 (47.41), Brandon Miller's seconds in the 100 (10.84) and the 200 (21.36), and the 800 relay team's second-place finish in 1:28.23. Along with Sage and Miller, Donovan Miller and Evan Koch were the relay's competitors.

It was a historical season for Fenton. So much so, the city had a parade for the championship squad. And while winning a team state championship may be more exciting, the squad can feel pretty pleased again now that they are atop the Tri-County's Top 16 Team poll.

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like kids than we usually are when we are at home."

This year, the Linden squad left a day earlier than usual, leaving late Thursday morning and coming home during Saturday afternoon. Tents become the home for the weekend with the players camping out while the coaches enjoyed staying in Durkac's small but comfortable cottage located about 200 feet from the players' camp site.

The weekend's food is provided by the parents of the players and by some donations, and there's plenty of food to feed a small army of men for a week, much less for just one weekend. Hamburgers and hot dogs make up the dinners, but there are plenty of side dishes and snacks as well. They range from granola bars to bananas.

When the players are not resting near their tents, sitting around a campfire or eating on the cottage location, they are frequently playing games like spike ball or cornhole. There are plenty of mowed paths on Durkac's property making trail walks through the woods a nice activity. In fact, one of the best stories from this year's trip involved a Friday night walk through the paths, to some train tracks and to a deserted

cemetery.

"The walk to the cemetery was pretty cool," Eliuk said. "We walked down the train tracks to get there. When we got there, we walked around a little bit and then someone ended looking up the cemetery (on their cell phones). It's supposedly haunted by witches and that freaked everyone out. It was abandoned in 1917."

"It's just fun spending time together, doing things like our walk along the railroad," Linden senior Brandon Green said. "We were just talking, enjoying it and having fun. There was that edgy scaredness for some of them."

One of the last scheduled events of the trip happen when the team goes for their annual ice cream trip. That can take a good hour just getting more than 30 players and coaches through the line. The first customers are done with their ice cream by the time the last ones get theirs.

Of all the activities, the biggest highlight every year is the canoe trip. This year's was early Friday during some pretty ideal warm but not hot weather. It was also overcast, keeping everyone comfortable as they went down the Manistee River.

"Obviously the canoe trip (is the highlight)," Barrie said. "It's just us



going down the river and having a good time. We were just talking and racing people down the river, doing the usual stuff."

"The canoe trip was awesome," Eliuk said. "It was a little cold so it made everyone a little more freaked out to get tipped into the water. My buddy got tipped over and their whole canoe sunk to the bottom, almost." So what is the true purpose of the camping trip? The answers among the captains are pretty consistent.

"It's good for the team because it gets us a lot closer," Green said. "We are already a close team. We definitely weren't this close last year. It's a good bonding trip, a good bonding experience to get away from football and just relax for a weekend."



The Linden varsity football team hosts an annual camping trip the weekend prior to the start of football practices. Activities at the camping trip include intense games of spike ball (immediately above). Other activities that are more relaxing include shucking corn (top right) before dinner. **Photos: David Troppens**

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• Filling in for ill co-workers Seeing those challenges in print could make one wonder how View Newspaper Group has not only survived but thrived in this last year and a half. Two words: OUR TEAM. The same group who shared these challenges were quick to share the rewards of their career. Here are some of my favorite rewards:

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Surviving changes

• Hearing compliments on our COVID-19 coverage

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Could we have held this meeting via video conference? Sure. Would it have had the same impact? Not at all. I've enjoyed the ease, convenience and safety of video meetings, but nothing beats sharing ideas face-to-face, whether it's with your team or with a client.

The free flow of information, the audible laughs, sighs and — yes, sometimes groans (no one is on "mute" when meeting in-person) are an important part of getting to know people, what drives them and how you can build an even better team. For example, as our meeting went on both our editorial and sale teams reminded each other to share potential clients and story ideas. We've proven that we can work well independently, but we can't excel that way.

Want to have an in-person meeting with one of our team members? Contact me at ecaswell@mihomepaper.com.

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Emily Caswell is the Brand Manager of VIEW Group, the branding division of View Newspaper Group.

Noah Kerridge AGE 20

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The surveillance camera at the Meijer store at 12 Mile and Telegraph in Southfield shows what Noah Kerridge was wearing April 19, the last day his family heard from him.

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Josh Whitson, Noah's stepfather, is an administrator for the Facebook page "Help find Noah Kerridge." The family is desperate to find Noah. He posted recently, "It has been horrible for all of us these past few months. We have to know he is safe."

Sarah Whitson is frantic to find her son. On Monday, Aug. 9, she made a plea directly to Noah. "We love you and miss you and need to know you are safe. You are always welcome to come home with open arms and zero judgment. Please let us know you're ok," she said.

If anyone has any information on Kerridge's whereabouts, they are asked to contact the Waterford Police Department at (248) 674-0351. His case number is 21-11198.

A reward of up to \$2,500 is available for information that leads to his whereabouts. Anyone with information on Kerridge's whereabouts should call the Waterford Police Department or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-SPEAKUP.

We love you and miss you and need to know you are safe. 77

Sarah Whitson Noah Kerridge's mother



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Davidson Wheat on February 16, 1957 in Ann Arbor. He preceded her in death on January 23, 1999, Mabel was a Branch Librarian for the Genesee District Library for 25 vears, retiring in 1999. She was a member of the Flint Institute of Arts;

Sloan Museum; Bower Theater; Longway Planetarium: Quilt Guild; Crazy Quilt Guide, Fenton Historical Society and the Whaley Home. Mabel is survived by her sons, James Davidson (Ruth) Jr., Michael Eng (Anita) and Andrew David Wheat; grandchildren, James, Jennifer, Michael, David, Meagan and Lauren; brothers, James Charles (Helen) Eng and Frank G. Eng; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; and husband, James Davidson Wheat. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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MIDWEEK TIMES



ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20 Try to dig a little deeper and not take things at face value this week, Aries. Some surprising elements that you may not initially recognize are just waiting to be discovered.

TAURUS Apr 21/May 21 It's good to have a rich fantasy life to envision plans for the

future. Taurus. Some of these ideas may come to fruition this week as you dig down deep into your creative side.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21 Avoid jumping to the conclusion that a romantic partner is looking to move on. Gemini. There may be another underlying factor at play that will soon come to light.

CANCER Jun 22/Jul 22

Some major news is the catalyst that ignites the flame for your motivation to change, Cancer. You may find you're interested in volunteerism or another worthy project.

Horoscopes

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23 Enjoy time spent connecting with some new people this week, Leo. It is a fine time to branch out of your typical social circles and embrace new friendships with confidence.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22 You gravitate toward people who prefer to see life through rosecolored glasses this week, Virgo. Enjoy this optimistic outlook and make the most of it.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23 An intense phone call may put you on edge for a little while, Libra. But once you get to the heart of the matter and think things through, you can work it out.

SCORPIO Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, your desire to socialize will be stronger than ever, so get out there and make a new friend or two. You will enjoy sharing ideas with others and trying some new things.

SAGITTARIUS

Appreciate all of the good things you have going in your life now, Sagittarius. Pay homage to those who have lent a hand or offered support that went above and beyond.

CAPRICORN Dec 22/Jan 20

You may be on the brink of making a major move Capricorn. Try not to focus too much on all of the small details; look at the bigger picture.

For the week of August 9, 2021

AQUARIUS Jan 21/Feb 18

A short trip out of town might be necessary to clear your head, Aquarius. Schedule some time to get away so you can rest, relax and recharge free of distraction.

PISCES Feb 19/Mar 20

Take some time alone this week to reorder your priorities, Pisces, You may have made commitments that no longer are vital.

Nov 23/Dec 21







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