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Cops, firefighters cook chili for a good cause Thursday

Clinton police vs. fire chili cook off benefits local student

Event assists family of Clinton police detective

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Noah Holloway is currently undergoing treatment for bone cancer. Noah will benefit from a Clinton Township Police vs. Fire Department Battle of the Badges Chili Cook Off on Dec. 6.

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Central Michigan University student Noah Holloway is currently undergoing treatment for bone cancer. Noah will benefit from a chili cook off on Dec. 6. Pictured are Noah Holloway, Robyn Holloway and Adyson Holloway.

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A Clinton Township police vs. firefighters rivalry will heat up in the form of a chili cook off on Dec. 6 though the departments will be united in their fundraising goal to benefit a local student with cancer.

The Battle of the Badges Chili Cook Off will be held from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Fern Hill Golf Club south of 17 Mile Road on Clinton River Road in Clinton Township. The Clinton Township Kiwanis is sponsoring the event.

Clinton Township Kiwanis President Phil Rode said this is the first year the chili cook off has been held, and that between 10 and 12 entrants are expected. Entries will come from Clinton Township's police and fire departments as well as other Clinton Township employees and Kiwanis members. Cost to enter was \$50 per chili entered. Chili will be judged by local public officials.

Tickets to attend the event are \$10 per individual or \$15 per family. Tickets can be obtained by contacting Rode at 586-792-0130, or at the door on the event date.

All proceeds of the Battle of the Badges Chili Cook Off will benefit the Holloway family of Chesterfield Township. Rode said that the goal is to raise a minimum of \$1,000 through the event.

The cook off is one of several fundraising events that the township's police and fire have banded together on with the assistance of the Clinton Township Kiwanis to assist the Holloways.

"Basically it came from the fact that Kiwanis wanted to support police and fire, and things that were important to them," Rode said. "This came up as a great way to help a policeman and his family that has had a lot of expenses."

Detective Thomas Holloway has been with the Clinton Township Police Department for 20 years and serves as a police liaison officer for Chippewa Valley High School in Clinton Township. While a freshman at Central Michigan University in 2017, his son, Noah, began having sporadic pain in his hip. In December 2017, he went to an orthopedic doctor who believed the pain was related to an injury Noah, now 19, suffered playing baseball.

An MRI in January of 2018 showed a mass on Noah's hip, and he was referred to an orthopedic oncologist. The diagnosis was fibrous dysplasia, and Noah began physical therapy. This, however, increased the pain. A second MRI was ordered, and doctors learned the mass on Noah's hip had enlarged and fractured his femur.

He underwent surgery to clean his joint and had a biopsy done on the inflamed area. Biopsy results confirmed a rare form of bone cancer known as Ewing's sarcoma. This resulted in the need for scans, x-rays, an MRI, blood work and a bone marrow test.

"More tests are at the end of December and February to determine progress," Thomas Holloway said. Treatment has required chemotherapy and radiation since July, as well as extended hospital stays at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.

"He's undergoing chemo through February and recently completed his 33rd round of radiation," Thomas Holloway said.

Although the family has health insurance, there are items it doesn't cover such as travel and deductibles. Noah's treatments as well as follow-up could go on for several years.

"He bounces between home and hospital, where he gets admitted for treatment or complications," Thomas Holloway said.

He also said that Noah is hoping to return to Central Michigan University in 2019, barring any setbacks. A GoFundMe page has been organized by the Holloway family [gofundme.com/cvyc84-help-noah-kick-ewing039s-sarcoma](https://www.gofundme.com/cvyc84-help-noah-kick-ewing039s-sarcoma), with contributions going towards Noah's care. As of Dec. 3, \$44,330 of a \$50,000 goal on the Go Fund Me page had been raised.