

Holly police arrest Argentine Township man

■ Store surveillance video shows male customer wipe nose and face on employee's shirt

By Sharon Stone

The Holly Police Department has arrested the man caught on store surveillance video allegedly wiping his nose and face on a store clerk Saturday, May 2.

The 68-year-old suspect from Argentine Township was arrested May 4. He is expected to be charged in Oakland County 52-2 District Court.

Police Chief Jerry Narsh said the man entered the Dollar Tree store on N. Saginaw Street in Holly Village on Saturday, May 2 at approximately 1:30 p.m.

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Holly police arrested the male suspect in this store surveillance video who allegedly wiped his nose and face on a store clerk after being told he needed to wear a mask. Charges are pending. Submitted photos



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Shumaker's name might not appear on ballot for commissioner

■ Mistake while filing leads to incomplete paperwork; will petition the court

By Hannah Ball

Shaun Shumaker, District 6 commissioner of the Genesee County Board of Commissioners, might not appear on the August primary ballot because he filed incomplete paperwork with the Genesee County Clerk's Office.



Shaun Shumaker
Genesee County commissioner
District 6

He filed the paperwork to run as the Republican candidate for the 6th District commissioner of Genesee County

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Appreciating our teachers



Eric Rettenmund (right), Fenton AGS Middle School principal, holds a sign for Teacher Appreciation Week after giving mugs to Brad and Jennifer Wright, both teachers at Fenton Area Public Schools, on Monday, May 4. Rettenmund plans to visit all 40 AGS teachers this week. See story on Page 6. Photo: Hannah Ball

Real estate, construction and more can begin tomorrow

■ Michigan governor's latest executive order allows more businesses to resume

By Sharon Stone

Small steps.

As the world slowly begins reopening for business during the COVID-19 pandemic, those in Michigan will likely see more business activity.

Beginning Thursday, May 7, those in the real estate or construction business, as well as professions that perform their work outdoors, will be permitted to work at their jobs once again. They have not been allowed to work since March 23.

Construction workers include those in the building trades (plumbers, electricians, HVAC technicians, and similar workers).

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“To those who still believe that COVID-19 is less deadly than the flu or that the media is using this to politically hurt Trump, just go speak to the first responders and other frontline heroes. Their stories are heartbreaking.”

“I want to thank the person who paid for our ice cream at Uncle Ray's last week. It was a lovely gesture for someone to do to brighten our day. I'll definitely pay it forward.”



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Township firefighters get temporary 'hazard pay'

■ Firefighters also get \$4 per call raise once state of emergency is over

By Hannah Ball

Fenton Township firefighters are getting a raise.

During the Monday, May 4 Fenton Township Board of Trustees meeting, which was held over conference call, the board voted to raise the fire department call pay by \$10, effective May 1.

This is being looked at as "hazard pay" due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The \$10 pay increase will expire when the state of emergency is over. At that time, a permanent pay raise of \$4 per call will be implemented.

At the April 20 meeting, Clerk Robert Krug introduced the item when he asked to discuss a temporary pay raise for members of the fire department due to increased risk during the COVID-19 pandemic. The members briefly discussed it then and put it on the May 4 agenda.

"I would like to take the call pay for our firefighters and either double it or at least recognize the danger and the horrible things they are exposing

themselves to," he said in April. "The money is available in the fire fund. I just think it would send the right message in today's world."

Fenton Township firefighters start at an hourly base pay of \$11, which is now \$21, and it will be raised to \$15 once the state of emergency is over. Firefighters increase their pay by completing more training.

Fire Chief Ryan Volz spoke at the May 4 meeting and said the firefighters haven't

had a raise since 2007.

"Our budget can afford it because of the money we've saved in the past two years. It's not really that much money to raise up and I think the guys and gals deserve the money," Volz said.

The board was supportive of the raise. Treasurer John Tucker said the 13 years without a pay raise is not helping the department attract workers. Trustee Vince Lorraine said he wants to make sure no township employee goes that long without a raise.

“The money is available in the fire fund. I just think it would send the right message in today’s world.”

Robert Krug
Fenton Township clerk

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Fourth of July fireworks canceled

■ Holly Village hoping for great HollyDays fireworks show

Compiled by Sharon Stone

Due to concerns for the health and safety of Holly Village residents, village council and administration have canceled the fireworks celebration scheduled for July 4.

Village officials said they are disappointed, yet know because this event is so popular and draws a very large crowd

it is the best option.

Even if restrictions have been modified by then, Holly Village officials determined that it would not be safe to have such a large crowd gathered during this pandemic.

At this time, they are still hopeful that they will be able to have a fireworks display during the HollyDays Celebration on Saturday, Sept. 12.

While they understand this is disappointing news, Holly Village will plan to have a huge celebration on July 4, 2021.

Patriotic billboard — a sign of encouragement

■Owner hopes it will raise spirits of passersby during the COVID-19 pandemic

By Hannah Ball

Deerfield Twp. — If you’ve driven down Bennett Lake Road in Deerfield Township over the past few weeks, you’ve probably seen a sign that made you smile or gave you a little hope.

The large sign, right before the Abbey Road turn, reads, “Hang in there, America. We will survive this. After all, we are America.”

The font is big and the colors are a patriotic red, white and blue.

Owner of the sign, Duane Bartlett, said he got the idea for the sign in 1978, when he and a co-worker were in South Carolina and they saw a billboard that said, “Hang in there, America.”

“That’s when we had bad economic times. Interest rates were out of sight. That sign was to give people encouragement,” he said.

When the pandemic and stay-at-home orders hit a few weeks ago, Bartlett decided he wanted to do something.

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Duane Bartlett (second from left), stands in front of the sign he made with help from Adam Lott (left), Nick Elson (far right), daughter Kelly Bartlett, and his grandson, Cole Burgess. It took about eight hours to make and install. They hope it helps inspire people during the pandemic. Photo: Hannah Ball



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Building Brands

Creativity in a time of COVID-10 — Take 2

As I watched a recorded TV show the other day, I found myself rewinding to see a commercial for a local bar. I stared as Irish music played and a little leprechaun jumped around the screen. Happy crowds raised their frothy beer mugs, hot chicken wings came out of the kitchen, and just like that, I was transported back in time. I knew I'd miss a lot when the stay home order was put in place, but I had no idea how much I'd miss advertising that didn't include soft piano music and a soothing voiceover saying "during these uncertain times ..."

A few weeks ago, I wrote about how COVID was forcing brands to get creative and how great it was. I'm not taking that back, but as the weeks drag on, I think it's time to change it up.

As someone writing ad copy, I understand that it's hard to know what to say. In journalism school, we're taught to avoid clichés, but lately clichés were hitting the right note. Now, that note seems overplayed.

The Wall Street Journal published an excellent article on the topic citing research from consumers. "When people were asked what they preferred in advertising during the pandemic, only 10 percent said they wanted marketers to acknowledge the situation or

express concern, according to Morning Consult, a data-intelligence company that conducted a survey of 2,200 American adults on March 28 and 29 ... The most popular response, from 44 percent of respondents, was for ads to include information on companies' service adjustments and updates, including store closures or new online options. Indicating what the advertiser is doing to help during the pandemic ranked second, at 24 percent."

If you think about your own buying behavior right now, I bet this rings true. One of the joys left in our household is ordering take-out from our favorite restaurants. I know — thanks to their previous advertising — that they are there for us.



Emily Caswell

What I need to know now is what they are serving and at what times.

Businesses who simply cannot be there for their customers because of current restrictions still need to let their customers know how they are doing. They need to reassure them that when they can, they'll be open. It's important to be top-of-mind.

The somber ads of the past few weeks did their job. Consumers are ready for what's next. Something a little different, a little more upbeat, and maybe even a little more honest. It doesn't have to have a leprechaun, but I wouldn't be mad if it did. Need help crafting the message? The team at View Newspaper Group can do that. Contact me at ecaswell@mihomepaper.com.

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PLEASE STOP COMPARING our collective COVID-19 sacrifices to the sacrifices of those who lived during WWII. The comparison is disrespectful to that great generation.

CONGRATULATIONS TO POWERS girls varsity basketball for hiring a qualified coach with experience and not just because they are a teacher. Take note, Linden administration.

I'M AN ICU nurse who has cared for many people with life-ending lung disease and communicable disease. When walking, there are times social distancing is not possible. So, I wear a mask. It's to protect everyone. Call me dumb.

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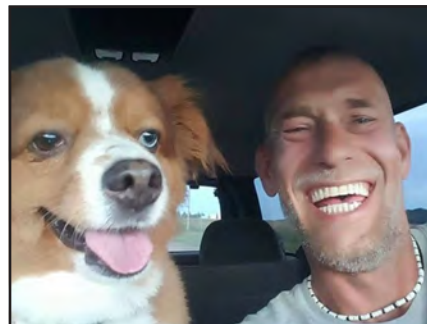
Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter — Question asked to Tri-County Times' Facebook followers

How are you celebrating Mother's Day?



"Wishing my 99-year-old mother happy Mother's Day through the window at the nursing home."

Paul Anibal
Tyrone Township



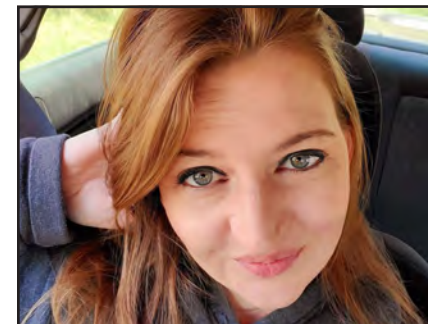
"Going up north to catch my mother fresh Brook Trout for dinner."

Matthew Robinson
Linden



"Working at the hospital on the Covid task force team entering data and praying over patients."

Stacey Wilson
Flint



"If weather permits we will be having a water balloon fight and a campfire with smores."

Annette Irene Remer
Linden

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Are you drinking too much?

■Local alcohol retailers see increase in sales likely due to stay-at-home order

By Sharon Stone

With the stay-at-home order since the middle of March due to the COVID-19 pandemic, adults who used to enjoy dining out and enjoying alcoholic beverages found themselves drinking at home.

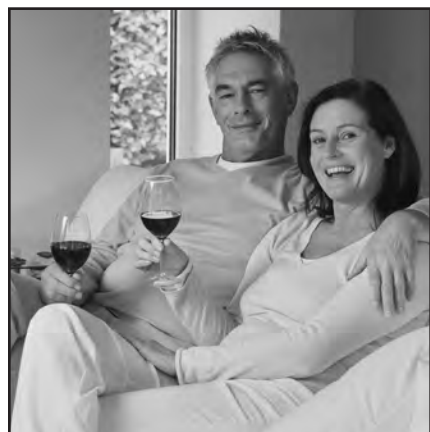
According to a Michigan Liquor Control Commission report, alcohol sales in March increased substantially compared to 2019 figures.

In March of 2019, alcohol sales were \$109.0 million. March 2020 sales rose to \$123.8 million, an increase of \$14.7 million.

The report indicated January and February 2020 numbers were also higher than 2019, however, not as much of an increase as March.

Gus Asmaro, one of the owners of Merchants Gourmet Wine Shop on Owen Road in Fenton, agrees with the reports indicating an increase in alcohol sales.

When asked if there was one variety of alcohol — beer, wine or liquor — that had the higher increase in sales, Asmaro said the increase has been spread out evenly. He added that at the beginning of the stay-at-home order, sales of Corona beer increased, but sales of that brand have gone back to normal.



Reports indicate an increase in alcohol sales most likely caused by the “stay home” order. Bars and restaurants are not allowed to have their dining rooms open so adults are drinking at home.

Photo: Metro Creative Connection

ARE YOU OR A LOVED ONE DRINKING TOO MUCH?

According to the Centers for Disease and Prevention (CDC), in the United States, a standard drink contains 0.6 ounces of pure alcohol. Generally, this amount of pure alcohol is found in:

- 12-ounces of beer (5-percent alcohol content).
- 8-ounces of malt liquor (7-percent alcohol content).
- 5-ounces of wine (12-percent alcohol content).
- 1.5-ounces of 80-proof (40-percent alcohol content) distilled spirits or liquor (e.g., gin, rum, vodka, whiskey).

Excessive drinking includes binge drinking, heavy drinking, and any drinking by pregnant women or people younger than age 21.

Binge drinking, the most common form of excessive drinking, is defined as consuming:

- For women, four or more drinks during a single occasion.
- For men, five or more drinks during a single occasion.

Heavy drinking is defined as consuming:

- For women, eight or more drinks per week.
- For men, 15 or more drinks per week.

Aside from injuries, such as from motor vehicle crashes, falls, drownings, and burn, alcohol abuse can lead to violence, including homicide, suicide, sexual assault, and intimate partner violence, according to the CDC.

Over time, excessive alcohol use can lead to the development of chronic diseases and other serious problems including, high blood pressure, heart disease, stroke, liver disease, digestive problems, cancer, weakening of the immune system, learning and memory problems, including dementia and poor school performance, and mental health problems, including depression and anxiety.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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FENTON CITY GOVERNMENT and business need to get together and re-open by the 15th. If you want to stay home then stay home. But our city will be ruined if we don't get back to business. Everyone reopen together. Residents will support.

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IF YOU ACTUALLY believe the stay home order are working, you have drunk the Kool-Aid. States and countries with no quarantines do not have increased death rates. Just because Whitmer says stay home works does not make it true.

■■■■
BY COMPARISON, WHITMER'S nonsense is making Trump look sane and responsible. Imagine that.

■■■■
PARK AREA. TWO kids from one family interact with two non-familial kids for two hours shooting videos. No masks face to face. They all leave. Later first two kids come back with two new non-familial kids and grandparent for one hour. Again no masks or distancing. How can this be safe?

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WWII FAMILIES HAD gas rationed, meatless weeks (beef for troops), no

nylons, kids picked milkweed flax for life preservers, no cars built for years, Jeeps on the line. Get the picture? We are soft spoiled Americans. We are so self-absorbed.

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THE 'GOVERNMENT FREE stuff' is our tax money finally being put to good use. Maybe we could stop wasting money fighting pointless wars and put that money to a similar good use.

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THANK YOU FOR bringing Word Search back. We totally enjoy our local news. Mom lives in Davison and loves it too.

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YOU DO NOT have liberty, freedom, or independence when you let the governor control your life. Obviously, you don't know what true liberty is. Oh and sorry that you feel threatened, snowflake, freedom isn't free.

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WHEN YOU START giving away your rights for any reason it's a very slippery slope. If we let these politicians start to limit our freedoms in this crisis, who is to say next time they won't create crisis just to further their political agenda.

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Teacher Appreciation Week during a pandemic

■ Principal drops off mugs and signs; teachers now doing all online learning

By Hannah Ball

It's Teacher Appreciation Week, and one school principal isn't letting the pandemic stop him from celebrating.

Eric Rettenmund, principal of Fenton AGS Middle School, delivered mugs and yard signs to a few teachers Monday, May 4, and plans to deliver gifts to all 40 middle school teachers throughout the week.

Claire Reynolds, eighth grade science teacher at AGS Middle School, said she wasn't expecting anything for Teacher Appreciation Week. She said holding classes online during the pandemic has been "weird."

"It's been different trying to work with my students and work with my kids at the same time. We're lucky that we have enough computers so that everyone can be on a Zoom at the same time," she said.



Eric Rettenmund (left), Fenton AGS Middle School principal, stands apart from Claire Reynolds, Fenton AGS Middle School teacher, and her two kids, Lillian, 11, and Gibson, 10, after he dropped off a sign and a mug. Photo: Hannah Ball

Reynolds has been monitoring her two children to make sure they get their work done, and she balances that with grading her students' online coursework, which has been challenging.

"I think they are doing okay," she said. "I've heard from a couple kids that the online format is a little overwhelming for them but lots are being really successful with it," she said.

Jenna Thomas, who teaches all three grades at AGS, also received a mug and a yard sign Monday. The online work has been going well, she said, but she worries about her students.

"They're all working really hard. For the most part, they are doing good. It's hard to be in contact with them all," she said. "In class, you can read on their faces, 'oh they're not getting it. I can reexplain it.' But online, I don't know. I don't get that read on them unless they email me or do bad on an assignment."

Brad Wright, middle and high school choir teacher at Fenton schools, and his wife Jennifer, also a teacher at AGS, have been staying at home with their three children while doing online work with their students. They appreciated the two mugs and yard sign from Rettenmund.

Brad said their family has been doing "really good," other than having to stay at home.

"The work has been different," he said, adding that it's been harder for some kids to understand directions

when teachers aren't in classrooms with them. He checks his email every hour to respond to student questions.

Rettenmund said, "To be quite honest, I hate it. I miss the kids. I miss school. I love school. It's just been hard going to school and it's empty. I work in my office and it's just quiet. I'm a person that doesn't like quiet. I like noise. I like having the teachers stop and talk to me, I miss the lunch room."

He said he's extremely grateful to be in Fenton.

"We hit the ground running," he said. Right after the stay-at-home order was announced, they made plans to switch to online learning. "I'm grateful for the most wonderful staff anyone could ask for. They've been awesome connecting with students. I'm always a person that looks for silver linings. There's certainly some positive things that could come out of any situation. I think one thing about the Fenton community is always supportive of our schools and our teachers and kids. The community has rallied around us and I think embraced this distant learning situation that we're in."

He said their motto has been "stay connected."

"Certainly we want kids to be learning but we want kids to just be connected with their teachers for some type of connection with school," he said. "The hard part is the uncertainty. When is the end?"

“The hard part is the uncertainty. When is the end?”

Eric Rettenmund
Fenton AGS Middle School principal



Fenton AGS Middle School teacher Jenna Thomas receives a mug on Monday, May 4 from Principal Eric Rettenmund for Teacher Appreciation Week. Photo: Hannah Ball

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Cameras in the courtroom — Part I

Billie Sol Estes was from Texas and a very well known figure in the 1950s and through the mid-1960s.

The reasons included being a multimillionaire businessman, being named one of America's 10 Outstanding Young Men of 1953 by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and a friend of Lyndon Johnson.

An additional reason was due to his generally being considered as one of the biggest swindlers and con men in the history of Texas and of the United States. It turns out that he had accumulated his wealth by defrauding the government, banks, and individuals of tens of millions of dollars by various schemes, which I won't detail here.

Suffice it to say, his most publicized "scheme" was when he sold millions of dollars of non-existent fertilizer tanks to unsuspecting farmers.

As a result, he was charged with fraud and went on trial in 1962 in a Texas courtroom.

It was widely publicized and extensively covered by the press, radio, and especially television.

In the end, he was convicted and sentenced to eight years in prison.

He appealed and his case eventually made it to the United States Supreme Court.

In 1965, the Court held in *Estes v. Texas*, (a 5 to 4 decision), that his due process rights to a fair trial had been violated by the extensive television broadcasting of the proceedings. The conviction was reversed.

Justice Thomas Clark wrote the court's majority opinion and found that the television cameras were a distraction to the judge, the jury, the witnesses, and the defendant to the point that they affected the very

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ranged for owner-occupied homes, vacant homes, vacant land, commercial property, and industrial property.

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.

This latest executive order permits this work to resume May 7.

According to Whitmer's latest executive order, this work, like the resumed

activities allowed under Executive Order 2020-59, will be subject to stringent precautionary measures.

This partial and incremental reopening will allow the governor's public health team to evaluate the effects of allowing these activities to resume, to assess the capacity of the health care system to respond adequately to any increases in infections, and to prepare for any increase in patients presenting to a healthcare facility or provider.

This new order will remain in effect until May 15.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

LOOKS LIKE WE finally cured pneumonia and a lot of other diseases that have been killing people forever. Every death now is being labeled COVID-19.

WEBSTER'S SAYS LIBERTY is the power to do as one pleases, freedom from arbitrary or despotic control, the positive enjoyment of various social, political, or economic rights and privileges. If you are stupid enough to think you have liberty right now you are very wrong.

THE LAST THING I would want to do is put somebody at risk. If all the mask does is make a clerk feel less anxious or afraid, it's well worth this small gesture. Please put on a mask.

DRIVING WITH A dog in your lap is extremely dangerous. The dog will interfere with any evasive maneuver you might have to make; think kid on a bike. It is a disaster for the dog and you if an air bag deploys. It won't happen to you until it does.

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integrity of the trial and prejudiced the defendant.

He gave numerous examples of this, which included at the beginning of the trial there being at least 12 television and other cameramen taking still and motion pictures and televising the proceedings. There were cables and wires snaked all around the courtroom floor and numerous microphones. It was so crowded that 30 people had to stand in the aisles.

He concluded his opinion by saying advancements in technology could someday bring about a change in the effect of telecasting on the fairness of trials, but that day wasn't in 1965. Television cameras simply couldn't be allowed in courtrooms.

Next week - Part II - Things Change.

BALLOT

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in late February. However, he failed to check a box on an affidavit of identity to confirm his U.S. citizenship.

Shumaker said it was a mistake, and that he's retained a lawyer to petition the court to have his name on the August primary ballot for the 6th District as the Republican candidate.

"We are taking action to move forward and go to court and get myself on the ballot as the Republican candidate," he said.

This is Shumaker's first term on the board. He was elected to the Genesee County Board of Commissioners in November 2018, and he was unopposed in this next primary race. If the

court denies his petition, he can sign up to run as an independent.

"The goal is to get on the ballot as the Republican candidate," he said.

Genesee County Clerk John Gleason said, "I would all but guarantee that when he takes this to court, he will win. I will do anything I can to remedy Shaun Shumaker's situation. He's a very honest and responsible voice for the county. I will offer whatever is needed."

Gleason said the mistake was an

"oversight."

"We were inundated with last-minute applications for office, but there's no excuse," he said.

Gleason said Shumaker filed his campaign two months ago, and while he made

a mistake on his paperwork, a member of Gleason's staff also made a mistake.

"He is a very good commissioner. He does a very nice job. I feel terrible this happened to him," he said. "Ultimately, the responsibility for that paperwork is on that candidate."

Gleason said his office shouldn't be responsible for calling candidates if they catch a mistake with their paperwork because that would be showing preference.

"I am very certain he will win. No one's on the ballot now," he said.

If Shumaker is successful in petitioning the court to have his name on the primary ballot as the Republican candidate, Gleason said he'll be unopposed.

Two other candidates in the August election also did not get their names on the ballot. Deltonya Burns, a candidate for the 34th district in the state House of Representatives, missed the same citizenship box on the application that Shumaker missed. Gerald Masters, a candidate for Richfield Township trustee, failed to sign his affidavit. They too are determined to get their names on the ballot.

ARREST

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The clerk advised him that all customers must wear a mask to enter the store as stated on the signs posted on the entry doors.

The video shows the man walking over to the clerk and wiping his nose and face on her shirt telling her, "Here, I will use this as a mask." The man continued to be loud and disruptive inside the store before leaving in a white, possibly Ford window van.

PATRIOTIC

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"I thought well, I'm not a doctor or a firefighter or a policeman that's going through all the rescue things that have to be done," he said, adding that he thought this "would maybe pick up some spirits of our good American people."

With help from his grandson Cole Burgess and friends Nick Elson and Adam Lott, the sign took about eight hours to construct and put up. Bartlett said it was a three generation project with his daughter Kelly Bartlett and grandson.

“He is a very good commissioner. He does a very nice job. I feel terrible this happened to him.”

John Gleason
Genesee County clerk

CITY OF FENTON NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF FENTON BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on **Monday, May 11, 2020**, at 7:30 p.m., to consider the 2019-2020 Amended Budget and the proposed 2020-2021 Fiscal Budget for the City of Fenton as part of the regular meeting of the City of Fenton City Council through electronic access as provided in this Notice. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject at this hearing. The public may access the public hearing through the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85164909249>, or via telephone by calling:

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Copies of the proposed budget amendment and budget are available for review by contacting the City Clerk at swalsh@cityoffenton.org or (810) 629-2261. The City Clerk also may be contacted to submit any questions prior to the hearing. Individuals with disabilities needing accommodations should also contact the office of the City Clerk. The City Clerk may be contacted at swalsh@cityoffenton.org or (810) 629-2261. Please contact the Clerk at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the public hearing.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

THIS IS THE first time in in history that we guaranteed healthy people; must be an election year. The flu kills just as many people, and we don't shut down the economy every flu season. Leftists say never let a crisis go to waste. They want to kill the economy.

IF YOU OBJECT to protests, you probably have enough to get through. But, watch the long lines at food banks, many are not so blessed. If you're really concerned about your health, wear a mask or stay home. Be responsible for yourself, not everyone else.

LET'S BE CLEAR, 'until it's safe,' means never.

WHAT THE MASK is doing is protecting others from you and vice-versa. Give the medical experts a break. They are still trying to figure out this virus.

I WOULD LIKE to formally apologize. I truly do not wish the coronavirus on anyone, even the ignorant people who won't stop complaining. Angry words can never be taken back.

I WANT TO give a huge shout-out to Caretel Inns and Vicinia Gardens for remaining COVID-19 free. I applaud you. This is a huge commitment for the staff to keep their residents safe. By the way, I do not know anyone who works at or is a resident at either of these places.

MEN AT #72. With COVID couldn't you find something better to focus on besides verbally abusing and threatening someone for walking through your subdivision? I have open invites from friends living there, I am always friendly/smiling and pick up after my dog and other people's. Embarrassed for your families.

AS IF PEOPLE were so distant from each other already, now people are unrealistically nasty to each other.

A SECURITY GUARD was gunned down in Flint trying to enforce the state's order to wear masks in enclosed spaces.

Looking back: Fenton boys tennis beats Holly for first time since 1991

By David Troppens

Editor's note: With the loss of the spring prep sports season, we'll remember the 2019-20 athletic year with occasional stories from the fall and winter. Today is our second installment of the series.

The last time the Fenton varsity boys

tennis team beat Holly in a dual meet the Gulf War was happening. Sparky Anderson was still the Detroit Tigers' manager and the Detroit Lions actually won a playoff game.

The Lions are still looking for another playoff game since then, but the Tigers don't have to look that far back for its last

win against Holly after Tuesday. The Tigers won a 6-2 dual against the Bronchos.

It was a closer meet than the final score indicated. Five of the eight flights were settled in a third set, but Fenton won four of them to earn the victory.

"It's been a long time," Fenton varsity tennis coach Gary Bal-

lard said. "We've been trying to get a program to compete with Holly for a

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Sports Times

Despite short season, top 16 poll has many fine teams

■ Linden soccer, Fenton boys tennis start our 2019-20 area squad list

By David Troppens

The sports staff feels weird doing our 2019-20 Tri-County Top 16 Teams of the Year list in early May.

However, with the loss of the spring prep sports season, there isn't any real reason not to start our list. And, fortunately for us, even without the spring season, there were plenty of quality squads to fill the list of 16 teams. In fact, our 16 squads will not include a Flint Metro League Stripes Division champion. So, even without the spring, it was a pretty successful season for our tri-county area prep sports teams if the list is talented enough to keep a champion off of it.

As usual, the poll will be listed in segments. Today's list will look at the honorable mention squads and the 15th and 16th squads.

Honorable Mention: The **Holly varsity volleyball team** have shown steady progress since Deena Maher took over at the helm, and last fall that progress meant Holly captured its first league crown since the 1993-94 school year when the squad won a co-Flint Metro League Stripes Division title. The Bronchos won 32 matches overall, finishing just one victory from the school record. What kept Holly from making the actual top 16 is that the Bronchos lost in the opening round of the district tournament. Even one win in the tourney (or an outright league crown) would've given them a comfortable position within the top 16. The **LFLF gymnastics team** has quickly become one of the area's strongest. Two years ago, the squad was third in our end-of-the-year poll. Last year they were 10th. This season the squad was in a rebuilding mode, but they still had success. They placed second in the Lakes Valley Conference and came within one place of

qualifying for the team state meet at regionals. Plenty of gymnasts qualified for the individual meet, but the event was canceled.

No. 16 - Fenton boys tennis: For the first time ever, the Fenton varsity boys tennis team has made our end-of-the-year poll. With the Tigers' inclusion the tennis team has assured that exactly half of the 16 squads are Fenton programs.

Fenton placed second at the Flint Metro League meet, and in the process, Gabe Hand became a four-time No. 1 singles league champion. The Tigers qualified for the state meet by taking second in an extremely challenging regional meet. Once at the state meet, the Tiger placed 18th, which made it tough to place them any higher than 16th in the poll. In fact, the sports staff seriously considered changing our fall order of teams and placing the Holly varsity volleyball quad at No. 16 instead. But, the Tigers qualified for the state meet, so that eventually gave them the nod to hold off the Bronchos.

No. 15 - Linden boys soccer: The Eagles took the hardest path to earning a three-way Flint Metro League championship during the fall.

The Metro had an all-time high 12 teams competing for the league crown and Linden opened the conference season with a controversial 2-1 loss to the Goodrich Martians. That meant the Eagles would have to win their remaining 10 matches in order to have any chance of earning some sort of league crown. The Eagles did just that, beating the 10 other squads by a 55-2 scoring margin. One of those victories was a critical 2-0 victory against the Fenton Tigers, setting up the potential of a three-way tie atop the league. Linden (18-3-1) earned two victories against Fenton, but lost a critical one against the Tigers in a district championship game that was decided by a shootout.


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The Linden varsity boys soccer player Tyler Light (above right) battles for a ball during a game this fall. The Linden varsity boys soccer team finished No. 15 on our 2019-20 Tri-County Top 16 Poll. The Fenton varsity boys tennis team made its first-ever appearance in our top 16 by finishing 16th. Gavin Stoober (left) was one of the athletes on the Tigers' state-qualifying squad. **Photos: David Troppens**

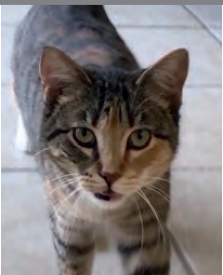
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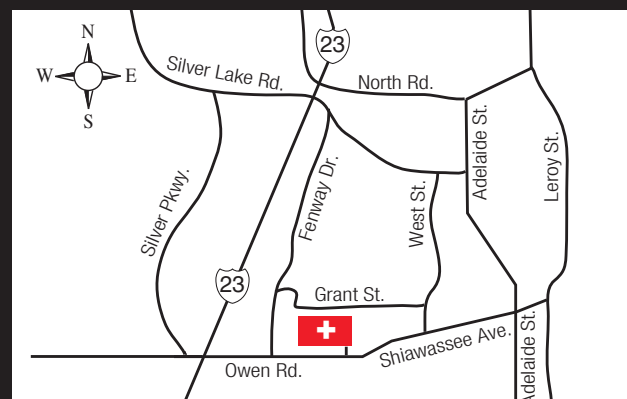
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