

# Michigan, one of six states with lowest price at the pump

■ Fuel prices average \$1.40 a gallon across the state

Compiled by Sharon Stone

Wisconsin, Kentucky, Michigan and Oklahoma see the lowest gas prices in roughly 6,000 days (more than 16.4

years); Minnesota and Illinois are selling gas for less than a cup of coffee, according to GasBuddy.

GasBuddy, the travel and navigation app that is used by millions of drivers to save money on gas, reports that six states have surpassed their

lowest average gas prices in over a decade, while five of those states are seeing the lowest prices since the early 2000s.

In the case of Wisconsin, gas prices haven't been this low in 6,624 days.

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## Midweek Times

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### Chamber is busy helping its members

■ Using latest technology in response to executive orders

By Sharon Stone

Adapting to an ever-changing business world can be a daunting task. Add to that a killer virus that has spread around the world causing a pandemic, things become even more challenging and scary.

In response to the COVID-19 coronavirus, which has shuttered so many businesses everywhere, the Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce is doing everything it can for its local business members.



**Shelly Day**  
Fenton Chamber executive director

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On Monday, April 20, Argentine Township resident Diane Banghart hands over a bag of homemade masks to an Argentine Township police officer. Banghart has made more than 850 masks, which have gone to police departments, nursing homes, nurses and more. Photo: Hannah Ball

### Argentine woman makes more than 850 facemasks

■ Donates them to local police departments, nursing homes

By Hannah Ball

While one Argentine Township woman has been socially isolating

due to the COVID-19 pandemic, she hasn't been sitting idle.

Diane Banghart has made more than 850 facemasks so far, and she doesn't

See **FACEMASKS** on 6

### Planning Commission has much to discuss

■ Meeting Thursday evening jam packed with agenda items; residents can access remotely

By Sharon Stone

Due to the stay at home order in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Fenton City Planning Commission meeting will be held remotely Thursday, April 23 at 7 p.m. City planners will be holding several public hearings.

See sidebar for instructions on how to remotely access the meeting.

One agenda item is a site plan review for **Silver Spray Sports**, 4037 W. Silver Lake Road. The property is zoned GBD (general business district) and the owner is requesting to construct three new 11,960-square-foot boat storage buildings.

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“I am a small business owner. There apparently were unintended consequences with the increased unemployment and stimulus pay. Our part-time workers, who wanted only part-time, are making more money sitting at home and doing nothing. My company cannot survive this.”



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“Thanks to the Fenton firefighters for their poster of support they gave the North



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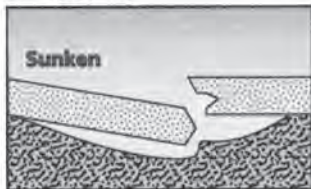


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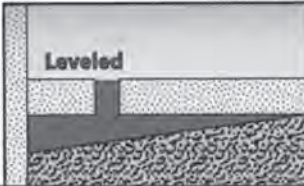
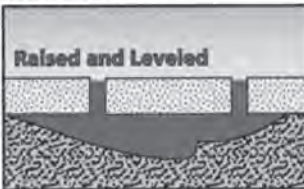
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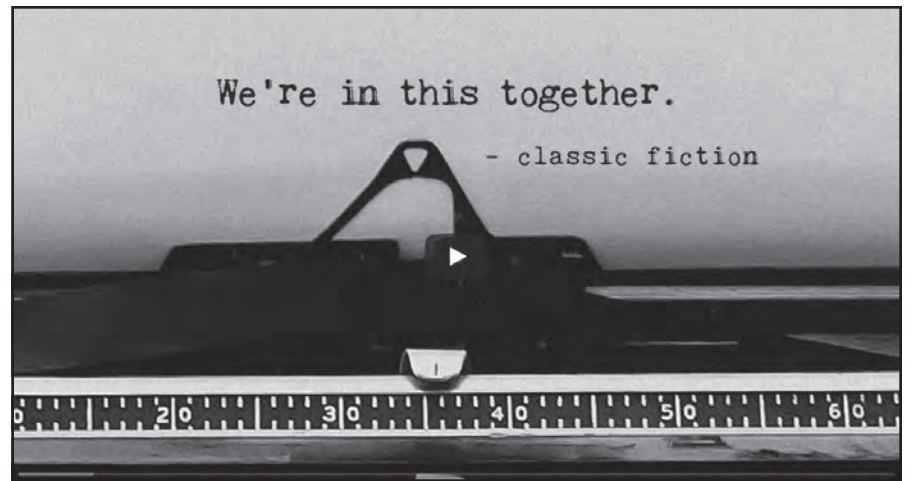
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## 'We're in this together'

■ Local business owner and family part of song's chorus honoring our first responders

**By Sharon Stone**

Fans of the TV show 9-1-1, shown locally on Fox66, might have noticed a song produced as a public service announcement half way through the show, which aired Monday at 8 p.m.

If you missed it, it will air again tonight, Wednesday, April 22, during the TV show, The Masked Singer, also locally aired at 8 p.m. on Fox66.

Christopher White, co-owner of Fenton Farms Golf Club in Fenton Township, was part of the chorus, as well as his wife and daughter. He said you probably could not detect their individual voices, but he was assured that they are in the song's chorus.

White's brother, Dennis White, of Los Angeles, California, wrote the song. Dennis White is a Grammy award winning record producer, songwriter, and artist working within electronic dance music.

White said the song was timely in its launch Monday night as it honors our first responders. The song, available on YouTube and Spotify, will likely air on more TV shows for up to eight weeks.

The chorus is a singalong and included White's family.

On Wednesday, fans of the hit TV show, The Masked Singer, will air the song during its show.

White, proud to be part of the song, described the song as emotional and he teared up when he watched a preview, which was accompanied by images of first responders.

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## GAS PRICES

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Examining millions of fuel transactions from the company's Pay with GasBuddy program, gasoline demand plummeted in the first quarter of 2020 as Americans across the country were ordered to stay home in light of COVID-19.

The most recent data is even steeper, with transactions in April showing that gasoline demand has eroded by 50 to 70 percent over levels in late February and early March, with millions of Americans continuing to follow stay-at-home orders and not venturing out on the road.

"To have thought at the beginning

of the year we'd be in the place we are would truly have been impossible, new and multi-year records continue to be written when it comes to gasoline prices," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "It's staggering to know that in five of these six states we haven't seen these gasoline prices in over 15 years, and for many of us, we watch from the living room window, adhering to the orders to stay at home.

"But there is strong potential that we will see gas prices this summer far lower than our previous expectations, and I'm hopeful by then we're safely able to enjoy it."





# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

## ■ Fenton group fundraises, helps those in need

By Hannah Ball

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced most spring events to cancel, but some local groups are still finding ways to raise funds for the causes they care about.

Daniel Cusson, wild game chairperson of the Knights of Columbus 7418 Fenton, said they were supposed to have the 14th annual Wild Game Dinner on March 21.

“The group has done a great job with growing this event into what it is and this year’s was going to be the best ever. Unfortunately, due to the virus, we had to cancel the event,” he said.

Despite not being able to meet in person, they held the raffle online. It’s the policy of the Knights of Columbus to not disclose financial details.

The Knights of Columbus raise money for various charities and local groups in need. Cusson thanked their volunteers.

“We are Catholic men building a bridge back to faith. Our Order’s founding principles are charity, unity and fraternity.”

**Mike Archambault**

*Knights of Columbus Fenton grand knight*

“Bill Bradburn with the help of his wife Kathy have run the event 11 years and has been lead on cooking duties for 14 years. Dr. Steve Sulfaro has been his right hand man and since I took over three years ago, has continued that,” Cusson said.

Dan and Arlene O’Rourke have headed the silent auction area for a few years, and Craig Hering has taken over the table raffles and PowerPoint presentation. John Thomas leads the refreshment area. Tom Colison took

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## 2020 Wild Game raffle winners

Item #1 – 300 Weatherby Mag. Bolt Action (donated by **Bill and Judy Bastain**)

**Winner: Andre Blanchard #2987**

Item #2 – Mossberg 500 12 gauge pump action shotgun (**Rock Foundations**)

**Winner: Chuck Petrie #4319**

Item #3 – Mossberg Synthetic 6.5 Creedmoor Bolt Action Rifle (**Easton Enterprise**)

**Winner: Lisa Brohl #3059**

Item #4 – CVA Wolf Muzzle Loader w/ scope and case (**Kens Redi-Mix**)

**Winner: Dave Lamb #4543**

Item #5 – Traditions Buck Stalker .50cal Muzzle Loader

**Winner: Gina Woodman #4470**

Item #6 – Tactical TS 390 x-bow w/ scope (**Raggs Boutique**)

**Winner: Bruce Percy #3402**

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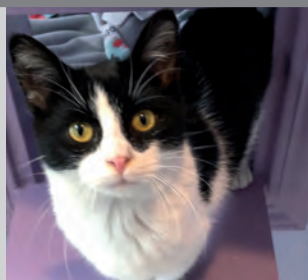


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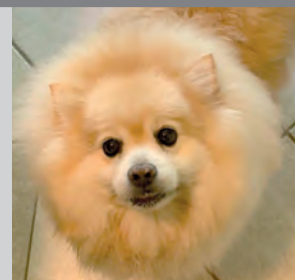
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## Building Brands

## COVID and community news bring brush with celebrity

**A**s any fashionista, column-writing, wavy-blond-haired woman who has spent a month's rent on a handbag will tell you, the highest compliment anyone can ever give you is to say, "You are totally like Carrie Bradshaw."

Carrie Bradshaw (for anyone unfamiliar) is the fictional character played by Sarah Jessica Parker on the hit HBO show "Sex and the City." Women my age spent most of their 20s deciding if they were a Samantha, Charlotte, Miranda or Carrie. Because of the qualities above, I've always known I was a Carrie.

Of course, then I grew up, got married, moved to a pretty rural place and realized that my similarities to Carrie kind of ended with the above-mentioned qualities. That said, I still love Carrie and my dedication to "Sex and the City" has never wavered.

Perhaps the best part of Carrie is the person behind the character. Sarah Jessica Parker (or SJP as she is less formally known) seems like a pretty great person herself. That thought was confirmed last week when she posted a photo of the front page of her local New York City neighborhood newspaper, "West Village News" on her Instagram page.

The photo's caption, "I don't know

WHAT we would do without our small but mighty West Village News. Now more than ever. They are keeping us informed, finding ways to support our small businesses and making certain our seniors and most vulnerable neighbors

have all the information they need to feel safe. I read every issue cover to cover every month. In regular times, we count on the West Village News indefatigable staff. In these scary and irregular times, they are a beacon for their devoted readers. In its 15-year history of advocacy and reporting this is their best issue ever. And it's free for

all of those in the community. I'm so proud of them. And I thank them. Yay for local papers!"

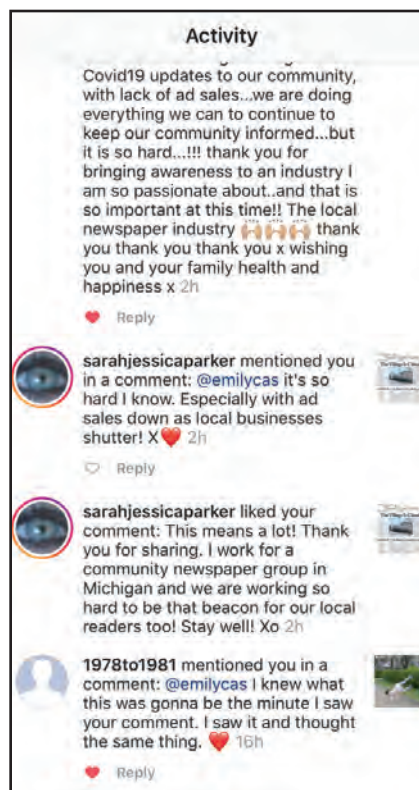
I thanked SJP, commenting on her post, "This means a lot. I work for a community newspaper group in Michigan and we are working so hard to be that beacon for our local readers too. Stay well."

Here's where it gets better – SHE RESPONDED. "It's so hard I know. Especially with ad sales down as local businesses shutter!"

You guys, she's a celebrity. She's Sarah Jessica Parker, she's Carrie and she responded to me! And what's more, she loves and appreciates community newspapers.



Emily Caswell



THAT IS HOW IMPORTANT COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS ARE!

And she isn't wrong in her response. Times are tough, advertising is down. Our leadership is being forced to make one impossible decision after another. Frankly, it sucks. But we're doing it, because of everything SJP said. We need to be that beacon. Now,

## Hotlines

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**I WISH ALL** grocery shoppers, including those wearing masks, would stay 6 feet away and obey the one-way arrows. I'm ashamed to say it, but all the violators I saw were older men.

**PEOPLE, WHEN MCDONALD'S** is attached to a gas station, stop parking at the pumps to get food. You're hampering business. Use some common sense.

**SET UP COVID-19** drive thru testing at Bronner's in Frankenmuth. The short drive, beautiful outdoor displays, along with the Christmas music would be fun for the whole family.

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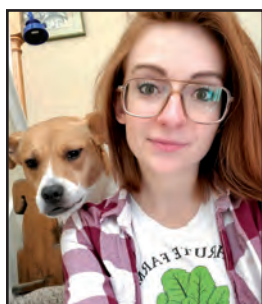
Love, your local Carrie Bradshaw

Have a change you'd like to share with the community? Have you grown? Are you moving? Are you updating your show room? Please contact me at [ecaswell@mihomepaper.com](mailto:ecaswell@mihomepaper.com) to share your story of change with our readers.

Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

Question asked to Tri-County Times' Facebook followers

## How do you feel about the 'stay home' order being extended to April 30? | street talk



"History is repeating itself from past pandemics. Like the Influenza of 1918 and World War I and II, the country will bounce back, the country will re-

cover, and we as people will endure. Rushing to get back to 'normal' will make this just last longer and normal will be even further into the future and with even more casualties."

**Nichelle Curtis, Holly**



"The economy cannot stand on the backs of unhealthy people. This virus is no joke.

We'll recovery faster if we're cautious now. Trust the PhDs on this one. If they say extend it, extend it and follow the rules."

**Kaylee Marcum, Fenton**



"Due to personal circumstances we will continue to wear masks and use social

distancing and plan in essential trips only for the immediate future. We will re-evaluate our plan as data and our experts advise."

**Susan Balmas, Fenton**



"From a front line worker in an ICU, it needs to be extended at least a couple more

weeks. Hospitals will not be able to handle a surge again. We are barely managing now."

**Jennifer Holloway, Linden**





Mark McCabe

67th District Court

Ask the

judge

### A new way to do things — video-conferencing of court proceedings

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is, as judges and lawyers sometimes say, a matter of record.

We all know what has happened and how it has affected us. The best advice I can give is for all of us to do our best to adjust to the situation until things improve.

Since this is a column about the law, today I will talk about what's being done in our court system to adjust to the crisis.

To avoid the risk of spreading the virus most court buildings in Michigan are either closed or open on a very limited basis.

This doesn't mean that the courts aren't functioning and pursuant to the orders of the Michigan Supreme Court each court is to provide timely hearings and dispositions of essential matters.

The exact definition of these matters varies depending on the court, but in our 67th District Court (Genesee County) they include the arraignments of in-custody defendants, issuing search and arrest warrants, hearings on emergency motions, forensic hearings, criminal probable cause conferences, guilty pleas and sentencing, other civil motions, and preliminary examinations.

It's quite a list and interestingly everything is occurring in courtrooms which are empty except for the judges and the court recorders.

How is this possible?

The answer is through the use of two way interactive video technology or "video-conferencing."

Without getting into too much detail, it involves the use of a special computer program, which allows the court to have a "virtual courtroom." A company called Zoom is the main provider.

The procedure is for all of the participants to be "invited" to a "meeting" which requires them to call the court's computer from their computers, iPads or phones and then be connected to the courtroom.

Everyone is in a separate off-site location and have their own video screen, which shows the live image of everyone who is participating.

The judge is the host and after everyone has been connected, conducts

## CHAMBER

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Shelly Day, executive director of the Fenton Chamber, and her staff, including Meghan Grimshaw, membership director and events coordinator, and Sharon Howell, office coordinator, have been busy.

During these unprecedented times, the Chamber is proud to continue to stay relevant as a valuable partner to businesses and the community at large.

"We have made it a priority to remain a strong advocate for our member businesses through services and resources that help foster the economic vitality of our region and community," Day said.

Day said that the local municipalities and schools have reached out to the Chamber as a conduit for getting their messages out via email, Facebook and in the Tri-County Times.

"We are also becoming more, or should I say forced to become more, tech savvy," Day said. "We have had numerous Zoom meetings and just last week utilized it to conduct our scholarship interviews for Fenton schools. We will be conducting Linden and Lake Fenton scholarship interviews in the next few weeks."

Many times when people think of the Chamber, they only think of community events.

"While a good portion of our budget and time is dedicated to events, we are much more," Day said.

During this difficult time, the Chamber has had the opportunity to demonstrate its valuable benefits. Below are a few examples:

- Daily email list to membership of essential businesses and members open for online services (posted to Chamber Facebook/website)
- Weekly updates (Tuesdays) emailed to our membership (posted to Chamber Facebook/website)
- Staff training through webinars enhancing our knowledge of benefits for

the proceeding, which is live streamed or alternatively recorded for later viewing.

Our virtual courtroom sessions are going well and will continue until these tough times are over.

I know that we all hope it will be soon.

For the judicial branch response to COVID-19, go to the Michigan Supreme Court website.

our members

- Coordination of the #WeAreFenton Restaurant Campaign partnered with Fenton schools
- Endorsed and sent letter of support requested by the U.S. Chamber/Michigan Chamber for additional funding to the Payroll Protection Plan (PPP)
- Coordination and participation in numerous Zoom meetings
- Working in coordination with board members and Ambassadors on member outreach to contact every member
- Resource as a community information center
- Re-evaluation of our events for re-scheduling and/or deferment to 2021
- Shared Small Business Funding information from our vast resources as it became available

"We are very happy and proud to serve Fenton, Linden and the surrounding communities however we are needed," Day said. "On behalf of the Chamber staff, please feel free to reach out to us via phone or email."

"We wish everyone good health and safety. We look forward to continuing our assistance now and during the economic re-opening."

## WINNERS

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Item #7 – Avalon 120 Fishing Kayak (**Peabody Insurance**)  
**Winner: Michael Shanahan** #4081

Item #8 – Goose Hunting Trip (**Hilde Hunting**)  
**Winner: Paul Kothan** #4388

Item #9 – Salmon Fishing Charter on Lake Michigan (**Captain Eric Anderson**)  
**Winner: Robert Beers** #4424

Item #10 – Guided Fishing Trip on the Big Manistee River (**Captain Paul Schlafley**)  
**Winner: Kelly O'Brian** #4424

Item #11 – Pheasant Hunt (**Muzzy Pheasant Farm**)  
**Winner: Mark Niec** #4947

Item #12 – 6 Goose Silhouettes (**Waterfowl Innovations**)  
**Winner: Anonymous** #4094

Bonus item #13 – Pheasant Hunt (**Muzzy Pheasant Farm**)  
**Winner: Jason Wasusik** #1587

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## KNIGHTS

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over the raffle ticket accountability duties this year.

In past years, more than 50 volunteers help serve food, take raffle tickets, clean, cook and make sure everyone has a great time, Cusson said. They have an extensive list of sponsors, including CRUST - a baking company and St. John Church parishioners.

Mike Archambault, grand knight of the Fenton Council 7418, said the pandemic has affected the Knights of Columbus like every other organization. They're unable to hold in-person fundraising activities, and they use Zoom for conferences. All of the Knights of Columbus Fenton events in May have been canceled.

Archambault said their council members are handling this extremely well.

"We have about 10 members who are currently in the process of doing wellness calls to other members. Overall, the response from our members during these calls have been very positive and upbeat. Frequently, they ask us what they can do to help," he said.

Their mission remains the same.

"We are Catholic men building a bridge back to faith. Our Order's founding principles are charity, unity and fraternity. Yes, the pandemic has hampered our fundraising ability since March, however, our council is still providing assistance to those in the local community that are in need," he said.

"We do need new members to carry out this work, and if there are any Fenton area practicing Catholics who wish to join the Knights please send an email to gk7418@mikofc.org or go to kofc.org/joinus."

## FACEMASKS

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plan to stop soon. Two employees from the Argentine Township Police Department picked up a few dozen more from Banghart's residence Monday, April 20.

She donated them to the Argentine Care Center, the Argentine Township Police Department, the Linden Police Department, the Detroit Police Department, Kith Haven Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Flint Township, friends, family and neighbors. She also donated them to nurses at Hurley Medical Center, Ascension Genesys Hospital, and McLaren Flint.

Most of them have gone to the Detroit Police Department. She started making them about four weeks ago.

"My son called me one day, and he said, 'Mom, you might want to make some masks,'" she said. "I figured a few here and there for friends and neighbors, but on the Nextdoor site, it just blossomed with people making them."

She contacted local police departments to ask if they needed any, and they said yes. Banghart is isolating herself at home because she's over 60 and has heart and kidney problems.

Making the masks is her way of contributing to those on the front lines of fighting the coronavirus.

"I do them in batches, kind of like assembly," she said. "I can do 30 to 70 a day. At first, I was just doing 30 a day because I was learning. Yesterday (Sunday, April 19), I probably made 75."

Banghart's sister has given her some fabric, but most of it has come from her personal stash. She's used more than 80 yards of fabric.

"I didn't realize I had that many yards of fabric in here," she said. "I've been



Diane Banghart sits with her dog and a bag of masks she handmade. The Argentine Township resident can make approximately 75 masks a day.

Photo: Hannah Ball

**“Our heartfelt gratitude and thanks for what Diane has done for our department.”**

**Daniel Allen**

*Argentine Township police chief*

sewing since I was 8."

There were issues finding elastic that goes around the ears, but Banghart found a large roll

in her supplies.

"I'll continue to make them while supplies hold up," she said.

Argentine Township Police Chief Daniel Allen said, "Our heartfelt gratitude and thanks for what Diane has done for our department. She exemplifies what the word community means, how she pitched in during this crisis, and selflessly made these masks for us, and the Detroit police officers."

Becky Nemecheck, administrative assistant to Allen, was one of the employees to pick up the masks Monday.

"I think she is an amazing woman and a huge asset to our community. She's a true hometown hero," she said.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**WHAT THIS TOWN** needs are more 'roundabouts.' How about Shiawassee and Rounds? The only folk that cannot figure them out are those who drink too much.

**ANY MAN THAT** attacks a woman during the 'stay at home' period is a predator.

Woman should 'man up' and call Zonta.

**ALL YOU NANNYS** posting in the Hot lines: Mind your own business. If I comply with Whitmer's order is my business, not yours. You claim I'm selfish for asserting independence yet refuse to recognize your selfishness for imposing restrictions on others just because you're scared.

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# Fenton Community Orchestra cancels events

■ Members can rehearse and learn remotely

Compiled by Hannah Ball

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Fenton Community Orchestra (FCO) canceled its April 25 and 26 spring concerts that were planned to take place at Fenton High School.

Andrew Perkins, FCO music director, and Eric Szczepanski, FCO chairman of the board, sent out a letter stating, "We hope you and your family are remaining safe and healthy during this unprecedented time. While we love gathering together to share the orchestra experience, the health of our members and communities are a much higher priority.

"Adhering to the guidelines from the state of Michigan and CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), our spring concert on April 25 and 26 at the Fenton High

School has been canceled."

The organization will continue to reach its members virtually. Simply Strings Director Jane Ball provided an accompaniment track to assist musicians while rehearsing their repertoire at home.

The Prelude String Orchestra offers music theory and lessons via Google Classroom for youth program members, according to the letter.

"Our board continues to prepare for the future and recently adopted new strategic pillars that will guide our organization and mission moving forward. Music connects us! It's been amazing to see many of our musicians take part in the national #PlayOnthePorch campaign across social media. We are grateful for the support of our community and we look forward to sharing the music with everyone again very soon," according to the letter.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

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**YOU ARE DEFINITELY** still able to order yard products online. You can even do curbside pickup. Please spend more than a minute researching before getting upset.

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**DOES ANYONE THINK** Whitmer's decision to allow stores to sell food and household products while roping off yard and building supplies in the same store makes any kind of sense? Michiganders are not stupid people or children who need to be told how to be safe in today's environment.

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**PEOPLE NEED TO** stop losing their minds over this stay home order. Stop getting the news from your ignorant Facebook friends and look into things for yourselves. The virus is not political. Stop making this about politics and think of others for a change.

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**LINDEN SOFTBALL WON'T** tell if you made varsity because they're cowards. They're hiding behind the cancellation to not make anyone mad for next year. They knew who was making varsity before tryouts. They always do. And they tell those girls. Taking the easy way out coaches. Kudos to Fenton's coaches.

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**A FEW MONTHS** ago I rolled down the

window and turned up the music really loud and drove through the roundabout. It soothed the savage beast.

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**HOW COME THE** middle class are constantly told they need to save six months' worth of expenses for a 'rainy day fund' when they lose their jobs but corporations are already demanding government bailouts after a mere few weeks in a similar predicament?

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**TO THE HOT-LINER** who would rather 'die from Wuhan virus' than live in Venezuela. I am more afraid of people with your mindset than I am of COVID-19.

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**WHY IS LANDSCAPING** shut down for the general public while landscaping is permitted on government property?

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**GOV. WHITMER, PLEASE** study the data and adjust executive orders to allow those in low-risk occupations to start working.

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**SHARON, GOOD AWARENESS** article on boating restrictions. The motor versus no motor rule makes absolutely no sense to me.

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**I AM CONCERNED** about all three — the virus, government authoritarian expansion and impending economic destruction.

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## MEETING

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A public hearing also will be held to allow public comment on the expansion and site plan review of the **Fenton Senior Nursing and Convalescent Home** (Ciena Health Care), 512 Beach St. The property is approximately 6.96

acres and zoned MDR (medium density resident) where nursing homes are special land uses in the MDR districts.

There is currently an existing building on the site, and a new building is proposed on the abutting property to the east. The proposed building will occupy 26,667 square feet and have 28 skilled

nursing units.

Another agenda item of interest is for residents living near the old Rockwell Memory Care. Jawad Shah Property Holdings, LLC, of **Insight Institute of Neurosurgery & Neuroscience** (IINN) acquired property in February that once housed the Rockwell Memory Care home at 700 S. Adelaide St. Shaw paid \$302,500 for the 7,707-square-foot facility. The property is currently zoned MDR (medium density residential).

As previously reported in the Times, according to Fenton's Building and Zoning Administrator, Mike Reilly, the company plans to expand the house with numerous additional beds.

Reilly said in order to make that work, the owner would have to install an elevator in the building, costing approximately \$85,000. He said this type of healthcare facility is "transient," in that it involves physical therapy and other rehabilitation services mainly for vehicle accident victims, many patients who would be coming and going regularly, not all living there as it was with the memory care facility.

The new owner is requesting to operate a "specialty adult foster care home" which requires a special land use approval. The home would be licensed for 21 patients and staffed with a minimal of two employees per shift and up to four employees taking care of 10 to 21 patients on average.

To read more on this new facility, go to [www.tctimes.com](http://www.tctimes.com) and search Insight Institute of Neurosurgery and Neuroscience.

### Other agenda items

- Public hearing to allow public comment for **Kimberly Burek**, 688 Ridgecrest for a home occupation business.
- **McLaren Medical Management Inc.**, 2420 Owen Road, is requesting an amendment to its site plan, adding a brick façade for a mobile MRI Unit.
- Site plan review for **Peabody Insurance**, 265 N. Alloy Dr., is requesting to build a 12,000-square-foot multi-tenant building on the adjacent parcel, 275 N. Alloy. The site plan also requests 41 parking spaces, one loading space, one dumpster, and landscaping.
- Site Plan Review for **S & J Supply, LLC**, is requesting to build a 12,000-square-foot multi-tenant industrial building located at 285 N. Alloy, which includes 26 parking spaces, two loading docks, five overhead doors, one dumpster, and landscaping.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE SILVER RIDGE STREET IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

#### TO THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF FENTON TOWNSHIP, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THE OWNERS OF LAND WITHIN THE SILVER RIDGE STREET IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that that Supervisor and assessing officer of the township has reported to the township board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a special assessment roll prepared by her covering all properties within the Silver Ridge Street Improvement Special Assessment District benefited by the proposed street improvement project. Said assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the costs of reconstructing all streets within the Silver Ridge No. 1, Silver Ridge No.2 and Silver Ridge No. 3 platted subdivisions and work incidental thereto within the aforesaid special assessment district as more particularly shown on the plans on file with the Township Clerk at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan within the township, which assessment is in the total amount of \$1,331,088.45.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the assessing officer has further reported that the assessment against each parcel of land within said district is such relative portion of the whole sum levied against all parcels of land in said district as the benefit to such parcels bears to the total benefit to all parcels of land in said district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the township board will meet on Monday May 4, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. by telephone conference call (Phone Number: (844) 855-4444, Access code: 323110#) for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto. Said roll may be examined on the Fenton Township website at [www.fentontownship.org](http://www.fentontownship.org) from now until after said hearing. Protest at the hearing held to confirm the special assessment roll is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

An owner, or party in interest, or his or her agent may attend the hearing by telephone to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her attendance by telephone shall not be required. (The owner or any person having an interest in the real property who protests in person or in writing at the hearing may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 35 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll.)

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For those seeking to participate electronically through online electronic conferencing using Zoom, participants can access the electronic meeting through the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/689566135>. The Zoom meeting ID is 689 566 135. There is no access code.

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# Public golf courses hoping to have customers soon

By David Troppens

Golfers hoping to play on their favorite public golf course will have to wait a little bit longer before they can play the course.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's Stay Safe Stay Home executive order ends April 30, but area golf courses were hoping to hear some relaxing of her executive order during Monday's press conference. That didn't happen. And, of course,

there is no guarantee after April 30 it will change either.

Much of the discussion surrounding possibly golfing again came when Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton said during a television interview that owners of golf courses now have the option of letting you golf, however it looks like those rules won't extend to public courses.

He cited a legal protest of Gov. Whit-

mer's order in Kent County where a judge said he couldn't enforce the order when it comes to banning golf. After hearing that news, Leyton said golf can be played if certain social distancing rules were followed. However, it looks like the rules will only be for private courses.

"Public courses are not covered," Tyrone Hills Head Professional Denis Husse said Monday afternoon.

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## Sports Times

### Holly's Gonzales leads our 2020 wrestling team

■ Sophomore posts perfect 55-0 mark while earning his first-ever state championship

By David Troppens

Jacob Gonzales trailed in his Division 2 individual state championship match in the 152-pound class by a 5-0 score entering the third period of his match.

Yet, the sophomore maintained the mindset of a champion.

"I knew I had to score points and losing never crossed my mind," Gonzales said. "I had to do what it takes to get the win."

Gonzales figured a way to do just that. He earned a takedown and took his opponent on his back and pinned him during the final eight seconds of the match, earning his first individual state title in his career.

Gonzales's title capped an outstanding sophomore season. He finished with an undefeated 55-0 record, won an Oakland County individual championship, an individual Flint Metro League title, a district championship and a regional title before going undefeated at the state meet at Detroit's Ford Field.

He also has another honor. He's the 2020 Tri-County Wrestler of the Year. His biggest challenger was fellow teammate Nathan Young, who won a D2 individual state title at 140 pounds. The sports staff determines a champion based on the highest placing at the state



The 2020 Tri-County Times Wrestler of the Year is Holly's Jacob Gonzales (above photo on top). Gonzales was the only tri-county area wrestler to finish with a perfect record. He also was one of two of the area's individual state champions (left photo on right). The other was his top competition, Nathan Young (left).

File photos

meet with the first tiebreaker being overall record. Young finished his senior season with a 49-1 record. The rest of our 2020 team will be listed in the weekend publication.

"It's great having these athletes in my program as a first-year coach. It means the world to me," Holly's first-year varsity wrestling coach Zachary Wood said.

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### David's Dabblings

Some thoughts about sports and others not dealing with sports at all



#### SOME POSITIVES ABOUT THE COVID-19 EXPERIENCE

COVID-19 has clearly changed our lives over the last month.

Yet, with all this adversity, I've had a chance to experience some positives. Here are a couple of positives.

##### 1) I have a deeper appreciation for my co-workers and my job

I miss dealing with bad weather while covering spring sports. I miss talking and emailing the coaches about their contests. I miss talking to the kids and I even miss dealing with the non-stop schedule changes we have during the spring. I miss doing what I've done for nearly 30 years.

Equally, I miss my co-workers. I miss how they willingly deal with my madness and appreciate the pride they have in our publication.

##### 2) Appreciating my family more than ever before

I haven't always been great on keeping in touch with my family, and that includes my parents. Since staying at home became the norm, I've made it a point to call my parents on a more routine basis. What has come out of these phone calls have been some of the most meaningful conversations I've had with my parents.

Working at home with so much free time due to the lack of sporting events, I've also grown to appreciate the time I have with my wife, Anna, as well. She's still working 40 hours a week outside the home, so frequently I'm at home alone with our pet hamster, bird and cat. Anyone who has had a dog realizes what their dog is like when they come home. They hear your car a half mile before you're home and are dying with anticipation when the person walks in the door. I joked to Anna that's kind of how I am now. I hear her car coming and can't wait until she gets in. It's great when the person you trust most walks back into the door during these times of trials and tribulations. That said, I'm going to attack her with my new Super Soaker one of these days. She knows who she married.

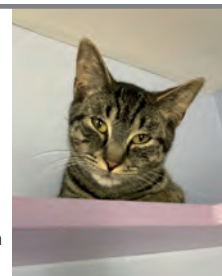


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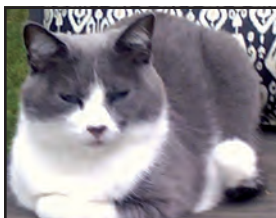
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