

Sheriff's marine patrol begins this weekend

■ Six deputies have use of pontoon, boat, personal watercraft to monitor lake activity

By Sharon Stone

Memorial Day weekend is the unofficial beginning of summer in Michigan for many people.

With so many lakes in the tri-county area,

many lakefront property owners have their docks, boats and pontoons in and start their boating season over the holiday. Adding to the enjoyment is the fact that temperatures are expected to reach the low 80s this weekend in the tri-county area.

The Genesee County Sheriff's Office Marine Division also looks at this weekend as the beginning of their summer

season for patrolling area lakes.

Sheriff Chris Swanson said the marine division, which is funded by a Department of Natural Resources grant, has been trained and is ready to go. There will be six deputies, three of whom are returning from last year's assignment of patrolling the lakes.

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The Genesee County Sheriff's Office Marine Division will be visible on area lakes all summer. **Times** file photo



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Township adopts COVID-19 response plan

■ Includes taking temperatures, cleaning surfaces and more

By Hannah Ball

The Fenton Township Board of Trustees adopted a COVID-19 response plan Monday, May 18 during the conference call meeting.

The vote was 6-1, with Trustee Mark Goupil dissenting.

Fenton Township hourly employees began working two days a week in the office beginning Monday, May 18, and this plan will help employees go back to work.

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Fenton staff feed first responders



Phil Loving, orderly at Hurley Medical Center, carries a box of desserts from Fun With Frosting on Tuesday, May 19, after a group of Fenton teachers dropped off food from the bakery and 100 sandwiches and water bottles from the Fenton Deli to feed those fighting COVID-19 at the hospital.

See story on page 3. Photo: Hannah Ball

AAA: Pandemic suppresses holiday travel

■ Travelers research and plan future trips for when it's deemed safe to travel

For the first time in 20 years, AAA will not issue a Memorial Day travel forecast, as the accuracy of the economic data used to create the forecast has been undermined by COVID-19.

The annual forecast, which estimates the number of people traveling over the holiday weekend, will return next year.

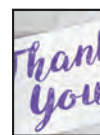
Anecdotal reports suggest fewer people will hit the road compared to years past for what is considered the unofficial start of the summer travel season.

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“Total surprise! Wednesday evening around 8:30 p.m., at the local Taco Bell, a

person in red truck in front of us treated us to our meal. Don't know you but thank you. You made our day and we will pay it forward. Peace.”



“Thank you to whoever found my driver's license and insurance card

at Walmart. It would have been a nightmare to replace them.”



“All you people hoarding the toilet paper, cut it out.”



Knee Pain Treatment Without Surgery

By Erica Rainer

Are you suffering from some form of chronic or debilitating knee pain? The symptoms of knee pain can seem to start suddenly or slowly and gradually worsens over time. Noticeable issues may include some or all of these conditions; swelling and tenderness, buckling or locking of the knee joints, cracking or popping sounds, decreased range of motion, weakness, pain in the morning or after inactivity, pain when walking, discomfort when climbing stairs or rising from a seated position or kneeling along with many other uncomfortable situations. These problems can arise from a vast number of issues such as

Are you or someone you love suffering with chronic knee pain that is causing you and those around you to miss out on cherished and fun times along with the inability to make beautiful memories?

You are not alone. More than 30% of adults in the U.S. are dealing with some form of life altering knee pain. Knee or joint pain is actually one of the leading causes of chronic degenerative disease in the U.S.

"When patients come see us, many have been placed on medications which clearly won't heal their underlying problem however some are not a candidate for surgery and others have already had a failed surgery and simply don't want to go down that road again or even start down

Your Invitation for a comprehensive Knee Pain Consultation & Examination to determine if you are a candidate for treatment... Our paper has teamed up with Dr. Ide's team once again to help readers learn about new options for finding pain relief! All you have to do to receive a comprehensive **Knee Pain Consultation & Examination** with the most advanced Pain Free Testing and a full, easy to understand report of findings with Dr. Ide's team is **Call 810-207-1132** Mention this article (**Code:KNEE520**) they have agreed to reduce the usual consultation and exam fee of \$210 to just \$49. But hurry, due to



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Osteoarthritis, Patellar Tracking, Knee Tracking Issues, weight gain, past injury, failed surgery, the inability to have motion in the knee or many other underlying issues.

"The general problem with mainstream medical when evaluating and treating knee pain is that we tend to rely on drugs, surgeries and cortisone injections, which are only acute care or emergency approaches but in most cases knee pain is a degenerative condition and there are no medications or surgeries that will slow down or reverse this sort of degenerative process" said

Dr. Michael Weiss D.C., head of patient care implementation at Painless Chiropractic & Neuropathy Treatment Center of Fenton MI. The majority of people that suffer with knee pain rely on non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs which are shown to attribute to a minimum of 16,500 NSAID-related deaths each year with osteoarthritis patients alone, however... if left untreated **the condition can eventually lead to further knee and nerve damage, causing the need of a cane, walker or complete loss of the ability to walk and even amputation in some cases.**

thankfully our Knee Pain Protocol has an extremely high success rate, we won't accept a patient unless the team has confidence that the program will work. I guess that is why our reputation is so good." said Kaitlin Johnson the Patient Coordinator at the Fenton Clinic.

Imagine a life without knee pain... With recent advancements utilizing in clinic technology and treatment options, clinics all over the world are seeing larger success rates and faster results with their chronic, degenerative, knee and joint pain patients. "This new technology paired with a multifaceted approach, has been life altering for our patients and our clinic. We have only just begun spreading the good word about many of the successful protocols our clinic offers and there has yet to be one that has been anything less than miraculous." said Dr. James Ide, the clinic director at Painless Chiropractic & Neuropathy Treatment Center.

We have said it before and will say it again, the office has been the talk of the town due to the fantastic results patients see regarding treatment options to initiate healing, enhance function and the quality of their life.

"I am now able to walk the golf course with my son and take walks with my wife, without pain. ~ Jim H. Fenton"

the number of patients the office can see, this is a limited time offer, with only 25 Appointments available at this exclusively discounted rate. As always, these will be on a first come, first serve basis, (messages left will count).

My advice to you is don't wait or suffer any longer, waiting around for it to get worse... If you or your loved one is experiencing chronic and debilitating knee pain don't allow it to progress to a point where you are out of options. Find out if the their Painless Knee Pain Protocol can help you get back to your every day activities without pain and agony.

Over the years they have treated thousands of patients with chronic conditions like Knee Pain, Neuropathy, Sciatica, Back & Neck problems, Whiplash Injuries along with Vertigo and childhood illnesses. Their protocols treat the underlying conditions of the body, stopping the

pain and facilitating the healing process. The office is well known for tackling chronic conditions and has a good reputation. The vast majority of their patients enjoy superior, lasting relief. In fact, many who have suffered and tried other treatment options with no luck, only to have been told that they are just stuck with their pain and discomfort, have credited the care team at Dr. Ide's office for giving them their lives back!

Call them now at their **Fenton location, off US-23** for a full, thorough Consultation and extensive Knee Pain Examination at \$49(saving you \$161) to determine the severity of your condition and learn if and how, Dr. Ide and his team can help you recover, just as they have helped so many others.

CALL NOW 810-207-1132

The clinic is OPEN
Mon., Wed., Thur. 9am-6pm

Fenton teachers feed first responders

■Community can donate to Gofundme to help feed those fighting COVID-19

By Hannah Ball

Flint — While teachers are settling into instructing students online, many are also making sure the first responders in their community are getting fed. Dozens of Fenton Area Public Schools (FAPS) employees have raised thousands to feed those fighting COVID-19 in Fenton. It started when Jill Smigielski, Fenton AGS Middle School teacher, was feeling “overwhelmed and frustrated and helpless” at the end of March when news about the virus was increasing and many businesses had to shut down.

One of her friends lost her father from COVID-19, and she saw more posts from people online who were worried about their family members working on the front lines. “Feeling helpless isn’t a good feeling. I was scared for them and wanted to do something,” she said. Smigielski called Maria McFarland, who teaches



For the past two months, Fenton employees have been donating to a fund that buys food for people on the front lines fighting COVID-19. On Tuesday, May 19, they delivered sandwiches and water bottles from the Fenton Deli, as well as treats from Fun With Frosting. **Photo: Hannah Ball**

at Tomek-Eastern Elementary School. “I started thinking about the restaurants that are losing business and are closing,” she said, adding that she was aware of the Facebook group Front Line

Appreciation Group (FLAG) Metro Detroit. “I wanted to do something smaller.”

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Building Brands

Planning for what's next when what's next isn't clear

As the last printed piece of my presentation came off the printer, I received word the event I was preparing for was postponed. That was in mid-March and the first of many postponements because of the pandemic.

The presentation I was working on surrounded event planning. Since View Newspaper Group began hosting community events, we have been happy to share what we've learned. A signature piece of our events is that each one has a nonprofit partner. In just eight years, we've raised more than \$113,000 for area nonprofits. Events are a part of who we are and who we will be. But if the speaking engagement I was preparing for takes place on its rescheduled date, I'll be preparing a new presentation. Events as we once knew them are changed. It may not be forever, but it's for now.

After the initial wave of COVID-19 changed, our team began to think about how we move forward

with events. Full disclosure, you aren't going to find any answers in this column regarding our specific events. We've been working behind the scenes, but we don't know what the future holds yet.

One avenue we've explored is virtual events. I've attended a couple in the past few weeks and I give major kudos to groups for making it happen.

I recently watched a webinar on the topic. While it was specific to virtual events, I realized a lot of the ideas shared can be applied to any aspect in the business world right now. Here are some things to think about as you move forward:

We still need to network and build connections — Whether it's via text, email, phone or video conferencing, we have to find ways to get together.

Give yourself time to adapt and embrace the new world — Take the time you need to get your ducks in a row and then go for it.



Emily Caswell

Acknowledge things are different — A virtual event, a restaurant with less capacity, a town without a summer festival — it's all different. Go ahead and say it out loud.

Approach everything with empathy — Everyone in the world is dealing with the same challenges. Prove it with empathy.

Be transparent — No one has it all figured out. There are going to be glitches. At one virtual event, the DJ had technical issues but couldn't leave the platform because we'd lose the music. So, she took a phone call and got the problem fixed while we kept celebrating.

Bring the energy — Speaking of celebrations — this one is easy!

Over communicate — Whatever is changing or staying the same you have to tell everyone. Your customers, your team, your neighbor.

Get back to basics — Why do you do what you do? What do you love about what you do? Ask yourself and then proceed.

The future isn't clear, but it's coming. Get ready.

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Compiled by Sharon Stone, editor

Question asked to Tri-County Times' Facebook followers

Hotlines

Submit Hot lines online at myfenton.com or text to 810-771-8398

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is big government, Soviet-style Socialism including: open borders, sanctuary cities, extreme abortion and gun control policies, weak on crime, trade and military, high taxes, free healthcare and college for illegals, \$100 trillion green deal bankrupting the U.S. This comes from the Karl Marx 1848 Manifesto.

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I HAVE NOTHING but admiration for our governor. She sticks up for what she feels is best for her constituents rather than giving in to intimidation. It's not a popularity contest. She tries to base her decisions on facts. She prioritizes our safety and our lives over dollars.

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I CAN'T WAIT until Trump is reelected to see all these liberals lose their minds. Get ready to scream, but it's not going to help.

■■■

IN WWII, WE considered 418,000 deaths a price worth paying to avoid living under a dictatorship. What a difference 75 years makes.

What sport or sports team do you miss watching the most? | streettalk



"We need youth hockey back."

Kevin Ward
Fenton



"I miss watching the Red Wings."

Richard Parker
Grand Blanc



"I was very excited to watch the Flint City Bucks play. They are the USL League Two soccer champions. The games are so fun to watch."

Ryan Tackabury
Flint



"Local high school sports."

Christine Heron
Fenton



"The NCAA basketball cancellation was a killer."

Mary T. Johnson
Fenton

Treasurer's office warns of fake letters in collections scam

The Genesee County Treasurer's office is alerting residents of fake letters that demand immediate payment for an outstanding tax debt, penalties, and interest owed to the State of Michigan.

The letter states that if the warning is ignored, the State of Michigan will seize property and may impose garnishment on all bank accounts and income.

The return address on this letter is:
Tax Processing Unit
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Genesee County
Public Judgment Records

Genesee County Treasurer Deb Cherry confirmed with the State of Michigan that these letters are questionable, and urges anyone who receives this letter to contact the Genesee County Sheriff's office at (810) 257-3407. Sheriff Chris Swanson said that any effort to take advantage of people will be investigated.

Taxpayers who receive a letter from a scammer or have questions about their state debts should also call Treasury's Collections Service Center at (517) 636-5265. A customer service representative can log the scam, verify outstanding state debts and provide flexible payment options.

Cherry would like to remind all Genesee County residents that delinquent tax foreclosures will not occur until March 31, 2021, based on the hardship so many people are facing due to COVID-19.

Even though foreclosures will not occur this year, taxes can still be paid.

"If it is at all possible, please make payments on your taxes, even if it is a partial payment," Cherry said. "The tax bills will continue to grow so it is important to pay the taxes before the

balances become too high".

Payments can be made online at genesee-county-treasurer.com where there is a link to make online payments. If paying by mail, the check should be made payable to the Genesee County Treasurer and mailed to the Genesee County Treasurer, 1101 Beach St., Flint, MI 48502. Include the parcel number or address with all correspondence.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

QUESTION: IS WHITMER
incompetent, a tyrant, a dictator or a left wing socialist? Answer: Yes.

THE GENERATIONS BEFORE
us had to sacrifice a lot more than wearing masks. If this is all we sacrifice as a generation, no one should complain.

STILL THINK THERE'S no deep state?

THERE'S ONLY ONE way to beat the Wuhan virus in the foreseeable future here. Immunity.

DO YOU WONDER why the loudest voice about 'voter fraud concerns' seem to come from conservatives? Pelosi is working very hard to block measures proposed to eliminate non-citizen voters. Voting in America is a privilege for citizens only. I don't want my vote canceled by an illegal immigrant.

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Holly Village to appoint new council member

■ To replace Chris Rankin who submitted resignation last week

By Sharon Stone

During the Tuesday, May 12 Holly Village Council meeting, Village Council Member Chris Rankin submitted his resignation.

Rankin was first appointed to the Holly Village Council in April 2013 to serve the remainder of Council Member Tom Clark's term after he resigned. Rankin ran and won his seat for another two years in November 2014. Rankin

also was reelected in 2016 and 2018.

In February, Rankin's wife, Nicole Edwards, stepped down from her volunteer roles with the Historic District Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Both are appointed positions.

Thomas McKenney, village president, said the village council will appoint a person to serve the balance of Rankin's term, which ends Nov. 3, 2020. "I anticipate the council will appoint Mr. Rankin's successor at the regular June meeting," McKenney said.

Rankin did not respond to the Times requests for comment.



Chris Rankin

COVID-19 hotline available 24/7

■ Call 888-535-6136 for free, confidential, emotional support counseling

Confidential emotional support counseling is now available 24/7 at no cost to Michiganders who call the state's COVID-19 hotline. The service is part of a federally funded grant program implemented by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration (BHDDA) in partnership with the Michigan State Police (MSP).

Callers to the COVID-19 hotline will hear a recording that begins by saying to press "8" if they would like to speak with a Michigan Stay Well counselor. The counselors, though not licensed professionals, have received specialized training from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration's (SAMHSA) Disaster Technical Assistance Center on how to provide emotional support to residents of federally declared disaster areas. A major disaster was declared in Michigan on Friday, March 27, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

BHDDA hopes that adding Stay Well counseling services to the hotline will provide callers with relief from the mental health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Emerging or lingering anxiety, distress, irritability and loss of hope are important feelings to recognize in ourselves and others, and it can help to talk to someone," said Dr. Debra Pinals, psychiatrist and MDHHS medical director for behavioral health. "If it's helpful, the counselors can also provide callers with referrals to local mental health agencies and substance use disorder support services."

"Because of COVID-19, many of us are grappling with strong emotions, including anxiety, depression and fear," said MDHHS Director Robert Gordon. "We want Michiganders to know it is okay to have these feelings — and okay to ask for help. You don't have to carry this burden alone."

Michigan Stay Well counselors are available any time, day or night, by dialing the COVID-19 hotline at 888-535-6136 and pressing 8 when prompted.

State employee volunteers also continue to answer general COVID-19 questions on the hotline. The current hours for general questions are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

To access a variety of emotional support resources in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis, visit michigan.gov/StayWell.

Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at michigan.gov/Coronavirus and [CDC.gov/Coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/Coronavirus).



Mark McCabe

67th District Court

Ask the

judge

We shall return

It is no secret that at the present time Michigan courts are operating at less than full capacity because of the pandemic.

Although essential and other selected services are being provided, we all hope that the situation will end soon and the day will come when we can get back to normal.

I now can say with certainty that as to the courts, that day is getting closer and to paraphrase General Douglas MacArthur's famous promise, "We shall return."

The question is how and when?

The answer is found in a publication released May 6 by the Michigan Supreme titled, "Return To Full Capacity COVID-19 Guidelines For Michigan's Judiciary."

The following is a brief summary.

The starting point for what will eventually be a full unrestricted reopening of the courts is the proposition that protecting the health of the public and court employees is the first priority.

In order to accomplish this, the Guidelines have four progressive Phases with a court's plans for each Phase to be submitted to the Supreme Court's Administrative Office for review and approval.

Before the plans for each Phase can be approved, certain conditions must be met including there being no COVID-19 confirmed or suspected cases in the court facility for 14 days, a documented downward trajectory of cases for 14 days, a rescission of all local and state restricted movement/shelter in place orders, and there being sufficient capacity for local health care facilities to treat new patients.

After the preconditions are met, Phase One requirements include social distancing with tape or other visible markings (where practical), the wearing of personal protective equipment in public areas, specific facility sanitation, health screenings

TEACHERS

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She and McFarland talked about asking Fenton teachers and staff to donate to a fund that would help feed Fenton front line workers.

"I was thinking we might get 10, 15 people. Within an hour, we had 70 people. We had \$1,400 within an hour," she said.

FAPS Superintendent Adam Hartley heard about it, and they decided to make it a Fenton schools effort. They put more information out about what they were doing, and they raised almost \$2,000

more. As of early this week, they raised more than \$6,200 and spent about \$4,000. They now have a Gofundme that can be found by searching "Fenton Feeds First Responders."

They pick up food from Fenton Deli, Jersey Mike's, Beale Street Smokehouse BBQ, Mancino's of Fenton, Cancun Mexican Restaurant and Cantina, Joe and Lewie's Penalty Box, Three Boy Bakery and Fun With Frosting.

So far, they've fed the Fenton police, McLaren ER twice, Wellbridge of Fenton, Vicinia Gardens Assisted Living of Fenton Township twice, Hometown Urgent Care and Occupational Health, Parkway Family Medicine, Fenton Family Medicine, Ascent Walk In, NovaCare Rehabilitation, Ascension Genesys Hospital, and Fenton Medical Center.

of all court users and employees, the closing of all large rooms to the extent possible, a limit of 10 people in courtrooms or other areas, and videoconferencing when possible.

There are a number of other requirements.

The requirements for each subsequent Phase are lessened to the point where in Phase Four they are eliminated entirely.

These are just the highlights with the entire plan being available at the Supreme Court's website.

We all want things to get better and to return. The Supreme Court has given us a way to do it. Let's hope for the best.

“They have been super accommodating and willing to work with us.”

Jill Smigielski

Fenton teacher, Fenton Feeds First Responders gofundme creator

On Tuesday, they bought food from Fenton Deli and Fun With Frosting and brought it to Hurley Medical Center in Flint.

Smigielski said they might feed three or five people at one place and 100 people at another. They only bring a few people to drop off the food because of social distancing guidelines.

"The restaurant owners have been awesome. They have been super accommodating and willing to work with us. We have told a few of them that we're not taking this food for free," she said, adding that some don't even want them to pay. "The response has been really appreciative of us bringing a meal to them."

About 150 people have donated, the majority being Fenton school staff.

"I think it's pretty amazing how

the Fenton schools community pulled together quickly to support frontline workers and restaurants during this time," she said.

McFarland said she wanted to start this fund because there were limited things they could do to help. They've been doing it for two months now, and she said everyone's been very "appreciative."

Jordan Brown, director of volunteer services at Hurley and also a Fenton graduate, said, "I just think it's a really cool full circle moment to see the community I grew up in to come back and help and support our organization."

She said things are going "well" at Hurley.

"It's a kind of crazy time in general and we're working through our patients we have left and doing everything we can to flatten the curve," she said. "I'm just really impressed with the community of Genesee County for everything they've done for us at Hurley. We feel the love and support."

The buck stays here!

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Synopsis of Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting May 18, 2020

Call to order @ 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Saad.

Present: Saad, Schmidt, Hallman, and Graves.

Approved: Minutes of the April 27, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

Approved: Payment of bills.

Approved: Budget Amendments.

Issued: 8 Building and Zoning Permits.

Accepted: Renewal terms of EMC Insurance Policy.

Adopted: Resolution 2020-2 establishing board member salaries for FY 220-2021.

Authorized: Clerk to amend line items to balance end of FY budget.

Date Set: Budget workshop to be held June 2, 2020 @ 6:30.

Adjourned @ 7:34 p.m.

Submitted by Denise Graves
Argentine Township Clerk



May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

■ Secretary of state urges drivers to watch for motorcycles as weather is more spring like

By Sharon Stone

In recognition of May as national Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson is encouraging motorists to take extra precautions and “look twice” for mo-

torcyclists, especially on city streets and at intersections.

“One of the most common misconceptions among drivers is that most motorcycle crashes happen on highways,” Benson said. “But crash statistics tell a different story. Motorcyclists are most likely to be involved in a crash with another vehicle on urban and suburban streets and at intersections.”

A rider and motorcycle present a smaller profile compared to the size of

most cars and trucks, meaning drivers miss them or do not immediately identify them as part of the traffic mix, with vehicles turning left at intersections being a particular risk. Motorists often fail to see an approaching rider in the oncoming lane and turn in front of them. That is why it is critical drivers be especially attentive in known high-risk crash areas, such as when making left turns and on city streets.

Know their signals. Motorcyclists often use hand signals, similar to bicyclists, to let others know their intentions on the road. A right turn is signaled by a left arm raised, a left turn by the left arm straight out to the side and a stop by the left arm downward.

Keep your distance. Many motorcyclists slow down by downshifting, which won’t activate the brake light. Allow yourself extra space when you’re following a motorcyclist, particularly on busy city streets.

MOTORCYCLE CRASH STATS

2018

(most recent stats from Michigan State Police)

Genesee County:

96 crashes, 2 fatalities

Livingston County:

49 crashes, 5 fatalities

Oakland County:

220 crashes, 12 fatalities

Michigan:

2,648 crashes, 126 fatalities

2017

Genesee County:

98 crashes, 3 fatalities

Livingston County:

52 crashes, 1 fatality

Oakland County:

273 crashes, 7 fatalities

Michigan:

2,886 crashes, 131 fatalities

2016

Genesee County:

134 crashes, 5 fatalities

Livingston County:

61 crashes, 1 fatality

Oakland County:

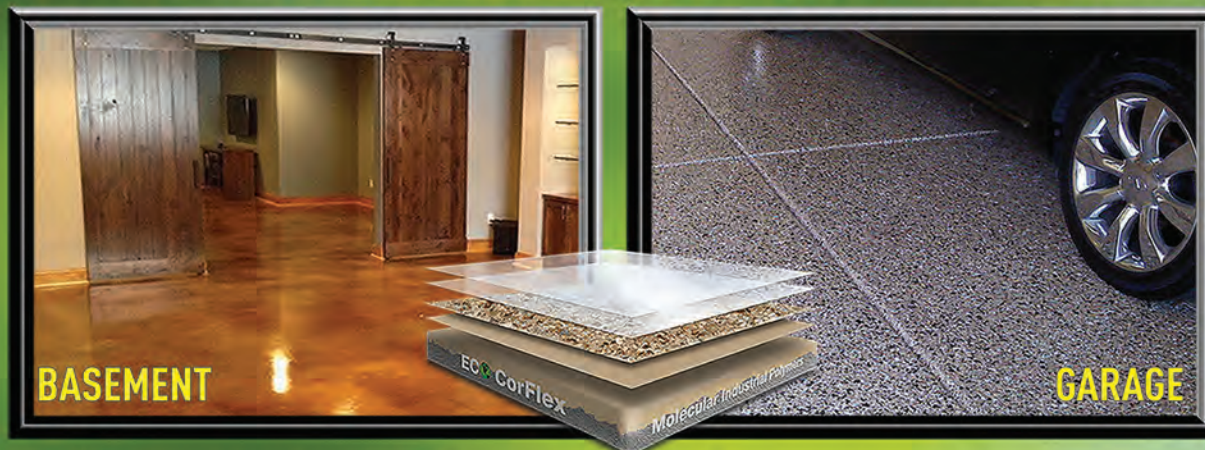
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Michigan:

3,274 crashes, 138 fatalities

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COVID-19

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Per Michigan Executive Order 2020-77, the township had to adopt a COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan for the employer and employees to follow to promote the health safety and general welfare of its employees and public offices in order to reduce the impact of COVID-19 infections at the workplace, according to a letter from Thomas Broecker, operations manager and deputy clerk.

The plan is based on recommended language from the Michigan Townships Association and has been reviewed by the Township Attorney. Executive Orders issued by the governor require governmental agencies that remain open for in-person work to develop a COVID-19 preparedness and response plan consistent with recommendations in Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19, developed by the Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA).

This plan designates Broecker as the township's workplace coordinator to oversee and implement the plan. Fire Chief Ryan Volz is designated as back-up workplace coordinator in the event that Broecker is absent, sick or otherwise unavailable.

The Township must restrict the number of workers present on the premises to no more than those strictly necessary to perform in-person work. There are 18 employees classified as critical infrastructure workers, including public safety, first responders and other community-based government operations and essential functions. Nine other employees are considered necessary as well.

All employees are encouraged to work remotely if they can. Employees who are sick are ordered to stay home. The workplace coordinator is responsible for measuring an employee's temperature and observing any COVID-19 symptoms before the employee's shift begins. Employees who do not have a temperature over 100.4 degrees shall monitor themselves for any COVID-19 symptoms. Anyone entering the workplace is required to answer a questionnaire with these questions:

1. Are you feeling sick?
2. Are you experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms?
3. In the past 72 hours, did you have

a fever?

4. Have you been exposed to anyone who is a suspected case or confirmed case of COVID-19?

If the answer is yes, the employee will be sent home.

The most debate over the plan arose from the topic of taking the temperature of employees.

Trustee Christine Reid asked if temperature taking is an absolute requirement.

"I think there are privacy issues surrounding how you have to maintain that documentation," she said. "You can't be disclosing medical information in front of other employees."

She said people who work would be highly sensitive to it and would not come to work if they had symptoms. She said taking someone's temperature is almost a medical exam and could lead to liability issues.

Treasurer John Tucker said there's liability if they don't take people's temperatures, especially because it's a recommended practice.

Attorney Jack Belzer said he believes temperatures should be taken, but not recorded and kept. Broecker said the files would not be kept for a long period of time.

Trustee Vince Lorraine said this could be a legal issue, and Goupil, who works at Hurley, said they don't take employees' temperatures at the hospital because they self report if they're feeling sick.

Supervisor Bonnie Mathis said if taking someone's temperature could get someone to go to the hospital and could help save one life, then they should do it.

"It's better than nothing," she said.

This plan could change depending on future executive orders.

FENTON TOWNSHIP COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN

Employees must monitor themselves and self-report if they are exposed to COVID-19 and/or are experiencing any symptoms. Employees experiencing COVID-19 symptoms must leave work immediately. They are required to comply with 6-foot social distancing standards defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The Township will provide hand cleaners, disinfecting supplies and sanitizers. Employees are required to clean and disinfect their workspaces daily. Employees are encouraged to wash hands regularly and should not use co-workers' telephones, workspaces or other

personal items.

Employees are encouraged to wear PPE to prevent exposure to contaminated surfaces. PPE includes gloves, protective eyewear, face shields, masks and respirators. PPE will be provided to workers who are at greater risk to exposure. Executive Order 2020-77 states that employees are required to wear masks where the work environment is such that they cannot consistently maintain 6 feet of separation from other people.

The plan includes protocol for those who are suspected to have COVID-19 and those who are confirmed to have it.

An employee who is a confirmed case, whose name will remain confidential, must disclose the names of other employees or workers they came in contact with during the past 14 days to the workplace coordinator. He shall inform all employees or workers who came in contact with the infected person that they might have been exposed to COVID-19. The employee's workspace will be cleaned.

The plan includes protocol for previously sick employees returning to work, and benefits the township must provide to employees with paid sick leave or expanded family and medical leave for certain reasons related to COVID-19 under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act FFCRA.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■■■■
THE CLEVER 'WE'RE all in this together' Hot-liner left out one important fact. Not one of the health issues you mentioned are contagious or transmittable from one person to another. You showed your ignorance with each of your Hot lines.

■■■■
THE GOVERNOR'S SIX-phase plan is subjective, propels her unilateral position of power into perpetuity, lacks input from the Michigan legislature and does not identify the specific science or data driving the plan. The Governor has given the people of Michigan the 'sleeves out of her vest.'

■■■■
YOUR INDIVIDUAL RIGHT to mingle with other people does not have precedence or supersede my individual right to stay healthy and alive. Sometimes sacrifices must be made for the common good. The sooner we defeat this virus the sooner life can get back to normal.

■■■■
COLORADO GOVERNOR POLIS (D) praised a 'great working relationship' with President Trump. Why can't our Governor?

■■■■

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

YOU COMPLAIN ABOUT the lockdowns. Then if the governor eases them, which you've been crying about, you accuse her of doing it to make cases go up and allow mail in voting. Make up your mind. You can't have it both ways. By the way, mail in voting has worked for years.

■■■
I BELIEVE UNEMPLOYMENT is capped at \$385 per week, plus the current \$600 (which is temporary)

so maximum one person will receive is \$965 per week. Where did you get \$1,200? If it wasn't for the \$600 that has been temporarily added, my family and I would be on the streets very soon.

■■■
YOUR ARGUMENT FAILS. Driving is not a right, so speed limits and texting while driving laws are not infringements. In contrast, restricting movement, freedom of association, and religion do infringe upon constitutionally protected individual rights.

Spring mosquito report presented

■ **APM Mosquito Control** expects more adult mosquitoes third week of May

By Hannah Ball

As of early May, Fenton Township has spent approximately \$50,691 on mosquito control with \$98,808 left in the mosquito control program.

In a letter to the township, Charles Mullins, general manager of APM

Mosquito Control, gave the Board of Trustees the annual spring update and said the spring weather has been unpredictable so far.

"Temperatures should be in the mid 60s by now but have varied from to 30s to 70s," according to the letter.

Larvae was detected March 16, and ground backpack treatment of standing water began March 23 and ended April 20. The company used a total of 1,605 pounds of Bti (*Bacillus thuringiensis*) by ground to 181 of 224 sites that were breeding.

"The initial hatch of the Spring Aedes mosquito should develop into adults about the third week of May. Preparations are underway to calibrate ULV equipment. The first truck application will begin the week prior to Memorial Day, weather permitting," according to the letter. "Staking off of road and shutoff properties will be complete prior to the beginning of route spraying (week of Memorial Day) for all residents that responded to our survey."

This spring's applications include a total of 2,400 pounds of Vectobac GS, which was applied via aerial application on April 22. APM received about a half dozen calls for service from residents.

"The focus of work thus far has been treating standing water. As the temperatures increase, we will see overwintering adult female mosquitoes emerge from hibernation," according to the letter.

New Jersey Traps will be set up and operational by May 20. The traps will be located at: 15040 Bret Dr., 3422 Ponemah Dr., 6036 Lobdell Lake Rd. and 11278 Sharp Rd. The township has six spray routes with 74 off-roads and 29 shut-offs. In addition to the call list, each off-road resident is notified by phone on the night their property will be sprayed.

"APM appreciates your business and we look forward to a successful season," according to the letter.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

■■■■ **WHAT AN OPPORTUNE** time to re-institute the CCC, the Civilian Conservation Corps. Millions of Americans are still enjoying the fruits of their almost century-old labors. Just think, a new generation of CCC Boys. Instead of just giving them \$600 a week, get them outdoors improving our state and federal lands we all use.

■■■■ **WHY ARE SOME** people against mail in voting? The President votes by mail, why not me or other registered voters? Are you suggesting that the President is committing fraud by voting by mail? What you want is to suppress voters who cannot physically go to the polls. Not very American.

■■■■ **TO THE COUPLE** who did not ask or need their stimulus check. Good for you wanting to donate your check, but to Trump? He couldn't care less. Many people in our community need help with food, rent, bills and trying to make it day to day. Wake up and see what really makes America great.

■■■■ **PLEASE TELL ME** that since all this down time to get things done that our town clock got fixed. It's okay to dream, people.

■■■■ **DEAR BIG BOX** store. You tell me it's safe to shop there and everyone must wear a mask to enter, yet, I get waited on in the appliance section by a person without a mask.

■■■■ **OUR GOVERNOR HAS** saved lives. Michigan was number three on the death list, the stay-at-home order kept infected people in the southeastern counties and mid-size cities in central Michigan from spreading the virus to the north. Smart behavior will now determine the number of deaths.

■■■■ **UNEMPLOYMENT CHECKS ARE** for those who lost jobs. Businesses are not going to hire all their people back at one time. Until a cure can be administered to the entire U.S. population, businesses will only need a small fraction of their help, thus most will be former employees, thus unemployment.

■■■■ **THE MANTRA OF** communists the world over: 'We're all in this together.'

TRAVEL

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"Last year, 43 million Americans traveled for Memorial Day Weekend — the second-highest travel volume on record since AAA began tracking holiday travel volumes in 2000," said Adrienne Woodland, spokesperson, AAA-The Auto Club Group. "With social distancing guidelines still in practice, this holiday weekend's travel volume is likely to set a record low."

Memorial Day 2009 currently holds the record for the lowest travel volume at nearly 31 million travelers, according to AAA. That holiday weekend, which came toward the end of the Great Recession, 26.4 million Americans traveled by car, 2.1 million by plane and nearly 2 million by other forms of transportation (train, cruise, etc.).

AAA expects to make travel projections for the late summer and fall, assuming states ease travel restrictions and businesses reopen. Already, there are indications that Americans' wanderlust is inspiring them to plan future vacations.

AAA.com/travel online bookings have been rising, though modestly, since mid-April, suggesting travelers' confidence is slowly improving. When it is safe to travel, AAA predicts vacationers will have a preference for U.S. destinations, mostly local and regional locations, and the great American road trip.

The expected rebound in domestic vacations aligns with trends AAA anticipated for summer 2020 pre-COVID-19. In a March AAA Travel survey, 90 percent of the 173 million Americans who had summer vacations on the books planned to take a U.S.-based vacation. AAA travel experts say that's common during a presidential election year, when many travelers hold off on international travel because they want to see how the election will affect the economy or international relations. This year, the phenomenon is amplified by concerns about the pandemic.

"The saying goes that the journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. Americans are taking that first step toward their next journey from the comfort of their home by researching vacation opportunities and talking with travel agents," Woodland said. "We are seeing that Americans are showing a preference and inspiration to explore all that our country has to offer as soon as it is safe to travel."



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continues to recommend that Americans stay home and avoid nonessential travel. Americans should heed all official warnings and refer to the latest updates from the CDC and U.S. Department of State to help decrease the spread of COVID-19. AAA advises that the decision to travel is a personal one that must be made by the individual.

AAA expects vacationers will gravitate to road trips and family bookings including air, car, hotel and activities to destinations in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Shortly thereafter, assuming international travel restrictions are lifted, they expect to see more demand for tropical destinations and a wider range of international travel.

MARINE PATROL

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Dep. Luke Combs, a sheriff's deputy assigned to Fenton Township, has taken on the additional task of overseeing the marine patrol, as well as Swanson.

The marine division has a pontoon, a boat, and personal watercraft to monitor and patrol the lakes. A second boat is on order.

Swanson said marine division deputies typically spend more time patrolling Lake Fenton, Lake Ponemah, Silver Lake and Lobdell Lake, but will go wherever there is a need. In the event of an emergency or to report a situation, call 911.

When asked if deputies will monitor for COVID-19 social distancing guidelines, Swanson said, "We are asking people to use good judgment for themselves and those around them."

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Looking back: LF boys capture Laker Invitational championship

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity boys cross country team is supposed to be in a semi-rebuilding year.

But maybe the Blue Devils don't know it.

The Lake Fenton boys won the Laker Cross Country Invitational crushing the field Saturday.

Led by Joseph Gilbert's first-place fin-

ish, the Blue Devils scored just 27 team points, while second-place Deckerville was a distant second with 74 points. Mayville took third with 75 points.

The Lake Fenton girls were competitive in its race, taking third with 70 points. Harbor Beach won with 51 points while Cass City took second with 65 points. Deckerville placed fourth with 71 points.

The race gave the team more than some strong results, according to Lake Fenton cross country coach Chris Sobczak.

"We were trying to shake things up this year and run different races," Sobczak said. "A couple of my runners have family up in the thumb and I figure we would give their family an opportunity

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Lake Fenton's Joseph Gilbert was a key member of the 2019 Lake Fenton varsity boys cross country team.

Photo: David Troppens

Sports Times

Top 16 shows trends through the years

By David Troppens

The Tri-County Top 16 poll has been published at the end of every school year since the 2008-09 season, making this the 12th end-of-the-year poll.

One of the nice aspects about doing this poll is it gives fans an idea what programs are consistently among the strong teams within the tri-county area.

With 16 teams, those types of trends can be easily traced. The number 16 seems to be the perfect number. If the sports staff created a top 5, while you may be able to trend a couple teams that sneak into the elite class occasionally so many strong teams wouldn't be included annually. We'd have league champions and district championship squads not included, not giving us a true assessment. Meanwhile, if the poll was a top 25 the list would include too many teams just a tad above average and that would water down our list. A top 16 seems to be the happy middle ground. Even during "rebuilding years" some strong programs would figure a way to get on our list.

That's enough of the chatter. Let's get to our next two squads on our list.

No. 12 - Fenton boys swim: When the sports staff started

these lists, the Tigers weren't making our polls. That has changed. In recent years, the Tigers have been in seven of our last eight polls.

The Tigers had a strong winter season again this year, winning their ninth straight Metro League title. The Fenton boys also made it an outstanding regular season by winning the County Meet and also by beating area rivals Grand Blanc in a dual meet. Those standards make the Tigers a candidate for our top 16 list once again.

But what hurt the Tigers was the winter sports season ending right before they were going to compete at the D2 state meet. The Tigers had plenty of state qualifiers, which would've suggested they may have added to their resumé but it was hard to suggest how much they would've. They certainly would've scored some team points at the state meet, but based on their seedings, it was hard to suggest they would've placed terribly high. Maybe they would've done better? Most of Fenton's state participants were well rested for the state meet, but that's probably the case for a lot of the teams at the state meet, so the Tigers had to settle with our No. 12 spot in the final 16.

The Tigers have been on our list eight years but have yet to ever break in the top half of the 16, finishing ninth twice.

No. 11 - Holly wrestling: The Holly varsity wrestling program started a new era with a pretty successful first season.

Legendary wrestling coach Don Pluta retired and gave the reigns to Zachary Wood, who had a strong first year. It looks like Holly wrestling will remain one of the area's top programs.

Wrestling was one of the sports expected to see an increase in talent with the addition of the new schools to the Metro League (it's already one of the league's strong sports), and the Bronchos found themselves in a battle with Linden to compete for the Stripes Division title and the overall title. The Bronchos fell short finishing second behind Linden in the Stripes Division and in the overall league.

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The Fenton varsity boys swim team (top) is our No. 12 squad on our 2019-20 Tri-County Top 16 Poll, while the Holly varsity wrestling team finished No. 11. More teams will be revealed in future publications. **File photos**

TOP 16

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However, they did finish second among 12 teams and they also capped the season by winning a D2 team district title. That placed them in a competitive regional that saw Holly beat Goodrich 37-33 but then lose to Croswell-Lexington 51-21 in the regional title match. The team capped off its season with two individual Division 2 state wrestling champions, Nathan Young and Jacob Gonzales.

During the early years of our poll, the



Lake Fenton's Brenden Schroeder placed fifth at the Laker Cross Country Invitational. *File photo*

LF BOYS

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to watch them race when they may not otherwise be able to."

Gilbert was the team's top individual performer, with his first-place time of 16:40.39. He was the only runner to finish the race in under 17 minutes, with Cass City's Nick McArdle taking second in 17:02.86.

The Blue Devils' boys had all five of their scorers finish within the top 11. Brenden Schroeder took fifth (17:53.14) while Colton Dietrich took sixth (18:06.92). Kyle Lewis placed eighth (18:09.07) and Kevin Lewis took 11th (18:38.95).

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Bronchos were always a top-five contender, finishing seventh, third, second and first (in the 2011-12 poll) and fifth in the first five seasons. However, they failed to make it four straight years before starting another three-year streak in our poll. The Broncos were eighth in each of the previous two.

It looks like Holly wrestling is ready to remain on our list for awhile.

Holly's Nathan Young (wrestler in the back) won a D2 individual state wrestling championship in March.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

NIRLE

NECHE

TUACIQ

CICIAD

Print your answer here:

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Horoscopes

For the week of
May 18, 2020

ARIES
Mar 21/Apr 20

After a misunderstanding with someone close, you may be licking your wounds, Aries. Don't let one or two arguments derail your friendship. Find a way to remedy things.

GEMINI
May 22/June 21

Try not to commit to anything out of a sense of guilt, Gemini. Rather, commit to things for the right reasons, which might make you more likely to see them through to completion.

LEO
July 23/Aug 23

You are often a force to be reckoned with, Leo. This week will be no different. You can direct your focus in any direction. So think clearly on what you want to do.

LIBRA
Sept 23/Oct 23

Honest and diplomatic communication may be needed at the office or your place of employment, Libra. Others may turn to you to be a mediator. Put those skills to use.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov 23/Dec 21

Check all of the balances in your accounts, Sagittarius. You may have to make very important financial decisions as they pertain to your family's future.

AQUARIUS
Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, you will support the people you feel closest to and be their ultimate champion. However, sometimes you need to step back and let others fight their own battles.

TAURUS
Apr 21/May 21

If you are tired of taking one for the team, you may need to be more assertive in your work and social circles, Taurus. Set your limits and then stick with them.

CANCER
June 22/July 22

Cancer, as you step out of your comfort zone, think about figuring out some thrill-seeking ideas. Now is the time to push the envelope and really see the wild side.

VIRGO
Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, are your aspirations in tune with your actions? Long-term goals come into focus, and you now have to set the course to realize all of your goals.

SCORPIO
Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, are you spreading yourself too thin? You probably have too many irons in the fire and will have to prioritize and pull back; otherwise, you may feel overwhelmed.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, family dynamics may be a little strained lately. It may be time for family members to redefine their roles and boundaries. Things may be sorted soon.

PISCES
Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, normally you are a relatively friendly, easygoing person who is apt to reconcile quickly. But this week you could be out of sorts.



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