

Governor prohibits motorized boats

■ Executive Order 2020-42 in effect until April 30 at 11:59 p.m.

By Sharon Stone

On March 23, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer issued Executive Order 2020-21, ordering all people in Michigan to stay home and stay

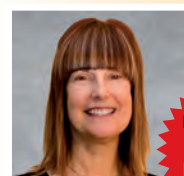
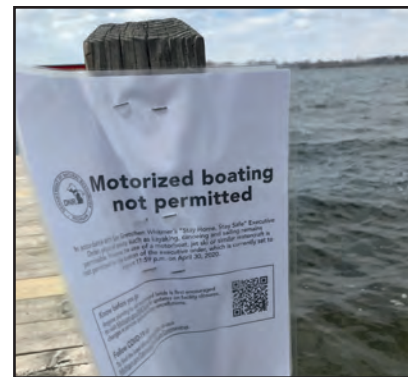
safe. The order limited gatherings and travel, and required workers who are not necessary to sustain or protect life to stay home.

On April 9, Whitmer reaffirmed the executive order and extended the duration until April 30, prompting Executive Order 2020-42 to go into effect, with stricter rules, including boating.

Non-motorized boating, such as canoeing, kayaking and sailing, falls within the outdoor activities permitted, however, the use of a motorboat, jet ski or similar watercraft (includes gas and electric motors) is not permitted for the duration of the Executive Order, which is currently set to expire at 11:59 p.m. April 30.

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A notice stating motorized boats are prohibited is stapled to a dock post at the DNR public access site on Lake Ponemah in Fenton Township. Photo: Sharon Stone



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Status of the stimulus checks



■ The \$1,200 begins hitting bank accounts

By Hannah Ball

It was reported that the \$1,200 stimulus checks would be sent to Americans this past week.

The money is meant to help people pay bills and stimulate the economy in the midst of a global COVID-19 pandemic

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Policing in a pandemic

■ Local departments see changing patterns in crime but few quarantine violations

By Tim Jagielo

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed many aspects of most people's lives in Michigan and the tri-county area, and police work is

no exception.

Lt. Jeff Cross with the Fenton Police Department said that all crimes are lower than average except for domestic assaults and retail fraud. Domestic assaults are slightly above average while retail frauds are holding steady.

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'Heroes Work Here' — Ascension Genesys Hospital employees are clapped in by rows of police officers, firefighters and emergency medical technicians Wednesday, April 15. The first responders arrived shortly after 6 a.m. and clapped for medical staff entering or exiting the hospital at their shift change to recognize them for their work during the COVID-19 pandemic. See story on page 8. Photo: Tim Jagielo

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Pandemic affecting Adopt-A-Pet operations, adoptions

■ Director worried about future of animal shelter

By Hannah Ball

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused significant changes at Adopt-A-Pet in Fenton Township.

Director Jody Maddock said, "Everything has 100 percent changed. We've had to completely discontinue our volunteer program. It's been overwhelming how many people have contacted us saying how volunteering at Adopt-A-Pet was a big part of their lives and how Adopt-A-Pet has become a part of their family. Our staff feels the same way."

They stopped the program for the safety of volunteers, staff and animals. The shelter put out a request for foster families, and received approximately 50 responses from people who offered to foster.

"Sometimes, times of crisis can open your eyes to how good things are and how wonderful people are," Maddock said. "We don't have enough animals for them."

They currently have a few dogs who require medical attention and are being seen by staff. The shelter is doing limited intakes, Maddock said, and she's



J.T. Rouvelin of Goodrich adopted Anna Banana in March. This cat had been at the Adopt-A-Pet for one year. A "kitten shower" will be held April 25 on Adopt-A-Pet's Facebook page to find homes for the kittens currently at the facility. **Times file photo**

asking people relinquishing animals if it's an emergency or if they can wait.

Adopt-A-Pet is providing animal food to people if they can't afford food for their pet during the pandemic. They're also partnering with Genesee

“We don't want to ask people to give money during this time, but if this goes on for a couple more months, then we're going to be in trouble.”

Jody Maddock
Adopt-A-Pet director

County Animal Control and taking animals from them when they can.

"Adoptions have really slowed down," Maddock said. "We're looking at which cases are most critical to get into homes. Our process has changed."

For safety, they don't do anything face-to-face. All communication and payments are handled through technology.

"There are so many people wanting animals right now because they're home and it's a great time," she said.

However, they're also telling people the pandemic is going to end at some

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A message from the superintendent

Linden Community Schools

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Since March 12, 2020, the world of education has been turned upside down. Students, teachers, and families have been scrambling to figure out how the learning process will look for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year, as well as what it may look like beyond that. With the uncertainty of what the future of education may look like, I think we all agree that education will continue.

The COVID-19 situation has made us all take a step back and rethink how we live our lives and educate our students. Overnight, the educational institution was challenged to create an alternate



Russ Ciesielski
Linden
Community
Schools
superintendent

plan to continue the learning process for our students. Whether this becomes the new norm of education or not, educators are now prepared to offer learning strategies that break the traditional mold.

Moving forward, it is important that we continue to support our students in the continuation of the learning process. It may

take some time to get used to the “new” norm of learning, but at the end of the day, it is the students who will benefit, and the students who will be better prepared to handle adverse situations.

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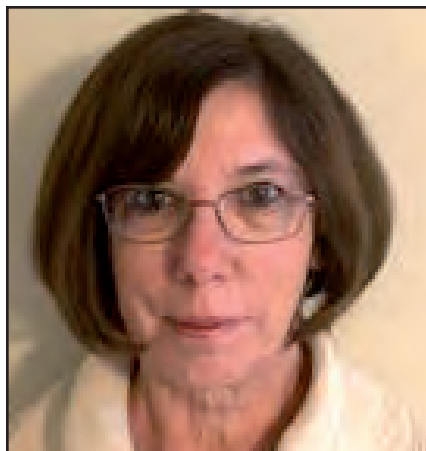
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Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

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"Disney world! We have a vacation booked for September. This would be our first time as husband and wife."

Stacie Brady
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"I'd like to actually see my dad not on a computer and eat a meal together at a local restaurant."

Jenifer Reese
Linden



"Traverse City. My wife gave birth yesterday and was looking forward to going on a wine trail."

Grant Kenney
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Community mourns death of FHS grad, social justice advocate

■ Cal Rapson, a 2012 inductee of FHSAA Hall of Fame, former UAW vice president died April 14

By Sharon Stone

Calvin (Cal) Rapson, 75, of Swartz Creek, formerly of Fenton, died Tuesday, April 14. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a private family service will be held at a later date. Sharp Funeral Homes will handle funeral arrangements. There is no indication his death was due to coronavirus.

Rapson worked for the United Autos Workers (UAW) as the vice president with more than 40 years of service.

Rapson was a 1963 graduate of Fenton High School.

As previously reported in the Times, the Fenton High School Alumni Association (FHSAA) Operating Board inducted Rapson to the FHSAA Hall of Fame in 2012.

He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from Michigan State University in 2008 and was widely recognized as a forceful advocate for social justice. He was instrumental in effectively building coalitions that advanced communities.

When interviewed in 2012, Rapson was quoted as saying, "As I look back,



Calvin Rapson

I'm proud I had the honor of representing all of these autoworkers. There's nothing I would rather have done."

The FHSAA Operating Board highlighted some of Rapson's accomplishments at the time of his induction into the hall of fame. Highlights included:

• **In 2008, Rapson** was elected to the

supervisory board of Adam Opel AG.

• **Rapson was instrumental** in implementing a two-year certificate program in Modern Labor Concepts offered by the MSU School of Labor and Industrial Relations.

• **He steadfastly worked** with the administrations of MSU, Lansing Community College and Mott Community College in promoting better relationships between labor and academia.

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Jersey Mike's Subs supports Fenton community

By Sharon Stone

What a year it's been for Michael Balen and his family. Nearing their first anniversary of opening Jersey Mike's Subs on Owen Road in Fenton, the family's business is making a difference in the Fenton community.

Balen is partners with his father, Alan Balen. His wife, Anna, and his younger brother, Matt, and his mother, Tracy Balen, all work at the sub shop on a regular basis. To top things off, Balen and his wife celebrated their first wedding anniversary this past week.

They will be opening a second Jersey Mike's Subs in May in Grand Blanc and then a third in Saginaw.

Balen, who commutes from Freeland, where he grew up, is looking forward to making Fenton his home. He went to Montana State University where he played football. After college, he worked in marketing in Florida. When his dad, who was already in the restaurant business for 30 years, approached him about being partners in a Jersey Mike's, everything fell into place.

Fenton was an available location for Jersey Mike's. "I love Fenton," Balen said. "It's a great area. It's big enough, and it's small enough to be a hometown. We appreciate Fenton for welcoming us with open arms and always supporting us."

Construction on their Grand Blanc shop has been delayed due to the "stay home" order, however, they had been conducting interviews for hiring and hope to open with not too much interruption.

Restaurants are considered essential during this COVID-19 pandemic and owners have scrambled to keep their

businesses going, while keeping their employees and customers safe from the coronavirus, which is extremely contagious and deadly.

Balen is grateful that they have not laid off a single employee during this pandemic. They have given employees and their families free or discounted meals, as well as extra bonuses for continuing to work.

Concerned for children and teens who rely on free and reduced meals from their school, they decided to offer \$2.99 Student Meals to help area families. They also offer discounts on orders online and via their app. Balen said 90 percent

of their orders currently come in online or by app.

Everyone is concerned about slowing the spread of the coronavirus and protecting themselves and others.

To keep their employees and customers safe, Jersey Mike's is following all of the COVID-19 procedures for cleaning and social distancing. "As a group, we have checkpoints. We sanitize, clean, use gloves and have Plexiglass separators for paying for orders."

Balen appreciates how important their team members have been, and how vital they have been to the success of our business.

For the safety of their customers, they offer different ordering options, including online, in-store, carry out, call in, downloadable app, and third-party delivery with DoorDash.

Different pickup options include in-store, "no contact" at the door, and curbside.

Balen said their fresh, quality sliced meats



Michael Balen



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Jersey Mike's Subs of Fenton recently raised more than \$1,600 for the Beaumont Student Heart Check during their Month of Giving (March) and they donated \$500 to Fenton Center of Hope this past week.

Overall, Jersey Mike's of Fenton has raised and donated more than \$10,000 in the past year to local Fenton charities, schools and organizations.

An ideal of Jersey Mike's is the "Give to Give." Balen said that fit with the mindset of his family. "We're glad to run a business we're proud of," he said.

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point, and they have to think about if they'll be able to take care of a pet once they don't have to stay at home.

The pandemic is taking a toll on the shelter's ability to raise money, which they normally do through events in the summer. Maddock said they've had to cancel or postpone events, and they're "at a halt" with income coming in. They've applied for four different grants and for the small business loans for nonprofits.

"It's to make sure our employees are taken care of and the animals as well," she said. "It's kind of nerve-racking on our end. We don't want to ask people to give money during this time, but if this goes on for a couple more months, then we're going to be in trouble."

They posted on their Facebook that they're accepting donated bottles and cans.

"We don't want anyone taking a trip specific for us, but if you're out and about already, we're taking bottles and cans. When everything opens back up, we'll return them," she said.

The shelter is now running out of space to store donated items.

"We had such an overwhelming, wonderful response," she said.

The shelter does not use plastic bags anymore, but they do take blankets.

Every year, Adopt-A-Pet hosts a "kitten shower" in the spring to find homes for kittens. The event was planned for next Saturday, April 25, and instead, it will be held online at Adopt-A-Pet's Facebook page. They will post photos of all the available kittens and requests for needed supplies. This includes kitten food, toys and litter boxes, which Maddock said they're running low on.

"You can't snuggle them, but you can see how cute they are and how many we have. We're hoping people will donate some kitten food and litter boxes," she said. "People can drop supplies off at the building, but they can't come into the building."

Maddock said people are ordering supplies for Adopt-A-Pet from the shelter's smile wishlist on Amazon. However, Amazon shipments are taking a few weeks to arrive, and it's faster to drop the supplies off at the shelter.

First 'Arts Are The Heart' event canceled

Fenton mayor pro tem gives COVID-19 update on summer events

By Hannah Ball

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Fenton Arts Council canceled the first 2020 "Arts Are The Heart" event originally scheduled for May 16.

The organization sent out a press release Tuesday, April 14 with the news.

The Summer Fun Community Resource Fair was going to be held at the Ellen Street Campus- World of Wonder.

The statement reads, "At this time, we are continuing to plan and hope that the future 'Arts Are The Heart' events this year will occur as scheduled."

The next event is the Fenton Arts Council Fine Art Member Exhibit, set for July 10 to Aug. 8, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Cause & Affect Gallery at 126 N. LeRoy St. There will be a reception on July 10 from 6 to 9 p.m.

The Back to School Community Resource Fair is still planned for Aug. 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ellen Street Campus-World of Wonder.

The Mini Maker Faire is set for Nov. 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ellen Street Campus- World of Wonder.

All these events are free.

Other Fenton events

Pat Lockwood, Fenton City mayor pro tem, said events scheduled in May are a tough call and will most likely be canceled, but they're hoping and planning to go forward with events this summer.

"Especially with the Fourth of July. The Freedom Festival Committee has been together for 20 years. We believe strongly that there will be new ways of doing things when we come out of this. Whatever the rules are, we'll certainly follow them," she said.

Lockwood is hopeful that the Fourth of July festivities could be a healing event for the community where people come together.

But all of this depends on Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's orders and the state of the pandemic in the coming months.

"Everyone's in the same boat. We'll just have to wait and see," Lockwood said. "I think people will be hesitant at first, but we want to give people the opportunity to come see a parade and fireworks and start healing again."

She has a similar sentiment for other summer events, including the Concerts in the Park series that starts in June.

Lockwood has been involved in numerous conference calls with county and state officials for updates on the pandemic.

"Things change every day. I think people depend on us and I want to be there for them," she said.

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Pat Lockwood
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SLPR adapts to shutdown, hopes to have summer events

■ Interim executive director encourages 'proactive actions and faith'

By Hannah Ball

Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation (SLPR) holds many classes each year, from exercise classes to martial arts and book club.

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced the organization to alter operations, but Nancy Muffley, interim executive director, is hopeful they'll be able to hold summer events.

According to slpr.net, scheduled rentals of the Fenton school facilities and all rentals at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center are currently canceled through April 30, per the Governor's orders. There are a few virtual exceptions.

SLPR has been approved by the state to continue virtual drivers training classes. SLPR drivers training courses are proceeding online at this time and will meet in person at the Fenton Com-

munity & Cultural Center as soon as possible, according to slpr.net. Drivers training registration is open for April and May sessions. These classes do have a limited number of participants allowed.

SLPR employees are still planning for programs and events in the warmest months.

"If it is allowed that these events can be held, we are ready. If it is deemed necessary that these events cannot take place, we will look forward to next year," she said. They're currently working on the summer brochure. They will not print it, but it will be available on the website at slpr.net starting May 11.

"We have many of our favorite programs returning as well as exciting new programs we hope to offer," she said.

The offices have been closed since the shutdown.

“If it is allowed that these events can be held, we are ready.”

Nancy Muffley
Southern Lakes Parks
and Recreation interim
executive director

"Our staff has the ability to work remotely in the safety of our own homes. We still conduct regular staff meetings via virtual meeting venues, we are in constant communication with one another to make sure we are handling our daily responsibilities as well as communicating with our community," Muffley said.

Employees and families are handling it "as good as can be expected."

"We have a very resilient staff at SLPR and we have an incredibly resilient community. Although we have all made drastic adjustments to our everyday lives, we support one another and are looking forward to returning to something that resembles normality," she said.

The pandemic has been difficult and tragic to many families in the community and country, she said, as well as an incredible hit to our economy.



Last summer, downtown Fenton was full of activity Thursday evenings because of the farmers markets and concerts. Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation is hopeful the summer events will happen as planned. **Times file photo**

"This is out of any one person's ability to control, but it is the responsibility of everyone to do their part. Worry doesn't normally help a situation, but proactive actions and faith that things will improve is a hope we can hold on to," Muffley said.

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'Heroes Work Here'

■Heath care workers greeted by applause, flashing lights and cheers Wednesday morning

By Sharon Stone

In a show of emotional support for each other, numerous police, firefighters and emergency first responders lined up their vehicles in front of Ascension Genesys Hospital in Grand Blanc Township and applauded the health care workers.

Personnel from the Fenton Police Department, as well as Grand Blanc Township police and fire departments, Flint Police Department, Michigan State Police, Genesee County Sheriff's Office, the University of Michigan-Flint police and several local EMS first responders.

The gathering took place at 6:15 a.m., Wednesday, April 15. A DJ provided motivational music for employees arriving for their day shifts or leaving their night shifts.

A large sign on the grounds of the hospital read, "Heroes Work Here."

Lt. Jeff Cross and officer Jennifer Garrison of the Fenton Police Department attended the gathering ahead of their day shifts in Fenton.

Cross said, "It was actually really nice. The nurses, staff and doctors that we saw were really emotional about it."

The lieutenant was not sure who organized the event, however, word spread and those who could make it showed up to show their support for the hospital workers.

Cross said lights and sirens on the vehicles were activated and a DJ played music, such as the "Rocky" theme



The Fenton Police Department participated in the Wednesday, April 15 activity. Here, officer Jennifer Garrison claps for Ascension Genesys Medical staff. Photo: Tim Jagielo



Ascension Genesys Hospital staff recorded video and livestreamed the clap-in for social media. Photo: Tim Jagielo

song, to motivate everyone. "It was pretty cool," Cross said.

At one point, Cross said, "Doctors and nurses came out and applauded us. We were like, wait, no, we're here for you."

Cross said working at the police department is comparable to being with your family. "It's almost like a family. We're around each other all day long."

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LOOKING BACK *at this week in* HISTORY

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APRIL 19

1995: Just after 9 a.m., a massive truck bomb explodes outside the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The blast

collapsed the north face of the nine-story building, instantly killing more than 100 people and trapping dozens more in the rubble.

APRIL 20

1999: Two teenage gunmen kill 13 people in a shooting spree at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado, south of Denver.

APRIL 21

2016: Prince, the musician who created more than 30 albums and won seven Grammy Awards, is found dead at 57 in Paisley Park, Minnesota.

The cause of death was an accidental overdose of the opioid fentanyl.

APRIL 22

1970: Earth Day, an event to increase public awareness of the world's environmental problems, is celebrated in the United States for the first time.

APRIL 23

1564: Historians believe Shakespeare was born on this day, the same day he died in 1616. The plays of William Shakespeare may be the most widely read works in the English language.

APRIL 24

1916: On Easter Monday in Dublin, the Irish Republican Brotherhood, a secret organization of Irish nationalists launches the so-called Easter Rebellion, an armed uprising against British rule.

APRIL 25

2014: Officials from Flint, Michigan switched the city's water supply to the Flint River as a cost-cutting measure for the struggling city. In doing so, they unwittingly introduced lead-poisoned water into homes, in what would become a massive public-health crisis.

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■■■
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■■■
THE REASON WHY the governor doesn't want people to buy paint, seeds, mulch, etc., is because people will not follow the 6-foot rule at big box hardware stores. Be patient. Paint is less important than your fellow human being's health.

■■■
THANK YOU, GOVERNOR Whitmer for keeping us safe.

■■■
YEP, YOU BOUGHT the property up north and are angered by the stay-at-home order for a few weeks. Take the virus up north to less affected communities. Better yet, bring it back to your community. Better yet into your family household. How selfish, not a true Michigander or American.

■■■
ARE MICHIGAN TEACHERS laid off or are they still on the payroll? Someone please tell me.

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

MAN ARRESTED FOR DOMESTIC ASSAULT

On Monday, March 30, deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to the 1000 block of Lake Valley Drive in Fenton Township for a domestic assault and battery. A male suspect was arrested and lodged at the Genesee County Jail.

VICTIM BITTEN BY DOG ON MARL DRIVE

On Tuesday, March 31, deputies from the Genesee County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to the 15000 block of Marl Drive in Fenton Township for an animal complaint. Deputies arrived on scene and spoke to a victim of a dog bite. The owner of the German shepherd was issued a citation under local ordinance for animals at large. D/Sgt. Curt Harrington said Genesee County Animal Control was notified of the incident.

DOG BITE ON JUDITH DRIVE

On Friday, April 3, Genesee County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to the 4000 block of Judith Drive in Fenton Township for an animal complaint. D/Sgt. Curt Harrington said deputies arrived on scene and spoke to a victim who had been bitten by a dog. The owner of the dog was issued a citation under local ordinance for animals at large. Genesee County Animal Control was notified of the incident.

DISORDERLY ON MARGARET DRIVE

On Friday, April 3, deputies from the Genesee County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to the 12000 block of Margaret Drive in Fenton Township for a medical assist. D/Sgt. Curt Harrington said deputies arrived on scene and took care of the patient. While on scene, deputies issued two citations under the local ordinance for disorderly conduct.

FENTON TOWNSHIP MAN CHARGED WITH DOMESTIC ASSAULT

On Sunday, April 5, Genesee County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to 6000 block of Smith Road

in Fenton Township for a domestic assault and battery complaint. Daniel Pender, 29, of Fenton Township, was arrested. He was arraigned at the 67th District Court on April 9, by video, on one count of domestic assault and battery and one count of malicious destruction of police property. He was released on personal bond, with conditions of no drugs or alcohol. A probable cause conference is scheduled for April 23.

DOMESTIC ASSAULT ON SILVERCREST DRIVE

On Thursday, April 9, deputies from the Genesee County Sheriff's Office responded to the 16000 block of Silvercrest Drive in Fenton Township for a domestic assault and battery. A male was arrested for domestic assault and battery and lodged at the Genesee County Jail. A female was arrested for unlawful entry and lodged at the Genesee County Jail.

LARCENY OF MEDICATION

On Tuesday, April 7, deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office received a call in reference to a larceny. The larceny complaint involved a U.S. veteran from Fenton Township not receiving his medication from U.S. Postal Service. The incident is currently under investigation by the sheriff's office.

SUSPECT PASSES BAD CHECK IN FENTON TOWNSHIP

On Wednesday, April 8, deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to a business in the 3000 block of Thompson Road in Fenton Township for an uttering and publishing complaint. Deputies received information in reference to a white male writing a check with no funds in his account to cover the check. The complaint is under investigation by the Genesee Auto-Theft Investigation Network and the sheriff's office.

MISSING TEEN FOUND, RETURNED TO HOME

On April 8, deputies from the Genesee County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to the 12000 block of Old Linden Road in Fenton Township for a missing 14-year-old girl. Deputies located the teen a short time later and ensured her safe return home.

PROPERTY DAMAGED ON FAIRBANKS ROAD

On Saturday, April 11, deputies from

the Genesee County Sheriff's Office responded to 11000 block of Fairbanks Road in Fenton Township for a malicious destruction of property complaint. The incident is currently under investigation by the sheriff's office.

BUSINESS BROKEN INTO ON TORREY ROAD

On April 13, deputies from the Genesee County Sheriff's Office responded to the 14000 block of Torrey Road

in Fenton Township for a breaking and entry to a business. The incident is under investigation.

MALE TEEN EMAILS CHILD PORN TO ADULT

On April 14, deputies from the Genesee County Sheriff's Office received information of child pornography being sent from a 13-year-old boy, via email, to an adult female. The sheriff's office is investigating.



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BOATS

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Consistent with MCL 10.33 and MCL 30.405(3), a willful violation of this order is a misdemeanor.

According to the executive order, any outdoor activity, including boating, must be done in a manner consistent with social distancing, and individuals should use only their own equipment to prevent the transmission of the virus through the touching of shared surfaces. In addition, persons not part of a single household may not boat together.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and all state agencies are working closely with the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC).

There are approximately 798,544 boats registered in the State of Michigan. This accounts for 6.7 percent of all nationwide registrations, according to marinetitle.com.

The Michigan Boating Industries Association (MBIA), which serves as the voice of recreational boating in Michigan is monitoring the situation.

"In her first executive order, the Governor recognized boating as a great opportunity for families to safely enjoy the outdoors. To ban motor boating entirely

due to a few reports of overcrowding is an over-reaction," wrote MBIA Executive Director, Nicki Polan on the association's website. "Alternatively, those specific boat launches could have been closed and the individuals violating social distancing ticketed.

"Additionally, to ban registered boaters who pay registration fees, which support the state's launch ramps and not ban kayakers who pay nothing into the Michigan State Waterways Fund is salt on the wound," Polan wrote. "Kayakers fuel their cars on their way to the launch ramp no different than trailer boaters."

Genesee County Sheriff Christopher Swanson said that the sheriff's seasonal marine patrols will not start patrolling the lakes regularly until Memorial Day weekend.

"As law enforcement, we are required to enforce laws. However, enforcement can be done by teaching, talking and understanding" he said. "This restriction has created some concern as to non-motorized versus motorized, which I get."

Swanson said he's heard the complaints about no boat motors, but that everyone just needs to follow the governor's order until it expires. "We're all



Marinas are not open since they are not classified as essential businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic. Photo: Tim Jagielo

in this together," he said. "Follow the orders of the state of Michigan as a good citizen whether we agree. We are close to the end."

When asked if they would pull over boats, Swanson said, "We're not actively pulling over any boats." He looks at this as short-term inconvenience for long-term public health gain.

"This thing is no joke," Swanson said. "I've seen nurses at McLaren sobbing for the deaths they've seen overnight."

"I've experienced the pain of the virus personally. Genesee County has the fourth highest death rate in the state. COVID-19 is unforgiving."

HOT LINE CONTINUED

WITH SO MANY Michiganders prohibited from working and confined to their homes, it's a perfect time to catch up on home and yard chores. Ordering those supplies could be ordered safely online, yet our foolish governor banned their sale, making confinement more difficult. Vote her out.

ARE YOU THAT selfish that you don't want to stay home during the COVID-19 crisis? Please think of others. Be kind.

NOW THEY ARE reporting that the coronavirus was accidentally leaked from a bio lab in Wuhan, China. An investigation by the U.S. is necessary. We must find out the truth so that this never happens again.

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Traffic infractions are far lower, with fewer cars on the road.

Fenton Police Chief Jason Slater agrees that calls overall are down, but they've seen an increase in serious calls concerning the mental health of residents. "I think that these unsettling times have added to their stress and their anxiety," he said, adding that the lack of the normal routine may be exacerbating the problem.

Family members are calling on behalf of loved ones who may be unstable or have made threatening statements or someone witnessed someone else acting strangely. He knows that economic stress also makes things worse and he hopes the federal stimulus money helps.

A surprising side effect of the current executive order is the number of requests from family members asking that a loved one's workplace be shut down. Fenton police often investigate and they find it's actually an essential business. If not, he said the business information is forwarded to the correct authorities.

The Genesee County Sheriff's Office patrols Fenton Township. Sheriff Chris Swanson said calls are consistent for March 2019 and March 2020. There has been no increase in violent crimes due to the stay home order.

Holly is experiencing fewer retail fraud calls, due to less commerce taking place. "In addition, since bars and other social engagements are all canceled, there is less drunk driving," said Holly Police Chief Jerry Narsh.

Holly police have not registered a marked increase in assaults since the stay-at-home order has been issued. He said they've had a few cases of larceny from auto at the onset of the executive order, but those have trickled off.

Officer safety

To keep officers safe, calls that may have been made in person are being done by phone. This includes Fenton police and the Genesee County Sheriff's Of-

fice. Officers are being asked to adhere to social distancing rules.

A small department like Fenton's would be severely hampered by a case of COVID-19. Slater said there are aid agreements in place with other departments in case this should happen. So far, he said officers and their families have been safe.

Narsh said his department is taking precautions to keep officers safe, like anti-viral fogging of police facilities and vehicles among others.

Swanson said there are three Genesee County Jail employees who tested positive for COVID-19.

Enforcing the executive order

Recently, more stringent rules have been placed on Michigan residents and businesses in an attempt to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Cross said they have responded to a few calls about social distancing violations. They've given several warnings but have not issued any citations. "The people

we have had contact with have been very understanding and willing to move along, and we appreciate that," Cross said.

Slater said his officers will not be pulling anyone over on suspicions that they're violating the stay-at-home order. He said if someone is pulled over, it will be due to a moving violation or suspicion that they'd committed a different crime.

Narsh has also experienced an increase in calls about businesses not following safety rules. They've had few social distancing violation calls.

In responding to such calls and educating residents, Narsh said, "We have not had push back or disagreement, just the mutual and collective frustration with people attempting to live their lives as normally as possible in this 'new normal' temporary environment."

Swanson said his deputies also have not had to issue citations over violating the stay-at-home order, though they've had many conversations with people about what is allowed. He suggests they read the order.

“These are challenging times for everyone, but as Americans do, we respond to the challenge with determination, ingenuity and a desire to help those around us.”

Jerry Narsh
Holly Village police chief



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Top ways to lighten your home workspace

■ Create dedicated space with correct lighting and comfortable environment

Many people have found themselves working from home due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Whether setting up shop at the kitchen table or creating a complete home office, here are simple hacks to make your new work environment comfortable and productive.

“No matter which room becomes your workspace, proper lighting plays a key role in avoiding fatigue, eye strain and other discomforts,” said Jennifer Kis, director of marketing communications, Progress Lighting.

Begin by defining your workspace. Setting up on the kitchen or dining table can work — temporarily. The upside is



Creating a dedicated office space in your home, with layered lighting, comfortable seating and an efficient layout, will allow you to be more productive.

that it's quick and easy. But these rooms are typically high-traffic areas, leading to distractions. Plus, you might have to pack up work at mealtimes. Instead, re-purpose a small table and chair and place it in an out-of-the-way spot, such as a stairwell or bedroom corner.

Next, think about lighting. Layering light is a basic technique that should be used in every room, but especially home offices.

Balancing the light for different times of day is recommended.

Select a location with a good source of ambient light. Natural light is ideal — it diffuses throughout the space, bouncing off walls and ceilings to cut down on glare that can reflect on the computer monitor and the shiny desk surface.

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■ From professional to residential needs, there's a tractor style and size to fit all

By Sharon Stone

Just like the automobile, tractors have come a long way since they came into existence. Technology upgrades over the years most likely require professional expertise if repairs are necessary.

Flint New Holland, Inc., with locations in Burton and Richmond, are pros at taking care of garden and farm tractor needs.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, they also are ensuring safety measures to keep everyone healthy. To accomplish this, they are offering curbside pickup of materials for customers doing their own tractor repairs, as well as servicing garden and farm tractors.

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A look back at tractors in the U.S.

Tractors first emerged in the early 19th century when steam engines on wheels were used to help drive mechanical farm machinery using a flexible belt. The first portable steam engine used for agricultural purposes was invented by Richard Trevithick in 1812 and it was known as the Barn Engine, according to pioneerautoshow.com. The Barn Engine was mainly used to drive a corn threshing machine.

Advances continued and improvements to engines began to develop as the history of tractors continued.

By 1903, Charles W. Hart and Charles H. Parr had successfully built the first American tractor using a two-cylinder gasoline engine. Their firm went on to build 15 farm tractors. Their 14,000-pound tractor is now on display at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C. as the oldest surviving internal combustion engine tractor in the United States.

LIGHTING

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“When selecting ambient light sources, the goal is to illuminate the entire space without creating undue glare and contrast, which can lead to headaches and eye strain,” Kis said. “If possible, avoid using overhead ceiling fixtures as the primary source of lighting. If that’s the only option, use a dimmer switch to vary light levels as needed.”

Positioning your workspace correctly also helps. For rooms with natural light, place your desk perpendicular to the window, ideally facing north or south so that sunlight doesn’t cast shadows at certain times of the day. If an overhead fixture is the only light source, situate your workstation so that the light shines from behind it.

CHECK OUT THESE HELPFUL TIPS

- **Don’t set your monitor** in front of the window; the bright background light shining behind the screen causes eyestrain.

- **Place your chair** at least arm’s length from the screen so that it can be seen without reading glasses or squinting.

- **Add LED tape lighting** behind your monitor or under a desk for diffused light.

- **Use solar shades** to soften lighting and lessen heat.

After setting up a glare-free workstation, add task lighting. Use dedicated light sources such as desk lamps for tasks like paperwork and filing. Place direct task lights on the opposite side of the hand you write with to avoid casting shadows onto your work.

Finally, add accent lighting for visual appeal. Frame your workspace with desk lamps or install a permanent fixture on a dimmer switch, such as a pendant hung directly over the desk. Wall sconces can throw light on decorative objects in the room.

Lighting can make or break a home office. Be sure to set yourself up for maximum productivity and comfort.

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Virtual appointments keep staff, clients safe

■ One local business shares how it is doing its part to flatten the curve

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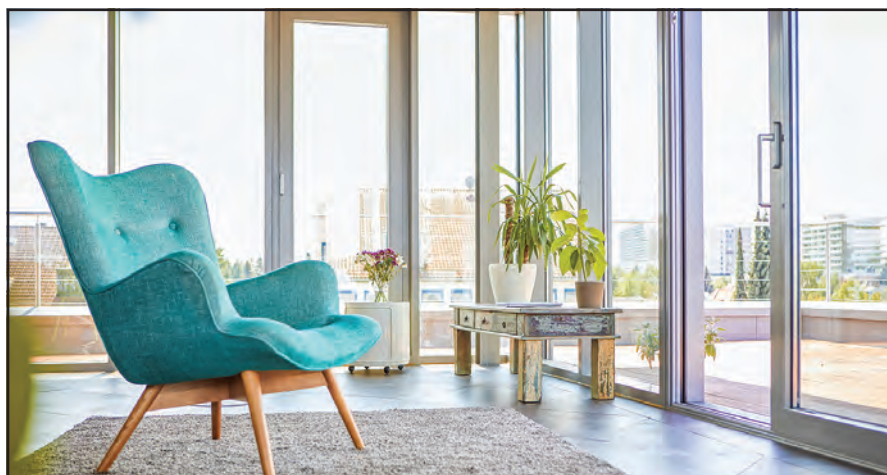
Adding style to your home

■ Consider pastel colors, subtle wallpaper for texture, accent pieces and more

Spring is a season of rejuvenation, and that spirit of renewal can take hold inside a home.

Warm weather and longer hours of daylight make spring a perfect time to imagine a home's interior design in a new light. The following are a handful of decor ideas that may inspire homeowners to give their homes an entirely new look this spring.

Wallpaper: Wallpaper fell out of favor years ago, but new styles that aren't so heavily patterned can make for wonderful additions to any room. Large-scale prints can give a room a whole new feel without giving homeowners or their guests the impression that they have stepped back in time. A simple, mural-style floral wallpaper on the walls surrounding a table in a



A pop of refreshing color can brighten and add drama to any room of your home.

breakfast nook can bring nature inside.

Pastel colors: Nothing embodies the spring quite like pastel colors. If colorful, bright flowers dot the garden in the backyard, homeowners can bring those uplifting pastels inside by

painting an accent wall or even adding some brightly colored accent furniture to rooms that could use a lift.

Declutter: Clutter is often conquered during spring cleaning sessions, but homeowners who want to create more

free-flowing interior spaces can down-size their furniture and/or look for multipurpose features that make it hard for clutter to take over a room. Create more open space in entertaining areas by mounting the television and getting rid of a bulky entertainment center. Create even more space by replacing rarely used end tables with a storage ottoman where books and magazines can be stored to give a room a fresh, clean look.

Accent features: Sometimes the smallest changes to an interior space make the biggest impression. Replace dated accents like vases and table lamps with newer items that reflect the latest styles and trends. Such adjustments won't break the bank, and they can give rooms a whole new feel.

Spring is a great time to reconsider home interiors. This spring homeowners can embrace various strategies, both big and small, to give their homes a whole new feel.

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Trees at higher risk of oak wilt

■ Impact could run through mid-July; pruning now is discouraged

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If you have oak trees, especially red oaks, now is the time to be wary of oak wilt spores carried by flying beetles.

According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), from April 15 to July 15, oak trees are at high risk for oak wilt, a serious fungal disease that can weaken white oaks and kill red oak trees within a few weeks of infection.

“The guidelines against pruning oak trees during this period are a way to help prevent the spread of the disease,” said James Wieferich, forest health specialist in the DNR’s Forest Resources Division. “Unfortunately, many people learn not to prune or otherwise wound trees from mid-April to mid-July only after they lose their oaks to oak wilt.”

Fungus travels by insects, through root grafts

Once a tree is infected, the fungus also can move to neighboring red oaks through root grafts. Oaks within about 100 feet of each other, depending on the size of the trees, have connected, or grafted, root systems. Left untreated, oak wilt will continue to move from tree to tree, killing more red oaks over an increasingly larger area. As more trees die from oak wilt, more fungal spores are produced, which allows the beetle to carry infection to new locations.

Oak wilt was first identified in the 1940s and is now widespread across Michigan. Red oaks are most susceptible to the disease. These trees have leaves with pointed tips and include black oaks, northern red oaks and northern pin oaks. Trees in the white oak group have rounded leaf edges and include white oaks and swamp white oaks. They are less susceptible.

Symptoms most often appear from late June until September. Affected trees will suddenly begin to wilt from the top down, rapidly dropping leaves, which can be green, brown or a combination of both colors.

Take steps to reduce risks to your trees

The high-risk period of infection occurs from April 15 to July 15, so it’s important to avoid pruning or injuring oak trees during this time. If you have a tree that gets damaged during the risk period, immediately cover all wounds with tree-wound paint or latex-based paint.

Don’t move firewood, especially

if it comes from oaks that may have died from oak wilt, as firewood can harbor the fungus. If you suspect your firewood is infected by oak wilt, you can help slow the spread by burning it, chipping it or debarking it before April. Once the firewood has been dried over a year and/or all the bark loosens, the firewood can no longer spread oak wilt.

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■ Research ideas now while adhering to stay home order, do project later

Upgrading your lifestyle doesn't have to mean undergoing a major home renovation. By simply introducing a few technologies around the home, you can boost the style, efficiency and comfort of your living spaces.

Consider these five ideas for five areas of your home.

• **The Hallway:** Why display just one photo when you can rotate several images that include all your favorite people and moments? A digital picture frame allows you to do just that, with many models connecting to apps that allow you to directly share photos to the wall-mounted device, which means you don't actually have to be at home to do some light redecorating.

• **The Home Theater:** Still rocking a mercury bulb projector in your home theater? Unfortunately, the cooling fans, filters and toxic mercury bulbs associated with them are inefficient and high-maintenance.

While a laser-only light source sounds good on paper, these models tend to be large and costly. Instead, consider upgrading to a laser and LED hybrid light source. Offering a lifespan of approximately 20,000 hours, power-saving designs can cut energy consumption by as much as 40-50 percent, making this an addition to your home theater you can feel good about.

• **The Kitchen:** Slow cookers have always offered a convenient way to create an amazing meal without too much hands-on attention, but some of



A warming drawer keeps your towels or robe toasty warm. Photo: HGTV

today's options are taking this concept a step further by connecting to smart technology. Now you can monitor and adjust cooking settings from afar, so that if something unexpected occurs and you get home later than planned, dinner doesn't suffer for it.

• **The Family Room:** Whether you're an aspiring musician or an accomplished pianist, your home can benefit from a digital piano that evokes the luxury of an acoustic grand. One such model is the PX-S3000. Its bright backlit LCD display and touch sensor controls are revealed only when the power button is pressed, leaving only a sleek, clean top panel when powered off. Its integrated Bluetooth audio lets you connect your device wirelessly and you can play your music through its powerful stereo amplification system.

• **The Bathroom:** Make stepping out of the shower a luxurious experience with a towel-warming drawer, which keeps linens the perfect temperature for maximum comfort.

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OAK WILT

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To minimize the risk of oak wilt infection caused by logging damage, the DNR restricts cutting of red oak trees on state-managed land between April 15 and July 15.

The DNR recommends private forest landowners exercise caution during this period and, whenever possible, delay harvesting activity in oak forests until after July 15.

What to do if you suspect oak wilt

- Report infections at Michigan.gov/ForestHealth using an interactive map.
- Contact a local DNR forest health specialist for more information at DNR-FRD-Forest-Health@Michigan.gov or 517-284-5866.
- Michigan State University's Diagnostic Clinic also can verify oak wilt infection. Find instructions at PestID.MSU.edu/ or call 517-355-4536.
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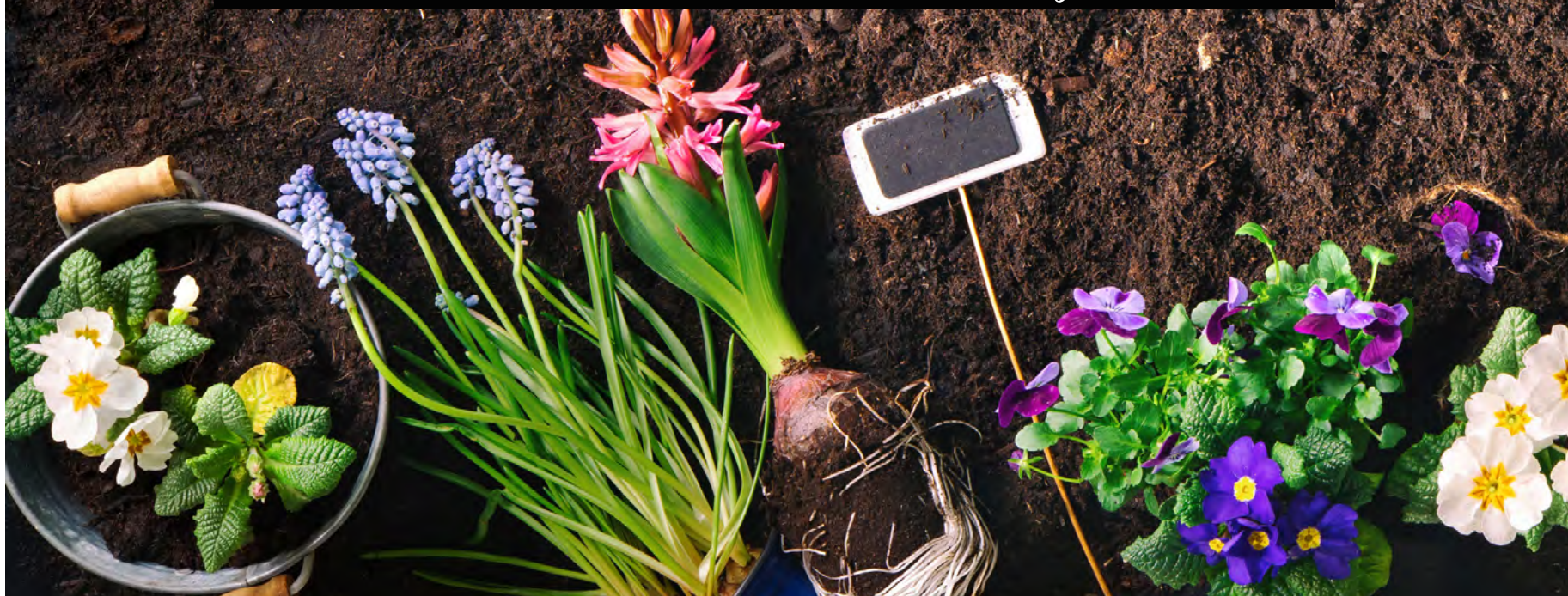


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To enjoy movies at home, kill the 'soap opera' effect

■ 'Motion smoothing' can be disabled for a more accurate movie experience

By Tim Jagielo

What do the directors of "Star Wars: The Last Jedi," "Black Panther," "Wonder Woman" and "GoodFellas" have in common?

They're all outspoken critics of a home TV setting that you may be watching right now. Directors Rian Johnson, Ryan Coogler, Patty Jenkins and Martin Scorsese have all spoken out

against "motion smoothing," a common default setting on many home TVs for nearly a decade.

Christopher Nolan ("Batman" series) and Paul Thomas Anderson ("Boogie Nights") also lead campaigns against this setting that smoothes out fast action in a way that works well

for sports, but cinema directors dislike for how it cheapens their image. "It makes movies look like YouTube 60fps unboxing videos or soap operas," said Detroit Film Society film critic Michelle Kisner.

Most TV and movies are filmed at

24 frames per second (fps). That means that if it was film, 24 images play across the screen, per second. It creates movement "natural" to the viewer. "It's been associated with 'filmic' look since after silent film," Kisner said, adding that it's the normally intended

frame rate by the movie director and director of photography (DP). It's also the rate movies play in the movie theater. "A lot of attention and detail goes into crafting a film," said Fenton filmmaker/DP Stephen Smith, who was a camera operator on "Batman vs. Superman."

Motion smoothing settings artificial-

It looks terrible, it looks smooth, it looks hyper crisp ... it doesn't even look like what my eye sees.

Stephen Smith
Fenton filmmaker

ly add images (or "frames") between the real ones creating a higher frame rate appearance.

Soap operas and smartphone cameras tend to use higher frame rates, giving the film clips a distinctive non-cinema look. Frame rates of 60 as Kisner mentioned, are used for action video cameras like a GoPro to smooth our jerky, fast movement. In some rare cases, movies are filmed in 60fps, such as "The Hobbit." The "Lord of the Rings" series was filmed in 48fps.

TV manufacturers have made these motion smoothing, or "frame interpolation" settings standard, which can make your classic film almost look like it was shot with a smartphone.

The good news is that most major TV manufacturers have recently agreed to support a setting designed to stay true to the cinematic look, called "filmmaker mode," which should arrive in TVs this year, according to vulture.com.

If you're not in the market for a new TV this year, there may be a way to turn off "motion smoothing." Kisner admits she's covertly done this on several friends' TVs.

How to turn this off

According to dailymotion.com, TV manufacturers all have different names for this.

LG

This is called TruMotion, which can be turned off under: Settings > Picture Menu > Picture Mode Settings and finally, Picture Options.

Roku TV

Roku makes streaming devices and TVs. You can turn off "action



smoothing" by pushing the * (asterisk) button while watching a video. Select "Advanced Picture Settings" from the pop-up menu and look for "Action Smoothing" option, and turn it off.

Samsung

These units have "Action Smoothing Plus." To disable, open settings menu and go to "Picture Options." Look for "expert settings" at the bottom. Scroll until you see "Auto Motion Plus" settings, and turn them off.

Sony

Sony's setting is called "Motionflow," which is not standardized in the menu across all TVs. It can usually be found in the "Picture" menu.

Vizio

This brand has "Smooth Motion Effect." Open settings, then "Picture" options. Scroll to advanced picture menu, select it and find "Smooth Motion Effect" to turn it off.

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By Sharon Stone

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If you put your mind to it, you'll likely come up with many ideas.

Because of our predictably unpredictable weather in Michigan,

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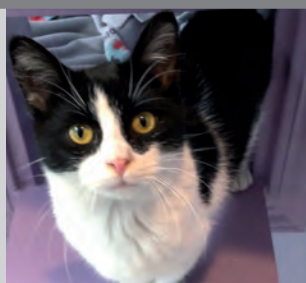


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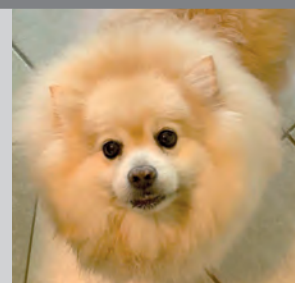
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'You've been chopped!'

While I've been enjoying my "unplanned" vacation at home, I happened upon a great cooking show on the Food Network. It's called "Chopped" and it's fascinating — at least to me.

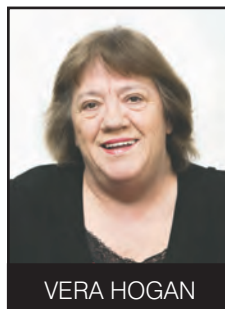
In this program, four lesser-known chefs who have impressive credentials compete to win big money and, if they are lucky, a chance to compete in the big "Chopped Championship" for even more money. These four chefs are charged with making three meals for three judges, who all are well-known, famous chefs. The meals include an appetizer, an entrée and a dessert.

The kicker is that in each round, com-

peting chefs must incorporate ingredients from a mystery basket that reveals items that can best be described as strange and unusual, especially since they have to all be used together for the meal. They can use other stuff, too, but they must include the items in the basket.

Some of the random items in the basket for any of the three meals might include something like Jujubes (theater candy), duck necks (it's a thing), Swiss chard, Limburger cheese and instant coffee grounds. You think to yourself, "no way this is gonna happen."

But as impossible as it seems, the four competing chefs always manage to come



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up with some amazing meals that the judges usually like. After the judges try each offering, they will say something positive about the dish and leave it at that. Most of the time though, they will come in with a zinger and point out a problem like the preparer didn't use all the basket ingredients, it's dry, not seasoned enough, is

under- or over-cooked, or the presentation on the plate is not good, just to name a few possible mishaps.

A competitor is chopped from the appetizer round, another from the entrée round, and a third from the remaining two in the dessert round. The last chef

standing is the winner.

I think this is how our elections should work. Take your chefs (candidates) and watch what they do with and say over the next few months about the ingredients (issues) they have to work with. If they are smart, dedicated, honest and professional, they will come up with a combination of solutions that will make for a gourmet term in office. If they don't, go into the voting booth and choose other candidates. And to those you didn't vote for, smile to yourself and silently say, "I'm not swallowing the half-baked ideas you're serving and it is for that reason — you've been chopped!"

Just sayin'!

STAYCATION

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Do you long for hitting the links at your favorite golf course? Set up a mini golf course or putting range in your

backyard. Aside from your golf clubs that you'll need to dust off, a few plastic lids can be used as the holes. This would be fun for any age.

If you have all your supplies, start

plotting out your vegetable or flower garden. It's too early to plant your flowers, so browse your favorite nursery's website for what grows well in Michigan. Dream big.

Treat yourself or your family to a grilled-out dinner. Order groceries well in advance from our local grocery stores and either do curbside pickup or have them delivered. If you must shop in person, be sure to have a well thought out grocery list and try to buy for a couple of weeks to limit your trips to the store. Take safety precautions by washing hands, wearing gloves and facemasks.

Because it's Michigan in the springtime, chances are as soon as you are ready for your backyard staycation, it will be raining. Have no fear — move your staycation indoors.

Do you like music? Turn the volume up and dance as if no one will be watching, since most likely your friends will be in their own homes. If you and your significant other like to dance together, clear an area and create your own dance floor, complete with soft lighting. If the kids are around, try teaching each other a dance routine. To remember the fun, have someone video record with their phone.

A picnic can be a fun activity indoors or in the backyard. Spread a blanket on the floor and relax. If getting down on the floor is difficult, bring in a lawn chair from the garage.

For those who like a relaxing spa treatment, light your favorite candle or candles and soak in a hot tub. Pull out your favorite soaps and moisturizers to soften your skin and give yourself a manicure and/or pedicure. Couples could give each other a massage.

If you've done yoga at local studios, this could be the perfect time to try it in the comfort of your own home. Soft music and candles can be added for a relaxing workout.

Chances are you have board games stashed away

in cabinets or closets. Who can pass up a game of Monopoly, Scrabble, Pretty Princess, Blokus and more? If you like Euchre, Bridge or Solitaire, pull out the deck of cards and have some fun.

There are so many fun things to do at home, especially while we have to adhere to our stay home order from the governor. With a little thought, the entire family can create memories that will define 2020 in more ways than just this pandemic.



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Compiled By Vera Hogan

Wednesday, April 22, is the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. What better time than now, when we are all staying home and enjoying the outdoors while social distancing, to explore nature for some fun and useful earth-friendly projects.

Source: weareteachers.com



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Create nature wreaths

Take your kids on a nature walk to gather interesting leaves, flowers, berries, etc. To make the wreath forms, braid together strips of old T-shirts and form into a circle. Then attach natural items into the crevices and secure with clear fishing line or hot glue. Attach a ribbon at the top to hang your wreath.



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Construct a bug hotel

Create a cozy place for all the creepy crawlies to hang out. Cut a two-liter plastic bottle into two cylinders, then stuff it with sticks, pine cones, bark, or any other natural material. Make sure to pack the organic material tightly. Then loop a piece of twine or yarn around the two cylinders and hang your bug hotel from a tree branch or fence.



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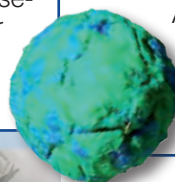
Create a hanging garden

Large plastic bottles become beautiful hanging planters in this green-living and green-thumb project. A great way to make a gorgeous hanging garden.

Make wildflower seed bombs

Give back to the planet with these easy-to-make seed bombs. Blend together used scraps of construction paper, water, and wildflower seeds in a food processor, then form into tiny muffins. Let dry and then toss to the ground.

As the seed bombs receive sun and rain, the paper will eventually compost and the seeds will germinate.



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Get organized with old cans

Tin cans are easy to get your hands on, and they can go a long way in organizing supplies. Get your kids involved by having them help decorate the cans. They'll really take ownership of this, which will help them want to keep supplies more organized.

Make suncatchers

While out for a walk, gather leaves, sticks, weeds, and pickable blooms, and then bring the treasures inside to be showcased in recycled jar lids. With some wax paper and string, your kids can craft this surprisingly beautiful recycled suncatcher.



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Hoops teams battle for top spot in Super 6

By David Troppens

Anyone that has followed our season-ending polls of the top teams in the tri-county area have noticed a serious trend over the last handful of seasons. The trend — the Fenton Tigers usually dominate most of the spots and almost always dominate the most of the top spots. That's not the case among the

top three teams in the 2019-20 Super Six Poll. Another common trend involves basketball teams. Generally, they aren't dominating the top spots in our winter poll. That's not the case this season as well, as two of the top three positions are hoops teams. So without wasting too much more space, let's look at our top

three teams. **No. 3 - Linden wrestling:** A lot of Linden wrestling's credentials were explained in comparison of Holly wrestling's credentials in the last edition. Both had pluses and minuses why Linden earned the No. 3 spot versus the No. 4 position. Linden got it because when it

See **SUPER 6** on 31



The Linden varsity boys basketball team won a Flint Metro League Stripes Division title and posted a 19-2 overall record. The team was scheduled to play Howell in a district title game before seeing its season end. Linden finished second in our 2019-20 Tri-County Super Six Winter Poll. **Photo: Mark Bolen**

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Sports Times



Holly's Jenson Walker (52) works on blocking during a Holly game last season. Walker is heading to Southeast Missouri State to play college football. **Photo: Mark Bolen**

Holly's Walker trotting to collegiate level

■ Longsnapper headed to Southeast Missouri State
By David Troppens

Holly varsity football coach Dallas Lesperance planted a seed in offensive lineman Jenson Walker's head one day between seasons. "Jenson started talking to me a few years ago and he was asking what position would be a great one for him to play because he was a dedicated football player," Lesperance said. "I told him what a lot of schools are looking for is a longsnapper and that would open a lot of doors for him." Walker took the opinion to heart. Now, a few years later, Jenson has earned a new passion while at the same time has found

a way to extend his football career at the DI level collegiately. Jenson has committed to playing at Southeast Missouri State and hopes to play longsnapper during his college career. "It's a big passion in my life," Walker said. "I was a center my freshman year and I got into messing around and doing some longsnapping to the punter and I ended up doing it. A couple of years later Coach Dallas came up to me and said if you want to play college football this may be the position for me. My Dad found some camps. I went to the Rubio longsnapping camp and I did fairly well. I thought to myself I can build on this, make a team and play Division I football." Walker looked at many schools including the University of Toledo, Ohio University, Ohio Northern University and Michigan State. "I went on an official visit and I loved the school," Jenson said. "It's an awesome campus and the help they give the athletes who need it with their schooling is unbelievable. I wanted to be a part of it. I'll be able to get the help if I need it, and the main part of my schooling is the academic part. ... That was a big thing to me." "It's a great fit for him," Lesperance said.

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Lake Fenton's Katelyn Siebert (left) and Morgan Furey (right) celebrate after beating Goodrich in a D2 district title game. Photo: Mark Bolen

SUPER 6

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came to team success, the Eagles did slightly better. The Eagles won the outright Metro League title as well as the Metro League Stripes Division crown. They did it by posting an undefeated dual season record which included a close 38-34 victory against the Bronchos.

The Eagles also won the Flint Metro League meet, scoring 128 points, or 17 more than second-place Corunna. Clio and Holly tied for third with 106 points.

The Eagles also won a team district title, edging out Lake Fenton 36-33 in the semifinals and then beating Fenton 49-27 in the district title match.

The season ended with a 43-30 loss to Croswell-Lexington, who also beat the Bronchos in the regional title match 51-21.

No. 2 - Linden boys basketball: The top two are mighty hard to decide because neither was able to complete their season. One was able to win a district title but the other was able to play just one district game. One was a league champion and the other wasn't. So how does one sift through these issues? The sports staff is going to try to do it.

The Linden varsity boys basketball team had an outstanding regular season. The Eagles went 18-2 and finished a perfect 10-0 against the Flint Metro League. The only blemish the Eagles had in FML action was a crossover loss to the Goodrich Martians who can claim the unofficial overall league title. The second-ranked Martians edged Linden 46-44 in that contest. Linden's only other loss also came against another D2 state-ranked

squad, a 50-48 loss against Bridgeport during the holiday break. Linden began its district tournament season with a 67-66 district semifinal victory against the Holly Bronchos, earning the squad a spot in the district title game against tourney hosts the Howell Highlanders. Unfortunately, the Eagles were never able to get a chance to defeat the squad that beat them in the district title game a year ago.

So, the Eagles clearly had the best overall record of the tri-county teams and competed well against two state-ranked teams at the D2 level. They also won a FML Stripes Division title. The Eagles have a great argument for the No. 1 spot, but the sports staff is giving that honor to another team.

No. 1 - Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball: The Blue Devils didn't win a league title. Lake Fenton finished the Metro League Stars Division with a 7-3 Division record, finishing second to traditional state power Goodrich.

The Blue Devils finished the regular season with a solid 18-6 overall record. Solid but not the 19-2 record Linden had. However, there were some great moments during that regular season. There was a 59-43 road victory against Imlay City, a squad that finished with a district championship and a 21-3 record overall. There also was a 60-52 road victory against Division 1 Swartz Creek who held a 13-8 mark overall.

But while those were nice victories, without other credentials, the Blue Devils wouldn't have had any chance of finishing No. 1.

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Season-opening win streak grows to a franchise best nine for '84 Tigers

By David Troppens

Editor's note: The Major League Baseball season was supposed to start a little more than a week ago. To make up for the loss of the season, we'll be reliving the last Detroit Tigers' World Championship season, 1984 with occasional stories about the season. Enjoy.

Optimism was already at an all-time high when the season began on April 3 at Minnesota. It was now April 10 and the Detroit Tigers were preparing for their 1984 home opener against the Texas Rangers with not only a 5-0 record but just three days after Jack Morris tossed a no-hitter at Chicago.

It was a sunny, 50-degree day with Tiger Stadium filled to capacity, and by the end of the first inning, the fans had a lot to celebrate. On the first pitch he ever saw in a regular season game at Tiger Stadium, free agent pick-up Darrell Evans hit a three-run home run into the right-field upper deck.



Darrell Evans hit a home run on his first pitch he faced at Tiger Stadium during the Tigers' home opening contest.

The Tigers would lead 4-1 after the first inning, and that was more than enough support for Dan Petry who tossed a four-hit complete-game victory.

A day later, the Tigers improved to 7-0 when Morris pitched his third gem of the season, allowing no earned runs over seven innings in the Tigers' 9-4 victory.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2020-2021 BUDGET CITY OF LINDEN

The Linden City Council will hold a virtual public hearing on the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year proposed budget Monday, April 27, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. as part of their meeting agenda. Copies of the proposed budget are available for review on the City website at www.lindenmi.us.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the meeting of the City of Linden City Council is scheduled for a special meeting on **April 27, 2020** beginning at 5:30 p.m. This meeting will be conducted virtually (online and/or by phone), due to health concerns surrounding Coronavirus/COVID-19 under the Governor of Michigan's Executive Orders 2020-15, 2020- 21 and 2020-42 .

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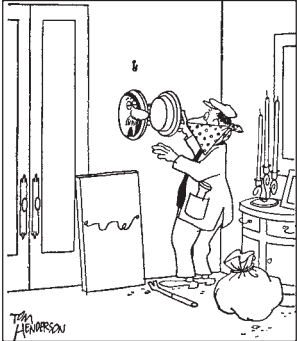
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TODAY'S WORD


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Weekend Sudoku

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ACROSS

1 Emmy, e.g.

6 Explorer — Polo

11 Milne's bear

15 Hospital VIPs

19 Spanish man

20 It's made of milk, flour and butter

22 Sharing the secret of

23 "The Matrix" star Reeves

24 Unit equal to 0.338 fluid ounce

25 Knock off

26 Stage muggers

28 Beating the former best

30 4x4, briefly

32 Lousy

34 Ian Fleming's alma mater

35 Jaded

36 Online comparison shopping site

42 More nasty

43 Dance in Rio

44 Has a bawl

45 Prenatal chambers

47 Locker, e.g.

54 U.S. enlistees

57 Arrest, as a perp

58 Tiddlywink or Frisbee

59 How- — (DIYers' books)

60 Jurist Scalia

63 Novelist Graham

66 Camphor or fructose

69 Need-for- speed adage adapted from the Bible

72 Road salt

73 "It's about time!"

74 Separates after a multiplayer tackle

75 Edifice extension

76 Debate side

77 — Khan (Islamic imam)

78 Wide shoe spec

79 Building up to the loudst point

88 Parliament's House of —

89 "With a Little — Luck"

90 Piece-of-cake class

94 Fold, spindle or mutilate

97 Bottle near a salad bowl

99 Smell

100 Cannonballs and such

103 Pro-learning union: Abbr.

104 Healthful getaway

105 Backlash

111 Banks of modeling

113 Catch with one's ears

114 "Viva Las Vegas" co-star

116 Ancient Greek colony

119 — Stanley Gardner

120 Not trued up

121 Kids' caretaker

122 Changed the color of

123 Favorable votes

124 Actor Mike

125 Meal blessing that's "mixed" and hidden in seven answers in this puzzle

2 Itsy-bitsy

3 Disneyland's city

4 Barrett of gossip

5 Snare sound

6 DC doubled

7 Warlike deity

8 Thinker Descartes

9 Carrie Chapman —

10 Drop

11 Latex, e.g.

12 Money spent

13 Sailor's site

14 German man

15 Deny

16 Borrowed

17 Not smooth

18 — of Berlin (snack brand)

21 More crafty

27 Get less taut

29 Late film critic Roger

30 Happy times

31 — la-la

33 Sitcom psychiatrist Frasier, to his patients

37 "2 Broke Girls" airer

38 Steed breed

39 Sizable

40 Comb insect

41 Key near F1

42 Sea, to Gigi

45 Flustered

46 Tic-toe link

48 Chilling, as champagne

49 Playwright Clifford

50 City in North Dakota

51 Star, in Nice

52 Having no service charge

53 — fly (African pest)

54 Congregate

55 Gobble down

56 — Artois

61 "... — will!" (threat ender)

62 — Geo Wild

63 Must, slangily

64 Holy artifact

65 José's "that"

66 "— & Kel" (teen show)

67 Psychic skill

68 Prefix with light

70 Turf groups

71 Real aficionado

76 So-so link

77 Slip — (mess up)

80 Made a racket

81 Hulk of a wrestler?

82 Furiousness

83 Slugging stat

84 Essen "a"

85 Enhaloed Fr. lady

86 Deteriorating

87 Paddled tool

91 Girl told not to cry in song

92 "Uh-huh"

93 "I'm — loss for words"

94 Ran quickly

95 Carotid, e.g.

96 A pep talk may boost it

97 Outspoken

98 Receiving a pension: Abbr.

100 Golf's Palmer, to pals

101 High-IQ crew

102 The — & the Papas

106 Like venison

107 Quick haircut

108 Punker Pop

109 Alençon's department

110 At no time, in verse

112 Mimic a tiger

115 Saints' stats


117 Yellow pages abbr.

118 Favorable vote

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MIXED BLESSING

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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.

MIDWEEK SUDOKU ANSWERS

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MIDWEEK JUMBLE ANSWERS:

UDDER, SOGGY, JACKAL, BISHOP

Answer: The quality control person at the cushion factory liked her —

CUSHY JOB

WEEKEND SUDOKU ANSWERS

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WEEKEND SCRAMBLE ANSWERS:

MATURE, FATE, DILATE, REACH

Answer: DEFEAT

MIDWEEK CROSSWORD ANSWERS


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WEEKEND CROSSWORD ANSWERS


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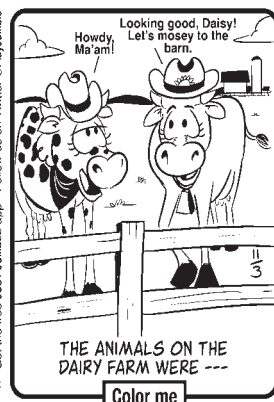
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**NOTICE
ROSE TOWNSHIP****2020 ANNUAL SPRING ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP DAY**

Rose Township will hold its annual Roadside Clean-Up for residents and property owners on the following date:

**Saturday May 2, 2020
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

Residents and township organizations are encouraged to participate in the clean-up of the roadsides.

Dumpsters will be located in the Rose Township Park located on the northwest corner of Milford Road and West Rose Center Road. Refuse to be disposed of must be transported to the dumpsters. THERE IS NO ROADSIDE PICK UP. No commercial dumping will be allowed.

Clerk Debbie Miller will be on duty to verify residence and/or property ownership. Fire department personnel will be there to assist with loading materials into the dumpsters. Propane tanks will NOT be accepted. No barrels, gas or fuel oil tanks, stumps, brush or concrete will be accepted. Paint cans must be empty or filled with sand or cat litter. Each household will be permitted four (4) car tires; additional tires will be accepted at a price of \$4.00 per tire and \$25.00 per tire for tractor or large truck tires.

Burning permits to allow the burning of leaves and brush are available by obtaining a burning permit through www.nocfa.org.

Bags for cleaning roadsides will be available at the Rose Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan beginning March 23, 2020 until April 30, 2020 and also at the clean-up day location on clean-up day.

Rose Township's regular daily recycling is located in the rear of the Township Office's parking lot at 9080 Mason Street, Holly, MI.

Residents may call 248-634-8701 with any questions.

Debbie Miller, MMC, CMMC

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that has left more than 22 million Americans filing for unemployment.

These \$1,200 payments are to individuals with adjusted gross income below \$75,000 and \$2,400 to married couples filing taxes jointly who earn under \$150,000. The government is also paying \$500 per qualifying child.

The payouts are called "economic impact payments." They decline above the \$75,000/\$150,000 threshold and end at \$99,000 for individuals and \$198,000 for married couples.

The IRS is sending it in two ways — direct deposit or mail. If you filed taxes in 2018 or 2019, the money should appear in your account. If you didn't file taxes, you can submit your information to receive the money at irs.gov/coronavirus.

The Treasury Department said they expect to send payments to 80 million Americans this week.

On Wednesday, April 15, the Times posted a status on Facebook asking readers if they received the money. Dozens of people commented with a mix of responses. Some said the money was deposited into their accounts and others said they had not received anything.

One Fenton mother, who wished to remain anonymous, commented, "I find it almost discriminatory that

my 18-year-old senior and 20-year-old college sophomore who both filed tax returns are not eligible for any stimulus payment. My 20-year-old lost her job and has not been approved for unemployment despite working 25-30 hours per week while attending school full time. How is it an 18-year-old is eligible for a draft but not a stimulus? As long as they are contributing to society they should be eligible."

If a college student was claimed as a dependent, they are not eligible for the payment.

The IRS launched the "Get My Payment" tracking tool so people can check on the status of the money. It will give people an idea on when they can expect a deposit or a check in the mail, and it will say if the IRS needs more information.

This week's money was the first wave of payments.

The IRS will send the second wave of payments later this month to Social Security recipients who did not file 2018 or 2019 returns and receive their benefits through direct deposit.

According to [marketwatch.com](https://www.marketwatch.com), in early May, the IRS will mail approximately five million paper checks to households per week. They will first go to the households with the lowest adjusted gross incomes, and continue upward.

**NOTICE- FAIRVIEW CEMETERY
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Anyone wishing to salvage flowers, wreaths, etc. from Fairview Cemetery should do so by Sunday, April 26, 2020. After that date, they will be removed and disposed of by the sexton of the cemetery.

Scott Fairbanks
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Nancy Jean McConkey

1946 — 2020

Nancy Jean McConkey - age 73, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, April 12, 2020. She is the beloved wife of Walter for 53 years. Dear mother of Walter Jr. (Trudy) and Shawn (Krista). Loving grandma of Katie (Micheal) Kellogg, Jared (Lindsey), Keri Jean (Ben) Hidy, Julia, Cody, Collin (Rachel), Schuyler and Carrie-Grace. Great-grandma of Peyton and Emily. Sister of Linda (Gary) Dearborn. She was predeceased by her parents, Charles and Grace Drowns and siblings Linwood Drowns and Charlene King. Nancy served alongside her husband in pastoral ministry for more than 40 years. She will be greatly missed by all who love her. Special thanks go out to the caregivers at WellBridge of Fenton for their loving care. Our family would also like to thank all who held us up with prayers. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Donations may be made to First Baptist Church of Fenton. Share memories at www.temrowskifuneralhome.com.



Daniel E. Oslin

Daniel E. Oslin - age 72, died April 12, 2020. www.temrowskifuneralhome.com.



Sharon K. Kostelic

1942 — 2020

Sharon K. Kostelic - age 77, passed away on Friday, April 10, 2020. She is the beloved wife of the late Robert. Dear mother of Cindy (Paul) Larkin, Christine Thibault and Kim (Paul) Foley. Loving grandma of Adam, Ryan, Samantha (Tom), Bethany, Karlie, Kellie and Tommy. Great-grandma of Johnny, Raymond and Scott. Sister of Joan (Joe) Strleker. Sharon also leaves many friends. Private family services will be held. Sharon was an avid golfer and enjoyed spending winters in Lakeland, FL. She was a member of the Fenton Moose Lodge and enjoyed getting together with friends. Sharon will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Special thanks to the staff at Vicinia Gardens of Fenton. Share memories at www.temrowskifuneralhome.com.



Yvonne H. Furlong

Yvonne H. Furlong - age 63, died April 14, 2020. www.temrowskifuneralhome.com.



Deanna J. Siegel

Deanna J. Siegel - age 58, died April 14, 2020. www.temrowskifuneralhome.com.



Roy J. Spring

1936 — 2020

Roy J. Spring of Holly, passed away on Friday, April 10, 2020 at home surrounded by his loved ones. Born April 14 1936 to Andrew & Ruth (Weatherald) Spring. Survived by Dorothy A. Spring of 55 years of marriage. Father to David (Pamala) Spring, Susanne (Mark) Hart, Lisa (Mike) Annen. Grandpa of eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Proceeded in death by daughter Dawn Spring. Served in USAF and retired from Buick Motors. Roy enjoyed his garden, family, and his faith at Heritage Baptist Church. Private family graveside service will be at 1PM Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at Oak Hill Cemetery, Holly. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Heritage Baptist Church of Fenton, 402 N. East St. Fenton. **Dryer Funeral Home • www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.**

Larry M. Carrier

Larry M. Carrier - age 77, died April 15, 2020. www.temrowskifuneralhome.com.



Susan Wisnudel

Susan Wisnudel - age 76, died April 12, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Robert Eugene Van Auken

1935 — 2020

Robert Eugene Van Auken - age 84, of Saginaw, died Sunday, April 12, 2020. Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date.



a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University, and also served in the U.S. Navy Reserves as a young man. Coming from Holly and Caseville, he then resided

Those desiring may make contributions to Habitat for Humanity or Adopt-A-Pet of Fenton. Bob Van Auken was a kind, generous, and attentive father who made his daughters feel safe and loved and perfect in his eyes. He made sure they had flowers on Valentine's Day and their favorite cake on their birthdays, and always made sure they had everything they needed. He was incredibly proud of his grandson, deeply admired his sons-in-law, and had fond memories of working side by side with his son years ago. Bob was a respected builder and business man in Saginaw, and many of his beautiful homes and buildings can be seen all around town. People loved working with him because he was honest, straightforward, and took great pride in perfecting his craft. His family, friends, and these buildings will always stand as a testament to his achievements. Robert was born November 26, 1935 in Holly, the son of Clayton and Donna (Graff) Van Auken. He was a 1954 graduate of Holly High School and received

in Saginaw for over 55 years and owned and operated Van Auken Construction for most of his career. Bob was a proud member of the Builders Association since 1969, was their 1997 Builder of the Year, and donated his construction talents on several church mission trips to places like Belize, Vietnam, Chile, and Jamaica. Robert enjoyed golfing, traveling, playing with all of the family pets, and fishing up at his cottage in Cadillac. Surviving are his daughters, Julie (John) Maloney of Fenton, Angie (Jim) Dow of Grand Rapids, and Amy Van Auken of San Antonio, TX; grandson, Shane Maloney of Fenton; step-daughter, Ashley Langley of Florida; step-son, Jonathan Manbeck of Indiana; and wife Jean (Mietla) of Saginaw. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Robert Van Auken, Jr.; and brother, Jack Van Auken. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Mary "Elaine" Carpenter

Mary "Elaine" Carpenter - age 87, died April 9, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



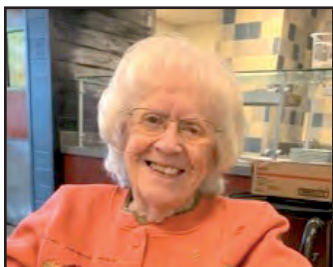
Margaret McIntosh

Margaret McIntosh - age 91, died April 12, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Donna Rose Cumming 1928 — 2020

Donna Rose Cumming - age 91, of Fenton, died Friday, April 10, 2020. A private burial will be held at a later date. Those desiring may make contributions to Adopt-A-Pet, 13575 Fenton Road, Fenton. Donna was born May 21, 1928 in Sault Ste. Marie, the daughter of Seth and Etta (Lougheed) Woodard. She married Roy Cumming on March 23, 1974 and he preceded her in death December 23, 1982. She had resided in Fenton most of her life. She retired from Fenton Convalescent Home as a secretary after many years of service. Surviving are her children, Paul Murray of Fenton, Diane (Kyle) Lomason of Gaines, and David (Michele) Murray of Gaines; grandchildren, Denise (Brian) Snyder of Plymouth, Debra (Frank) Skinner of Grand Blanc, and Steven (Carlie) Lomason of Grand Blanc; great-grandchildren, Levi, Jack, Braylon, Etta, Ripley, and Steven; and several nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her parents; siblings, Freda Hamlin, Robert VanSloten, Beatrice Hamlin, and JoAnn Kick. She lived the last two years at Wellbridge of Fenton; even with her severe stages of Alzheimer's, she would always say "Got nothing to complain about" and she had a smile that would light up the room. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com



Claudette (Dery) Holbrook 1963 — 2020

Claudette (Dery) Holbrook was born in Flint, the ninth of nine children on February 12th, 1963, to Yvette and Ildege Dery. She was the baby that everyone adored, a fact that remained true for her entire life. She married and brought two wonderful children into the world, Lester and Chantel. Her aesthetic, love of people, work ethic, and perfectionist tendencies led her to become an excellent hairstylist and earned her the most loyal customers and friends. She took great pride in her work. She loved spending time with family and friends and especially her beloved husband, Ron. She enjoyed boating, gardening, crafts, and winning costume contests. Her children and grandchildren were her greatest pleasure. She was a joy and a jokester. She had energy for days. She threw herself 100 percent into everything she did. She possessed a magical combination of enthusiasm, sweetness, and sass. This magic worked on children and adults alike. She was magnetic, her spirit of whimsy and fun drew people to her. Everyone who knew her can attest to this fact. She made children feel special, feel treasured, feel loved, you could see their faces alight with joy. Her network was wide, her fans, many. We all looked forward to her smile, her jokes, her hugs, and even those embarrassing butt pinches! This was



true of family, of friends, and of coworkers. This was her magic, so special, so unique to her. Claudette passed peacefully from this world on Thursday, April 9th, 2020 under

the care and comfort of her loving family following a courageous and dignified battle with cancer. Her strength and peace of mind during this difficult time stemmed from her faith as a born-again Christian. She is survived by her husband, Ron; children Lester and Chantel (and husband, Casey), and her grandchildren, Silas, Dery, and Anna. She has seven surviving siblings, Pierre, Normand, Jocelyne, Marjolaine, Ghislain, Louise, and Jean Claude; and also her father, Ildege, and extended family too numerous to name. Her mother, Yvette; and brother, Alain, precede her in death. She was loved fiercely by all of them. Her family hopes that you will remember her life as she lived it, as a celebration. Funeral services and interment will be private for her family members. A celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Claudette Holbrook Memorial Fund via Go Fund Me. All proceeds will benefit The Rock Church. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com



Wendell Gilroy

Wendell Gilroy - age 79, died April 13, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Joyce McClelland

Joyce McClelland - age 80, died April 14, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Richard (Dick) James Daley 1947 — 2020

Richard (Dick) James Daley - age 73, of Swartz Creek, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, April 9, 2020 about 8:20 PM due to complications associated with Vascular



Dementia. Dick was born in Pontiac, on February 11, 1947. He attended and graduated from Pontiac Northern High school in 1965 and continued his education at Oakland University while working for General Motors Corporation in Pontiac. He worked as an 8th level supervisor for the Electrical Engineering Department at GM Truck and Bus. Dick was married to his beloved wife Beverly June Tison on October 4, 1969. He and his wife were married for 50 years and celebrated it at Wellbridge of Grand Blanc where Dick resided for his last eight months. Dick enjoyed being outdoors fishing, hunting and golfing as well as attending gospel quartet concerts. He was proud to be a member

of First Baptist Church of Fenton and enjoyed the services and the messages each week. Dick is survived by his wife, Beverly June; as well as his eldest daughter, Angela

Michele Stratman; his son, Richard Scott Daley (Kathleen); and his youngest daughter, Tamara Janeen Allmon as well as 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. His playful sense of humor and outgoing personality will be greatly missed. The family has decided at this time not to have a funeral due to the current stay at home orders as well as the limited assembly. A service to celebrate his life will take place after the mandate has been lifted and details will be announced at a later date. Meanwhile, anyone wishing to express condolences may do so via Facebook. In lieu of flowers, monetary contributions can be made to Fenton Baptist Church for the furtherance of the Gospel.

Barbara Wilcox

Barbara Wilcox - age 83, died April 10, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Calvin "Cal" Rapson

Calvin "Cal" Rapson - age 75, died April 14, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Charles Chaltron

Charles Chaltron - age 77, died March 14, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



James Erber

James Erber - age 85, died April 14, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Penny Anklam

Penny Anklam - age 77, died April 8, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

**Martha Lash**

Martha Lash - age 85, died April 9, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

**Patricia Campbell**

Patricia Campbell - age 82, died April 12, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

**Patricia Garfield**

Patricia Garfield - age 63, died April 10, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

**Shirley Kruse**

Shirley Kruse - age 83, died April 13, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

**Sophia Boyer**

Sophia Boyer - age 93, died April 13, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

**Stephen Medcoff**

Stephen Medcoff - age 77, died April 8, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

**Ted Lowe**

Ted Lowe - age 86, died April 14, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

**Wayne Cates**

Wayne Cates - age 66, died April 8, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

**Billy Parker**

Billy Parker - age 83, died April 12, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

**George Dennis**

George Dennis - age 83, died April 8, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

**Patrick Riley**

Patrick Riley - age 57, died April 11, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

**Gloria Letavis**

Gloria Letavis - age 85, died April 9, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

**Harold Hinton**

Harold Hinton - age 85, died April 16, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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**Adam Joseph Lazar**

1982 — 2020

Adam Joseph Lazar – age 37, our son, brother, friend and love, passed away unexpectedly on March 11, 2020. Adam was an amazing spirit who woke up each day with a smile on his face and a passion for life. With his infectious smile and fun personality, he won the hearts of all he encountered. Adam loved golf, live music, candy, the color purple, anything with barbeque sauce and for a good part of his adult life, Captain Morgan. He was an old soul who loved to travel, make people laugh and sing the wrong words to most songs. He packed more life into his 37 years than most people could in 80. Adam grew up in Lake Fenton, where his family still resides. At the age of seven, he began to play golf at Flint Junior Golf and he was hooked. Although he excelled in both baseball and golf in High School, he earned a golf scholarship and played golf at Lansing Community College. Adam's happy place was on the green, and it didn't matter if he was playing, practicing or caddying. He was known as "Laser" due to his last name and stellar greens reading ability and was also known as "The Cooler" by his fellow caddies. He worked at some of the most prestigious golf clubs in the U.S.; Arcadia Bluffs Golf Club (MI), Grayhawk Golf Club (AZ), Bayonne Golf Club (NJ), Calusa Pines Golf



Club (FL) and Winged Foot Golf Club (NY) to name a few. Adam is survived by his mother, Terri Lazar; father, Thomas Lazar Sr.; and his two brothers Thomas Lazar II and Ryan Lazar. He was preceded in death by his grandmother Julia Lazar and his grandfather Lorn Kohlmann. Adam was a resident of Surprise, AZ for the past four and a half years with the love of his life, Karin Hansen, but will return to Fenton with his family. We will always remember him as the spontaneous and happy go lucky guy that said "Tastes Like More" and we will try to "Keep On Truckin" and "Have A Better One." He was loved by many and will be sorely missed. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to <https://www.adoptapetfenton.com/>. Memorial Services to be announced at a later date at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

**Margaret Pakney**

Margaret Pakney - age 84, died April 11, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

**Marilyn Alleva**

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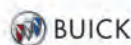
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Home: Clio
24 years in the auto industry
Wife: Jennifer
3 Children: Michael, Marissa & Maddix

Mike is the best painter in town! He is our shop's leader and a great part of our collision centers team!



CHAD SCHWEITZER

Technician

Home: Millington
20 year in the auto industry
Wife: Heidi
2 Children: Mason & Makenzie

Chad is the first one here everyday making sure that our customers are taken care of! He is a top notch technician and a devoted father!



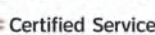
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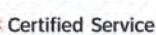
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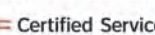


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TO PROTECT OUR CUSTOMERS AND EMPLOYEES, WE ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC, AND LOOK FORWARD TO GREETING YOU WHEN WE RE-OPEN.

WE ARE DEEP CLEANING AND SANITIZING ALL AREAS TO PROTECT AGAINST COVID-19.

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