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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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Just sayin'...

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 possibil-



ity. 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



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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 pres-

sure, 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 anld 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'!

PUBLIC NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS MAY 4, 2020

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday May 4, 2020 via telephone conference call and took the following actions.

- 1. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of \$192,094.29.
- After conducted a public hearing on same, adopted Resolution No. 2020-05, confirming the special assessment roll for the Silver Ridge Street Improve ment Special Assessment District.
- 3. Received the first quarter report from Ordinance Enforcement Officer Pat Shaw.
- 4. Adopted a revised pay scale for the Fenton Township Fire Department.
- 5. Approved the purchase of TV studio equipment for the telecast of public meetings, using restricted PEG funds only.
- 6. Trustee Goupil offered a closing prayer.
- 7. Adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and will be available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430 when the office reopens to the public. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

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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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Even though campgrounds are currently closed, planning and prepping 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-athome" 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 DNRoperated 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/ DNRClosures.



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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, and to conduct any minimum basic operations presented to the Planning Commission.
- 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.
 - 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) (888) 475-4499 (US Toll-free) +1 (312) 626-6799 +1 (929) 205-6099
- 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.
- 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.

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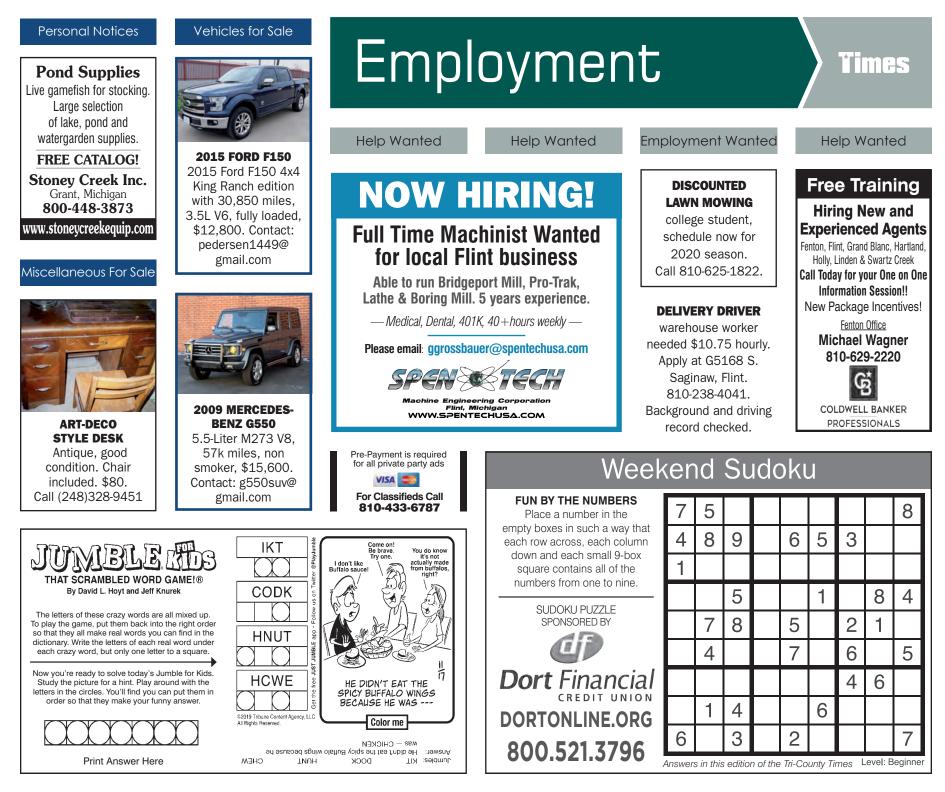
Puzzle Answers

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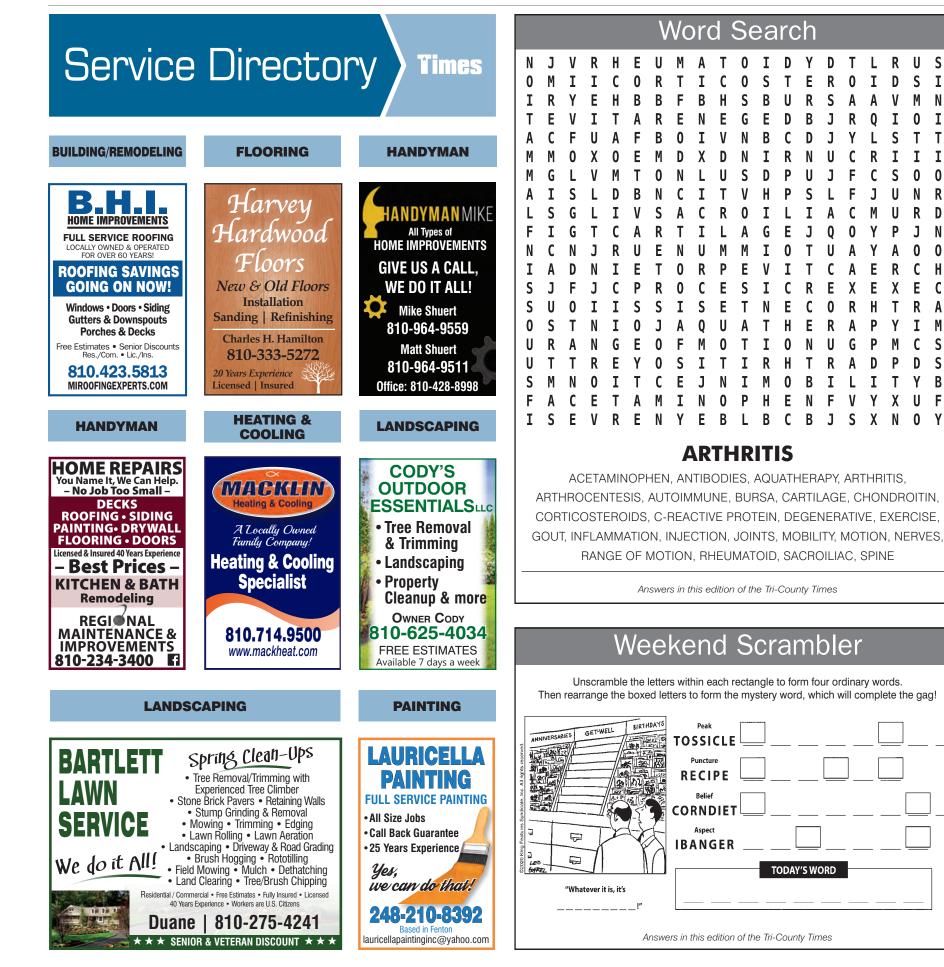
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Obituaries



Stephana Mary Feetham 1919 - 2020Stephana 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 (Salabrura) 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. sharpfuneralhomes.com



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 vears 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 Jerrimy (Kristen) Steele and Jon (Melissa) Steele all of Fenton. He had eight grandchildren including, Angelina Drago, Dominic Drago, Vincent Drago, Amanda Stacy, Trevor Stacy,

Adele Lafave

Adele Lafave - age 95, died May 4, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Alexandra Rozen

Alexandra Rozen - age 45, died May 2, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Everette "Johnny" Steele 1937 - 2020



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.

Carol Frymark

Carol Frymark - age 77, died May 3, 2020, Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Cheryl Edwards

Cheryl Edwards - age 26, died May 2, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



OBITUARIES ONLINE MYFENTON.COM

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 Communications from

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in 1987 and went on to



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 receive a Bachelor's Degree meets, puzzles, memes, and his love of Christmas. It was Western Michigan University. not uncommon for him to put up more than 15 trees participation in music began each year, but his real love was always the lights, both saxophone in the fifth grade. indoor and outdoor. He even threw several spirited ugly programs through high school Christmas sweater parties. and was a five-year member of Randy is survived by sons, the Bronco Marching Band in Zachary (Madelyne) Riley college. He was a member of (MN) and Christopher Soules (Lima), parents, Mike Soules Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Delta (MI) and Barbara Nitecki-Soules (Lima); sister, Lori In 1986 he joined the brass (Rick) Valenzuela; brother, Brian (Jessica) Soules; Drum and Bugle Corps from nephews, Nicholas and Bloomington, IN, marched for Kendall; niece, Taylor; close five years, and participated friend, Shelley Dineen; and in the alumni corps in 2004 many aunts, uncles, cousins and 2010. He later joined the and very dear and special friends. He was preceded Star United Drum and Bugle Corps and competed in DCA in death by daughter, Mary for six gold-medal seasons. Elizabeth: grandparents. Randy moved to Lima in the Austin and Norma Soules, mid-90's to take a position George and Agnes Nitecki; several uncles and a cousin. moved to The Ad-Man and Due to restrictions on Anne Decker Marketing. In gatherings, a small family June 2014 he joined the staff service was held on Saturday, at Your Hometown Stations April 18, 2020 at the Chiles-Funeral and Cremation Services, Shawnee Chapel. Rev Kent Kaufman officiated. commercials in the local area, starting behind the camera A celebration of life will take all the way to editing the final place at a later date. Memorial product. He got a kick out of donations may be made to the seeing "his" commercials on Lima Area Concert Band or air. Nine years ago his love for LimaCommunityFoundation. music led him to join the Lima org or JonniesGoodguys. Area Concert Band. He was org, a non-profit organization supporting heart health on their Board of Directors, run by the Star of Indiana 50th anniversary project. If you alumni. Randy, we'll leave the knew Randy, you know he was Christmas lights on for you.

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Obituaries



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.



Viviano Cuevas Jr. Viviano Cuevas Jr. - age 76, died May 5, 2020. Services provided by Sharp

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William Felice William Felice - age 75, died May 1, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Reba Lewis

Reba Lewis - age 87, died April 30, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Susan Russell

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Giovanni Finateri Giovanni Finateri - age 79, died May 4, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Jack Frost

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Joesph Gil

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Mack Smith Mack Smith - age 93, died May 1. 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Nancy Clair

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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.



1966 - 2020Kevin 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 Hammerlein were united in marriage on June 18, 1993 in Flint. 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. He is survived by his loving wife, Penny L. Kirk; daughters, Karen M. Hammerlein, Danielle B. Hammond and Nichole A. Kirk; grandchildren, Zachary Powell, Keiren Cartstenson, Keighlee Cartstensen, Rylee Maddock, and Lily Ann Veselsky; step-mother, Kathleen L. Kirk; sisters, Cynthia A. Harless, Suzanne R. Erickson and Kimberly K. McNamee; nephews, Matthew Harless, Kirk Patrick McNamee and Stephen M. Kirk Jr.; and nieces, Megan McNamee and Jennifer Stevens. Kevin was preceded in death by his mother, Martha J. Prock-Kirk; father, Amuel M. Kirk Jr.; brother, Stephen M. Kirk; grandmother, Clara Kirkpatrick-Kirk; grandfather, Amuel M. Kirk; and nephew, Ryan Labine. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page of www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Compiled by Sharon Stone —

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, May 1.

Senate Bill 858: Accelerate lifting of epidemic lockdowns - to amend a 1976 "Emergency Management Act," one of two state laws that grant extraordinary emergency powers to a governor.

This law limits these powers to 28 days unless extended by the legislature, which on the same day as this vote the legislature declined to do. This make makes Gov. Whitmer's exercise of emergency powers more reliant on a 1945 "Emergency Powers of Governor" law, which does not limit how long a governor may retain these powers and does not require legislative approval.

The bill does two things. It essentially "writes into" this law ("incorporates by reference") the current coronavirus epidemic executive orders that have been imposed under its authority, but with different termination dates for many than in the governor's order. In general, orders that are more restrictive of business reopening get earlier end-dates, and ones easing state regulations (including those on medical care providers and facilities) are extended for a longer time. Bars and restaurants could reopen with social distancing protocols on May 16 under the bill.

Second, it adds to this law "social distancing" protocols for businesses and public accommodations that are somewhat more general and flexible than those in the current orders.

On the day the bill passed, an angry breakdown occurred in lockdown-easing negotiations between Michigan's Republican Senate Majority Leader. This bill will not be signed by the governor and will not go into law, but may be significant as a political statement from the majority party in a co-equal branch of government, the legislature.

Passed 22 to 16 in the Senate

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Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14)	🔀 YES
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15)	🔀 YES
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22)	🗙 YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	🔀 NO
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	🔀 YES
Passed 59 to 41 in the House	
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)	🔀 YES
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51)	🗙 YES

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) X YES Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) XYES

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.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE CITY IS going ahead to build the bike path that we voted down. We already have a non-motorized bike path; it's called sidewalks and they are in desperate need of repair.

TO DEMOCRATS. DO you get it that Democrat leadership only wants to increase the size and reach of government over our lives?

ITHINK THE most disgusting people are those who snitch to the government that a neighbor has their kids over. This is Nazi Germany behavior. The purpose is to further divide us so that no one will trust another, and rely on our new parent, the government.

MY HUSBAND AND father both passed in 2019. I received their \$1,200. The IRS asked for the money to be sent back. Does anyone out there have any other information?

SO, WHERE IS the big virus spike from all those protestors in Lansing a couple of weeks ago?

WHY IS YOUTUBE and Facebook censuring dissenting opinions?

IT SEEMS TO me that the governor is delaving letting us go back to work and is now pushing vote by mail for our 'safety.'







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.

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

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Occasionally, the sports staff plans 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

This dead tree used to be the greatest destination at Danuer Martin Nature Sanctuary. Even during its death it remains a giant within the woods. Photo: David Troppens

Sports Times

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 Fenton varsity girls (above) and boys (right) cross country teams won their first Metro League jamborees during the fall of 2019. Their wins began a string of three Metro victories for both en route to dominating league titles. Photos: David Troppens







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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 Anyone walking the 1.66-mile blue path at Dauner Martin Nature Sanctuary will see some of these sites during their walk. There are diverse types of environments within the park. Pictured here are a pine tree portion of the path (above) about to transition to a field. (Left) This swamp has plenty of wildlife within it. **Photos: David Troppens**

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.

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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 Barbaro 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 af the season. Cleveland had a chance to win the game in the ninth.

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