STAY SAFE AT LOCAL LAKES THIS SUMMER

Be aware of dangers that could be in the water

By Hannah Ball

Rusty nails. Bacteria. Swimmer’s ear.

Our inland lakes offer much beauty and enjoyment during the hot summer months, but the water could carry unseen dangers and ailments.

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Bacteria can enter the body through open wounds, such as an open cut or scrape. Nine beaches in Michigan were closed last week because of high bacteria levels. None were local beaches.

At one beach in Florida, a young girl became infected with flesh-eating bacteria called necrotizing fasciitis last month. She was treated and is in stable condition. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), this bacteria is rare, but one in three people who develop this.
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condition will die from it. To avoid contracting an illness from bacteria in lakes, do not swim with an open wound. Take a shower after swimming and inspect the skin of your children after being in the water. Clean any new wounds.

A bacteria that can live in chlorinated pools is cryptosporidium, which is the leading cause of outbreaks of diarrhea tied to water, according to the CDC. The number of crypto cases in the U.S. has increased an average of 13 percent since 2009.

The bacteria spreads when there is fecal matter in a pool, and it can cause dehydration and malnutrition. To avoid it, urge kids not to swallow pool water and check swim diapers of children every 30 minutes to make sure they’re clean.

Avoid swimming in pools if you’ve recently had diarrhea.

E. coli monitoring

The Department of Environmental Quality Beach Guide shows that Clover Beach in Fenton Township, Silver Lake Beach and Copneconic Lake at Camp Copneconic are monitored weekly by the Genesee County Health Department. Seven Lakes State Park is monitored by Oakland County Health Division. None currently have warnings or advisories.

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) has a cooperative lakes monitoring program (CLMP) that allows volunteer citizens to monitor indicators of water quality in their lakes. Volunteers tested Lake Fenton in 2017, Milt Lake in 2015, and Silver and Byram lakes in 2014.

Swimmer’s ear

Otitis externa is an infection in your ear canal, which is a tube that runs from the hole on the outside of your ear to your eardrum. It’s identified by itchiness in the ear, pain, trouble hearing, and fluid or pus draining out the ear. If your ear hurts when you tug or press on it, you might have swimmer’s ear, according to webmd.com.

It’s caused by bacteria, but sometimes happens because of a virus or a fungus. Call your doctor if you think you have swimmer’s ear.

Rusty nails and other sharp objects

Walking along the beach barefoot in the water can be relaxing, but it can expose someone to stray glass, nails or other sharp objects left in the water that could cut skin. Wearing water shoes is the easiest way to avoid stepping on something sharp and being injured.

If you are cut by metal or something else rusty, make sure you’re up to date on your tetanus shot. Always bring a first-aid kit when going to the beach or on a boat.

Boating safety tips from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources include the following:

Wear a life jacket. Drowning was the cause of death in 76 percent of boating accident fatalities in 2017, according to the U.S. Coast Guard.

Stay sober. Alcohol is the leading contributing factor in fatal boating accidents.

Stay alert. Watch for swimmers, other boats, kayaks, wildlife and more.

Check your boat before using it. Make sure to keep enough life jackets on board for every passenger, as well as a fire extinguisher, rope and a paddle.

Take cellphone and store in waterproof pouch if possible. Call for help if needed.
Mobile ‘eats and treats’ are nothing new

Compiled By Vera Hogan

Some people call it a “roach coach” and others call it a “gut wagon,” but no matter what you call them, food trucks are here to stay and gaining in popularity.

The concept, however, is not new. According to The Balance Small Business, the history of American food trucks dates back many years as mobile dining and street food have been part of Americans’ dining habits since the late 17th century where it could be found in many of the larger cities on the east coast.

The following is some of that history:

1866
The Chuck wagon is invented by Charles Goodnight to feed cattlemen and wagon trains traversing the old West. Why do they call it a chuck wagon? Not because it’s a nickname for Charles. Since early 17th Century, individuals involved in the meat business referred to a lower priced part of the beef carcass as the “chuck.” Although less glamorous than other cuts, the chuck was an important source of nutrition for the working man.

1894
Sausage vendors sell their wares outside the student dorms at major eastern universities (Yale, Harvard, Princeton, and Cornell), and their carts became known as “dog wagons.”

1900
The earliest street food was not hot dogs or pretzels, but in fact oysters and clams. At one time, this was the food of the masses and even the poorest citizens ate oysters for dinner. As European immigrants continued to come to New York, the street food changed to hot corn, pickles, knishes, and sausages. In the 1970s and ’80s, it was predominantly Greek souvlaki and kabobs being sold from carts. As the Muslim population increased, so did the halal carts which now make up most of lunches in Midtown.

1936
The Oscar Mayer “Wienermobile” is a series of automobiles shaped like a hot dog on a bun, which are used to promote and advertise Oscar Mayer products in the United States. The first version was created in 1936 by Oscar Mayer’s nephew, Carl G. Mayer, and variants are still used by the Oscar Mayer company today. Drivers of the Wiener mobiles are known as Hot-doggers and often hand out toy whistles shaped as replicas of the Wiener mobile, known as Wiener whistles.

1950s
Ice cream trucks begin selling their frozen treats. Good Humor is a brand of ice cream started in Youngstown, Ohio, in the early 1920s with the Good Humor bar, a chocolate-coated ice cream bar on a stick sold from ice cream trucks and retail outlets. In the 1950s the Good Humor company operated up to 2,000 “sales cars.”

Sources: midtownlunch.com; balancesmb.com; goodhumor.com; mobile-cuisine.com
Not on my watch!

The first time I was allowed to watch my younger sister alone was Saturday night, July 16, 1966. I was 13 and Monika was 9. Our older sister was 17 and on a date. Our parents were out for dinner and dancing.

We lived in a rural area of Bonfield, Illinois, located about two hours south of Chicago. Ours was the first house in a row of 10, surrounded by farm fields on all sides, on Route 17.

Not being a news junkie at the ripe old age of 13, I had no idea that during the overnight hours of July 13, 1966 and into July 14, a killer named Richard Speck was on the loose. He was being sought for murdering eight student nurses, who lived together in a townhouse on Chicago’s south side.

My parents didn’t mention it and probably didn’t think it was necessary since it happened more than 100 miles away. They didn’t see what I saw on the TV that Saturday night, that Speck was on the run and heading south, in our direction.

Here’s what happened.

When 23-year-old Corazon Amurao opened the front door to Speck’s knock, he forced his way in at gunpoint. Speck gathered the nurses together and ordered them to empty their purses, before tying them all up.

Over the next few hours, eight women, between 19 and 24, were bound, robbed, beaten, strangled and stabbed during Speck’s frenzy, and one victim was said to have been raped. Speck lost count of his victims and failed to notice that Amurao had managed to hide herself under one of the beds. When he left hours later, she cowered in her hiding place before finally climbing out on a window ledge to scream for help.

The police arrived to scenes of horror. They brought Amurao to safety, interviewed her and proceeded with the police drawing of a suspect. Amurao remembered the distinctive “Born to Raise Hell” tattoo that, along with the image, enabled police to identify their suspect as Speck.

Although he was arrested and taken into custody in Chicago on July 19, 1966, I didn’t know on July 16 that he wasn’t on his way to a destination south of Chicago that I was sure would take him right past our house. I was scared to death, but I was ready to protect my little sister with a baseball bat and can of black pepper placed at the front door.

Even though he was a strong 25-year-old man, capable of butchering eight women in their home, I thought that my skinny, scrawny self was bad enough to throw pepper in his eyes, beat him upside his head and call police. Yeah, right!

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JULY 14
1789: Parisian revolutionaries and mutinous troops storm and dismantle the Bastille, a royal fortress and prison that had come to symbolize the tyranny of the Bourbon monarchs. This dramatic action signaled the beginning of the French Revolution, a decade of political turmoil and terror in which King Louis XVI was overthrown and tens of thousands of people, including the king and his wife Marie-Antoinette, were executed.

JULY 15
1971: During a live television and radio broadcast, President Richard Nixon stuns the nation by announcing that he will visit communist China the following year. The statement marked a dramatic turning point in U.S.-China relations, as well as a major shift in American foreign policy.

JULY 16
1995: Amazon officially opens for business as an online bookseller. Within a month, the fledgling retailer had shipped books to all 50 U.S. states and to 45 countries. Founder Jeff Bezos’ motto was “get big fast,” and Seattle-based Amazon eventually morphed into an e-commerce colossus, selling everything from groceries to furniture to live ladybugs, and helping to revolutionize the way people shop.

JULY 17
1967: One of the oddest musical pairings in history ends when Jimi Hendrix dropped out as the opening act for teenybopper sensations The Monkees. The booking of psychedelic rock god Jimi Hendrix with the made-for-television Monkees was the brainchild of Hendrix’s manager, Mike Jeffery, who was seeking greater public exposure for a young client who was a budding star in the UK, but a near unknown in his native United States. It was in the UK, in fact, that Monkee Mike Nesmith first heard a tape of Hendrix playing while at a dinner party with John Lennon, Paul McCartney and Eric Clapton. Nesmith and his fellow Monkees Peter Tork and Mickey Dolenz became instant Jimi Hendrix fans, and after witnessing his legendary performance at the Monterey Pop Festival in June 1967, they encouraged their own manager to invite the little-known but highly respected Jimi Hendrix Experience to join their upcoming U.S. tour.

JULY 18
1969: At 10:56 p.m. EDT, American astronaut Neil Armstrong, 240,000 miles from Earth, speaks these words to more than a billion people listening at home: “That’s one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.” Stepping off the lunar landing module Eagle, Armstrong became the first human to walk on the surface of the moon.

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Jon Satkowski Jr.
City Treasurer

NOTICE TO ROSE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Rose Township Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on Tuesday August 1, 2019 at 7:30 PM in the Rose Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider and receive comments on the following application:

Mr. Gary Lowe owner of vacant lot on Cogshall Street (06-03-203-008). Is requesting a variance from the Rose Township Ordinance. The request is for a rear yard setback variance to locate a manufactured structure on lot. The variance request is for an 18 feet rear yard setback. Rose Township Zoning Ordinance, Table 38-232 Schedule of Regulations, requires that the rear yard setback be a minimum of 30 feet.

Comments in writing will be accepted until the date and time of the hearing and should be submitted to the Office of the Rose Township Clerk, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan, 48442.

A copy of the aforementioned variance application is available for inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. at the Township Office, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan until and including the day of the hearing.

Handicapped persons needing assistance to attend the meeting should contact the Rose Township Clerk at (248) 634-8701 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

David Plewes
Rose Township
Zoning Administrator

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Public Accuracy Test for the August 6, 2019 Special Election has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall, 10408 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate to electors 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.

Marcella Husted, Tyrone Township Clerk

Tyrone Township
Livingston County, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING UPON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE TYRONE TOWNSHIP LAUREL SPRINGS SUBDIVISION WASTE REMOVAL PROJECT (2019) SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

(1) The Township Board of Tyrone Township, Livingston County, Michigan (the “Township”) in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan, will conduct a public hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m., local time, on July 16, 2019 at the Tyrone Township Hall, 10408 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan, to review the following proposed special assessment district:

TYRONE TOWNSHIP LAUREL SPRINGS SUBDIVISION
WASTE REMOVAL PROJECT (2019)
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

and to hear any objections thereto and the proposed project.

(2) The project (the “Project”) will consist of establishing a single waste hauler for the Laurel Springs subdivision in Tyrone Township. The Project is designed to serve the properties in the Special Assessment District (the “District”), which District consists of the properties located within the area designated on the map attached at Appendix I and includes the specific properties that are identified by the permanent lot and parcel numbers described in Appendix II.

(3) The Township plans to impose special assessments on the properties located in the Special Assessment District to pay for the costs of the Project.

(4) The plans and cost estimates for the proposed Project and the description of the District are now on file in the office of the Township Clerk for public inspection. Periodic redeterminations of the cost of the Project may be made, and subsequent hearings shall not be required if such cost redeterminations do not increase the estimated cost of the Project by more than 10%. Any person objecting to the proposed Project or the proposed District must file his or her objections in writing with the Township Clerk before the close of the July 16, 2019 public hearing or within such additional time (if any) as the Township Board may grant.

This notice is given by order of the Tyrone Township Board.

Dated: June 25, 2019
Marcella Husted
Tyroen Township Clerk

APPENDIX I
Map of Special Assessment District

APPENDIX II
Special Assessment District
Permanent Parcel Numbers

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Guilt-Free Banana Chocolate Smoothie

Chocoholics often feel that nothing beats a rich piece of chocolate, a sumptuous slice of chocolate cake or a creamy serving of chocolate ice cream. Chocolate contains four times the amount of catechins as tea, and it contains the same heart-healthy flavonoids as red wine. However, the way chocolate is prepared can affect its potential health benefits. For those who want a healthy, low-fat chocolate option that’s easier on the waistline, smoothies may be the way to go.

This recipe for “Guilt-Free Banana Chocolate Smoothie” from Ellen Brown’s “Super Smoothies: 100 Recipes to Supercharge Your Immune System” (Crestline) is one way to get a full dose of delicious chocolate (in two forms). This smoothie is chock-full of other ingredients, including a potassium-rich banana, that are part of a healthy, balanced diet. When the kids are indulging in ice cream, this smoothie offers parents the same texture and taste without all the guilt.

Serves 4 1-cup servings

INGREDIENTS:
• 1½ cups chocolate soy milk
• 3 ounces chopped dark chocolate
• 3 tablespoons cocoa powder, preferably Dutch-processed
• 2 tablespoons bee pollen
• 2 tablespoons flaxseed oil
• 2 cups sliced banana
• 1 cup chocolate frozen yogurt
• 2 tablespoons shaved chocolate for garnish (optional)

DIRECTIONS:
Combine soy milk, chopped chocolate, cocoa powder, bee pollen, flaxseed oil, and banana in a blender or smoothie maker. Blend on high speed for 45 seconds or until mixture is puréed and smooth. Add frozen yogurt, and blend on high speed again until mixture is smooth. Serve immediately, garnished with chocolate shavings, if desired.

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Answers in this edition of the Tri-County Times

Puzzle Answers

Midweek Sudoku, Crossword Puzzle and Jumbles are located in the last Midweek’s issue. All other puzzles are located throughout this edition of the Tri-County Times.
**Weekend Scrambler**

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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RANGER
Pie
OVERT
Lazy
TRIPOD
Quiet
TINSEL
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“Sometimes I wonder if I’ll put up a fight against _______________.”

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**Weekend Sudoku**

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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4   8   3   7   2
8   2   6   7   4   8   1   6
9   8   2   5
7   2   3   4
3   5   7   2
2   5   6
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**Weekend Crossword**

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ACROSS
1  TV regulating eg. 46 Siam or Philippine
4  Dem’s. foes 48 Cat coater
8  May birthstone 54 A portion of
15  Deform 59 Pal, to Pablo
19  Head of corn 60 Verse writer
20  Farm unit 61 Spur
21  Award 62 47-Down or 66 Got tangled
22  Suspicion 63 It preceeds Tue.
23  “Bunch” 64 Got tangled
24  *Course 66 Actress
27  “Wish Tree” artist Yoiko Mulder
28  Meal for an ocd patient
30  Bic fluid
31  “Slog”
32  “Comment to a very generous person”
35  Defeat
36  Martinique
37  Cobwebby room, often
38  Operating
39  Pol Paul
40  Shape
41  Original texts: Abbr.
42  Hightailed it
43  Forest and desert, e.g.
44  Alterations, Repairs, Zipper Repair & Replacement

124 Loch —
125 Rx watchdog
90 Connector to the WWW
2 Sprinkling of
1 In
2 Conspiring
3 Hybrid
4 Baking treats
5 Print
6 Take back
99 Take back,
105 *Emphatic
106 *Hollywood producer
110 Phone voice
111 Enzyme
112 *Hollywood publication
117 Word with synonyms at the ends of the answers
118 “Dame” Evergreen
119 Stately street
120 Elderly
121 Counterpart of mass.
122 Chop —
123 Sows again
124 Loch —
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Obituaries

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Eulala Norwood

Billie McWilliams

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Irishrose Willett

Ralph C. Getz, Sr.
1932-2019
Ralph C. Getz, Sr. - age 86, of Fenton, died Thursday, June 6, 2019. A celebration of life service will be held at 11 AM, Saturday, July 20, 2019 at Fenton First Presbyterian Church, 503 S. Leroy St., Fenton, with Reverend David Eshleman officiating. The family will receive friends from 10:30 AM until the time of service at the church. Those desiring may make contributions to the Alzheimer’s Association. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Russell Burton Morton
1933-2019
Russell Burton Morton - age 85, of Linden, died July 11, 2019. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Monday, July 15, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden with Rev. Dean Durnbol officiating. Interment will follow at Sharp Cemetery. Visitation will be held 3-8 PM Sunday, July 14, 2019 at the funeral home. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to Trinity Lutheran Church. Mr. Morton was born August 9, 1933 in Linden, the son of Clarence and Lera (Smith) Morton. He was a graduate of Hartland High School, attended Central Michigan University and was a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard. Mr. Morton married Gloria Ruth Thompson on June 25, 1955 and she preceded him in death on October 27, 2007. He retired from General Motors Truck and Bus as a supervisor in 1987. Surviving are: three children, Russell (Kathleen) Morton of Edmond, OK, Dean (Nancy) Morton of Fenton, and Lisa Stidham of Fenton; seven grandchildren, Jason, Lance, Brad, Shanna, Dean, Barbara and Alesia; many great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by: his wife; his parents; and his step-mother, Katherine Morton. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Donald Ray Mobley
1930-2019
Donald Ray Mobley - age 89, of Canton formerly of Linden, died Monday, July 1, 2019. Services will be held 11:30 AM Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St, Linden. Pastor Mike Norton officiating. Burial in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Tuesday from 10:30 AM until the time of the service. Those desiring may make contributions to Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Donald was born May 16, 1930 in Flint, the son of Charles and Lucille (Griffin) Mobley. He received his bachelor’s degree from Eastern Michigan University. He was a veteran of the Korean War serving in the U.S. Army. He married Geraldine Smith January 17, 1953 and she preceded him in death August 16, 2014. He retired from the Flint Community Schools as a teacher. Donald was a member of Linden Presbyterian Church. He also was a member of the Michigan Education Association, National Education Association, American Federation of Teachers. Surviving are: daughters, Cheryl Young of Chesaning and Susan (Michael) Norton of Canton; grandchildren, Jeremy, Nathan (Katie), Timothy (Amanda), Leah (Stephen), Taylor (Amanda), Austin (Erin), and Jordan (Jennie); great-grandchildren, Ellie, Gemma, Calvin, Charlee, Lynnelee, Otto, Cally, Dean, Matthew, and Lucas; brother, Jack Mobley of Suttons Bay; and several nieces and nephews. He was also preceded in death by his parents; brother, Charles Mobley; and sister, Alice Krom. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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5 ways to prevent your pet from getting lost

Loving pets want to be right by their owners’ sides as much as possible. As a result, a boisterous puppy may follow underfoot while a cute kitty will snuggle on the sofa with its owner.

Even though pets prefer to stick close by, there are times when distractions, events or noises can cause a pet to roam. Animals that do not know how to find their way back home can quickly become disoriented and lost.

The number of pets that go missing can be staggering. The American Humane Association estimates that more than 10 million dogs and cats are lost or stolen in the United States every year. One in three pets will become lost at some point during their lives. The following are five steps pet owners can take to prevent them from getting lost.

1. Get a collar and identification tag. Collars may seem “old school” in a digital world, but a dog tag is an ideal way to identify a pet and provide contact information should he or she get lost.

2. Invest in microchipping. Microchipping is an effective way to ensure current contact information always accompanies the animal, whether he or she is wearing a collar or not. Microchips are small identification devices about the size of a grain of rice that are painlessly inserted just under the skin of a pet. The microchip gives off a signal that can be read with a handheld scanner used by animal shelters and most vets. A study published in the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association, examined information from 53 animal shelters across the U.S. and confirmed the high rate of return of microchipped dogs and cats to their families.

3. Ensure your pet is spayed or neutered. Animals that have not been spayed or neutered have a tendency to roam because they are looking to fulfill the instinct to mate. Neutering removes this desire, and the pets may be more content to remain at home.

4. Leash pets outdoors. Even the most well-behaved and trained animals may dash off after a squirrel or other distractions from time to time, especially if the animal is scared. These issues can be prevented by using a leash outside at all times.

5. Escape-proof homes and yards. Check to see if any potential escape routes are around the house and outside in the yard. Dogs that dig can be deterred by burying chicken wire around the edges of the fence. Make sure gates are self-latching as well. Indoors, check that windows are secure. Exercise caution when opening doors and check that pets have not squeezed through, advising visitors to do the same. If you have a Houdini on your hands, supervise outdoor play.

THINGS TO DO WHEN YOU HAVE LOST OR FOUND A PET...

1. Visit Tri-County Times Lost & Found on Facebook
3. Call your local vets.
4. Place an ad in the Tri-County Times, 810-433-6787.
5. Check out previous lost and found pets on the classified section of our website at myfenton.com
6. Make posters
7. Visit all local dog pounds and animal shelters
CHECK-IN TO THE ER FROM HOME.
At McLaren Flint, we understand that when you need emergency care, the waiting room is the last place you want to be. That’s why we offer an online registration so you can check-in to our ER right from home and minimize the wait when you arrive.

Just visit mclaren.org/FlintER to select an ER treatment time that fits your schedule.

The next time you need expert ER care, register online so the waiting room can be your living room. It’s one more way McLaren Flint is doing what’s best.