Argentine Township man charged with assault

By Sharon Stone

Rex Howard Gomoll, 68, of Argentine Township, was charged with assault and battery Wednesday, May 6 in Oakland County 52-2 District Court. The arraignment was held via video conference due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

The charge comes after Holly police located and arrested him See ASSAULT on 18

Construction resumes

On Thursday, May 7, Billy Smith (right), with Fessler and Bowman, sweeps away debris on the north side of the new Union Block property being built at the corner of Bridge and Broad streets. Owner of the building, Dr. Nicole Wax, said May 7 was the first day construction workers could be back at their jobs. All workers wore masks. See story on Page 6. Photo: Hannah Ball

Fenton Target broken into

Suspect caught in Livingston County after breaking into Hartland Township Target store

By Sharon Stone

A 25-year-old man from Holt was arrested by the Livingston County Sheriff’s Office in the early morning hours of Saturday, May 2 following a break-in at the Target store in Fenton and the Target store in Hartland Township.

Lt. Jeff Cross said Fenton police were dispatched to the store at 3:15 a.m., on May 2 See TARGET on 14

All you mask whiners. What is the difference between stopping at traffic light, not smoking in stores and all the other rules we have? Nothing. Put it on.

It's your right to not go back to work until you feel safe. It's not your right to tell me that I can't work until you feel safe. Some people don't want a handout; they want a job to go back to.

Wow. Our governor gave an order. We can choose to follow it or not. Our consequences. Choice comes with freedom, liberty and independence. Not everyone agrees, but just being mean and name calling 'snowflake,' isn't a solution. I would love to have coffee with you and talk.

If masks work, why do businesses need to be closed? And if they don't work, why are we being forced to wear them? Think about it.

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Celebrating our mothers

Long tradition of spoiling the women in our life on Mother’s Day continues despite COVID-19

By Sharon Stone

Homemade cards, breakfast in bed, flowers, candy, jewelry, a phone call, a text. How will you celebrate your mother this year?

If your mother has passed, you might have your own way of remembering them and cherishing the memories.

Today, May 10 is Mother’s Day. The National Retail Federation (NRF) recently conducted a survey to see how many people will be celebrating Mother’s Day virtually, given the current state of the COVID-19 pandemic. Its survey revealed that with the pandemic, 38 percent were highly likely to celebrate virtually. Another 28 percent said they were somewhat likely to celebrate virtually.

According to the NRF, for many consumers, the coronavirus has put a spotlight on opportunities to celebrate and show their loved ones they care. Nearly 80 percent said that celebrating Mother’s Day is especially important to them this year.

This deepened sentiment is showing up in spending. The NRF reports on average, consumers say they plan to spend $205 on cards, special meals and other gifts for their mom, approximately $8 more than last year.

“Some consumers are looking to make up for the fact they can’t take mom out by sending her something a little extra special this year,” said Phil Rist, Prosper Insights executive vice president of strategy.

See MOTHERS on 12

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Social distancing, safe at home, blended learning, Zoom, unprecedented, pandemic, PPE … In the past two months, we have heard these words more than we care to remember. With schools closing, businesses shutting down and families forced to stay home, our lives have slowed down. But, have they really?

Those working from home are now inundated with Zoom calls, emails, texts, etc. Students are participating in online learning, completing packets or a combination of both, in addition to connecting with teachers and support staff members in online chats. Parents have taken control of a chaotic situation and have transformed their households into offices, schools, movie theatres and playgrounds. Life as we knew it has changed and we can either sit back and wait for it to return to “normal” or we can shape a new standard and find different ways to enjoy the things we love.

Our “new normal” gives us more time to spend with our loved ones. It gives us an opportunity to nurture those relationships and appreciate all of the wonderful things in our life.

During this time, I have seen parents, students and staff, in our entire community, rise to the challenge and exemplify what it means to Be BLUE.

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Be Loyal — We continue to create learning opportunities and positive experiences for our kids.

Be Unstoppable — We work together to overcome adversity and continue moving forward.

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What’s the best memory you have of your mom? — streettalk

“I’d have to say baking Christmas cookies with my mother when I was a kid.”

“Getting my butt smacked with a wooden spoon with the hole in the middle for talking back to her. Love and miss you mom.”

“Working on the railroad with her. We were best friends.”

“Waking up early in our cabin smelling breakfast and seeing her smiling face.”

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Compiled by Jennifer Ward, general manager — Question asked to Tri-County Times’ Facebook followers
So proprietors and independent contractors have programs through CARES Act

Compiled by Sharon Stone

Through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan can be forgiven if you spend it on approved items, and if you prove those expenses.

According to a May 1 article at bench.co, PPP forgiveness works differently for sole proprietors and independent contractors.

The biggest difference is the concept of owner compensation replacement, which simplifies the loan forgiveness process.

According to thebalancesmb.com, sole proprietors and independent contractors are self-employed and are eligible for several of the coronavirus small business relief programs:

• The PPP is a loan program to help businesses pay for emergency needs, including paying employees.

• A sick leave and medical leave tax credit is also available to self-employed business owners who must take off work to care for themselves and their families.

• Self-employed individuals are eligible for unemployment benefits.

A sole proprietorship is a business with a single owner and not registered as a corporation, partnership or limited liability company. A sole proprietor can work as an independent contractor or operate a small business, according to smallbusiness.chron.com.

Generally, the PPP loan amount that businesses qualify for is based on their average payroll expenses, according to bench.co. However, since sole proprietors and contractors usually don’t have payroll, their loan is based on 2019 net profit divided by 12 to get a monthly average net profit. This number times 2.5 equals your PPP loan amount. Which means your PPP loan is roughly 10 weeks’ worth of net profit.

Instead of spending your funds on payroll, you can automatically get eight weeks’ worth of net profit forgiven, without having to spend it on anything. The remaining PPP funds will need to be spent on utilities, rent, and mortgage interest expenses in order to be forgiven, according to bench.co.

The amount of “owner compensation replacement” you’re eligible to claim for forgiveness is calculated by multiplying your reported net income in 2019 on your Schedule C by 8/52 (or 0.154).

If you are a sole proprietor or contractor and you did not qualify for an earlier PPP loan, contact your financial institution to inquire about this option.

Sources: bench.co, thebalancesmb.com, smallbusiness.chron.com

First Choice Heating & Cooling

Owners hold successful gift card fundraiser for fellow small business owners, generate more than $17,000

By Sharon Stone

Members of the Fenton community are known for helping each other regardless of the situation.

Enter the COVID-19 pandemic. Most businesses in Michigan had to shut down March 23 due to the governor’s stay-at-home order to slow the spread of the coronavirus. Only businesses that offered essential services were allowed to be open.

Small business owners scrambled to bring in revenue to keep their business going. Restaurants were hit especially hard.

The owners of one local company, First Choice Heating & Cooling, talked about ways to help their Fenton community. They are an essential business, however, business was challenging.

They wanted to do their part to ensure that our local businesses would survive the shutdown.

First Choice Heating & Cooling owner Bryan McIntyre and his wife, Debbie, set their sights on holding a gift card fundraiser on their company’s Facebook page. It began April 14 and ran through April 21.

Their idea was to encourage local residents to purchase gift cards in any amount from a locally owned Fenton business to use now or later and the McIntyres would match the amount up to $50.

“It was huge,” said Debbie McIntyre. Those taking part in the fundraiser were instructed to email First Choice Heating & Cooling a copy of their receipt in order for them to mail them another gift card, up to $50.

The fundraiser was a success. Debbie said they reached and then exceeded their budget in one week.

“We had a great response and we heard a lot of great stories of the nice things people were doing.”

In total, people purchased gift cards from 46 locally owned businesses in Fenton. Some residents spent as much as $240 in gift cards. Many bought gift cards for $100. Some even declined to accept the matching gift card and instead offered it to the business.

All together, $17,610 was generated for the local businesses. The McIntyres’ portion of the fundraiser totaled $8,153.

“It was really exciting,” Debbie said.

About First Choice Heating & Cooling

Bryan McIntyre established first Choice Heating & Cooling in 2001. A former service technician, Bryan had always wanted to own his own business where he could add value to the lives of his customers, cow-
Construction resumes on two anticipated buildings

By Hannah Ball

Since construction was deemed nonessential in March by one of Gov. Gretchen Whitmer’s executive orders, work was forced to halt on two anticipated projects in Linden and Fenton. The executive order was in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

With the easing of the executive order, work can resume.

Ghassan Saab, project manager of the 111 Building on S. LeRoy Street in downtown Fenton, said even before the governor’s executive order, work had slowed down on the site.

“Our first priority is the health and safety of those working for us, so when contractors first started expressing concerns over the virus, we accommodated and adjusted our construction schedules accordingly. Now, we are looking to reopen the site slowly and allow limited contractors access to continue construction in the safest way possible,” he said.

Corlin Builders is the developer for the project, and Sorenson Gross is the general contractor.

“We are in an uncertain time, so that makes risk-taking more difficult for most people, such as moving or opening a new business. However, we’re a resilient community and we’re all looking forward to emerging from this stronger than ever. I think a project like this in the middle of downtown Fenton, bringing jobs and services and great new places to live, and should give our community some optimism for the near future,” he said.

The pandemic has not affected commitments from businesses who plan to move into the spaces at the 111 Building.

“Of course, we’re all cautious and uncertain of the future, both the tenants and the developer, but optimistic views of Fenton’s future give us all hope,” he said.

In Linden, Dr. Nicole Wax’s new Union Block building sits on the northeast corner of Broad and Bridge streets.

“Construction was forced to stop and luckily they are able to return May 7. There’s roughly four weeks of work left,” Wax said. “That’s it. So we are so close to the completion of this project and looking forward to moving Dr. Wax Orthodontics over to the second floor. We are also so excited to see what businesses decide to be our neighbors in this beautiful building in the heart of downtown Linden.”

Wax said it was a sad day in mid-March when they learned they wouldn’t be able to see patients in the office due to the executive order. They now see patients virtually.

“This has been an amazing opportunity to check in on patients’ treatment when not in the office and also be able to see new patients and review their orthodontic needs, their treatment options, and even their financial options from the comfort of their home,” she said.

They’re launching something new for the community. Wax said to keep an eye out on their Facebook page to see what they’re offering to help people “smile even while stuck at home.”

Wax is looking for tenants to fill the building.

The first floor units rent at $19.50 per square foot. The corner first floor unit is 3,637 square feet. The east unit is 2,661 square foot.

On the second floor, the unit next to Dr. Wax Orthodontics is 1,788 square feet. This unit rents at $17.50 per square foot.

“As a business owner, I know that business owners have had many challenges during this time. We are willing to work with businesses who are interested in leasing space. We will be flexible and want to create a win win so they can join us in the new union block in downtown Linden,” she said.
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Most community events canceled

Gatherings on hold until risks of COVID-19 prompt lessening of restrictions

By Sharon Stone

It’s pretty safe to assume that every event that involves people getting together for the time being has been or will be canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Times reached out to officials in Fenton, Linden and Holly to get an update on major annual events in the tri-county area.

Fenton

Pat Lockwood, Fenton mayor pro tem, said discussions for the Fourth of July Freedom Festival, as well as St. John Applefest are ongoing. “As soon as we hear what the state’s plans are, we will make decisions in the best interest of the safety of volunteers and the public.”

Michael Hart, Fenton assistant city manager and Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) director, said he and others with the city are working closely with groups, such as the Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce and Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation, to evaluate the scheduling of events.

Hart said so many of the events bring people together, which is precisely what we are not supposed to be doing during this COVID-19 pandemic. “We’re in discussion with all of them,” he said.

Wayne Peterson, post commander of the Fenton VFW, said there will be no Memorial Day parade this year. He said there are no school groups or bands to participate, and he doubted the city would give the post a permit.

Even though there is no parade, Peterson said the VFW, volunteers and the Boy Scouts would be at Oakwood Cemetery on Saturday making sure all veterans have a USA flag at their grave. On Monday, May 25, the VFW will conduct a short ceremony at Freedom Park and Oakwood Cemetery.

If anyone is interested in volunteering, he or she can call Peterson at (810) 597-6701.

Hart said they are looking into the farmers markets and will likely allow food-only vendors. No crafters would be allowed for the time being.

Holly

In Holly, Katy Golden, Holly Downtown Development Authority (DDA) director, said, to start with, the Blessing of the Bikes, which usually attracts 1,500 motorcyclists to downtown Holly was canceled last weekend.

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The 2019 Memorial Day parade and festivities in downtown Fenton attracted thousands of visitors. This year’s Memorial Day parades in the tri-county area have been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Times file photo
Local COVID-19 testing sites

Michigan.gov has easy-to-use search to find where to get tested

Compiled by Hannah Ball

More Michiganders can now get tested for the coronavirus, and michigan.gov has a helpful website to find out where to get the test.

According to the michigan.gov/coronavirus, testing criteria for COVID-19 has been expanded in Michigan to include individuals with mild symptoms and essential workers still reporting to work in person, whether they have symptoms or not.

Residents are asked to call the testing site or your healthcare provider before you go for testing.

If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath, contact your healthcare provider or telehealth program to discuss whether you should be evaluated for testing.

Each coronavirus test provider will determine if testing is appropriate based on your symptoms, risk factors and test availability. Call the coronavirus test site before you go to learn about testing criteria, availability, and hours. This information is changing daily.

On the website, users are asked to enter their address and then are given a list of the closest testing sites. For residents in the Fenton area, the website lists Ascension Genesys Hospital.

The site states, “If you have a fever, cough or other respiratory symptoms, please call (833) 981-0738 prior to visiting one of our Ascension facilities, so you can be screened by a nursing professional.”

The second testing center listed is Rite Aid Pharmacy #4440 on Miller Road in Swartz Creek. Go to RiteAid’s website (riteaid.com) and follow the link and fill out the survey on projectbaseline.com to determine if you are eligible for testing.

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Township meeting room to get $25k tech upgrade

New TV monitors, audio equipment and more approved

By Hannah Ball

The Fenton Township Board of Trustees unanimously voted at the Monday, May 4 meeting to upgrade the township meeting room with new technology.

The overall cost of the project is approximately $25,500.

According to a letter to the board from Thomas Broecker, operations manager/deputy clerk, he’s been working with PEG (Public Education Grant) Coordinator Randen Syjut for the past few months on this project to upgrade the Township’s studio equipment used for recording board meetings. The proposed upgrade includes new microphones, large portable TV monitors, an improved sound system and equipment to allow livestreaming meetings and events.

“The upgrade also will allow us to create an internal TV station that plays on a monitor in the township office lobby. This internal TV station can display announcements, meeting notices and PSAs, as well as video recordings,” according to the letter.

The two large TVs, which would be placed in the back corners facing the audience, would be on adjustable stands to allow easy repositioning and the ability to rotate to a vertical orientation.

The layout could change based on what works best.

“Please keep in mind that this project would be funded with restricted PEG funds, which can only be used for capital purchases to support the PEG channel and programming,” Broecker said.

Supervisor Bonnie Mathis spoke in favor and said more municipalities should do this.

Treasurer John Tucker asked about the function of the monitors. Broecker said they’d be used for presentations and for displaying relevant information during meetings.

Tucker also asked if they will record meetings and put the videos online. Broecker said they already do this, but they will make it more visible on the website.

Clerk Robert Krug said he believes it’s a “great idea.”
Pain and Numbness in your hands or feet, a feeling of burning, extreme cold, tingling, electrical shock like pain, even the feeling of walking on bubble wrap or like there is a sock balled up under your foot... these are all symptoms experienced by those suffering with Peripheral Neuropathy. Unfortunately drugs and injections only mask the pain and there is no surgery, other than amputation that will heal/stop neuropathy from Neuropathy is a term used to describe damaged nerves, primarily in the hands and/or feet, that are progressively breaking down due to a lack of blood supply, nutrients and oxygen reaching the nerves along with a lack of communication from the brain. Since the nerves are what the brain uses to communicate with the area and they are breaking down, the brains ability to communicate with the area lessens over time, allowing for the progression of more breakdown and worse symptoms. It can be caused by Diabetes, Poor Circulation, Poor Nutrition, Chemotherapy, Agent Orange, Misaligned Spinal Bones Placing Pressure on the Nerves, along with over 100 other causes. “Patients experience extreme sensations, loss of feeling, even No Feelings in their Hands and/or Feet along with muscles spasms, pain, weakness, numbness, tingling and burning sensations and have a very hard time with balance” says Dr. James Ide, clinic director at Painless Chiropractic & Neuropathy Treatment Center. 

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MOTHERS
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History of Mother’s Day
Celebrations of mothers and motherhood can be traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans, who held festivals in honor of the mother goddesses Rhea and Cybele, but the earliest modern precedent for Mother’s Day is the early Christian festival known as “Mothering Sunday,” according to history.com.

Once a major tradition in the United Kingdom and parts of Europe, this celebration fell on the fourth Sunday in Lent and was originally seen as a time when the faithful would return to their “mother church” — the main church in the vicinity of their home — for a special service.

Over time, the Mothering Sunday tradition shifted into a more secular holiday, and children would present their mothers with flowers and other tokens of appreciation. This custom eventually faded in popularity before merging with the American Mother’s Day in the 1930s and 1940s.

The origins of Mother’s Day as celebrated in the United States date back to the 19th century. In the years before the Civil War, Ann Reeves Jarvis of West Virginia helped start “Mothers’ Work Clubs” to teach local women how to properly care for their children.

These clubs later became a unifying force in a region of the country still divided over the Civil War. In 1868, Jarvis organized “Mothers’ Friendship Day,” at which mothers gathered with former Union and Confederate soldiers to promote reconciliation.

Later in her life, Jarvis denounced Mother’s Day traditions since they became too commercialized.

Another precursor to Mother’s Day came from the abolitionist and suffragette Julia Ward Howe. In 1870, Howe wrote the “Mother’s Day Proclamation,” a call to action that asked mothers to unite in promoting world peace. In 1873 Howe campaigned for a “Mother’s Peace Day” to be celebrated every June 2.

Other early Mother’s Day pioneers include Juliet Calhoun Blakely, a temperance activist who inspired a local Mother’s Day in Albion, in the 1870s.

In the United States, Mother’s Day continues to be celebrated by presenting mothers and other women with gifts and flowers, and it has become one of the biggest holidays for consumer spending. Families also celebrate by giving mothers a day off from activities like cooking or other household chores.

Sources: history.com, nrf.com

CITY OF FENTON ZONING
BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING
NOTICE OF CITY OF FENTON ZONING
BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING

Please take notice that the City of Fenton Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 by convening the Zoning Board of Appeals through remote electronic access. Proceedings are being conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Notice however due to the uncertainty surrounding the length of the public health crisis created by the coronavirus, the City may determine to hold this meeting in person, either in full or in part, at the City Hall as provided below at the same date and time. Any change in the meeting format will be provided through notice on the City’s website: www.cityoffenton.org.

1. The Zoning Board of Appeals is meeting to conduct public hearings to consider the following variance requests:
   - Wolf-Bye, Center Street’s variance request to create 60 feet wide parcels instead of the 70 feet currently required under the City’s Zoning Ordinance,
   - Silver Spray Sports, 3480 Silver Lake Rd., variance request to allow construction of a 39 feet high building, exceeding ordinance restrictions by 9 feet,
   - and to conduct any minimum basic operations presented to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

2. This meeting will be held electronically if permitted by any subsequent amendment or extension to Executive Order 2020-48 (COVID-19) or 2020-70 (Stay-At-Home), or other order or legislation allowing flexibility in complying with the Michigan Open Meetings Act.
   - Individuals may participate in an electronic meeting through electronic conferencing and telephone using Zoom. This includes providing public comment. To download Zoom, go to the following link: https://zoom.us/support/download.
   - After downloading and launching Zoom, you may join the meeting using the link or telephone numbers below. For more help on signing in and joining a meeting, please view the following: https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-Meeting.

   c. Participants can access the electronic meeting through the following link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84328341670. The Zoom meeting ID is 843 2834 1670. There is no access code/password.
   - Participants can partake in the meeting via telephone by calling:
     (877) 853-5257 (US Toll-free)
     (888) 475-4499 (US Toll-free)
     +1 (312) 626-6799
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   - Once individuals have joined the meeting, the City will provide information about procedures for participation.
   - Please test your meeting software prior to the meeting. If you are unable to access the software due to technical difficulties, please call the Clerk prior to the scheduled meeting. Every effort will be made to ensure participation in the meeting.

3. If the City is otherwise permitted to hold an in-person meeting and the City finds it is in the best interests of its residents to do so, the in-person meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2020, at the City Hall of Fenton, located at 301 South Leroy Street, Fenton, MI 48430.

4. Questions and comments may also be submitted prior to the meeting by email or by calling the City Clerk, at swalsh@cityoffenton.org or (810) 629-2261.

5. Further information and materials related to this meeting can be found on the City’s website at www.cityoffenton.org.

6. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the City Clerk, at swalsh@cityoffenton.org or (810) 629-2261, at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the meeting to request visual, hearing, technological, or other assistance.
**LOOKING BACK at this week in HISTORY**

**COMPiled by VERA HOGAN**

**MAY 10**
- 1869: The presidents of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railroads meet in Promontory, Utah, and drive a ceremonial last spike into a rail line that connects their railroads making transcontinental railroad travel possible for the first time in U.S. history.

**MAY 11**
- 1997: Chess grandmaster Garry Kasparov resigns after losing to Deep Blue, a chess-playing computer developed by scientists at IBM.

**MAY 12**
- 1963: A young Bob Dylan walked off the set of The Ed Sullivan Show after network censors rejected the song he planned to perform. The song was “Talkin’ John Birch Paranoid Blues,” a satirical talking-blues number skewering the ultra-conservative John Birch Society.

**MAY 13**
- 1846: The U.S. Congress overwhelmingly votes in favor of President James K. Polk’s request to declare war on Mexico in a dispute over Texas.

**MAY 14**
- 1973: Skylab, America’s first space station, is successfully launched into an orbit around the earth.

**MAY 15**
- 2009: After decades of environmental damage and legal wrangling, General Electric finally begins its government-mandated efforts to clean the Hudson River (New York). GE had dumped harmful chemicals into the river for years and spent a fortune trying to avoid the cleanup.

**MAY 16**
- 1985: In the scientific journal Nature, three scientists announce their detection of abnormally low levels of ozone over the South Pole. Their discovery, commonly known as the Ozone Hole, became an example of mankind’s ability to damage the Earth’s atmosphere.

Source: history.com

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**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

**‘GOVERNMENT FREE STUFF’**
- It’s not our tax money. We are $25 trillion in debt, soon to be $31 trillion. This is generational theft. These wars were going on for 20 years and Trump is getting U.S. out.

**ARE THERE ANY** other states other than Michigan where the legislature is suing the governor for infringing on our constitutional rights or is our governor the worst in the nation? Whitmer, quit trying to do what is best for you politically and do what’s best for our state.

**DEMOCRATIC LOGIC, DEMOCRATIC governors** are releasing criminals to protect them from COVID-19. They are confining innocent citizens to protect them from COVID-19. Who is protecting the innocent citizens from the criminals?

**I URGE OUR** GOP legislators to work with Governor Whitmer to protect our fellow citizens and set aside political differences. You were elected to work together.

**WHAT’S UP WITH** no toilet paper in all Fenton stores? Do I shop at the wrong time? Found one package of six on Tuesday. Last time I could buy any was April 1. My daughter lives in Flint and she has no problem finding any. Quit hoarding.

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**TESTING**

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St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital in Howell is available to reach at (833) 247-1258.

“Patients with suspected COVID-19 can take a free virtual screening, visit a designated screening site in your area, or call a primary care provider to start the process,” according to the site.

McLaren Flint-Grand Blanc Occupational Health & Convenient Care Center in Grand Blanc is another testing site. Call (810) 496-0900.

“Please call our office upon your arrival to ensure a screening is completed prior to entering the facility. If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, we are able to complete the screening via McLarenNow web based portal or through our office locations,” according to michigan.gov.

For more COVID-19 testing sites, go to michigan.gov/coronavirus.

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**How effective are face masks**

- Few studies available on effectiveness against COVID-19

**By Hannah Ball**

Due to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer’s recent executive order, Michigan residents are required to wear masks in enclosed public places.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), a significant portion of individuals with coronavirus don’t show symptoms, which means they are asymptomatic. Even those who will eventually develop symptoms, which is called presymptomatic, can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms.

Because of this, the CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, such as grocery stores, especially in areas of significant community-based transmission.

“Cloth face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure,” according to the CDC.

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They’re also difficult to fit correctly. For those reasons, the CDC does not recommend them for general use,” according to livenesscience.com.

May Chu, a clinical professor in epidemiology at the Colorado School of Public Health told livenesscience.com that fabric masks allow air flow in around the sides, and lack non-woven, moisture-repelling layers. They only impede approximately 2 percent of airflow in.

However, Chu said any kind of impediment is better than nothing, and experts stress the 6-foot distancing rule while in public.

Other studies have shown that these face masks can be effective.

According to The Guardian, the Data Evaluation and Learning for Viral Epidemics examined available evidence and came out in favor of the public wearing face masks, including homemade cloth coverings, in order to deal with COVID-19.

**FACE MASKS**

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**TARGET**

Continued from Front Page for a burglar alarm. Police also received a call from Target’s security team that monitors all of the Target camera systems.

Security employees told Fenton police that an individual was inside the store and attempting to break into the glass cases where iPads and iPhones are kept. The suspect was unsuccessful at breaking into the case. The suspect was then seen exiting the store on the east side of the building, near the Fenton schools’ bus garage.

While en route, Fenton police called and requested a K-9 unit. Upon arrival at Target, it was evident that the suspect used a concrete block to break open a window on the front of the building to gain entry.

The K-9 tracked the suspect’s scent through Fenton High School’s parking lot and across Owen Road. They lost the track on the north side of Vic Canevery Chevrolet, where police believe the suspect fled in his vehicle.

A be-on-the-lookout was issued for the suspect to police agencies in the surrounding counties.

Fenton police learned that the Target store in Hartland Township was broken into shortly after the Fenton incident.

At approximately 4 a.m., the Livingston County Sheriff’s Office responded to the Target Store in Hartland Township for a report of a breaking and entering in progress.

Livingston County Sheriff Mike Murphy said the responding units were provided with a description of the suspect and of the suspect vehicle. Deputies located and initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle matching the description in the area.

The subsequent investigation revealed that a Holt man, identified as Mark Anthony Pierce, 25, had forced entry into the Target store and stole multiple Apple computer products, which were recovered at the scene.

Pierce was taken into custody without incident and lodged at the Livingston County Jail.

Pierce was arraigned Monday, May 4 at the 53rd District Court in Howell on burglary forced entry charges. He was given a $5,000/10-percent bond for the incident.

The Livingston County Sheriff’s Office was assisted at the scene by the Michigan State Police, the Hamburg Township Police Department, the Brighton Police Department and the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office Aviation Unit.

The incident remains under investigation by the Livingston County Sheriff’s Office Detective Bureau.

Cross said the suspect faces charges of breaking and entering with intent to commit larceny, a 10-year felony, for the Fenton case.

The Target store in Fenton also was broken into Jan. 13. Kquazay Duane Vinson, 17, of Grand Rapids and Jamone Dalmontae Carter, 18, of Grand Rapids were charged with the break-in. Their cases are pending in Genesee County 67th District Court. A third juvenile co-defendant also was charged.

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**An emergency is still an emergency**

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TEENS ARRESTED FOR STEALING ITEMS FROM VEHICLES

A 17-year-old Linden male was one of four teens apprehended for multiple larceny from automobile (LFA) incidents in Springfield Township. Oakland County Sheriff’s deputies responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle parked in front of a residence in the Spring Lake subdivision at 7 a.m., Wednesday, May 6. Deputies began looking for individuals who were reported to be ringing doorbells. As a deputy was turning into the subdivision, he saw a vehicle occupied by a female and three males, leaving the subdivision. A traffic stop was initiated. A second deputy, who was responding as backup, saw a male dressed in all black clothing walking inside the subdivision. Deputies stopped the male who was on foot. He informed the deputy he had been inside the vehicle with the other four teens, but became separated from them. The male was in possession of a computer tablet and a credit card, which he admitted to taking from a vehicle inside the subdivision. He was taken into custody.

During the traffic stop, deputies observed multiple items lying in plain view inside the vehicle signifying the occupants had been involved in multiple LFAs. The additional suspects were taken into custody and transported to the Independence Township Substation to speak with a detective. Deputies conducted a search of the vehicle and recovered stolen items and cash belonging to residents of the subdivision. The other teen suspects were from Flint and Grand Blanc.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

DO PEOPLE START to wonder what’s going on when physicians are being told that when an old person dies to attribute it to COVID-19.

EVEN THOUGH WHITMER doesn’t agree that the COVID-10 crisis is winding down, the gas stations are proving her wrong as the gas prices jumped dramatically today.
Did you receive stimulus money by mistake?

The IRS says to return the $1,200 Economic Impact Payment wrongly sent to deceased individuals

Compiled by Sharon Stone

Economic Impact Payments (EIP) of $1,200 were authorized under the $2.2-trillion recovery package, known as the CARES Act, which was designed to help the economy recover from the catastrophic effects of the coronavirus pandemic.

Some of the money was mailed to or directly deposited into bank accounts of people who had died but had filed taxes within the past two years.

Those who erroneously received an EIP are advised to return it to the IRS.

Here’s how

• Write “Void” in the endorsement section on the back of the check.
• Mail the voided Treasury check immediately to the appropriate IRS location. Michigan residents are to use this address: Kansas City Refund Inquiry Unit, 333 W. Pershing Rd., Mail Stop 6800, N-2, Kansas City, MO 64108.
• Don’t staple, bend, or paper clip the check.
• Include a note stating the reason for returning the check.

If the payment was a paper check and you have cashed it, or if the payment was a direct deposit:
• Submit a personal check, money order, etc., immediately to the IRS location listed above.
• Write on the check/money order made payable to “U.S. Treasury” and write 2020EIP and the taxpayer identification number (Social Security number, or individual taxpayer identification number) of the recipient of the check.
• Include a brief explanation of the reason for returning the EIP.

Go to irs.gov/coronavirus for more information.

 EVENTS
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The Holly Farmers Market has delayed the opening of its market by one week. They will officially be open Sunday, May 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with plant starters, produce and other food products only. Crafters will eventually be allowed per the governor’s executive order. Attendees must adhere to social distance standards.

Weekly car shows in Holly are on hold. These usually start the first part of May. Golden said they’ll have to wait and see since there would be so many people in a tight area.

Golden said she expects the Memorial Day Parade to be canceled this year. The parade itself could be feasible, however, it ends with a large gathering at the cemetery.

The Holly fireworks on July 4 have been canceled. Golden said this announcement was upsetting to many residents she heard from. She said the fireworks display is funded completely by fundraisers and the company that handles the fireworks needed to know early because they purchase fireworks in bulk and it takes a long time for everything to arrive. Golden said due to the business climate right now, she did not believe it is an appropriate time to be asking businesses to donate to the fireworks.

“Not knowing, it made more sense to err on the side of caution,” Golden said.“It’s a heavy hit.

For now, HollyDays has not been canceled. Golden and other organizers are hoping that by September, things will be different.

Linden

Like the other municipalities, Linden’s Memorial Day Parade and other events have been canceled or are being discussed for rescheduling, said Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter.
The Greater Flint Urgent Relief Fund was established in partnership with United Way of Genesee County in response to the COVID-19 global pandemic. Together with our fund partners and your gifts, we are strengthening our community’s safety net. Relief funding in Flint and Genesee County helps people who need help now.

See all relief grants at [www.cfgf.org](http://www.cfgf.org).

**GENESEE COUNTY GREAT GRANTS**

**Clio Area Human Services Fund** $5,000
For food and preventing utility shutoffs and evictions. Assistance provided to individuals and organizations in need of emergency assistance in the Clio area.

**Fenton Center of Hope** $17,090
For assembling and delivering food to low income residents, providing both a basic need and a regular wellness check.

**FISH of Grand Blanc** $5,000
For food distribution to meet an increased need while facing a reduction in food to rescue from schools.

**Flushing Christian Outreach Center** $8,500
For food, salaries, personal care/cleaning items, and reimburse travel expenses to continue distributing basic needs to the community.

**St. John the Evangelist** $9,500
For food to current and new clients in need.

You can support the Greater Flint Urgent Relief Fund NOW at [www.loveflint.org](http://www.loveflint.org).
**ASSAULT**  
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May 4 for allegedly assaulting a store clerk on May 2.

Holly Police Chief Jerry Narsh said Gomoll was arrested for wiping his nose and face on the shirt of a store clerk after she told him he needed to have a face mask on inside the store. Signs stating the store’s police were on the entrance doors.

The close encounter was caught on surveillance video at the Dollar Tree store in Holly on Saturday, May 2 at approximately 1:30 p.m.  

Holly police and the Tri-County Times shared the store’s surveillance video on social media Monday morning, May 4, which led to tips on the suspect’s identity.  

Holly police, working with Argentine Township police, spoke with Gomoll at his home at 5:37 p.m., where he admitted to police that he was the man in the video and that he did make the reported statement and wipe his face on the clerk’s clothing.  

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

Assault and battery is misdemeanor, with a penalty of 93 days and/or $500 fine if convicted as charged.

Bond was set at $2,500 personal bond with restrictions to have no contact with the victim or return to the Holly Dollar Tree store.

Gomoll is placed on home confinement other than court, grocery and medical reasons. Gomoll’s next scheduled court appearance is set for a pretrial hearing on Monday, May 18 at 10 a.m. before Judge Joseph G. Fabrizio of the 52-2 District Court.

**Other facemask situations**

Gomoll’s case is not the only incident involving facemasks and store policies, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A security guard working at a Family Dollar store in Flint was shot to death Friday, May 1 after reportedly telling a woman shopper she needed to wear a facemask inside the store. Two men known to the woman later entered the store and shot the security guard. The woman has been charged for her involvement, however, police continue to search for the two male suspects. A second woman was arrested for allegedly hindering the police investigation.

A 33-year-old Roseville woman, Kristin Hoff, who was asked to wear a facemask inside Nino Salvaggio International Marketplace in St. Clair Shores on April 26, responded by attacking the employee and spitting on police officers, according to police.

**FOOD**  
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of the volunteers who delivers three days a week.

America could be facing a meat shortage soon, but Swanson said he’s not worried.

“People create the panic. As long as people don’t try to hoard meat, we will be fine even if purchases are limited,” he said.

Swanson believes everyone should do at least one thing to help these organizations that serve vulnerable populations in the county.

“That means donate sweat equity, time, your money or supplies. Give sacrificially, not when it’s convenient. The need is everywhere including our backyards,” he said.

Genesee County officers have worked full staff from the beginning of the pandemic. They have no hazard pay. Swanson said they have answered calls for service, medical emergencies, and taken care of more than 400 of the "most dangerous inmates in Michigan."

“And they do it with honor. We are a jail that still has zero inmates with COVID-19. As one of the leading counties in the state for cases and deaths, this is huge,” he said.

On the Genesee County Sheriff’s Office Facebook page, Swanson regularly does live videos to give updates on pandemic-related matters.
Oakland County waives entrance fees to county parks

Oakland County Parks and Recreation has waived entry fees for all county parks until June 1, inviting residents and other guests to enjoy a walk in the park at no cost.

The offer extends the one made on March 20 and encourages everyone to enjoy the splendor of the Oakland County day-use parks at no charge. The extension was announced jointly today by County Executive David Coulter, the county Board of Commissioners and the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission as a continuing response to COVID-19 pandemic.

“Visiting an Oakland County park is a good option any time of the year, allowing us to recharge mentally while enjoying the obvious benefits of fresh air and pristine natural areas,” Coulter said. “There’s no question this pandemic has been a test for us all, and I’m grateful so many of our residents continue to practice social distancing and the things to keep themselves, their families and friends safe. This is making a difference.”

The normal charge for the day-use park is $5/vehicle for county residents and $12/vehicle regular rate.

Coulter strongly recommended park visitors follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s guidelines to prevent the spread of infectious diseases including avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth; cover mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze; and most importantly, staying home if you feel sick.

View all stories online at myfenton.com

Parks that are open include:
• Addison Oaks County Park, 1480 W. Romeo Rd., Leonard
• Catalpa Oaks County Park, 27735 Greenfield Rd., Southfield
• Highland Oaks County Park, 6555 Milford Rd., Highland
• Lyon Oaks County Park, 52251 Pontiac Trail, Wixom
• Orion Oaks County Park, 2301 W. Clarkston Rd., Lake Orion
• Rose Oaks County Park, 10501 Buckhorn Lake Rd., Holly
• Waterford Oaks County Park, 1702 Scott Lake Rd., Waterford

Nature centers are closed, but the trails are open at:
• Independence Oaks County Park, 9501 Sashabaw Rd., Clarkston
• Red Oaks County Park, 30300 Hales St., Madison Heights.

All playgrounds, park buildings and restrooms are closed. However, portable restrooms are provided at all locations. A complete listing of portable restroom locations is posted at oaklandcountyparks.com.
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Lead Technician
Home: Pinckney, MI
11 Years in Automotive Industry
Wife: Chelsea
Kids: Jozlyn (1)
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HOWARD SHELTON
Buick Service
Home: Grand Blanc, MI
25 Years in Automotive Industry
Wife: Rochell
Kids: Howard Jr. 22, Micaha 17, Changna 24
Howard’s goal in life is that everyone is completely satisfied! Howard doesn’t have customers, he has loyal fans, friends and family! Top notch customer service is in his blood!

MIKE WILSON
Buick Service
Home: Flint, MI
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LifeStyles

Sunday, May 10, 2020

By Sharon Stone

Whether you have a small pup tent, pop-up camper, fifth-wheel trailer or motorhome, camping in the great outdoors connects you and your family to nature.

According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), there are more than 300 state run campgrounds in Michigan. There are also hundreds of privately run campgrounds.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic and Gov. Gretchen Whitmer’s executive order, Michigan state park and recreation area campgrounds, and overnight facilities are closed though at least June 21. State forest campgrounds are closed through at least June 9.

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Angels of mercy

When I was in grade school, girls my age dreamed of going to college after high school to pursue a variety of career goals. In those days, the two primary goals were to become a teacher or a nurse.

Becoming a teacher was a possibility. If I had pursued that goal, I think I might have chosen to teach kids in sixth or seventh grade. To me, the kids in this age group are the most challenging, fun and interesting.

Becoming a nurse was totally out of the question. I don’t have a problem with blood. In fact, I can watch blood flowing through tubes in someone’s body every which way. But I cannot, no way, no how, handle puke, poop or slimy bodily fluids. I would have failed (if I hadn’t already dropped out) any class that taught how to deal with these gross human bodily functions. Nor could I, or would I, ever stick a needle in someone’s skin anywhere.

It’s amazing that I was able to get my kids through the baby and early childhood years. But my husband’s stomach was weaker than mine so I had to suck it up and take care of business.

When you go into the doctor’s office, the nurse is usually the person you see first. After she records your height and weight, she’ll check your vitals (blood pressure, temperature, etc.) and ask why you’re there. With your answers she makes detailed notes in the chart.

When the doctor finally comes in, he picks up your chart and says, “Well, what brings you in here today?” I always felt like yelling at him, “Do I have to say it again? Read the notes!” After you tell him what’s wrong and give him your self-diagnosis, he will poke around a bit and then pull out his pad and write out the script for the meds to fix what you already knew you had. My opinion, the nurse could have done that.

Several years ago I selected my personal physician before I even met her for one reason and one reason only — she became a doctor after 25 years working as a nurse. Sold! And she never let me down.

Last Wednesday was National Nurses Day. I think we should honor all nurses, the men and women who work on the front lines in the medical field, every day, especially now during the pandemic crisis. In addition to their normal duties, they are sadly and too often the last person loved ones are comforted by before they take their last breath.

Nurses truly are “angels of mercy.” Just sayin’!
Without a Prom

Fenton students make the most of the situation

By Hannah Ball

Students across the country have dealt with a huge shift in how school functions due to the COVID-19 pandemic and stay-at-home orders. School learning now takes place online. Sports seasons were canceled. End of year activities, such as prom and graduation ceremonies, were canceled.

Two Fenton students decided to dress up for prom anyway. Mason Tabor, junior at Fenton High School, and girlfriend Emma Harper, senior at FHS, were sad about missing the event last weekend. Their parents decided to have them dress up to do a photo session so they’d have some memories, said Stacy Boucher-Tabor, Mason’s mom.

The theme of the photos recognize the pandemic.

“It’s really heartbreaking that I lost things like my prom, graduation, as well as many other memories that were yet to be made,” Harper said. “It’s definitely been a struggle for me to accept that it’s really over with but I know that the only thing I can do is look at the positives. My family and I are healthy. And I’m getting quality family time that I didn’t get before this pandemic being home every day. It may be over but the memories I got to make will always stay with me.”

Mason said, “It’s upsetting, especially for seniors that I know. No graduation for them is just not cool. Prom is sad because it was supposed to be a special occasion shared with my senior girlfriend, and now we have lost that as a memory together. I was happy to be able to do something that made her (Emma) feel better about it.”
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CAMPING
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Even though campgrounds are currently closed, planning and preparing can be done now.

The first thing you should research is to find out if your campground of choice is open or will be opening. Search for their individual website or Facebook page for their latest updates.

Some privately run campgrounds plan to open when the current “stay-at-home” order is lifted. Lake Sch-Nepp-A-Ho Campground in Muskegon County plans to open as soon as the order is lifted. The owners posted on the campground’s website that they are working with their local authorities to ensure that when they are able to open, it will be with all safety precautions.

Things could change though if the governor extends the stay home order.

Families can start making reservations for camping, overnight lodging and shelter reservations at state parks and recreation areas beginning June 22.

State forest campground reservations can begin June 10.

Pam Rush, co-owner of Rush RV repair and auto repair on Dixie Highway in Holly, said they are busy getting their customers’ campers and RVs ready for their first camping trip of the season.

Speaking of their clients, “They’re going as soon as it’s open,” she said. “Some are camping in their backyard right now.”

Rush RV is an essential business, per COVID-19 guidelines since they perform automotive repairs. They have seen no decrease in business.

“They’re (families) waiting, ready to go. They’re unafraid. We can social distance while camping just as easily as at home,” Rush said.

One of Rush RV’s services is increasing in popularity. Families can rent one of their campers, have it delivered and set up at a local campground, and then leave it for Rush RV to come and get when the weekend is over.

Reservations
If you had already made a camping reservation for between May 15 and June 21, it was automatically canceled, according to the DNR. There are reimbursement and rescheduling options. No reservation fees or cancellation fees will be charged. Reservation holders who want this option must contact the call center at 800-447-2757 by May 15 at 8 p.m.

Reservation holders whose camping reservations for stays between March 23 and May 15 were canceled due to COVID-19 are eligible for a free night of camping on reservations made later in the season. Call 800-447-2757 by May 15 at 8 p.m. for details.

Reservations extending beyond June 21 will be changed to a June 22 arrival date and canceled nights will automatically be refunded to the original payment method.

What’s open
Most state parks and recreation areas and state-managed trails and boating access sites remain open to provide local opportunities to enjoy the outdoors, but social distancing is key. According to the DNR, Silver Lake ORV Area (Oceana County) is set to open June 3. On June 10, state forest campgrounds and DNR-operated harbors are set to open.

On June 22, campgrounds, overnight lodging facilities and shelters in state parks and recreation areas are set to open.

Closure Updates
Check the latest updates for DNR facilities at Michigan.gov/DNR.

View stories at myfenton.com

CITY OF FENTON PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
NOTICE OF CITY OF FENTON PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Please take notice that the City of Fenton Planning Commission will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, May 28, 2020 by convening the Planning Commission through remote electronic access. Proceedings are being conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Note however due to the uncertainty surrounding the length of the public health crisis created by the coronavirus, the City may determine to hold this meeting in person, either in full or in part, at the City Hall as provided below at the same date and time. Any change in the meeting format will be provided through notice on the City’s website: www.cityoffenton.org.

1. The Planning Commission is meeting to conduct a public hearing and to review site plans related to Taco Bell’s special land use and a new drive-through window, which is located at 3243 Owen Road, to conduct any minimum basic operations presented to the Planning Commission.

2. This meeting will be held electronically if permitted by any subsequent amendment or extension to Executive Order 2020-48 (COVID-19) or 2020-70 (Stay-At-Home), or other order or legislation allowing flexibility in complying with the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

a. Individuals may participate in an electronic meeting through electronic conferencing and telephone using Zoom. This includes providing public comment. To download Zoom, go to the following link: https://zoom.us/support/download.

b. After downloading and launching Zoom, you may join the meeting using the link or telephone numbers below. For more help on signing in and joining a meeting, please view the following: https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-Meeting.

c. Participants can access the electronic meeting through the following link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82588425120. The Zoom meeting ID is 825 8842 5120. There is no access code/password.

d. Participants can partake in the meeting via telephone by calling:
(877) 853-5257 (US Toll-free)
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e. Once individuals have joined the meeting, the City will provide information about procedures for participation.

f. Please test your meeting software prior to the meeting. If you are unable to access the software due to technical difficulties, please call the Clerk prior to the scheduled meeting. Every effort will be made to ensure participation in the meeting.

3. If the City is otherwise permitted to hold an in-person meeting and the City finds it is in the best interests of its residents to do so, the in-person meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2020, at the City Hall of Fenton, located at 301 South Leroy Street, Fenton, MI 48430.

4. Questions and comments may also be submitted prior to the meeting by email or by calling the City Clerk, at swalsh@cityoffenton.org or (810) 629-2261.

5. Further information and materials related to this meeting can be found on the City’s website at www.cityoffenton.org.

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Weekend Crossword

Solution Time: 25 min.

1. Aloe
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7. Pen
8. Plane tile
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23. Ax
24. Bait
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Weekend Sudoku Answers: 143, 256, 317, 436, 542, 657

Weekend Jumble Answers:
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**Word Search**

Acetaminophen, Antibodies, Aquatherapy, Arthritis, Arthrocentesis, Autoimmune, Bursa, Cartilage, Chondroitin, Corticosteroids, C-Reactive Protein, Degenerative, Exercise, Gout, Inflammation, Injection, Joints, Mobility, Motion, Nerves, Range of Motion, Rheumatoid, Sacroiliac, Spine

**Answers in this edition of the Tri-County Times**

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**Weekend Scrambler**

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

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**Answers in this edition of the Tri-County Times**
Stephana Mary Feetham 1919 – 2020
Stephana Mary Feetham - age 100, of Linden, died Sunday, May 3, 2020. Cremation has taken place and a Memorial Mass will be held at a later date. Those desiring may make contributions to the American Diabetes Association. Stephana was born December 16, 1919 in Detroit the daughter of Joseph and Rozalia (Salabruka) Abramczyk. She was a graduate of Ecorse High School. She married William Dudley Feetham April 10, 1940 and he preceded her in death October 22, 1973. She worked at Pellett’s Department Store in Fenton for many years. Stephana was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, where she was active with the Ladies Auxiliary and working funeral dinners. She also was a volunteer at Crestmont Nursing Home in Fenton. She enjoyed gardening and playing bingo. Surviving are son, Joseph Patrick Feetham of Grand Blanc; daughter, Patricia Ann Rothfuss of Linden; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren; sister, Adeline Milewski of Allen Park; and several nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her parents; son, Andrew William Feetham; grandson, Scott Arthur Rothfuss; brothers, Frank and Joseph; and sisters, Mary, Helen, and Rose. Tributes may be shared at www.myfenton.com

Everette “Johnny” Steele 1937 – 2020
Everette “Johnny” Steele - age 83 of Fenton, passed from this life at his home in Fenton, surrounded by family and his best friend of over 60 years, Tuesday, May 5, 2020. Everette was born on February 20, 1937 in Jewell Valley, VA to Berke and Laura (Mullins) Steele. He graduated from Whitewood High School in Buchanan County, VA. He moved to Flint when he was 19 years old to work for GM. He built the family home in Fenton in 1970 and has lived there since. Mr. Steele was employed at General Motors Flint Metal Fabricating Center as a tinsmith for almost fifty years. On March 31, 1962, he married Judith Ann Allen. They raised five children together, Gina (Chris) Drago of Flint, Chris (Tammy) Steele of Mt. Sterling, KY, Jason (Brandy) Steele of Fenton, and twins Jerimmy (Kristen) Steele and Jon (Melissa) Steele all of Fenton. He had eight grandchildren including, Angelina Drago, Dominic Drago, Vincent Drago, Amanda Stacy, Trevor Stacy, Parker Judd, Chelsea Geyer and Lily Steele and also five great-grandchildren. Everette had a passion for fishing, gardening, repairing cars and restoring his 1952 Ford truck and could build or repair just about anything. He taught many younger men how to weld, build things, repair cars and do all sorts of home repairs, as his pole barn was a local hangout and workshop. He is survived by his five children; his very special sister, Zell Smith; his best friend, Ernie Hill and many special nieces, nephews and lots of friends. He was preceded in death by his wife Judith; his parents; two brothers; and four sisters. At his request, cremation has taken place. Memorial service arrangements will be announced after Covid-19 gathering restrictions have been lifted. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a college fund for his grandchildren, in care of the family.

James R. (Randy) Soules 1969 – 2020
James R. (Randy) Soules - age 50, passed away unexpectedly at his Lima residence on Tuesday, April 14, 2020. Randy was born July 27, 1969, in Warren. He graduated from Linden High School in 1987 and went on to receive a Bachelor’s Degree in Communications from Western Michigan University. Randy’s love and life-long participation in music began when he took up the alto saxophone in the fifth grade. He was involved in music programs through high school and was a five-year member of the Bronco Marching Band in college. He was a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Delta Iota Chapter, Professional Music Fraternity for Men. In 1986 he joined the brass line of the Star of Indiana Drum and Bugle Corps from Bloomington, IN, marched for five years, and participated in the alumni corps in 2004 and 2010. He later joined the Star United Drum and Bugle Corps from Bloomington and competed in DCA for six gold-medal seasons. Randy moved to Lima in the mid-90’s to take a position at WTLW and eventually moved to The Ad-Man and Anne Decker Marketing. In June 2014 he joined the staff at Your Hometown Stations as a Production Editor. He produced hundreds of commercials in the local area, starting behind the camera all the way to editing the final product. He got a kick out of seeing “his” commercials on air. Nine years ago his love for music led him to join the Lima Area Concert Band. He was on their Board of Directors, and in charge of a special 50th anniversary project. If you knew Randy, you know he was passionate about many things, old war movies, setting up epic battles with his little green Army men, the TV show MASH (he could recite every line), the Red Wings, MSU basketball, watching and cheering on his son at competitive swim meets, puzzles, memes, and his love of Christmas. It was not uncommon for him to put up more than 15 trees each year, but his real love was always the lights, both indoor and outdoor. He even threw several spirited ugly Christmas sweater parties. Randy is survived by sons, Zachary (Madelyne) Riley (MN) and Christopher Soules (Lima); parents, Mike Soules (MI) and Barbara Nitecki-Soules (Lima); sister, Lori (Rick) Valenzuela; brother, Brian (Jessica) Soules; nephews, Nicholas and Kendall; niece, Taylor; close friend, Shelley Dineen; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and very dear and special friends. He was preceded in death by daughter, Mary Elizabeth; grandparents, Austin and Norma Soules, George and Agnes Nitecki; several uncles and a cousin. Due to restrictions on gatherings, a small family service was held on Saturday, April 18, 2020 at the Chiles Funeral and Cremation Services, Shawnee Chapel. Rev Kent Kaufman officiated. A celebration of life will take place at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Lima Area Concert Band or LimaCommunityFoundation.org or JonniesGoodguys.org, a non-profit organization supporting heart health run by the Star of Indiana alumni. Randy, we’ll leave the Christmas lights on for you.

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Carol Frymark

Cheryl Edwards
Suzanne Ruth (Weston) Mitchell  
1938 – 2020
Suzanne Ruth (Weston) Mitchell - age 82, formerly of Fenton, died Friday, May 1, 2020. Private burial has taken place due to social distancing requirements. A public memorial service will be announced at a later date. Suzanne was born January 31, 1938 in Detroit, the daughter of Harold W. and Ruth (Motteram) VanBuhler. She was a graduate of Redford High School. Suzanne was a Manufacturer’s Representative for many years retiring in 2008. She truly loved sales and interacting with customers. Suzanne was very independent and adventurous. She enjoyed traveling, shopping, bowling, pontooning and being part of the Lake Shannon Association. Surviving are two daughters, Laura and husband, Tim Briney of Clarkston and Colleen Weston, D.O. and husband, Mike Rebock, D.O. of Birmingham; six grandchildren, Madeline, Tyler, Daniel, Justin, Andrew and Jessie. Suzanne was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Daniel Weston in 1977; second husband, Willard Mitchell in 1997; and sister, Judy Mulcahy. Arrangements entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (www.jdrf.org). Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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Mack Smith  

Nancy Clair  

Kenneth “Butch” Lafferty  

Joesph Gil  

Mrs. Wanda O. Lortz  
1934 – 2020
Mrs. Wanda O. Lortz - age 85, died peacefully Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at Fenton Health Care. Wanda was a one of a kind, funny, and assertive woman. She was born in Arkansas and moved to Michigan at the age of 16. She married William O. Lortz and was a homemaker and volunteer at the local ambulance service. Wanda is survived by her children, William E. Lortz of Alabama, Tamela O. Lortz and Deborah Weber, both from Holly; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; siblings, Marvin Midkiff, Cloyce Midkiff, and Brend Jackson; and many nieces, nephews, and friends. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.

Robert Newbury  

James R. Tye  
Kevin William Kirk
1966 – 2020
Kevin William Kirk - age 53, of Fenton, passed away on Saturday, May 2, 2020. Private services will take place.
Arrangements provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Kevin was born on September 8, 1966 in Flint, the son of Amuel M. Kirk Jr. and Martha J. Prock-Kirk. He graduated from Fenton High School, class of 1984. Kevin and Penny Hammarlein were united in marriage on June 18, 1993 in Fenton. He worked for Dust Busters in Burton. Kevin was a loving husband and father, who loved to spend time with his family. In his free time, he enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping and gardening.


House Bill 5709: Revise penalties for violating governor’s orders during declared emergency
To revise the penalties in the laws that authorize a governor to assume extraordinary powers during an emergency, including the statewide “lockdowns” ordered under the 2020 coronavirus epidemic. The current law makes violations “a misdemeanor,” and the bill would add a “civil infraction” provision and specify fines of either $100 for individuals, and up to $500 for businesses or other entities. House Bill 5710 makes the same change in the other state of emergency law.
Passed 62 to 38 in the House
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☑ YES
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) ☑ YES

Senate Resolution 111: Urge governor to allow elective procedures in hospitals: Adopted on a voice vote
To adopt a non-binding resolution that would “urge the Governor to allow elective procedures in hospitals and to allow healthcare providers the freedom to determine their capacity to handle elective procedures.”

House Resolution 250: Authorize lawsuit over epidemic emergency orders: Adopted on a voice vote
To authorize the Speaker of the House to commence legal action on behalf of the House of Representatives, challenging the authority and actions of the Governor, and the executive branch generally, taken during the coronavirus epidemic.
Dauner Martin Nature Sanctuary is a gem on northern edge of Fenton City

By David Troppens

Editor’s note: The entire state is dealing with stay-at-home restrictions, which has limited a lot of the outdoor activities one can enjoy. However, there is at least one family activity that remains — trail walking. The tri-county area has plenty of trails families can explore in a variety of environments, within a reasonable amount of time.

Occasionally, the sports staff plans on detailing some of these area trails. Today’s first installment will be the Dauner Martin Nature Sanctuary located in Fenton. Today’s focus will be on its blue trail.

The Dauner Martin Nature Sanctuary is a 155-acre area featuring 4.5 miles of foot paths with starting locations on Dauner Road and on North Leroy Road near VG’s and Guns Galore gun shop. The area traces back to 1863 when Phillip Dauner purchased the land to grow hops for his Fenton brewery. Years later, his great-grandchild Robert Dauner spent years planting pines on the land. In 1998, the Dauner family donated the territory, creating the woods we know today.

See DAUNER on 35

Looking back — Fenton XC teams dominate Metro at first jamboree

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.

Linden — Alexa Keiser is entering her senior season.

Entering Wednesday’s first Metro League cross country jamboree, Fenton’s star runner was a perfect 9-for-9 during her first three years in jamborees on the Tigers’ squad.

She made it 10 straight jamboree victories, crushing the field in the 5K girls race with a time of 19:00.6 at Linden Middle School.

Keiser helped her team to a first-place finish with 26 points, 27 less points than second-place Flushing. Fenton’s varsity boys team was without its No. 1 runner, Adam Jesse, but it ended up not mattering too much as the Fenton boys won the men’s jamboree with 61 points, 27 points less than second-place Linden.

Both Fenton teams are three-time defending league champs, and Wednesday’s results seemingly suggest they are the clear-cut favorites to make it four straight league championships.

Keiser has some lofty goals this fall.

“I want to win all the Metros and create history a little bit,” Keiser said. “I don’t think (anyone has ever won 12 Metro races).”

Both Fenton varsity squads dominated by posting their top five runners before anyone else had more than three runners finished. Fenton’s female scorers placed first through 11th overall, finishing before any other squad had more than two runners done. Meanwhile, the Fenton boys had all five of their scorers finish within the top 21.

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The woods includes many trails and each is well designated on a map at both entrances. The distances walked vary depending on the trail you select, but none is longer than the blue trail that is listed at 1.66 miles long. Other trails are about a mile long.

One of the nice features of this park is how close it’s located to the city itself, yet when you are walking through the sanctuary it’s easy to forget how close you are to it. Also, the path has plenty of diversity and gives you opportunities to see plenty of wildlife.

The blue trail is a trail I walk frequently. For the entrance we typically use, the trail starts with the walk down Dauner’s dirt road. Deer are usually more visible from the road than from any of the trails in the park. We enter through the Dauner Road entrance, which begins in a typical wooded environment with a large, level path.

The trail will take you from a traditional wooded area to the first area of pine trees on this path. It’s a beautiful, open trail that is surrounded by the trees until you reach a small, open field that eventually takes you to what used to be the defining feature of the path — the park’s largest tree. However, that tree has been uprooted and now lies on a 45-degree angle with a danger sign located on it. Still, looking at it one can recognize the enormous size this tree once was.

Once you walk beyond the tree, one starts walking near more of a swampish area. A boardwalk takes you by an area that can be very damp at times, and takes you to a small pond where you can frequently hear frogs as well as see ducks, swans and many other animals. The water level varies depending on the time of year.

From there the trail takes you through a traditional Michigan forest until you reach what is the largest swamp/pond on the territory for the first of two times. The pond includes the same animals as the other, but one can occasionally see turtles (a favorite of our family) on logs within the water body.

1984 Tigers broke some Major League Baseball records during early May

By David Troppens

Editor’s note: The Major League Baseball season hasn’t yet and may not. To make up for the loss of the season, we’ll be reliving the last Detroit Tigers’ World Championship season, 1984, with occasional stories. We’ll be looking at the start of May in this edition.

The Tigers were 18-2 and began May with the final three games of a six-game home stand. After beating the Indians two-out-of-three games, the Red Sox were headed to Tiger Stadium. May started just like April did, with a win.

The Tigers’ offense crushed Boston, earning an 11-2 victory in the opener of the series. Chet Lemon hit two home runs while Lemon and newbies Rusty Kuntz and Barbara Garbey all had three hits. Alan Trammell entered the month with a .403 batting average, and only helped it by extending his hitting streak to 18 games with two more in the opener. The Tigers (19-2) had played only 21 games, but were already 6 1/2 games ahead of the rest of the division.

The Tigers proved to be a little human in the second game, losing 5-4. Detroit had the tying run on second with just one out in the ninth, but were unable to score. The Tigers also lost the last game of the series, dropping a 1-0 contest. The Tigers were held to just six hits while Boston scored the winning run on Dwight Evans’s solo home run against Jack Morris. Detroit was now 19-4 as they headed for a six-game road trip.

The Tigers rebounded from the series loss to Boston with a three-game sweep of the Indians in Cleveland, running the Tigers road win streak to 10 games. The Tigers won the first game relatively easily as Detroit had 13 hits and Cleveland had five errors, resulting in a 9-2 Tigers’ win. The weekend games were one-run thrillers.

Chet Lemon led Detroit in Saturday’s game, going 4-for-4 with three RBI and his seventh home run of the season. Cleveland had a chance to win the game in the ninth.

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