MOVIE THEATERS
step up to luxury, convenience

Reserved seating, recliners, cocktails and more greet today’s movie-goers

By Sally Rummel

It’s time to get excited about going to the movies again.

Rather than staying home to watch a Netflix film, consider making it a date to watch the latest blockbuster in a theater, where the amenities offered now become a part of the movie-going experience.

Reserved seating, cocktails, leather recliners and enhanced concessions are just a few of the features local movie theaters now offer to attract movie-goers, in an era of movie streaming and Netflix.

The tri-county area has several movie theaters nearby, including NCG Trillium in Grand Blanc, MJR Brighton Town Square Digital Cinema 20, NCG Courtland in Flint and Rave Cinemas Flint West 14. Emagine in Hartland Township, 13 miles south of Fenton, will be opening later this fall at U.S. 23 and M-59, with nine screens and IMAX movies, which Emagine Entertainment calls an “EMAX experience.”

This upscale movie theater chain is known for its luxury seating, including leather power-reclining seats, plus specialty “cuddle seats” in the front row; a theater bar for patrons 21 and up, including a full-service bar of beer, wine and cocktails, and reserved seating.

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The movie industry is changing along with today’s movie-goers who want more luxury and convenient theater experiences. Emagine theater at M-59 and US. 23 in Hartland Township is set to open later this fall.

Thank you!

THEATERS

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Emagine Movie Theaters, with locations throughout Michigan, Illinois and Minnesota.

“It really will be a beautiful venue,” Glantz said. “W e’re shooting to open sometime in late November.”

If you havn’t been to a movie in awhile, you may be surprised to find that technology also has moved into the movie ticket/seatng experience.

All of the major theaters with multiple screens of fer advance ticket purchase, which is especially helpful when you plan to go to a blockbuster movie on a Friday night.

Reserved seating is now of fered at most local theaters, so you can pick your desired seats, whether you order your tickets ahead of time on a mobile app, online or at the ticket counter.

“We’re 100-percent reserved seating,” Glantz said. “W e were early adopters of the concept and now it’ s been well accepted. You can arrive at the theater in an unhurried fashion.”

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Other changes in movie ticket pur - chases include subscription services like MoviePass or other theater chains’ own subscription plans with discount pricing on tickets and concessions.

MoviePass now has three million subscribers who used to be able to watch “unlimited” movies for $9.95 per month. Now subscribers are facing increasing restrictions at the box office, although they still enjoy using their pass at just about any theater, unlike other services.

EMAGINE MOVIE THEATER

TICKET PRICES

Hartland Emagine will charge $6 for matinees (before 6 p.m.) and $10 for peak evening tickets. “There is a $10 up-charge for our premium large format with Dolby Atmos immersive sound known as ‘Emax,’” Glantz said.

Ticket prices at NCG Trillium in Grand Blanc are $6.50 for matinees and $8.50 for peak evening show times.

IMAX showings are $13.50.

MOVIES TO WATCH FOR THIS FALL

SEPTEMBER


OCTOBER

Venom, Goosebumps: Haunted Halloween, Halloween, Bad Times at the El Royale and The Hate U Give.

NOVEMBER

The Nutcracker and the Four Realms, Robin Hood, Overlord, Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald and Ralph Breaks the Internet.

DECEMBER

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The new Emagine theater features contemporary building accents.
Some Useful Educational Apps

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For Kids

“Fish School HD” is free, for the iPad, and is for ages 2 to 5. It uses colorful fish in an underwater world to teach letters, numbers, shapes and colors.

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The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday September 17, 2018 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.

1. Trustee Shumaker offered the opening prayer.
2. Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
3. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of $714,100.52.
5. Adopted Resolution No. 2018-30, scheduling a public hearing on the creation of a special assessment district to continue the existing township-wide residential trash collection program.
6. Adopted Resolution No. 2018-31, authorizing the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission to include the action plan from the Fenton Township Park and Recreation Plan in the Genesee County Community Park Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan.
8. Accepted the resignations of three members of the Fenton Township Fire Department.
9. Approved the hiring of Brett DeWeese as a member of the Fenton Township Fire Department.
10. Approved a motion to reject a proposed lease offer for the property at 3095 Thompson Road, and to remove the property from the market.
11. Adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the November 6, 2018 General Election has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 4:00 PM at the Holly Township Hall, 102 Civic Drive, Holly, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the electronic tabulating equipment will accurately count the votes cast in the manner prescribed by Michigan Election Law.

Karin S. Winchester
Holly Township Clerk

ROSE TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST
OPTICAL SCAN VOTING DEVICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that, on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 12:00 p.m., the Rose Township Election Commission will administer a public accuracy test of the voting devices to be used to conduct the November 6, 2018 General Election. The test will be performed in the Rose Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street in Rose Township, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is performed to demonstrate that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

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**CITY OF FENTON REQUEST FOR BID**

The City of Fenton, Michigan is requesting bids for the foundation repair of the Fenton Museum, 310 S. Leroy Street, Fenton. Bid packets are available at the City Clerk’s office, 301 S. Leroy Street, Fenton, Michigan 48430 between the hours of 9:00a.m. and 5:00p.m., during normal work days. The City of Fenton will accept bids until 9:30a.m. on October 16, 2018. At that time bids will be opened and reviewed. Any questions should be directed to Michael Reilly, Building/Zoning Administrator, at 810-629-2261.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL, RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING**

The Charter Township of Fenton invites qualified firms to submit sealed proposals for the township-wide collection and disposal of residential solid waste, recyclables and combustibles.

Proposals must be made on the Proposal Forms and in accordance with the Instructions to Proponents and General Specifications provided by Fenton Township.

The Township seeks a four (4) year contract, beginning on January 1, 2019, and proceeding through December 31, 2022. The defined terms appearing in the General Specifications apply to all contract documents. Copies of the proposal forms are available at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430 and at www.fentontownship.org.

Sealed proposals must be submitted to, and be on file with the Township on or before 3:00 p.m., Thursday October 11, 2018. Any questions should be directed to:

Thomas Broecker, Operations Manager
Charter Township of Fenton
12060 Mantawauka Drive
Fenton, MI 48430-8817
(810) 629-1537

**TYRONE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS HELD SEPTEMBER 18, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M.**

2. Approved the agenda as presented; approved the consent agenda as presented.
3. Received and placed on file Communications 1-5.
4. Approved the request of Mr. and Mrs. Fults for boundary realignment of their Pine Meadow parcel as recommended by the Planning Commission.
5. Approved the request of Mr. and Mrs. Fausett Rd. parcel as recommended by the Planning Commission.
6. Adopted a moratorium for 90 days on activities related to the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act.
7. Approved the buyout of the Ricoh copier lease.
8. Authorized the gravel improvements to Sonora Drive to replace deteriorated limestone.
9. Adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

The minutes of all regular and special Tyrone Township Board Meetings are on file and may be reviewed at the Tyrone Township Clerk’s office, 10408 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and online at www.tyronetownship.us. The next regular meeting of the Tyrone Township Board will be held on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall. The public is encouraged to attend. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Tyrone Township Clerk at (810) 629-9831 at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Marcella Husted, Tyrone Township Clerk

**REVISIONS TO ZONING ORDINANCE #36**

Notice is hereby given the Tyrone Township Board, during a regular meeting held on September 4, 2018, adopted amendments to Ordinance #36, Articles 4, 21, 22 and 26. All ordinances are available to the public for review during regular business hours at the Tyrone Township Hall, 10408 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan 48430 and can also be accessed from the township’s website at www.tyronetownship.us. A summary of the revisions follows:

1. Article 4, Section 4.03 Special Land Uses in FR and RE and Article 22, Section 22.05 Public and Private Recreation Areas and Facilities: include provisions for commercial recreational uses in the FR District.
2. Article 26, Section 26.04 Nonconforming Structures: include provisions for the rebuilding of nonconforming structures after a disaster.
3. Article 21, new Subsection 21.02.H Detached Accessory Structures located on adjacent lots: include provisions to allow detached accessory structures on adjacent lots in certain districts.

The above amendments to the Tyrone Township Zoning Ordinance #36 shall take effect 7 days after publication of this notice.

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TYRONE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given the Tyrone Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 9, 2018, beginning at 7:00 PM at the Tyrone Township Hall, 10408 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan 48430. The purpose for the Public Hearing is:

1. To receive public comments regarding a request by James & Gwen Grohoski for an increase in the permitted accessory building floor area up to a maximum of 1,200 square feet (reference Section 21.02.G), subject to compliance with the percent lot coverage and placement standards in Article 20, Schedule of Regulations, located on the south side of Jayne Road between Denton Hill Road and Hawks Meadow Trail, Fenton, Michigan 48430, Parcel ID: 4704-01-102-003. The property is zoned R-1, Single Family Residential.

2. To receive public comments regarding a request by Mark & Molly Betley, for a Detached Accessory Structure on Adjacent Lot Special Land Use on combined Lots 58 & 59 of the Plat of Runyan Lake Heights, subject to compliance with Zoning Ordinance #36 Article 23 Site Plan Review, Article 22 Special Land Uses, and Article 21 Supplemental District Regulations, also subject to compliance with the permit lot coverage and placement standards in Article 20, Schedule of Regulations, Tax ID 4704-09-402-056. The property is zoned LK-1, Lake Front Residential.

Additional information is available at the Tyrone Township Clerk’s Office, 10408 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Tyrone Township Clerk, at (810) 629-8631, at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Mark Meisel, Chairman
Tyrone Township Planning Commission

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF A REGULAR PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018 AT 7:00 PM BY THE FENTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION AT THE FENTON TOWNSHIP CIVIC-COMMUNITY CENTER, 12060 MANTAWAUKA, THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

PUBLIC HEARINGS:
Amendment to Zoning Ordinance 594, Section 4.02, Accessory buildings: Ordinance amendment to allow accessory structures to be built on vacant lots across the street from riparian lot principal structures.

Adoption of the Township Master Plan:
YOUR OPINION MAY BE EXPRESSED VERBALEY AT THIS HEARING OR IN WRITING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION PRIOR TO THIS HEARING. THE PLANNING COMMISSION ENCOURAGES YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS MATTER.

This notice is published in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MLA 41.72a (2) (3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Fenton Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 14 days notice to Fenton Township. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Fenton Township by writing or calling the following: Fenton Township Office, (810) 629-1537, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Friday. Ordinances, meeting schedules and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

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1956-2018
Mark Steven Van Auken - age 61, of Westland formerly of Fenton, died Thursday, September 13, 2018. Graveside services were held 11 AM Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at Crestwood Memorial Cemetery, 200 Hill Rd., Grand Blanc. Pastor Michelle Forsyth officiating. Those desiring may make contributions to the American Cancer Society. Mark was born September 14, 1956 in Chicago, IL, the son of Jack and Darlene (Smith) Van Auken. He attended Fenton High School. He served in the U.S. Air Force. Surviving are: his sister, Teal and husband, David Roe of Fenton and three nieces, Katlyn, Andrea, and Kim. He was preceded in death by his parents. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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Jo-Ann Baxter Gerych
1944-2018
Jo-Ann Baxter Gerych - of Fenton, passed away Thursday, September 20, 2018 at her residence. Funeral services will be held 2 PM Sunday, September 23, 2018 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Pastor Wes Stoker officiating. Visitations will be held at 10 AM-1 PM and 3-8 PM Saturday, September 22, 2018 and 12-2 PM Sunday at the funeral home. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to ALS of Michigan (www.alsofmi.org). Jo-An was born July 8, 1944 in Newmarket, New Brunswick Canada the daughter of Joseph and Annabel (Campbell) Fenwick. She earned a degree in nursing in Canada and was a registered nurse for many years. Jo-An married Ron Gerych on October 29, 1967. Her passion and love was with her family and animals, especially horses and dogs. Jo-An’s life touched many people in a special way and she was loved by all who met her. Surviving are: husband, John Gerych; children, Tom (Luz) Brundage of Charlotte, NC, Amanda (Brad) Backstrom of Peachtree City, GA, Alexis (Mike) McMahon of Novi, Kelly Bryant of West Bloomfield, Carter, Ethan, Mili, Koby, Cassandra, Spencer, TJ, and Myles; brother Brian (Rita) Fenwick of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Jo-Ann’s nurse, Makeita and McLaren Hospice. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Bambi Lynne (Beck) Rose
1956-2018
Bambi Lynne (Beck) Rose - age 62, formerly of Fenton, died Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at her residence. Funeral services will be held 12 PM Saturday, September 22, 2018 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton with Pastor Wes Stoker officiating. Visitations will be held at the funeral home Friday, September 21, 2018 from 2-4 and 6-8 PM and Saturday from 11 AM until the time of the service. Those desiring may make contributions to METAvivor Research. Bambi was born May 28, 1956 in Flint, the daughter of Robert E. and Lynette (Housel) Rose. Bambi was a 1974 graduate of Fenton High School and received her bachelor’s degree from Central Michigan University. She was employed as a registered nurse in Flint and received an associate degree from Schoolcraft College and her bachelor’s degree from Central Michigan University. She received a master’s degree from the University of Michigan. She married Steve Rose on October 29, 2001 on Mackinac Island and he preceded her in death June 19, 2017. Bambi retired as the Director of Medical Records at Hurley Hospital in Flint. Bambi was a member of the Director of Medical Records at Gربية Hospital in Flint. Bambi founded the BLR Consulting Firm. She was a member of the Michigan Health Information Management Association. Surviving are: her parents; Robert and Lynette Beck of Flint; her brother, Steve Beck of Long Beach, CA; her two sisters, Joan Harbin of Covington, GA, and James Harbin of Cumming, GA; and her master’s degree from the University of Michigan. Bambi married Robert J. Harbin April 11, 1953 in Davison and he preceded her in death April 11, 2000. Helen worked as a home health care nurse in Baltimore, MD and as a supervising nurse in the ER at St. Joseph Hospital in Flint; she then worked as a registered nurse for the Flint Community Schools, followed by many years of teaching nursing at Mott Community College and at the Genesee Area Skill Center. She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church where she had an abiding interest in being involved in missions, such as Befrienders. Surviving are: her children, Thomas (Marion Salter) Harbin of Pittsford, David (Frances) Harbin of Republic, Kathleen (Tim) Thomas, Jennifer (Kevin) Belknap, Dennis, Jean Sarver of Roseville, Joan Harbin of Cumming, and James Harbin of Linden; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; brothers, Patrick McAvinchey of Davison and Thomas (Carolyn) McAvinchey of WI; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Joseph McAvinchey. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Patrick Ruddy

Charles (“Chuck”) Shuck

Margaret Fischer

Helen E. Harbin
1927-2018
Helen E. Harbin - age 90, of Flushing, formerly of Linden, died Tuesday, September 18, 2018. Funeral services were held 10 AM Friday, September 21, 2018 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Flushing. Visitation was held at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Flushing. Visitation was held at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton Thursday, September 20, 2018 from 6-8 PM and at church Friday from 9:30 AM until the time of the Mass. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to Hospice House of Shiawassee County, 2005 Copas Road, Owosso, MI 48867. Helen was born on October 11, 1927 in Oelwein, IA, the daughter of Frank and Florence (McNamara) McAvinchey. She was a graduate of Davison High School and received a Bachelor of Science and Nursing from St. Mary’s College in Indiana, IN and her master’s degree from U of M Ann Arbor. She married Robert J. Harbin April 11, 1953 in Davison and he preceded her in death April 11, 2000. Helen worked as a home health care nurse in Baltimore, MD and as a supervising nurse in the ER at St. Joseph Hospital in Flint; she then worked as a registered nurse for the Flint Community Schools, followed by many years of teaching nursing at Mott Community College and at the Genesee Area Skill Center. She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church where she had an abiding interest in being involved in missions, such as Befrienders. Surviving are: her children, Thomas (Marion Salter) Harbin of Pittsford, David (Frances) Harbin of Republic, Kathleen (Tim) Thomas, Jennifer (Kevin) Belknap, Steve (Kathy) Belknap, Dennis, Jean Sarver of Roseville, Joan Harbin of Cumming, and James Harbin of Linden; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; brothers, Patrick McAvinchey of Davison and Thomas (Carolyn) McAvinchey of WI; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Joseph McAvinchey. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Helen Cowell
How to keep dogs safe and content

Every day a family welcomes a pet into their home. According to Gregor Larson, director of the University of Oxford’s palaeeognomonic and bi-archaeology research network, dogs, without a doubt, were the first domestic animal. While researchers know they were tamed and used for work, little is known about when dogs moved from primarily providing utility to being pets.

Pet industry statistics and data from the ASPCA indicate there are now roughly 78 million dogs living as pets in households across the United States. The Canadian Pet Outlook Market says Canada is home to roughly six million pet dogs.

While researchers continue on their quest to determine just how and when canines transitioned from being beasts of burdens to best friends, dog lovers can do their share to keep their pets safe and happy.

• Begin with training. One of the best things a pet owner can do for the well-being of a his or her dog is to ensure that it receives proper training from a young age. According to VetWest Animal Hospital experts, statistics show that owners who have pets that behave get more satisfaction and have stronger bonds with their pets. A dog that responds to basic commands can stay out of danger, and knowing what he is supposed to do can help the dog feel less stressed.

• Socialize the pet. Learning how to respond to other dogs and people is an important aspect of canine life. If the pet is to get along with other dogs, it needs to have high exposure to other animals every day and in various scenarios. Socialization can begin as soon as a puppy is immunized and able to venture out with others.

• Spay or neuter the dog. Various animal health experts attest to the benefits of having dogs spayed and neutered. These can include limiting aggression, reducing the need to roam and helping to prevent fights with other animals. Also, spaying and neutering helps keep animal numbers under control.

• Keep licensing up to date. Licensing will keep dogs registered in the area and help have current contact information available. Pet owners often license and microchip their pets to ensure safety all around.

• Exercise the pet. Dogs need daily exercise to maintain healthy body weights and keep them from fits of boredom. A dog that is not properly exercised may engage in destructive behavior around the house to unleash its pent-up energy.

Love and affection are also needed for healthy pets, but pampering should not come at the expense of training and obedience.

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