Storm knocks out power for thousands

Much of tri-county area is in the dark after thunderstorm and high winds wreak havoc

By Sharon Stone

If your home or business did not lose power Wednesday, Aug. 11, you might want to consider yourself lucky. About 3 p.m., the sky turned as dark as nighttime. The winds picked up, and thunder, lightning and rain overtook the area, causing power lines and trees to fall. Fire departments received numerous calls for trees blocking roads. Motorists were forced to navigate around all the tree branches on roads such as Torrey Road, Rolston Road and Silver Lake Road.

An overhanging branch on West Broad Street, near Ace Hardware in Linden, caused traffic delays. Back to the Bricks in Linden was canceled.

Bolstered by crews from seven states, Consumers Energy made progress Thursday, Aug. 12 in restoring power to more than 300,000 Michigan homes and businesses that have been affected by two days of intense storms across the state.

With approximately 2,000 lineworkers fanning out across Michigan Friday, Aug. 13, speeding

Third teen charged in Argentine home invasion

Fenton resident turns self in, released on personal bond

By Sharon Stone

The third suspect arrested in connection with a home invasion and theft of six firearms in Argentine Township on May 9 has been charged. Sgt. Paul Honkanen of the Argentine Township Police Department said the home invasion took place in the 8000 block of Pineview Lake Drive.

Zachary Luchenbill, See CHARGED on 11

Township approves six-month moratorium

Provides time to amend ordinance regulating cultivation of medical marijuana by caregivers

By Sharon Stone

The Rose Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to adopt a resolution Wednesday, Aug. 11, for a temporary moratorium on issuing any permits, approvals and/or certificates as they relate to any modifications to structures or units in any zoning district in order to cultivate marijuana as a patient caregiver.

This moratorium See MARIJUANA on 12

‘It does happen in Fenton’

Man’s vehicle stolen at Owen Road gas station Monday night

By Sharon Stone

Not long after a vehicle was stolen from a gas station at 9:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 9 in Fenton was it located in Mundy Township.

Lt. Jeff Cross of the Fenton Police Department said a man arrived at the Speedway gas station on Owen Road, just east of U.S. 23 to pump gas into his vehicle. He pulled his vehicle up
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Traveling Taste in Fenton is Aug. 18

Food and drink event encourages public to visit different restaurants

By Hannah Ball

The Traveling Taste in Fenton is coming back to the city Wednesday, Aug. 18.

From 4-8 p.m., the public can travel from participating restaurant to participating restaurant and try drinks and food items. The event is put on by the Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce.

“The Traveling Taste is a fun, family friendly event that gives the community an opportunity to try a taste of the best food the area has to offer by traveling restaurant to restaurant sampling different menu selections,” said Shelly Day, executive director of the chamber.

This is the 21st Taste in Fenton, also called The Traveling Taste. The public is encouraged to get their Traveling Taste passports stamped for a chance to win a grand prize valued at $500 in gift cards to participating restaurants.

A Traveling Taste Passport booklet includes 10 taste tickets. Passports are $10 in advance or $15 the day of the event. Passports are available at the Fenton and Linden Regional Chamber office, online at FentonLindenChamber.com, or The State Bank Main office and Silver Parkway office.

“The Traveling Taste event is a direct reflection of the Fenton and Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce’s mission; through this event, we are proud advocate of member businesses while fostering and supporting the economic vitality and prosperity of our region,” said Meghan Grimshaw, membership director and event coordinator with the chamber.

Last year, they changed the format and instead of having the entire event in Rackham Park, the public walked around downtown Fenton and went to different spots in the city to the different restaurants.

“The Traveling Taste was a hit among the restaurants and the community so the traveling format remained,” Day said. “It is so important for us to listen to the feedback from our participating restaurants — based on their feedback of staffing shortages, food quality and convenience we have kept the Traveling Taste format for this year and possibly the coming years.”

See TASTE on 12

Through this event, we are a proud advocate of member businesses while fostering and supporting the economic vitality and prosperity of our region.

Meghan Grimshaw
Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce membership director and event coordinator

HOT SUMMER SAVINGS
David’s dabblings

Mosquitoes — seemingly, there’s no getting away from the little flying bloodsuckers this summer.

My wife weeds her garden and she comes back with bites.

We go for one of our traditional walks through the neighborhoods, and we come back with a constellation of bites. A week ago, I came back with the big dipper on my back.

It’s become an every morning occasion — we seemingly take inventory to see where the new crop of bumps has popped up. I haven’t had this many bites since I was a kid and our primary sources of entertainment were the woods and fields we frequented to either catch frogs or sneak into the teenagers’ fort to see what they had stashed away in it.

So are there really more of these quarter-inch monsters this summer? Yes, and it’s only going to keep getting worse.

According to Bridge Michigan, the rainfall preceded by drought-like conditions in April are to blame for our infestations. Without rainfall, the mosquito eggs built up without hatching and the build-up of eggs created the large swarm of mosquitoes we now share as our primary outdoor pests. The constant rains are only making the infestation worse.

The flying vampires we are experiencing are called summer floodwater mosquitoes. The males won’t bother you, but the females have eggs to worry about and are the ones that are on the attack against any mammal they can find.

The pests are located everywhere. They lay eggs in low lying grassy areas along roadways, ditches and swales. Mosquitoes will lay hundreds of eggs up to six times before they die.

In addition, for those who think they are attacked by mosquitoes more than the typical person, you are probably right. Mosquitoes are attracted by the carbon dioxide we exhale. They also are attracted to certain compounds that are present in skin and in sweat, our body odor. They also can detect heat and water vapor. So if you go on a trail walk, a smart plan may be finding that one friend the bugs love the most. If you do, they’ll probably leave you alone. Like people, if given a choice, mosquitoes are going to zero in on the more attractive meal.

So are there any real ways to stop these pests with the exception of bug spray? Wearing dark clothes may attract mosquitoes, so wear brighter colors.

See DABBINGS on 12

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What movie scared you as a child?

“Children of the Corn’ by Stephen King! Watched it with my Aunt who lived next to a corn field at the time. Bad idea.”

Kendra Pierson
Grand Blanc

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“My mom used to watch all those Betty Davis, Joan Crawford movies. ‘Hush Hush Sweet Charlotte’ and ‘What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?’”

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“The Large Marge scene in ‘Pee Wee’s Big Adventure.’ Nowadays, I laugh my head off at the scene.”

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SUCKS TO BE China. They touted earlier that they had more Olympic Gold medals than the United States. Now the United States leads in all medal categories Gold, Silver and Bronze.

REPEATING THE SAME behaviors over and over again and expecting a different result is the definition of insanity. Just say no to masks and lockdowns.

NOT SURE, BUT if on any given workday 30% of our workforce works from home, would it help with the global climate change? Any thoughts?

MOST YEARS IT seems Fenton Township is out every other week or so to spray for mosquitos but this year I think I have seen/heard them twice. Why? The mosquitos are terrible this year. Please spray regularly again, Fenton Township.

THANK YOU, MR. Cunningham for spending tax dollars that were available at the time to upgrade the historic town hall. It’s a shame no one wanted to use it after necessary repairs were made and it looked great. I hope the board deeds it to the people that value history.

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Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

Question asked to Tri-County Times’ Facebook followers

street talk
Lake Fenton students return to class Aug. 30

Masks optional except on buses — will not require COVID vaccine
By Sharon Stone

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

The Times reached out to school officials at Lake Fenton Community Schools, Linden Community Schools, Fenton Area Public Schools, Holly Area 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.

Lake Fenton Community Schools Superintendent Julie Williams announced that classes will begin Monday, Aug. 30. She said they are projecting enrollment to be lower than it was prior to COVID, but higher than it was last year.

“We are anticipating an additional 50 students over our 2020-21 count,” Williams said. “We will offer in person and 100% virtual.”

Williams said at this time face masks, regardless of vaccination status, are not required for students, employees, parents, or visitors.

“We understand that vaccinated, and unvaccinated, staff, students, and visitors may choose to wear masks and we will fully support the choices our families make regarding this decision,” she said.

Masks are required on school buses.

The superintendent added that Lake Fenton will not require a COVID vaccine.

“When we were coordinating vaccines with the GCHD in the spring, we had approximately 80% of our staff receive the vaccine,” she said. “If staff members received a vaccine outside of the coordinated clinics, we do not have that information.”

For Lake Fenton students, 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 be in place.

Williams said Lake Fenton Community Schools will not require any regular COVID testing.

Based on current guidance from the GCHD, isolation for an individual who tests positive for COVID-19 is 10 days.

Area schools offer “school of choice,” meaning students may transfer to another school district for various reasons with the approval of the receiving school district. Families that have a child attend a school beyond their own school district are required to provide their own transportation. Lake Fenton has unlimited school of choice open at this time.

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DNR to help with overpopulation of Canada Geese and mute swans

Tipsico Lake property owners seek Rose Township’s help

By Sharon Stone

The Rose Township Board of Trustees voted 4-1 to adopt a resolution to request assistance of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on behalf of the residents of Tipsico Lake for the implementation of the Canada Goose and Mute Swan Nest and Egg Destruction Program for five years. Clerk Debbie Miller cast the dissenting vote.

This came after Rose Township received complaints of overpopulation of Canada geese and aggressive mute swans inhabiting the properties surrounding Tipsico Lake within the township.

The DNR Canada Goose and Mute Swan nest and Egg Destruction Programs have been determined to be an effective program for the control of site specific problems for the residents.

Residents and associations must apply for a DNR permit for the Canada Goose program on a yearly basis and the mute swan program on a five-year basis. All lakefront residents must be informed that this program is taking place.

FLINT WOMAN SPEEDS IN FENTON, TICKETED

At 4:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 4, a Fenton police officer clocked a motorist with his radar device traveling 88 mph in a 70 mph-zone on northbound U.S. 23 in Fenton City. A traffic stop was initiated and contact was made with the driver, a 38-year-old Flint woman. A records check revealed she was driving on a suspended license. Her vehicle was impounded. She was released with court appearance tickets for speeding and driving with a suspended license.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I HAVE SEEN a few residents of Tyrone Township mention in Facebook groups that the employees of the Township need to go “back to working Fridays.” I did some research, and it appears they have never been open on Fridays. It gets tiring seeing posts that have zero merit.

THE MOTORCYCLE PIECE of “art” is falling apart. It is an attractive nuisance. It’s only a matter of time before a child becomes impaled by the sharp, pointed edges. Lawsuit.

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Barnfest at Stoney Acres approved

Musical festival to take place Sept. 10-12

By Hannah Ball

Fenton Twp. — The Fenton Township Planning Commission approved a special land use permit for agricultural tourism for Barnfest at Stoney Acres, one of the most popular music festivals in the tri-county area.

The commission heard from owners and event organizers Philip and Deborah Schmelter on Thursday, Aug. 12. Approximately 30 people attended in support of the event.

“I have been to Barnfest four times. I’m a big fan,” said Planning Commissioner Mark Mustola. “So for anybody on our commission that hasn’t been there, it’s very well run…I’m looking forward to it.”

In 2019, the event was approved for an amplified sound permit, and Zoning Administrator Michael Deem said knowing what he knows now about how large the event is, wasn’t the proper permit for them to apply for.

“The ordinance allows this type of use of special use permit. It’s an agricultural zone property. This is the type of thing under the agricultural tourism that the ordinance encourages,” he said.

The event, located off Lobdell Road, is scheduled for Sept. 10-12. This will be the 11th Barnfest and the first full in-person music festival on the property since 2019. The 2020 Barnfest was virtual.

The purpose of the event is to enjoy music and help families in need. Admission to the event is donated food, which will be given to the Linden Presbyterian Church and other local churches.

One issue is parking. In previous years, the parking area in the Barnfest location would fill up, usually on Saturday nights, and people would park along Lobdell Road or in neighbors’ driveways. To avoid that, organizers acquired property on Hogan Road and property across the street for additional parking. Security will direct people where to park, and they will have shuttles taking people back and forth from Hogan Road. They’ve also cut down more trees on their property for more space.

Security also watches out for underage drinking and helps keep the event peaceful.

Deem said the organizers have identified problems and developed solutions.

“There’s never been complaints to the township about this, but I do not feel comfortable approving it as an amplified sound permit because this is more than that,” he said. “They have security out there. They are lining where the parking is … absolutely no parking on Lobdell Road. They’ve addressed a lot of the concerns we would identify.”

They are approved to operate and have live music in the hours of 3 p.m. to midnight on Friday and Saturday and from 10-4 p.m. on Sunday. They’re expecting anywhere from 800-1,000 people on Friday and around 1,200-1,300 on Saturday. Phillip Schmelter said most of their neighbors attend.

Multiple residents spoke during public comment on Aug. 12.

Michael Burke, who’s been attending since the event began, said, “They’re just the finest people I’ve ever met. They’re so giving to their community.”

Mike Paul of Mundy Township has attended since it began and said his band also plays the event. “I can’t say enough about how fantastic an event it is. We are proud to be part of that as a band to be part of the community, help with the donations. Music brings people together,” he said.

The Aug. 12 vote was 4-0. Three commissioners, David Cypher, John Tucker and Donna Warren, were absent.

Approximately 18 bands are signed up to play Friday and Saturday. Sunday is a more relaxed day with an open mic event. All the bands play for free.

Planning Commissioner Jim McGuirk said they need the fire marshal to sign off on the plan. This is a one-year permit. The Schmelters will have to apply to renew the permit next year.

They’re also looking for sponsors. Businesses can pay $250 to have their company logo put on merchandise and signs. Phillip Schmelter can be contacted via Facebook and at philschmelter@yahoo.com.
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17, of Fenton, was arraigned Tuesday, Aug. 10 in Genesee County 67th District Court with two counts of first-degree home invasion, one for conspiracy and one attempted. He’s also facing six counts of larceny of firearms and one count of carrying a concealed weapon.

Luchenbill has a probable cause conference Aug. 19 at 8:30 a.m. He was released on $45,000 personal bond. Conditions of his release include no drugs or alcohol, and do not possess or purchase ammunition, firearms or other dangerous weapons. The home broken into is the home of Luchenbill’s father.

As previously reported, Argentine Township Police Chief Dan Allen said two residents were home at the time of the home invasion and heard the suspects in the home.

The suspects, two males and a female, fled as the homeowner chased them. The police chief said the homeowner threw a brick at the suspects’ car and broke a headlight as they drove away. He provided a description of the vehicle to police and their vehicle was located in Grand Blanc Township.

The police chief said all of the stolen guns were recovered.

Jihad McKinney, 17, of Grand Blanc, was charged with first-degree home invasion and six counts of larceny of firearms. He was arraigned in Genesee County 67th District Court on May 13.

He posted $10,000 bond on May 14 and was released pending future court dates. He is due back in court Tuesday, Aug. 17 at 10 a.m. for a preliminary exam.

Paigelyn Walker, 17, of Grand Blanc, was charged with first-degree home invasion, six counts of larceny of firearms, two counts of carrying a concealed weapon and two counts of accessory after the fact. She was arraigned Tuesday, May 18 and released on personal bond. She too has a preliminary exam Tuesday, Aug. 17 at 10 a.m.

The home invasion was elevated to first-degree because the residents were home at the time of the larceny of firearms. This is a 20-year felony.

Larceny of firearms and carrying a concealed weapon are both five-year felonies.

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**Fire departments working around the clock**

- Wires down, transformer fires, and trees on houses and cars a result of damaging storm

*By Sharon Stone*

Local fire departments have had their hands full these past couple of days. The storm that passed through the area caused much damage and power outages for thousands of residents.

Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff said his department responded to approximately 50 calls for service from 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11 up until about an 3 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 12. They continue to get wire down/tree down calls occasionally now.

“We were hit very hard on the first batch of storms that came through in the early afternoon (Wednesday),” Cairnduff said. “Our crews worked until about midnight and then they went home for a short break and when the second round of storms came through they were back to running numerous calls around 2 a.m. until about 7 a.m. After that, our calls slowed down, but still kept us busy. At one point, we had all our personnel out on incidents.”

The Fenton Fire Department responded to mostly wires down, transformers on fire, trees down on houses and cars, and the like. The department did respond to some fire alarms and a mutual aid on a structure fire.
MARIJUANA
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will remain in effect for six months or until a Zoning Ordinance amendment containing regulations for caregiver cultivation of medical marijuana activities has been adopted and becomes effective in Rose Township, whichever comes first.

Rose Township Supervisor Dianne Scheib-Snider said the township receives several phone calls a day from patient caregivers inquiring about their ordinances pertaining to cultivating marijuana.

“The Rose Township Planning Commissioners have been asked to create an ordinance that fits the township’s needs for zoning and issuance of permits as they relate to modification of a structure for patient caregivers who cultivate marijuana,” she said.

The Township may adopt a new resolution to extend this moratorium if necessary.

Background
On Nov. 4, 2008, Michigan voters passed the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act (MMMA) to allow under state law, the medical use of marijuana, to provide protections for medical use of marijuana, to provide for a system of registry identification cards for qualifying patients and primary caregivers. The Act went into effect Dec. 4, 2008.

According to Rose Township’s resolution, since the passage of the Act, caregiver cultivation of marijuana has resulted in problems including but not limited to insufficient or improper electrical supplies, dangerous structures, inadequate ventilation leading to mold, offensive odors, noise, use of materials and toxins that may enter drains or groundwater with the cultivation of marijuana in various zoning districts.

Rose Township has been made aware through general reporting that these facilities tax the electrical systems and transformers, which have caused fires related to growing and marijuana use. This health and safety concern is in relation to structural strength, adequate egress facilities, sanitary equipment, light and ventilation, and fire safety and protecting the environment including wells, drains and sewer systems.

Through a 2020 court case involving the township of Byron, the Supreme Court of Michigan ruled that, a township has the authority under the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act to require zoning permits and permit fees for the use of buildings and structures within its jurisdiction.

Based on a court case involving the township of Ypsilanti, municipalities have the authority to enact zoning and regulatory ordinances related to local restrictions for caregivers under the MMMA cultivation of land uses.

Rose Township will be amending its zoning ordinance for caregiver’s cultivation activities, which will require a public hearing.

Because of the plan to amend its ordinance, the moratorium on issuing permits will give the township time to complete the process.

TASTE
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Twenty restaurants are participating this year, an increase from 2020. Grimshaw said it’s putting them back on track to the number of participating restaurants they had prior to the pandemic.

“Last year we had over 1,000 participating Taste-goers,” Grimshaw said. “This year, we expect even more to come out that evening because we have had much more time to promote the event and gained traction from last year’s event.”

There are three different regions. See sidebar.

The public is encouraged to travel to all three to earn more entries to win the grand prize.

“It is important to note that when Taste-goers visit one of our participating restaurants, they are supporting that business. All restaurants receive a 50 cent reimbursement per ticket collected from the Fenton and Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce,” Day said.

Region One
Big Apple Bagels
Corner Bar & Grill (Photobooth Location)
Jersey Mike’s Subs
La Marsa of Fenton
Tropical Smoothie Cafe

Region Two
Andiamo of Fenton
Biggby Coffee
Ciao Italian Bistro
Crust - a baking company
El Topo
Fenton Fire Hall
Grace 2 Graze
Pitboss Smokehouse (located in Chamber parking lot - 104 S. Adelaide St.)
The Cheese Lady
The Laundry (Booth located @ El Topo)

Region Three
Beale St. Smokehouse BBQ
Fenton Winery & Brewery (Root Beer Float Booth Location)
Hungry Howie’s
Savvy Sliders (Booth located @ Beale St. BBQ)
Serendipity Spa of Linden

STOLEN
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to a pump. While gas was pumping, he left his vehicle running and he walked inside the convenience store.

Unbeknownst to the customer, a male hanging around the gas station walked over to the vehicle and drove away.

The customer walked out of the store and realized his vehicle was missing. He called 911 to report the theft and to provide a description and license plate number to police.

Cross said police issued a “be on the lookout” to area police agencies for the stolen vehicle.

Soon a Metro Police Authority officer spotted the stolen vehicle on northbound U.S. 23 near Hill Road in Mundy Township and initiated a traffic stop. Contact was made with the driver, a 40-year-old Flint man. He was arrested for unlawfully driving away of an automobile and lodged at the Genesee County Jail pending his arraignment.

With crimes like this, Cross said, “It does happen in Fenton.” He added that oftentimes people in the Fenton area are complacent and believe that their belongings are safe. That’s not the case.

The security camera at the gas station captured the crime and suspect. Cross urges everyone stopping for gas or shopping to turn off the vehicle, lock it and keep the keys in your possession to prevent it from being stolen.

DABBLINGS
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Wearing long sleeve shirts and pants, limit their areas to attack. Also, mosquitoes are more prevalent during dawn and dusk.

But, of course, if we spend even seconds outdoors, it seems none of these nonsensical tips seemingly work. So if you love the outdoors, have a kid that plays outdoor sports this fall, or just have to walk to your mailbox once a day, you will get attacked. They will absolutely positively not stop until they’ve sucked every ounce of blood out of your body. Our only true defense is when the temperatures drops below 50 degrees. At that temperature they will either die or hibernate. So until that happens, just keep scratching.
Eye-catching art created on building of future restaurant downtown

By Sharon Stone

Fenton — Owners of The Vault Downtown Fenton, a soon-to-open seafood and steak restaurant and cocktail bar in downtown Fenton, have been busy transforming the two-story building that was built in 1902.

Prior to being The Vault Downtown Fenton, it was most recently the home of Billmeier Camera, which moved to 121 First St., Fenton.

Artist Simo Vibart visited Fenton this past week to create the downtown area’s newest mural. He’s from Buenos Aires, Argentina and New York. He said the owners reached out to him via Instagram after they saw the work he did for the Flint Public Art project a couple of years ago. He has plans to paint Starlite diner in Flint and any other projects that may come up.

The butterfly on the side is situated so that passersby can take photos with it.

Michael Hart, Fenton assistant city manager and Downtown Development Authority executive director, said the artist’s proposed mural was submitted and approved by the city’s arts and culture commission.

Owners of the restaurant, Jason Hester of Davison and Kosta Popoff of Fenton Township approached the city in March to give support of transferring a liquor license for the restaurant. They plan to open this fall.

In March, Hester told council members that they do plan to keep the historic appearance and add windows. “It will make a presence in the downtown area,” Hester said.
Be mindful of your home’s water usage

Fenton Township working to keep up with pump stations without power

By Sharon Stone

Area residents are dealing with the cleanup and loss of power from the storm that made its way through the area Wednesday, Aug. 11. Many are still without power. Many also are relying on generators to keep refrigerators, lights and other electrical devices going.

Fenton Township residents are reminded that most of the township homes use well water, which is carried away via pump stations of the sanitary sewer system and then treated at the Genesee County sanitary sewer treatment plant on Silver Lake Road at Hogan Road.

On Thursday, Aug. 12, Tom Broecker, operations manager and deputy clerk for the township, said the township currently has 28 of 58 sewer pump stations without power.

“Between permanent generators and rotating the portable generators, we are keeping up so far, but it is a tenuous situation,” he said. “It certainly helps if residents avoid high water usage (washers, dishwashers, long showers, etc.) until power is restored.”

Flush toilets is more of a necessity and doesn’t use as much water as other uses, so it isn’t as vital to avoid flushes.

A worker with Ronald’s Tree Service is careful when walking along W. Broad Street in Linden on Aug. 11 to avoid the traffic and the fallen branch. Much of downtown Linden, including the traffic lights, also lost power. Photo: Hannah Ball

STORM

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the response time to one of the 10 largest storms in company history – Consumers Energy is serious when it says they’re committed to getting the lights back on for you quickly and safely.

A representative said Friday that the company aims to restore power to most homes and businesses by late Saturday night and finish almost all the restoration work by the end of the weekend.

“We continue to be grateful for the patience of our friends and neighbors as we work to bring the lights back on,” said Guy Packard, Consumers Energy’s vice president for electric operations. “The storms that have struck our state should finally subside today, and we are confident that over 500 crews from Michigan and across the country will help bring back power to many of our customers.”

Crews worked through the night as storms continued to move through Michigan. In addition to Consumers Energy crews and others from Michigan, lineworkers today are joining the effort from seven states, including New York, Tennessee and Missouri.

About 156,963 Consumers Energy customers were without power as of 10 a.m., Friday. In all, over 90,000 homes and businesses have had electric service restored.

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“This is around-the-clock work, and we won’t stop until we restore power to our fellow Michiganders,” Packard said.

Consumers Energy also shares these important safety tips:

• Those clearing storm debris are advised to be aware of possible downed wires and report them to 9-1-1 or Consumers Energy at 800-477-5050 immediately while staying at least 25 feet away.

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SUMMER 2021

Back to the BRICKS
America's Classic Car Events
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GENESEE COUNTY — Car enthusiasts, rejoice. The 2021 Back to the Bricks annual automotive extravaganza is gearing up to return to Genesee County with one of the most exciting summer event line-ups in their decades-long history.

This year’s schedule kicked off with an all-new event – the Dust ‘Em Off Car Show, sponsored by General Motors and Dort Financial Credit Union, which was held on Sunday, May 23, at the Dort Financial Credit Union Event Center.

After a year of challenges, setbacks, cancellations, and disappointments, thousands of Back to the Bricks (BttB) devotees have been itching for the chance to liberate their prized possessions from the restraints of dust covers and storage facilities. From turn-of-the-century restored relics to American muscle, autos around the state are already revving their engines in anticipation for this year’s BttB schedule. And now, with social gathering and capacity restrictions being relaxed throughout the state, BttB will once again be conducting a chorus of carburetors and crankshafts throughout Genesee County and beyond.

The inaugural Dust ‘Em Off Car Show marked the first time many collectors and enthusiasts were able to see such a massive number of cars since lockdown began.

Along with hundreds of classic and vintage cars, The Dust ‘Em Off Car Show offered attendees plenty to keep them busy and entertained, including a massive swap meet with vendors, food trucks, refreshments, drawings and prizes. The afternoon also included a brief ceremony to honor our nation’s veterans and thank them for their service.

“I love Back to the Bricks, and I always have,” said BttB Vice Chair Al Jones. “I’ve never missed a main event since the first year. It’s always lots of fun, it’s great for families, it’s great for the community, and it’s great for car enthusiasts. If you love cars, it’s the place to be.”

For more information about the Dust ‘Em Off Car Show or Back to the Bricks, visit backtothebricks.org, and for more information about the swap meet, contact Al Jones at (810) 625-2713 or aljones@backtothebricks.org. — Alex Petrie
AUGUST 9-14
Tune-Up Party Week
Visit our website for the most up to date locations

AUGUST 17
Brick Flicks @ US23 Drive In

AUGUST 18-19
Rolling Cruise on Saginaw Street

AUGUST 20
Cruise-N-Concert - Downtown Flint

AUGUST 21
Main Event - Downtown Flint
Car Show, Vendors & Sponsors

SEPTEMBER 25
Road Rally - Full details coming soon on website

FLINT — Although the festivities have technically already begun with Tune-Up Week events and parties, the official Back to the Bricks celebration will begin Monday, Aug. 16. Throughout the six-day automotive extravaganza, guests will be treated to a number of events specifically designed to keep you coming back for more.

Monday will kick things off at the Birch Run Speedway. The FREE Cruise ‘n’ Car Show welcomes all visitors. The first 100 cars will receive a free Back to the Bricks dash plaque, and all participants will also receive a voter card. Voting for the best autos will take place from 5-6 p.m., so get out there and get a good look at the cars. Write down your top five favorites and return your card to the Back to the Bricks Drop Box. Votes will be tallied and awards will be handed out at 7:30 p.m. This event is brought to you by Dort Financial Credit Union.

The fun continues Tuesday evening, as Drive-In attendees will be treated to another family friendly Bricks Flicks event at the nostalgic US 23 Drive-In theater on Fenton Road. This year’s film will be 2003’s The Italian Job – an American heist action thriller starring Mark Wahlberg, Charlize Theron, Edward Norton, Jason Statham, and Donald Sutherland. The film, an American remake of the 1969 British film of the same name, follows a motley crew of thieves who plan to steal gold from a former associate who double-crossed them. Despite the shared title, the plot and characters of the movie differ from those of its source material, according to the film’s director.

Wednesday and Thursday evenings will invite attendees to enjoy the annual Rolling Cruise, which will kick off at 4 p.m. with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Factory One, at 303 W. Water St. The ceremony will feature appearances by Back to the Bricks Official Grand Marshal Dr. Bobby Mukkamala, as well as NASCAR driver and Michigan native Erik Jones. Following the ceremony, the parade route will stretch from the historic red bricks of Saginaw Street downtown through Burton, Grand Blanc Township, and the city of Grand Blanc. If previous years are any indication, thousands of people will line the streets to see the parade of classic cars.

New this year, the Grand Blanc Chamber of Commerce has partnered with local businesses to offer a unique “Roll On In!” stop for all cruisers. The event, hosted at Grand Blanc High School from 4-8 p.m., will feature live music by The John Vance Band at 5 p.m., sponsored by Dort Financial Credit Union. Car buffs will have another opportunity to watch or participate in the Rolling Cruise on Thursday, too.

The excitement continues on Friday, as the Cruise ‘n’ Concert returns to the riverfront in downtown Flint. The free annual show, sponsored by Big John Steak & Onion, begins at 7 p.m. with opening act The Reflections. And back by popular demand, The Motortown All-Stars will take the stage from 8-9:30 p.m. Bring your classic car and lawn chairs and join the party. Parking will be available on Saginaw St. for classic cars any time after 5 p.m., but the early birds will have plenty to see and do before the show starts. Adding to the festive atmosphere, local restaurants and bars will be open, and additional food and automotive vendors will be available on the Flat Lot from 2-9 p.m.

Back to the Bricks culminates with the annual Saturday show, one of the nation’s biggest free car shows, which will commence with the official opening ceremony at 10 a.m. Tens of thousands of visitors will be able to stroll the “bricks” of downtown Flint and admire classic, custom, and collectible vehicles of every make and model, take pictures, check out the sponsor and vendor displays, buy souvenirs, taste the food, and enjoy the fun that has become synonymous with Back to the Bricks.

For more information about Back to the Bricks events, visit backtothebricks.org. — Alex Petrie
FLINT — When the Back to the Bricks executive committee met to discuss this year’s Grand Marshal, the main topic that kept coming up was, who in our community is deserving of a much needed “thank-you” for all they have done in our community through the pandemic?

According to the committee members, it was a very easy decision. This year’s Official Grand Marshal is Dr. Bobby Mukkamala.

The board of directors all unanimously agreed Mukkamala played a huge role in making the event, and other events in our community, possible to hold. This past year through the unprecedented times, the pandemic, he stepped up, and stepped out of his normal everyday life to truly help others.

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

A statement from the Back to the Bricks executive committee said Mukkamala put his own needs and family’s needs last. He dedicated his time, and still does to make sure vaccines are available for the community.

He supported and encouraged everyone, even led by example for all to get vaccinated, which in turn has lowered the curve, and allowed us to open back up and lower restrictions, the statement went on to say.

“His is a true inspiration to us all. He is a true leader in this community, and one that doesn’t like the limelight, but is very deserving of it,” the statement said.

Back to the Bricks asks the community to join in congratulating Mukkamala. He will take part in the ribbon-cutting at Factory One in Flint at 4 p.m. on Aug. 18. The ribbon-cutting will be followed by a Rolling Cruise from Factory One to Grand Blanc High School, where Mukkamala will be received by the Grand Blanc Chamber of Commerce at their “Pit Stop” Cruise In along the cruise route.

Mukkamala will also be at the Saturday Main Event Opening Ceremony as a Special Guest, Aug. 21 at 10 a.m. near the GM Statue Plaza in Downtown Flint on Saginaw Street. — G.G.
FLINT — Start your engines! Back to the Bricks is ready to have some fun. The excitement builds as the extremely popular ‘Tune-Up Parties’ revved up the entire week before the main event.

Each night, Aug. 9-14, Back to the Bricks made its way into six different cities offering attractions and fun activities. All the activities varied slightly by location, but included parties with a ’50s, ’60s, and ’70s theme, concessions, vendors, live music, and giveaways.

Monday, Aug. 9 the party was in Davison at John’s Pizzeria and VG’s. Attendees who came out enjoyed a band and DJ, ribs and hot dogs, and Tune-Up Party shirts given out to visitors at each event.

Tuesday, Aug. 10, the fun was in downtown Swartz Creek. On Wednesday, Aug. 11, the party stopped in Linden from 4-8 p.m. While there, visitors enjoyed live music from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, rolled into Flushing, and Friday, Aug. 13, the party will be in Flint Township at the old VG’s Plaza on Corunna Road. The vehicles will enter on Corunna Road. Shirt tickets will be given to drivers entering the venue. Tune-Up Party T-shirts will be given out at 7 p.m. All events are subject to change.

Amber Taylor, executive director of Back to the Bricks said, “Back to the Bricks has taken the safety and health of the car enthusiasts very seriously. We made difficult decisions over the past year and a half, but we knew if we could all do our part then, we could see our friends and celebrate our cars again at all our events now.

“I can’t wait for Tune-Up week and driving into all these amazing and supportive communities. The fun everyone will have, but the thing I keep remembering most, is that we are not only promoting our Main Event which will follow the next week, we are contributing to each of these communities. The shopping, the fuel, the food, it’s all about helping these businesses and owners thrive after the closures.”

Taylor said planning this year’s ‘Tune-Up’ Parties came right down to the wire, when the restrictions were officially lifted on July 1. Many of the cities were excited, but hesitant and wanted to ensure the safety and health of those who will attend, she said.

“These Tune-Up events each night will draw anywhere from 200-500 cars, most of which will have two people in them. Making sure these cities were ready for this influx right after the shutdowns was a priority for all. Happy to say, all cities are thrilled and ready to have us roll on in,” said Tony Bauer, chairman of the Tune-Up Parties.

For more details, visit backtothebricks.org — G.G.
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FLINT — Michigan native and NASCAR driver Erik Jones is joining this year’s 17th annual Back to the Bricks festivities. Jones will join Official Grand Marshal Dr. Bobby Mukkamala for the 2021 Back to the Bricks ribbon-cutting events.

The ribbon-cutting and presentation will begin at 4 p.m. on Aug. 18 at Factory One in Flint. After the ribbon is cut, Mukkamala 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 will also join Back to the Bricks Friday on the Flat Lot, on the corner of Kearsley and Saginaw Street from 5-6:30 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 16 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 Aug. 22. — Alex Petrie
FLINT — The Back to the Bricks organization, alongside sponsors Shea Automotive and Halo Burger, kicked off the inaugural Road Rally on July 24.

More than 400 cars pre-registered and gathered at Shea Automotive off Linden and Corunna roads. The cars started lining up just after 7 a.m. Participants received a packet when they arrived with the top-secret route. They enjoyed music, visited the Official Back to the Bricks Merchandise Trailer, picked up the 2021 Back to the Bricks Magazine, grabbed their goodie bag and off they went.

They departed in small groups every 2-3 minutes from Shea Automotive under the Back to the Bricks arches. They ventured out safely onto Corunna Road thanks to the Genesee County Sheriff’s Office, on the just over 150-mile journey through 19 of Michigan’s most picturesque small towns and cities.

The Rally’s halfway mark had a “cruise-in” feel with bathrooms, sanitation stations, music, food truck provided by Hot Dog Heaven, and so much fun. The biggest excitement of the Rally was that the secret route went through Hell, Michigan.

Hell, Michigan was developed around a sawmill, gristmill, distillery and tavern. There are several theories for the origin of Hell’s name. The first is that a pair of German travelers that stepped out of a stagecoach one sunny afternoon in the 1830s, and one said to the other, “So schön hell!” (translation: “So beautifully bright!”).

Once the participants of the Road Rally returned to the finish line, they were given an official “I Drove Through HELL” commemorative card stock dash plaque provided by Dort Financial Credit Union. The registration fee for the Road Rally was just $10 per car, with proceeds from the event supporting the Back to the Bricks Scholarship Fund.

Stay up to date on all events by visiting backtothebricks.org. — G.G.
THE DISABILITY NETWORK GOES OVER THE EDGE

FLINT — The Disability Network (TDN), in partnership with The Durant Luxury Apartments and Over the Edge, are bringing back the most exciting fundraiser in the area — an industrial rappelling event that gives community members the opportunity to rappel down the side of an eight-story building.

For the third time, the social services organization in Flint is planning to participate in the exhilarating event, and the community is invited to join on August 20 and 21 in downtown Flint, during the annual Back to the Bricks event. TDN and Over the Edge will be partnering again with the historic Durant Luxury Apartments in downtown Flint as the rappelling site. The fundraiser is the only one of its kind, the world’s only industrial rappelling event in the world that affords community members the opportunity to rappel down the side of a multistory building.

“If you choose to accept this mission and join the team of other “Edgers” (that’s our codename for rappelers), just fundraise $500 by event day and your rope will be ready for you to rappel down the Durant — special agent-style,” according to an organizer from the event.

No previous rappelling or climbing experience is necessary to participate, as the Over the Edge professionals will “show you the ropes” on the event day, according to a news release from The Disability Network.

The funds raised will go directly to The Disability Network as they continue their mission to support people with disabilities, helping them to live independently. In addition to funds raised, the event itself will bring visibility and increased awareness to the disability community.

TDN is a nonprofit center for independent living that partners with people with disabilities so they can live as independently in the community as possible, according to the nonprofit’s website. For more information about TDN or to sign up for the event, visit disnetwork.org.
GENESEE COUNTY — Back to the Bricks has continued its yearly tradition of awarding assistance to high school seniors in Flint and Genesee County who are pursuing postsecondary study/training at a college or technical school.

Coursework considered for assistance includes auto-body repair/painting, automotive design, auto mechanics, electrical/manufacturing/mechanical engineering, robotics, sales and marketing, software development for automotive applications, welding, or a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) -related program.

Back to the Bricks organizers and board members wanted to continue to provide this program, especially after experiencing a year-and-a-half of pandemic restrictions, and considered it more important than ever. In the past four years, Back to the Bricks has given away more than $40,000 in scholarships to our community students and were proud to award 2021 seniors this year.

Scholarship Committee member Dr. Jeffrey Drake values the program and wants to underline the significance to his students. “High school seniors in Flint and Genesee County planning to major in an automotive-related career area have the opportunity to apply for this excellent scholarship,” he said.

For more information about the scholarship program, visit backtothebricks.org. — G.G.
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Consumers Energy making significant progress

Restoring power to Michiganders in wake of storms — aims to restore 100,000 customers in next 24 hours

With crews from seven states now working in Michigan, Consumers Energy is making progress Thursday in restoring power to over 350,000 homes and businesses affected by intense storms that moved across the state this week.

Since the storm system first hit on Tuesday night, the energy provider has restored 110,000 customers over the last 24 hours and expects to restore power to another 100,000 customers in the next 24 hours, speeding up the response to one of the 10 largest storms in company history.

“We’re working tirelessly and safely to bring the lights back on for our friends and neighbors,” said Guy Packard, Consumers Energy’s vice president for electric operations.

“We continue to be grateful for the patience of our and the help of crews from across the country. We have over 550 crews from Michigan and seven states working around the clock today, and we are confident we can make significant progress to restore power.”

In addition to Consumers Energy crews and others from Michigan, lineworkers today are joining the effort from seven states, including New York, Tennessee and Missouri. Restoration work is expected to extend through the weekend.

About 240,000 Consumers Energy customers were without power as of 10:30 a.m. today.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

WITH ALL THE recent power losses, plus all of the current and future road and infrastructure repairs in the area, why aren’t local officials planning to bury more of our utility lines? Burying lines prevents power losses, improves aesthetics, and raises property values.

I’VE HAD MAIL that was sent back from an address in Canada and I took it back to the post office and it went through. Something wrong here?

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I WAS DRIVING down Silver Lake Road and saw the cutest thing. It was a man jogging while juggling bowling pins. Great morning entertainment.
Area swimmers competing at national event

By David Troppens

The tri-county area is being well represented at the National Club Swim Association event.

The OLY Swim Program, which is based in the tri-county area, has swimmers at the four-day event and are performing pretty well halfway through the event.

The OLY program’s girls 200 meter freestyle relay team, which included Fenton High School’s Gracie Olsen won its race. Teaming with Josie Connelly, Meghan Fleury and Michelle Lui, the "See SWIMMERS on 31"

Fenton’s Gracie Olsen was part of a winning 200 meter freestyle relay team at the National Club Swim Association meet.

Linden’s Hobson is our Tri-County Softball Player of the Year for second time

By David Troppens

In recent seasons, the Linden varsity softball team has been the tri-county’s top squad.

Back in 2019, the Eagles captured a co-Flint Metro League championship and also won a district crown. The 2020 spring sports season was washed away due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but when softball returned this spring, the Eagles were pretty dominant once again. Linden was ranked in the top 10 for most of the season and ended up finishing the season with a 20-2 Flint Metro League record, just one victory away from earning the Eagles another league crown.

However, when the postseason started, the Eagles not only won a D2 district title, they also won a regional championship. Their season didn’t end until a 3-1 loss to Marysville in the state quarterfinals.

The 2019 and 2021 teams have some solid players that were on both of those squads, but one sticks out among the others. Jordyn Hobson was the team’s top player in 2019 and was the team’s most impactful player once again in 2021.

This season, Hobson was among the Eagles’ top hitters on a squad that ranks among the best in school history. Meanwhile, she also impacted the opposition’s bats, as she shared the primary pitching duties with teammate Mikayla Timm this spring.

Her impact in 2019 made Hobson our Tri-County Softball Player of the Year. And, once again, in 2021 she is our Tri-County Softball Player of the Year.

The Division 2 First-Team All-State outfielder batted a team-best .481, collecting 77 hits in 160 at bats. She had 10 doubles and hit three home runs. She was second on the team with 51 runs scored and third on the team with 51 RBI. She also walked 11 times and was hit by three pitches, giving her an on-base percentage of .520 while poting a .600 slugging percentage. Her 1.120 OPS was the highest on the team this season.

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third on the team.

On the mound, Hobson started 21 games and posted a 15-4 record while also saving a game in relief. She pitched 102 2/3 innings, allowing just 87 hits and 33 walks while striking out 120 batters. That type of performance (along with the aid of fellow First-Team All-State player Emma Mossing and Honorable Mention All-State players Mikayla Timm and Haley Ludwig) helped the Eagles finish the season with a school record 34 wins and a 34-8 record overall.

“We get along and we all play good together,” Hobson said during the team’s postseason run. “I’m so glad we’ve come this far. We’ve been practicing together and getting along and that’s what counts.”

During the 2019 season, Hobson led the Eagles to a 26-9-1 overall as she batted .522 and pitched every inning of Linden’s league contests. At the plate she collected 59 hits, with 12 being doubles and five being triples. She had a .717 slugging percentage and a .606 on-base percentage, posting a 1.323 OPS.

On the mound, she posted 21-5 record overall, striking out 136 batters in 163 2/3 innings.

Hobson will continue her softball career at Mott Community College.

Mossing earned All-State honors by posting a .476 batting average (68-for-165), with 13 doubles and a team-high 11 home runs. She led the team with 67 RBI and also scored 48 runs.

Timm earned honorable mention status by having a strong season on the mound. She posted a 15-4 record, recording a 2.08 earned run average. She struck out 128 batters in 104 1/3 innings. At the plate she hit .344 with six doubles and five home runs.

Ludwig earned honorable mention status by batting .440 with 11 doubles and nine home runs. She also pitched in 14 games and recorded a 4-0 record with three saves.

Linden’s Jordyn Hobson (above right) and Emma Mossing (immediate right) were First-Team All-State performers this spring. Hobson is our two-time Tri-County Softball Player of the Year.

Photos: David Troppens
Gibson’s walk-off homer sparks thrilling 1981 win vs. Yankees

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 actual date of our current publication.

Aug. 16, 1981
Detroit 5, New York 4

Network/Announcers:
This is another New York radio broadcast, so it includes Fran Healy, Frank Messer, Bill White and Phil Rizzuto. Why so many games with Yankee announcers? It has to do with what people have found over the years, and there seem to be more Yankee broadcasts out there than any other team. But, hey, they are still games involving the Tigers, and it’s fun learning about these other announcers as well.

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squad posted a first-place time of 1:45.47, beating the second place team by more than a second (1:46.83).

Olsen has competed in four other individual events. She placed seventh in the 100 meter freestyle (58.04). She earned her spot in the finals by taking eighth in the prelims (58.42). She also competed in the 200 meter butterfly, earning an 11th-place finish in the prelim (2:23.40). She placed 12th in the consolation finals (2:22.67), improving her prelim time by almost a second. Olsen also earned a spot in the consolation finals of the 50 meter butterfly. She placed 12th overall (28.78) after taking ninth in the prelim (28.71). Olsen also competed in the 100 meter breaststroke placing 19th in the preliminary round (1:15.91) and taking 20th in the final round (1:15.69).

Three other girls from the tri-county area competed — Lara Wujciak, Tess Heavner and Sophie Stefanac. Max Haney also represented the area in boys events.

Haney has had a strong showing, placing sixth in the 50 meter butterfly (25.88). He was fifth in the prelim event (25.97). He also teamed with Griffin Curtis, Michael Cooper, Haney and Auben Nugent (1:45.89) to place fourth in the 200 meter medley relay and to a fifth-place finish in the 800 freestyle relay (7:45.72).

For the women, Wujciak also made it to the final in the 200 meter butterfly. She took seventh in the prelim (2:20.82) and in the final (2:21.32). Wujciak also competed in the 100 meter freestyle, taking 88th (1:02.62).

Heavner earned a spot in the consolation finals in the 100 breaststroke. She placed 14th in the prelims (1:15.65) and finished 16th overall (1:16.70) in the consolation final. Heavner also placed 29th in the 200 backstroke (2:24.67). Heavner also teamed with Sophie Curtis, Elise McCaul and Lucy Malys to earn 14th in the 200 meter freestyle relay (1:50.65).

Stefanac also competed in two individual events. She took 50th in the 200 meter backstroke (2:28.14) and 64th in the 200 meter freestyle (2:13.92).

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stick. Well, it did. That game was only Whitaker’s 12th of his Tigers’ career.

Sparky being Sparky: Anderson was pretty well known for his presence when he argued with umpires, but people may think he was ejected from more games than he actually was. He was ejected 57 times over his 26 years as a manager. That comes to just slightly more than twice a year. So while he was pretty entertaining while arguing, he usually didn’t get ejected as he did in this one. And, let’s face facts, he argued almost 10 minutes about a check-swing before he was ejected. He was, obviously, given a long leash by umpires.
It’s what’s for dinner — check out these easy ways to serve it

By Sharon Stone

You can boil it, steam it, roast it, grill it, broil it, and freeze it. We’re talking Michigan sweet corn, which is ripe and covering the tables at local farm stands and farmers markets.

This growing season in Michigan has been challenging for our local farmers. They had to cope with heavy rains, mud, bugs and birds. Now it’s hot.

For those who love Michigan’s sweet corn, they have several locations to buy it from, including local farms and local farmers markets.

The Times reached out to Eichelberg Farms at 11154 Linden Rd. in Fenton Township and Starrs Lakeview Farms at 15586 Linden Rd. in Fenton Township.

Starrs has sweet corn, tomatoes, zucchini, peppers, potatoes, sweet candy onions, cauliflower, cantaloupe, watermelon, peaches, cucumbers, cabbage, and more. Starrs Lakeview Farms is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. They post crop updates on their Facebook page.

Eichelberg’s sweet corn is their number one crop, followed closely by tomatoes and pumpkins. They also grow green beans, squash and peppers. Eichelberg’s extra long handled pumpkins in all sorts of colors are his favorite items to grow and sell. They also have peaches from Georgia.

Eichelberg’s is open Sunday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. They are closed Saturdays. The farm has a Facebook page to keep customers up to date on what’s available.

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Best way to cook corn on the cob

By Christin Mährig
Source: SpicySouthernKitchen.com

- 6 to 8 ears of fresh sweet corn, husks and silks removed and cut in half if desired
- 1 cup milk
- 1 stick butter

Fill large pot about halfway with water. Add milk and butter. Bring water to a boil. Add corn and reduce heat. Simmer corn for 6 to 8 minutes. Remove corn from cooking liquid and it’s ready to serve.

How To Boil Corn On The Cob

By Makinze Gore
Source: Delish.com

- Use the largest pot you have. Fill it with water and salt it really well. Gore says to go heavy with the salted water. The corn won’t taste salty in the end, but the salt just helps bring out the flavor.
- Shuck the corn
- Boil water. When it boils, using tongs, drop ears of corn into the boiling water. Simmer corn for 6 to 8 minutes. Remove corn from cooking liquid and it’s ready to serve.
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boiling water. Return water to a boil, then cook corn for 5 minutes. Do not over cook. Kernels can become tough.
• Drain water.
• Butter it. Brush ears of corn with melted butter and season with salt and butter.

Slow cooker corn
By Lauren Habermehl
Source: taseteofhome.com
• Remove husks from corn and place in a 6- to 8-quart slow cooker.
• Add 1 cup of water, plus butter, herbs and spices.
• Cover and cook on high for 2 to 3 hours or until tender.

Grilled corn
By Lauren Habermehl
Source: taseteofhome.com
• Preheat gas or charcoal grill.
• Place each ear of shucked corn on a 12-inch square piece of heavy-duty foil.
• Top with a tablespoon of butter and standard size ice cube.
• Wrap each ear tightly and grill over high heat for approximately 20 minutes.

Oven roasted corn
By Lauren Habermehl
Source: taseteofhome.com
Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Place each ear of shucked corn on a 12-inch square piece of heavy-duty foil. Place 1 tablespoon of unsalted butter on top of each ear and then wrap corn tightly in foil. Place corn on baking sheet and transfer to the preheated oven’s center rack for 30 to 45 minutes or until corn is tender.

Steamed corn
By Lauren Habermehl
Source: taseteofhome.com
• Place steamer basket into a pot filled with a few inches of water.
• Bring to boil.
• Add shucked ears of corn to the steamer basket.
• Cover and let cook for 4-6 minutes or until tender.
• Remove and season with salt, pepper and melted butter.

HOW TO STORE FRESH CORN
The longer corn sits between being picked and being eaten, the more it will dry out and the less sweet it will taste. Corn is best eaten the same day it’s purchased. If that isn’t possible, store unhusked ears of corn loose in the refrigerator – don’t bunch them together in a plastic bag. For best flavor, use corn within two days. Keep husked corn refrigerated, in plastic bags, and use within two days. If you don’t plan on eating your corn within two days of purchase, you can freeze it.

HOW TO FREEZE FRESH CORN
Shuck, Silk, and Freeze: The easiest and fastest way to preserve your summer corn is to shuck, silk, and package whole ears of corn for the freezer. Use appropriately sized freezer bags, remove air, label with the date, and freeze. Even frozen fresh ears taste better than store-bought frozen ears.
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Puzzles4Kids by Helene Hovanec
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR Barrel and Vines Special Land Use

Thursday, August 26, 2021

Notice is hereby given that the City of Fenton Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., or soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on Thursday, August 26, 2021 in the Council Chambers at Fenton City Hall, located 301 S. Leroy Street, for the purpose of considering a Special Land Use for Barrel and Vines, 3325 Owen Road, for a drive through window for a restaurant rebuild.

A copy of the special land use is available for public inspection at the City of Fenton offices, 301 South Leroy Street, during regular business hours. Written comments concerning the special land use may be submitted at the above address prior to the hearing and will be made part of the official record. All minutes of meetings are available at the City Clerk’s office or on the City’s website.

Comments and questions may be directed to the City of Fenton Zoning and Building Administrator, Michael E. Reilly, at 908-629-2251.

PLEASE CONTACT THE FENTON CITY CLERK’S OFFICE IF ANY ACCOMMODATIONS ARE NEEDED DUE TO A DISABILITY. Persons needing such services should contact the office of the City Clerk by writing or calling the Clerk not less than four (4) days before the public hearing.

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Source: Thefuneralsource.org

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Brenda Jane Montague
1950-2021

Brenda Jane Montague - age 71, of Fenton, died Monday, August 9, 2021. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at Fenton United Methodist Church 119 S. Leroy St., Fenton. Pastor Jeff Jaggers officiating. Burial in Crestwood Memorial Cemetery, Grand Blanc. Visitation will be held at the church Wednesday from 10 AM until the time of the service. Those desiring may make contributions to Fenton United Methodist Church. Brenda was born January 23, 1950 in Holly, the daughter of George Wesley Montague, Sr. and Barbara Jean (Burden) Montague. She had resided in the Fenton area her entire life. She was employed at Crestmont Nursing Care Facility for 30 years. Brenda attended Fenton United Methodist Church and was a former member of First Baptist Church of Holly where she was Baptized. She loved baseball, music especially Patsy Cline and Loretta Lynn. Surviving are sisters, Barbara Karen Montague and Bonnie Montague both of Fenton; sisters-in-law, Donna Montague of Grand Blanc, Dolly Montague of Flint, Theresa Montague of Linden, and Ruth Montague of Portage; and many nieces; nephews; and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Darlene Lapham; and brothers, Larry, Gary, Doug, Rick, George, Jr., and Daryl. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Jane Erie Orrin
1940 – 2021

Jane Erie Orrin - age 81, of Holly, passed away Tuesday, August 10, 2021. Funeral Services will be held 2 PM Saturday, August 14, 2021 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Pastor Tim Forsthoff officiating. Visitation 10 AM until the time of service Saturday. Interment at Lakeside Cemetery, Holly. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation or the Alzheimer’s Association. Jane was born August 3, 1940 in Detroit, the daughter of Charles and Mary (Osborn) Beck. She married David H.Orrin in Detroit on June 11, 1960. Jane graduated from Lincoln Park High School in 1958. She later attended Wayne State University. Jane was employed as a Medical Assistant for Dr. Gerald Buchanan in Holly for many years. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Holly. Jane enjoyed music and was a member of Sweet Adeline’s International since 1975. Jane is survived by her children, David M. (Yvonne) Orrin, Bonnie (Tony LaMarra) Miller, and Robert (Lori) Orrin; grandchildren, Kyle (Julia) Miller, Nicole Orrin, Rebecca Orrin, Aaron Orrin, Marisa Orrin and Samantha Orrin; great-grandsons, Cameron, and Richard. Jane was preceded in death by her parents; husband, David Orrin; and sister, Margaret McCausland Meyer. Online tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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