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CLEAN AND  
DISINFECT  
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**Sharing the joy of music** — Jamison Jones (right) and Brad Wright, both of Fenton, perform for Lockwood of Fenton residents Thursday, April 2. While keeping up social distancing, the trio, including Elise Bugala, brought some joy to residents as they stayed in their apartments. **See story on Page 6. Photo by Tim Jagielo**

## ‘Essentially, we’re at a standstill’

■ Real estate market in tri-county area and beyond affected by ‘stay home’ order

**By Hannah Ball**

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting all of America, and the real estate

field is no exception.

Carol Ray, broker/Realtor at Berkshire Hathaway Michigan Home Services in Fenton, said it’s been a big disruption for the real estate field.

**See REAL ESTATE on 10**



Carol Ray



Patrik Welty



Ken Brant



“The staff who self-quarantined with the residents at Vicinia Gardens deserve enormous gratitude for giving so unselfishly. Hearing the news of senior homes around the country that have high rates of diagnosed cases proves they did the right thing.”



“Big shout out to The State Bank. I am a small business owner and applied for the SBA-Paycheck protection loan last week. Just got approval today and should be closing next week.”

## COMMENT OF THE WEEK



“I need to practice social distancing from the refrigerator.”



## Local county commissioner speaks on pandemic response

■ COVID-19 cases rise in Genesee County

**By Hannah Ball**

As of 10 a.m., Tuesday, April 14, Genesee County had 1,031 confirmed coronavirus cases and 84 deaths, according to the Genesee County Health Department. The county’s first four cases were confirmed March 20, **See PANDEMIC RESPONSE on 5**



Shaun Shumaker

## Tax Day 2020

■ Local accountant advises to file now if refund is expected, wait to July 15 if money owed

**By Sharon Stone**

Today, April 15, is traditionally the deadline to file your tax return with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and pay if you owe.

Due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, the deadline to file and pay federal taxes has been extended to July 15.

**See TAX DAY on 7**



## Whitmer faces backlash for pandemic response

■ Online petition gains more than 200,000 signatures

By Hannah Ball

A change.org petition to recall Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has more than 200,000 virtual signatures as of Tuesday, April 14.

This is in response to her strict “stay home, stay safe” executive orders that have forced nonessential businesses to close in order to help slow the spread of the coronavirus.

The petition, created by John Powell, states, “Recall Governor Whitmer. Her failure’s during the Covid-19 Corona Virus is causing more Michiganders to get sick. Closing and banning various non essential businesses and activities while leaving others open. Further promoting the pandemic.

“She has lied since day one with her



Gov. Gretchen Whitmer

#Fixthedamnroads which she has failed to do anything in this regards. The response to #PFAS was negligence and completely removing funding for #PureMichigan clearly shows her lack of anything positive for the State of Michigan.”

Whitmer’s latest executive order prohibits Michiganders from traveling to in-state vacation residences and using motor boats. Large businesses must close areas in the store dedicated to carpeting, flooring, furniture, garden centers, plant nurseries and paint.

She has faced backlash from residents saying she is taking away Michigander’s Constitutional rights.

A Facebook group called “Michigan Against Excessive Quarantine” shows posts from residents speaking against quarantine measures.



A new cell tower will be built on this parcel off Lobdell Road in Fenton Township.

Photo: Hannah Ball

## New cell tower to be built off Lobdell Road

■ Information showed gap in Verizon service

By Hannah Ball

A new cell tower is expected to be built off Lobdell Road in Fenton Township in the coming months.

The topic came before the Fenton Township Planning Commission on Feb. 13 for a new communication tower at 6036 Lobdell Rd., parcel #06-31-400-002.

Zoning Administrator Mike Deem said the applicant is Eco-Site on behalf of Verizon, which came to a lease agreement with Charles Mueller to use his property. The Times called Eco-Site, seeking information on when it would be built, and hasn’t yet heard back.

Amy Rodriguez, a representative of Telecad Wireless on behalf of Verizon Wireless, spoke at the public hearing Feb. 13 and reviewed the application.

The proposed monopole is 150 feet tall, located in a 100- by 100-foot lease area. The monopole will be surrounded by a 6-foot-tall fence and landscaping. The Federal Aviation Administration has reviewed the plans and determined that lighting was not necessary. The monopole is setback more than 100 percent of the height of the tower from the property lines.

Deem said the zoning ordinance essentially looks at three factors when reviewing cell towers:

- Is there a need?
- If there is a need, are there alternatives?
- If there are no alternatives, will the tower allow co-locations for additional

antennas?

Deem said that the applicant submitted the required information showing that there is a gap in cell service for this area that cannot be met by collocating on existing towers, according to meeting minutes. All existing towers are greater than 1,500 feet from the proposed cell tower and there are no existing structures in the area that would be appropriate to host antennas.

Approval required the tower to accommodate collocation of up to four additional cell antennas.

Treasurer John Tucker said the plan allotted the approximate amount of evergreen trees on the sides and rear of the tower, leaving the front of the tower unscreened. The Planning Commission agreed and believed that additional landscaping on the north side of the entry drive should be required as part of any site plan approval, according to the meeting minutes.

The Planning Commission approved the final site plan with the condition that additional trees be planted on the north side of the access.

Deem said they sent out notices to all properties within 300 feet of the farm for the Feb. 13 meeting and they did not receive any public comment.

The Board of Trustees does not need to approve the tower.

“The Telecommunications Act of 1996 limits a local municipality’s ability to regulate cell towers. Essentially, the Township determines if there is a need and there are no alternative sites on existing towers, the request must be approved,” Deem said.

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# Are you disinfecting surfaces properly?

■ CDC offers COVID-19 advice on washing hands, door knobs, tables, laundry and more

By Sharon Stone

To slow or prevent the spread of the coronavirus, people are urged to routinely clean frequently touched surfaces, such as tables, doorknobs, light switches, handles, desks, toilets, faucets and sinks with household cleaners and EPA-registered disinfectants that are appropriate for the surface, following label instructions. This advice comes from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) coronavirus page.

Be sure to follow product labels and follow precautions like wearing gloves and providing good ventilation.

For electronics, consider use of covers that can be wiped clean. If no manufacturer guidance is available, consider the use of alcohol-based wipes or spray containing at least 70-percent alcohol to disinfect touch screens. Dry surfaces thoroughly to avoid pooling of liquids.

In a bedroom/bathroom dedicated for an ill person, consider reducing cleaning frequency to as needed to



avoid unnecessary contact with the ill person. As much as possible, an ill person should stay in a specific room and away from other people in their home, following their doctor's instructions.

## HOW TO CLEAN AND DISINFECT

### Hard (non-porous) surfaces

Wear disposable gloves when cleaning and disinfecting surfaces. Gloves should be discarded after each cleaning. If reusable gloves are used, those gloves should be dedicated for cleaning and disinfection of surfaces for COVID-19 and should not be used for other purposes. Clean hands immediately after gloves are removed.

If surfaces are dirty, they should be cleaned using a detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection. Diluted household bleach solutions can be used if appropriate for the surface. Follow manufacturer's instructions and ensure a contact time of at least one minute, and allow proper ventilation during and after application. Prepare a bleach solution by mixing 5 tablespoons (1/3rd cup) bleach per gallon of water or 4 teaspoons bleach per quart of water.

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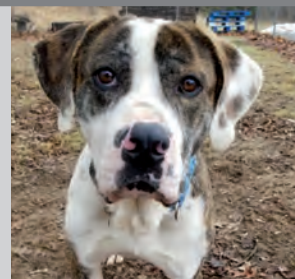
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## Sharin' the spotlight

By Editor Sharon Stone

**M**y husband, Jeff, and I took our dog for a walk in downtown Fenton on Saturday afternoon. And, yes, we had a plastic bag just in case our dog had to go. It was refreshing to be outdoors and we even caught a whiff of spaghetti cooking at Andiamo for take-out dinners. As we walked downtown, it was sad to see how different things were from just six weeks ago. Every business was closed. It broke my heart as well as infuriating me. I love our downtowns in Fenton, Linden and Holly, and hope that all of these businesses survive this shutdown. My group of empty-nester friends frequent most of the restaurants and shops and pray that every owner and employee has a job to go back to.

We passed others who were out running or walking their own dogs. Everyone was cordial and either crossed the street or made sweeping detours to keep their distance.

Everyone I know is following the rules of social distancing, wearing

## Hats off to everyone following the COVID-19 guidelines

masks when needed, increased hand washing and shopping for just essentials. I remain concerned, however, that people need to be reminded to maintain proper hygiene. Didn't people maintain proper hygiene already? I suppose that is a topic idea for another time.

This pandemic has upended the lives of everyone, as we knew it.

On Sunday, we watched a few Easter church services on TV. I Facetimed with my soon-to-be 90-year-old mom who lives just five minutes from me. We also did a video chat with our

pregnant daughter, son-in-law and grandson in Fenton, and our son in Miami. We blew kisses to each other.

As a grandma, mom, daughter, sister, and a hugger, I know I am not alone in feeling the frustration of keeping my distance. I read post after post on social media of how families are hurting. I commend all of them for doing the right thing to get through this worldwide pandemic.

Be safe, be smart, read updates on cdc.gov for the latest on the coronavirus guidelines and let's all get back to work sooner than later.

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**USE THE BAGS** this newspaper comes in as doggie pooh bags and at the gas pump instead of rubber gloves needed for medical people. Good way to recycle.

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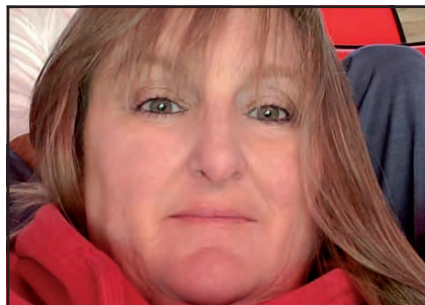
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## How is homeschooling going? What's the biggest challenge? | streettalk



"Our biggest challenge is that Linden schools haven't started online learning yet. My daughter only has three teachers doing online work, and it's not being graded. My daughter is now almost five weeks behind, as is every other student at LHS."

**Elizabeth Bale**  
Gaines Township



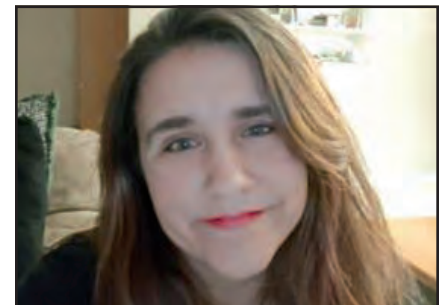
"It's got to be 'new math.' I know a lot of parents and grandparents that will teach the 'carry the one' and 'borrowing' because it's so much easier to understand and not confuse the kids."

**Kris Fleckenstein**  
Holly



"My biggest challenge is that I have four kids and different teachers for each kid that want them to Zoom at certain times, which overlaps with other teachers. It's a struggle. I was doing better without the school telling me what to do and when to do it."

**Angie Barta**  
Swartz Creek



"My challenge is my first grader gets extra help for some subjects. I've talked to her teachers and they've given me guidance and school work to help her. My fear is she will be further behind. So, will she repeat? Will she be ready?"

**Kristy Thiel**  
Fenton



## Road commission works during pandemic

■ Facilities closed to the public, workers adhere to COVID-19 guidelines

By Hannah Ball

Because infrastructure is deemed essential, the Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC) continues work on roads, bridges and more during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Alexander Patsy, programming and development engineer at the GCRC, said, "That means at a minimum, roads will be maintained, plowed, etc."

In order to help slow the spread of the coronavirus, certain rules have been implemented for GCRC employees.

Patsy said per direction from the state and our transportation partners,

the GCRC is split into two groups, A and B. They alternate working weeks to decrease contact with each other.

"As of right now, all GCRC administered projects, contracted work, etc. are still slated to begin as scheduled, but this may change via directive from the governor," he said.

The GCRC facilities were closed to the public starting March 16.

Anyone can contact the road commission during its temporary business hours from 7 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, at (810) 767-4920, as well as through email, Facebook or website [gcr.org](http://gcr.org).

Members of the public may call the GCRC at (810) 767-4920 to obtain a phone number and an access code in order to access the board meeting and bid openings.

## PANDEMIC RESPONSE

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and numbers are expected to rise more.

Genesee County declared a state of emergency due to the virus March 13, before any cases were confirmed.

District 6 Commissioner Shaun Shumaker said once they decided to enact the state of emergency, the Board of Commissioners decided who was essential personnel and who was not. Shumaker said that was the toughest part.

District 6 serves residents in the townships of Argentine, Fenton, Grand Blanc and Mundy, as well as the cities of Fenton and Linden. "We're trying to keep essential services running for everyone," he said. For the full list of essential services offered through Genesee County, go to [gc4me.com](http://gc4me.com).

The Genesee County Board of Commissioners has suspended in-person meetings and is instead using Zoom.

"It's strange not being able to go down the hall and have a conversation with a fellow commissioner. Sometimes face-to-face is better. It's just slowed down the process of trying to get things done," he said.

“The board is optimistic that we’re going to get through this and come out stronger and better...”

**Shaun Shumaker**

*Genesee County commissioner  
District 6*

If residents have a comment or question, they can email a commissioner or write a letter to the county board. Shumaker said they also could speak during the meeting if they arrange to call in.

"They still have ways they can express themselves during the meeting," he said. "It's been different. We have pushed some things back. We've all had to adjust."

Shumaker said the general feel at the county level is concern for residents and county employees.

"But we have a great health officer in John

McKellar and we have a wonderful chairman in Marty (Martin Cousineau, commissioner for district 7). I think they're doing everything they can to just keep the county moving forward. The board is optimistic that we're going to get through this and come out stronger and better, and seeing what can be done in the future to be more prepared for something like this," he said.

Shumaker also praised Sheriff Chris Swanson for his efforts in helping to slow the spread during the pandemic.

"I think Sheriff Swanson has done a wonderful job. Chris is definitely a 'go get them' type of guy. He's very qualified. He understands what needs to be done," he said.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

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**WHILE I ADMIRE** those making masks to donate, please be aware that some people are making masks for their own families and can't get necessary supplies such as elastic and thread. Buying in large quantities is not allowing others to buy for their own needs.

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**TELLING FOLKS TO** stay home is a good thing. Telling folks they can't purchase paint or mulch to work around their homes while confined is going beyond extreme.

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**LIGHTEN UP. THE** guy with the sign on Torrey was just trying to have some fun by making fun of the Tiger King show on TV.

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**BETTER 6 FEET** apart than 6 feet under.

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**DAY SIX OF** homeschooling: My child just said, 'I hope I don't have the same teacher next year.' I'm offended.

■ ■ ■ ■ ■  
**TO THE PERSON** who called out my friend Matt for sitting outside with his 'Honk if you...' poster. Please know that Matt is one of the nicest guys you will ever meet, and he works hard to spread joy daily. Also, watch Tiger King. Everyone hates Carole.

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■ ■ ■ ■ ■  
**THANK YOU FOR** the article on National Mom & Pop Business Owners Day. I am sad to think how many may not survive the ordered statewide shut down.

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**I LOVE THE** crossword puzzle in the weekend edition. Thank you TCT.

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# While socially distant, music still connects people

■ Volunteer musicians bring joy and music to local senior living facility

By Tim Jagielo

**Fenton** — On Thursday, April 2, three volunteer musicians dragged equipment around the various courtyards of Lockwood of Fenton to provide some cheer for the residents while they can't be visited by their families during the pandemic.

Jamison Jones of Fenton, Elise Bugala of Linden and Brad Wright, choir instructor at Fenton High School and AGS Middle School, performed a mini tour for the residents at this independent senior living facility.

"They were so happy just to hear the music; they love the variety of music they played," said Debby Runnels, Lockwood life enrichment director.

Wright and Jones played guitar and sang, while Bugala sang and also played keyboard. On that Thursday, the sun was blazing and residents watched



Lockwood of Fenton resident Christine Overfield listens to musicians, including Brad Wright, in the foreground. Photo by Tim Jagielo

from their balconies, clapping along to "Folsom Prison Blues," and "Take Me Home Country Road."

The trio played up to six songs at each courtyard. All the residents' apartments open to a courtyard so they could watch from their various levels. After performing, the musicians moved their equipment with scaffolding and carts. They used a portable public address system for sound.

"They're huge morale boosters. It gives them something to look forward to," Runnels said. "It definitely brings a light to their day."

She had reached out via Facebook to see if anyone would be interested in performing for the residents. Jones, a music instructor and worship leader, responded.

Bugala borrowed scaffolding equipment from her muralist father Gregg Bugala to make it happen.

Like many musicians during this time, Jones misses performing and bringing people together through music. "There is something very special about performing for assisted living residents," he said. "Many of the individuals are unable to get out much. They deserve the same chance



Lockwood of Fenton resident Dolly Smith claps along to the musicians performing in the courtyard. Photo by Tim Jagielo

to experience live music."

Some of the songs were well known to the musicians, while others were not. Bugala looked up the lyrics of "Hallelujah" on her phone

so she could perform it upon request. Bugala said she's a beginning musician and felt called to play for seniors. "It's just so amazing how music has a way of connecting people even when we have to stay more than 6 feet apart," she said.

Wright is still working as a teacher from home the best he can.

The trio plans to come back and perform again at the end of April.

**“It’s just so amazing how music has a way of connecting people even when we have to stay more than 6 feet apart.”**

**Elise Bugala**  
Musician, volunteer



Elise Bugala (right) of Linden sings with Jamison Jones for Lockwood of Fenton residents. Photo by Tim Jagielo

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Mark McCabe

67th District Court

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judge

### LOOKING BACK — THE 1918 FLU PANDEMIC

No one knows with any degree of certainty when the COVID-19 pandemic will end.

What we do know is that a wide variety of actions have been taken by numerous federal and state agencies and officials to try and prevent the spread of the virus.

Much has been written and reported about this situation including how there are a number of similarities between this outbreak and what is known as the 1918 Flu Pandemic.

With that for today's column, I'd like to briefly describe what happened here in Michigan in 1918 to stop that flu from spreading.

In 1918, the United States was engaged in World War I. During the war, a very virulent form of the flu emerged in Europe.

A widely held belief is that it came to the United States when infected service members returned home and then eventually it was spread all over the country and into Michigan.

Back then, Michigan's governor was Albert E. Sleeper. He and other state and local officials closely followed our state's infection and death rates and were very concerned because both were rising rapidly. It was clear something had to be done.

On Oct. 12, 1918, the governor requested that public gatherings of every description be discontinued. He also indicated that if his request wasn't followed the Michigan Board of Health would order the closing of churches, theaters and prohibit all public gatherings. Unfortunately, the rates continued to climb and on Oct. 18, an order was issued by the Board closing all places of public amusement and congregation except schools, leaving this decision to local authorities.

Soon thereafter officials in most districts ordered their schools closed.

## TAX DAY

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The filing deadline for the 2019 Michigan Individual Income Tax Return MI-1040 has been extended to July 15, according to [Michigan.gov/taxes](https://www.michigan.gov/taxes). This includes any tax due or extension payments.

The IRS is processing tax returns and issuing refunds. File your taxes now to get your refund.

According to the IRS, taxpayers can also defer federal income tax payments due April 15 to July 15, without penalties and interest, regardless of the amount owed. This deferment applies to all taxpayers, including individuals, trusts and estates, corporations and other non-corporate tax filers as well as those who pay self-employment tax.

Taxpayers do not need to file any additional forms or call the IRS to qualify for this automatic federal tax filing and payment relief. Individual taxpayers, who need additional time to file beyond the July 15 deadline, can request a filing extension by filing Form 4868 through their tax professional, tax software or using the Free File link on [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov). Businesses who need additional time must file Form 7004.

The IRS urges taxpayers who are due a refund to file as soon as possible. Most tax refunds are still being issued within 21 days.

"Even with the filing deadline extended, we urge taxpayers who are owed refunds to file as soon as possible

Additional measures included Detroit barring soldiers from entering the city and quarantines of houses where people were infected, the use of face masks throughout the state, limited business hours for commercial establishments, and recommendations for frequent hand washing.

Eventually the pandemic subsided but not before over 25 million Americans had become infected and with over 500,000 deaths including 15,000 Michigan victims.

Obviously, there were many similarities to what's happening now.

Studies have shown that both early intervention in a pandemic and the timing of the lifting of control measures to prevent reemergence are critical.

Hopefully, what worked in 1918 will work today.

and file electronically," said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig.

Breanna Laskowski, owner of Cook Accounting and Tax Services in Fenton, agrees with Rettig about filing now.

Laskowski said 90 percent of tax filers receive refunds. If you are getting a refund, she advises to file your taxes on time and not wait for the July 15 extension.

At Laskowski's office, they have a locked drop box where clients can drop off their paperwork. This is checked often and everything is being disinfected to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. With face-to-face visits prohibited right now, much of their work is done over the phone and email.

While those who expect a refund are advised to file now, Laskowski said those who owe should take advantage of the penalty free extension.

Albert DiNatale of DiNatale Accounting & Tax Services in Fenton echoed Laskowski's sentiments. He said to file right away if you are getting a refund. He added that he's getting quite a few calls and questions from his clients, because it's difficult to get answers right now from the IRS website.

## POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE



### 'CORONA' GRAFFITI IN LINDEN

The Linden Police Department is investigating multiple vandalism complaints, which were reported the night of Sunday, April 12. Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter said a suspect or suspects, using purple spray paint, painted graffiti on a few homes, a car and on street signs in the city of Linden on Bush, Aldrich, Oak, Cherry and Riverside streets. At one home, the word "corona" was painted on the garage door. If anyone has information, contact Linden police at (810) 745-5454.



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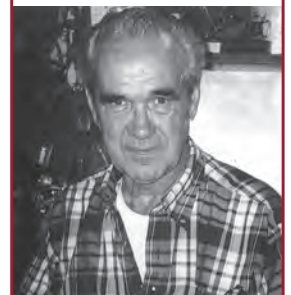
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### Shoes

Always take off shoes and either leave in garage, or just outside the door of the home.

## REAL ESTATE

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"We are no longer able to show homes and we're not able to show properties, so that makes it much harder for buyers to buy a home," she said. "Sellers are reluctant to put homes on the market because no one can see it."

As of Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's latest orders Friday, April 10, home inspections can take place. If there's an accepted purchase agreement, then the buyer can go with the inspector to view the property.

"It's really tough. The governor has been tough on Michigan with this for a good reason, of course," she said. "It's had a huge effect on full-time agents making their full income from real estate."

She said there are agents who are not following state orders, and are having showings anyway. This puts rule-following agents at a disadvantage. They also can't get photographers to the properties to take photos.

Ray said some agents are doing virtual showings and meetings through Zoom.

"Virtual tours have come a long way. You can navigate the house by yourself. You can even get room measurements while doing it," she said. "It's just not the same."

Ray expressed doubt that many people will buy a house without seeing it in person first.

She expects a "crazy" market once the pandemic is over and the "stay home" order is lifted.

"I have people waiting to put houses on the market," she said, adding that she's not sure if home values will go up or down. "Right now, I think the values are stabilizing or will go up a little. It'll still be a good market for real estate. It will not be near the bust we had in 2007, 2008."

Ken Brant of Brant & Associates Real Estate in Fenton said he and others in the real estate business were disappointed that they were not considered essential. Despite the Fenton area and its exciting economic growth, those in his industry cannot do too much right now. They are available for questions and guidance to buyers and sellers.

Brant said buyers and sellers who were already in the transaction process can complete that closing process and people can move.

"It will be interesting to see," he said. "We're sitting in limbo and supporting

our agents.

"It will get really crazy once everyone is healthy and we can maneuver the roads again.

"Buyers will be as excited as ever."

Brant says listings overall are down 40 percent from a year ago. When things start moving again, it will be a challenge with so many layers, and things beyond their control, affecting the real estate business. "But, we're here for them," he said.

Patrik Welty of Legacy Realty in Fenton said they're "just about completely stopped" from doing any work at all.

"The only thing legal that we can do is currently stay at home, work from home and handle things electronically," he said. "Fortunately, the Governor clarified her executive order to allow other parties who are involved in the transaction to do their jobs."

That includes home inspectors, appraisers and title insurance companies. They are allowed to complete transactions that began before the pandemic and the "stay home" order.

"The challenging side for both buyers and sellers is that people can't leave their

homes to go look at houses," he said. "We basically can't do anything to generate new business in our industry. Our only option is some sort of virtual tour."

Welty said the majority of the public would probably not buy a house based on a virtual tour.

"Essentially, we're at a standstill. Every aspect of the transaction has been affected," he said.

Due to the drastic rise in unemployment, Welty said, fewer people will be able to buy a house after the pandemic.

"It's not going to permanently affect people's ability to buy or sell their home, but it will delay buyers. We may have introduced a different set of potential sellers for small and medium sized business owners who, because of the dramatic change in economic circumstances, might need to sell assets they didn't plan on selling," he said.

Welty anticipates some sort of recession. He also expects to see a decrease in high-end purchases in the real estate market, though affordable options will remain.

"We're anxiously awaiting the opening of our market so that we can help our customers who need to buy and sell a home," he said.

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# Linden's Kaplan earns four-year scholarship through caddy scholarship program

Compiled by David Troppens

Being a caddy at a golf course like Grand Blanc's Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club can be a nice way to make some money while enjoying a nice golf course if you are a high school student.

For Linden resident and Powers Catholic High School senior Noah Kaplan

it ended up helping his college education more than he may have initially thought.

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Noah Kaplan

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WGA Chairman Kevin Buggy. "Their dedication, hard work and sacrifice is humbling, and we are honored to be able to help them pursue their dreams."

Scholarship funds come mostly from contributions by 32,500 golfers across the country, who are members of the Evans Scholars Par Club program.

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## Sports Times

### Shortened season makes rating Winter's Super Six a challenge

■ Fenton swimming, Holly wrestling earn spots in top five

By David Troppens

As we prepare to do our annual list of the top prep sports teams during the winter, the sports staff has quite a few challenges.

First off, many of the tri-county area's top teams didn't even complete their entire seasons due to the cancellations sparked by the recent COVID-19 epidemic. That kept what were some of our expected best squads from completing their resumes. Other teams did complete their seasons, helping enhance their team credentials. And to make the issue even more challenging was the caliber of our area top teams this winter.

Let's be honest. This was one of the area's weakest sports seasons in a very long time. Only two teams won Metro League titles, and almost every other team not on this list didn't finish any higher than mid-standings in the Flint Metro League. Many squads had challenging seasons and were among the bottom teams in league competition.

So, these were some of the winter season's challenges. How do we rate uncompleted seasons with completed seasons? The sports staff usually likes to go at least eight teams deep, but that's not going to happen this time. We'll call this our Super Six. The sports staff fought with having seven, and had a seventh selected, but the drop from six to seven just seemed to be too dramatic to just overlook. The fourth through sixth teams will be evaluated today.

**No. 6 - LFLF gymnastics:** Last year's No. 2 team in this poll had a rebuilding season this season, but still had a very strong year. The squad placed second in the Lakes Valley Conference and came just one position from qualifying for the team state meet again this winter, placing fourth with a team score of 138.650. With only five performers, the squad had plenty of individual state qualifiers in many events. Unfortunately, the individual state meet was canceled. If it played out, there is a good chance the co-op squad could've finished higher in this poll.

**No. 5 - Fenton boys swimming and diving:** This was one of the toughest teams to rate. The Tigers had a strong regular season, sweeping the Metro League during the dual season. Fenton also crushed at the league meet, earning their ninth straight league crown. The squad also won the county meet and defeated area rival Grand Blanc in a dual meet. The Tigers qualified a lot of swimmers to compete at the D2 state meet as well, so it feels like a top-of-the-poll year.

However, it's hard to place the Tigers much higher due to the cancellation of the state meet. As it stood, the Tigers had only one member seeded in the top 16 (Max Haney fifth in the 500 freestyle) and only one other (the 200 medley relay in 17th) close to the top 16. Maybe the team would've placed higher if the state meet happened, maybe not. We can only go by what data we have.



The Fenton varsity boys swimming team celebrates its first-place finish at the county meet earlier this winter. The Tigers are No. 5 on our list of the Super Six Teams of Winter. (Left) Nathan Young (top) and his Holly wrestling teammates are No. 4 in our poll.

**No. 4 - Holly wrestling:** This was another tough one to position. The Bronchos had two individual state champions and that's impressive. However, from a team standpoint, it's hard to rate the Bronchos as our best wrestling program in the area. The Bronchos placed second in the Metro League Stripes Division behind Linden. Both teams won a team district title which helped both of their resumes,

and the Bronchos actually made it to the regional championship match. However, both teams lost to the same team in the meet and the Bronchos lost to Croswell-Lexington by a 51-21 score, seven points worse than the Eagles.

So when rating the squads, the Bronchos are our second-best wrestling team in this year's poll.

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