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By MARK R. RUMMEL, Times Herald

WILD RESCUE: Conservation Officer John Borkovich checks on a young deer he pulled from a window well Wednesday at Linda Aho's home in Fort Gratiot.

Wayward deer saved from hole

Student saw animal fall into nearby window well

By MOLLY MONTAG
Times Herald

FORT GRATIOT — When a student in Linda Aho's first-grade class at Light-house Christian Academy told her a deer had fallen into a hole in her backyard Wednesday afternoon, Aho thought the girl was kidding.

The only deer Aho could see was a target-practice

model staked in her backyard, which is adjacent to the school's playground. But the student, Abby Smith, 6, of Burtchville Township kept insisting a deer had fallen.

When the students lined up to go inside and no one had gone to check out Aho's yard, Abby burst into tears.

That's when Aho knew something for sure had

happened.

"I didn't believe her until she started to cry," Aho said.

The girl was so insistent the school sent staff members to Aho's house at 5861 State Road, only a few hundred yards from the school, where they found an 80- to 100-pound buck trapped in a 6-foot-deep window well Aho and school officials

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called for help, which arrived in the form of John Borkovich, an officer with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and Jason Schultz, who drives a wrecker for Preferred Towing in Fort Gratiot.

It was the first deer-entrapment call Schultz had ever been sent to. He was willing to assist, but told Borkovich there was a catch.

"I said 'As long as I don't have to hook it up.'"

Borkovich wrapped the deer in a blanket and rigged a harness around the blanket. A strong bear hug from Borkovich kept the deer from flailing too hard as

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Johnny Dog charges likely will be tossed

Vendor had faced up to 90 days in jail for violation

By MOLLY MONTAG
Times Herald

A local hot dog vendor likely won't have his day in court after all.

City officials said a misdemeanor charge against hot dog vendor John Moldowan of Port Huron Township is expected to be dismissed as soon as next week.

Moldowan faced up to 90 days in jail and \$500 in fines after he received a citation Aug. 12 for violating his peddlers permit. The city-issued permit requires Moldowan move his hot-dog cart, known as Johnny Dog, in between customers. A Port Huron police officer cited Moldowan after he said the vendor wasn't moving enough as he worked the Thomas Edison Parkway near the Blue Water Bridge.

Steve Simasko, Moldowan's newly-hired lawyer, filed a motion Monday asking St. Clair County District Judge Cynthia Platzer to dismiss the charge because it is a civil infraction, not a misdemeanor.

After reviewing the motion and ordinances, Port Huron City Attorney

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John Livesay said he agreed with Simasko and will file a motion later this week indicating the charge should be dismissed. Once Livesay files the motion, Platzer will not need to rule on Simasko's motion, and the case will be dismissed.

Moldowan was scheduled to begin a jury trial Wednesday. The trial has been adjourned until Oct. 31.

In most instances, a civil infraction would replace the misdemeanor charge, but Livesay said he plans to meet first with Moldowan and Simasko before making a decision. The civil infraction would be punishable by a fine of \$25 to \$500.

Moldowan said he is happy the misdemeanor will be dismissed. He



Times Herald photos by MARK R. RUMMEL

CHARGES DROPPED: Above, John Moldowan serves up some hot dogs to Judy Romzek of Marysville and Angie Pimlott of Rochester on a silver platter Wednesday along Thomas Edison Parkway. At top, Moldowan smiles Wednesday by his vendor cart. Moldowan had faced a misdemeanor charge for violating his peddler's permit that requires him to move his stand between sales. That charge is expected to be dismissed.

plans to speak about the underlying ordinance during the public comment portion of Monday's

City Council meeting. At the meeting, Moldowan said he also will present a petition

signed by customers expressing their support for his right to do business along the boardwalk.

Moldowan said vendors who do business along the

See VENDOR, 2A ▶

Police grill Flint pair

Man, woman named in pickup theft

By MOLLY MONTAG
Times Herald

Two more Flint residents could face charges in connection with a Sept. 14 theft and a carjacking that severely injured a Clyde Township man.

St. Clair County Sheriff Department Spokesman Gary Albrecht said police interviewed a 34-year-old woman and a 40-year-old man Tuesday at the Genesee County Sheriff Department.

The man and woman told police they were in Port Huron with Albert Freeman Townsend Jr. when he stole a pickup truck at Taco Bell in Fort Gratiot.

The pair told police they didn't help Townsend, 35, of Flint steal the truck, but did steal merchandise from Target at the Birchwood Mall. Albrecht could not say what was stolen or if anything was stolen from other stores.

County Prosecutor Mike Wendling, during Townsend's Tuesday arraignment, said television sets were stolen from Target. Townsend is charged with carjacking, failure to stop at the scene of an accident resulting in serious injury or death, and felonious driving for stealing the pickup truck.

During the incident, Rich See THEFT, 2A ▶



Albert Freeman Townsend Jr.



Mike Wendling



By KEITH KING, Times Herald

TRAGEDY: Emergency officials respond to a fatal accident Wednesday on 24th Street in Port Huron.

Man killed in possible hit-and-run

Sheriff deputies hold suspected driver of vehicle

By CRAIG DAVISON
Times Herald

PORT HURON TWP. — A 49-year-old Port Huron man died Wednesday at the scene of an accident after he was struck while

riding a bicycle under the railroad overpass on 24th Street south of Railroad Street.

The car was driven by a Port Huron Township man. Police believe he may have left the scene initially and then returned.

As of press time, he was being detained by St. Clair County Sheriff deputies.

Emergency crews were called to the scene at about

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The car was traveling northbound on 24th St. at the time of the accident, Sgt. Mark Dedenbach said. Police were unsure what

direction the victim was traveling.

Dedenbach said it is unknown if speed or alcohol were factors in the accident.

An accident investigator was called to the scene for further investigation.

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