Lake Fenton seniors clapped out, COVID style

Drive through stations provide cap, gown, chords; alternative commencement in the works

By Tim Jagielo

Lake Fenton — It wasn’t the graduation anyone necessarily wanted, but the staff at Lake Fenton High School have been working to make it as memorable as possible for the Class of 2020. Due to closing schools and limiting social gatherings during the pandemic, all normal graduation celebrations were canceled for local students. This includes their graduation ceremony and clap out.

Lake Fenton graduating senior Mackenzie Moore said, “It’s really sad to miss out on everything, since as a kid I remember looking forward to See SENIORS on 18

Nearly all 165 Lake Fenton High School graduating seniors made it to the “Covid-19 Clap-Out” Tuesday, May 26 at the high school. They drove through stations, returning books and receiving their cap and gown, while being “clapped out” by family and staff. Photo: Tim Jagielo

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all of these things, and people always telling me, ‘that will be you when you’re older.’”

She added that she understands that this is something necessary everyone is going through.

But Tuesday afternoon, May 26, staff members and volunteers organized a drive-through “COVID-19 clap out,” as an alternative for the regular clap out. This is part of the trend of people pivoting to celebrate what are normally busy public gatherings in a very “2020” way.

Lake Fenton staff set up stations to give students caps, gowns and cords as they drove through. Families lined up to give praise and encouragement as students, many with families, drove by. Dozens of vehicles wound their way through the parking lot stations as a deejay played high energy music.

Principal Christopher Belcher said nearly all 165 seniors were able to attend. Aside from receiving their cap, gown and chords, they also turned in athletic and school materials and their Chromebooks. They were given a Popsicle on the 85-degree day.

“We believe it is important to celebrate our seniors in any way that we can — the end to their high school careers ended in such an unfortunate way,” Belcher said. “We are trying to go the extra mile for them.”

Senior Allison Hathaway said she enjoyed the event because she was able to see staff and friends for the first time in a while. She drove through by herself, but her family was cheering from the sidelines.

Lake Fenton senior and former Times intern Logan Shanafelt said, “I enjoyed seeing my educators and gaining a sense of closure. The hardest part of this whole thing was not being surrounded by the people that have taught me an abundance of information.”

He went with his mother who decorated the car, and according to Shanafelt, was happy to see him get the finish he’d been waiting for.

All three students appreciated the effort by staff members to provide a memorable event.

Belcher said making the usual events up for students has been “extremely difficult.” He said they are creating a “virtual commencement” for students and families as a keepsake.

“We are committed to finding a way to have some sort of commencement ceremony as well, depending on the restrictions that we find ourselves in the next few months,” Belcher said. “Our kids deserve the best and that is exactly what we will give them.”

Lake Fenton High School staff follow safety protocols as they assist students.
Senate Bill 876: Coronavirus epidemic response bills – driver’s license expirations
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MICHIGAN VOTES
LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY
— 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 22.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
- PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD)
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

To the residents and property owners of The Charter Township of Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan, and any other interested persons:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of a recommendation made by the Fenton Township Planning Commission, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton will conduct a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Fenton Township Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of revising the PUD conditions for previously rezoned property, parcel 06-03-400-008, owned by Avalanche Holdings, LLC and located at 3145 Thompson Road in Section 3 of the Charter Township of Fenton. Said revisions include language that would allow the development of the subject property into an industrial park.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the legal description of the subject property is as follows:

06-03-400-008

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has tentatively scheduled the first reading of the proposed amendatory ordinance to be conducted concurrently with the public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the proposed amendatory ordinance may be examined on the Fenton Township website at www.fentontownship.org from the date of this Notice until and including the date of the public hearing hereon.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the public hearing for the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment will be held during the regular Township Board meeting on Monday June 15, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. The Township Board meeting and public hearing will be conducted by telephone conference call, pursuant to Michigan Executive Order 2020-75

At such hearing, the board will consider any written comments regarding the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment that might be filed with said board at or prior to the time of said hearing. Written comments may be submitted by mail to the address below or by email to info@fentontownship.org. Verbal comments concerning any of the foregoing may be submitted through participation in the conference call meeting/public hearing, (Phone Number: (844) 855-4444, Access code: 323110#).
notice
argentine township

please be notified that the argentine township zoning board of appeals will hold a meeting on monday june 15, 2020 at 7:00 pm. at the argentine township hall, 9048 silver lake rd and by zoom, to consider the following variances:

keith and sandra charron are asking for the following variances: side yard setback of 9’, a lakeside setback of 2’, and coverage of 2%. they are going to tear down the existing home and build a new home. described as 01-35-526-166, 16371 whitehead drive.

jackie pudvay is requesting a variance for square footage and height. she is building a pole barn that has more square footage than her home and height is 16ft side walls. described as 01-29-527-053, lots 127-131 and part of lots 132-134, 15020 chippewa dr.

garrett & jennifer purman are asking for the following variances: rear yard setback of 5’, side yard setback of 5’ on the north and 4’ 2 3/8” on the south for coverage. they are going to tear down the existing home and build a new home. described as 01-36-577-016, lot 20 pleasant view park, lobdell lake, 16426 hilltop dr.

tabled item: nothing has been turned in
george & kathy bertogli are requesting a variance for a side yard setback. they would like to enclose the existing carport. described as 01-29-576-006, part of lot 8 meier & mckane lake park.

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“in this time of covid, we miss the kids. we miss them so much,” o’connell said. “we just wanted to put some books in their hands and tell them that we’re thinking of them and that we want them to read.”

o’connell and other linden schools librarians, including baldwin, marsha strobel and mary ann goodhue, all contributed by pooling funds they would have used for the scholastic book fair to purchase books through scholastic. they also received books from the genesee intermediate school district. it amounted to more than 1,000 books.

o’connell organized the books into 100 lunch bags. she included about four or five books for k-2, and about four books for grades three through six.

“so many parents would say, ‘oh my gosh, this is so cool, my kids were gripping because they read through all their books,’” she said.

goodhue, librarian/media aid from linden elementary, decorated the bags with a quote from an author or celebrity, and made homemade bookmarks.

this is the second time o’connell has given out books. the first time was when she handed out 100 bags at the drop-off location at linden elementary. the librarians will give out another 100 bags at the pine ridge mobile home park on monday.

“i’m just really thankful to be able to do something and get them a little bit further along. let them know that we miss them,” o’connell said.

michael gagne, principal of central elementary, also came to greet students wednesday.

“i just want to say how proud i am that these librarians took this on themselves and just really ran with it. kelly headed it up, and the other librarians jumped on board,” he said. “they worked together and got this done. i’m extremely proud of them and happy that i get to work with such great people.”
A vegetable garden timeline

What to do with your garden in May, June and July

By Tim Jagielo

While spring was here in March, it really hasn’t been safe to get your outdoor garden going until now. May 27 is the last projected frost date for the Flint area. To the south in Pontiac, it’s May 25, according the State Climatologist Office.

The Michigan State University Extension (MSU-E) has voluminous online resources for gardening, which includes a timeline for Michigan vegetable gardens.

Proper garden size depends on what’s being planted. Seed packets will include information about proper spacing outside in the garden.

Here is some monthly guidance by MSU-E, with clarification added where needed:

May
• Plant seeds of cool weather crops for the second and third times. These can include broccoli and onions, which should start indoors in planters as opposed to direct seeding. Spinach, kohlrabi and peas can be planted right into the ground.
• Thin out seedlings of crops planted earlier inside to their proper spacing. This is in case several seeds were planted indoors. If they’re sprouting, they should be separated. See seed packet for distances.
• Plant warm season seeds after the danger of frost is past, including cucumbers, squash, pumpkins and melons.
• If you’ve been transitioning seedlings to live outdoors (hardening off), plant the hardened-off transplants of peppers, tomatoes and eggplant.
• Plant warm season crops where cool season crops have been harvested.
• Mulch around plants and in rows to keep soil moist and reduce soil compaction.

June
• Thin vegetables seeded in May to proper spacing.
• Plant successive crops of beans every two weeks until the end of the month.
• Continue to harvest frequently as crops mature.

In 2018, Holly Patterson Elementary had a community garden. Kindergarten teacher and organizer Kathy Marion started the garden in 2017 with fundraising, volunteer assistance and donated items. They harvested vegetables like cilantro, green beans, and cucumbers.

Remove cool season crops as they bolt (form seed stalks). Additional plantings may be made of lettuce, spinach and radishes, which need some shade and cooler temperatures so planting them under taller crops will extend the harvest.
• Stake tomatoes for improved health and easier harvest. Remove suckers (branches that form where the leaf joins the stem) when they are 1 inch to 1.5 inches long.
• Weed the garden. Weeds compete with vegetable plants for nutrients and moisture.
• Monitor regularly for insect and disease problems and take needed control measures to limit damage.

July

MSU-E suggests continual weeding and harvesting through July. Seedlings should also be thinned and properly spaced. Some may require hardening.
• Cover potato tubers, carrot shoulders and onion bulbs with soil to prevent development of green color. Soil or mulch may be used to keep them covered.
• After harvesting central heads of broccoli, allow the plants to produce side heads for an extended harvest.
• Garden crops can be given nitrogen fertilizer at the beginning of July. Wait until tomatoes, peppers and eggplant have set some fruit before you fertilize them. Work fertilizer into soil a few inches away from the plants, then water. Do not allow the fertilizer to touch the plant stems.
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FLAT TOP, FRENCH FRIES, GRILL, JUICY, KETCHUP, LETTUCE,
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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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Puzzle Answers

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**Weekend Crossword Answers**

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Solution Time: 21 min.

Answer: "Repaired"

Answer: "Dracula"
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**Midweek Sudoku Answers**

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1 Completed 57 All tangled up
4 Tea leaf readers, e.g.
9 Title for Macbeth
14 Places to pitch tents
19 Transgress tennis
20 Bow go-with
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22 Largest city in Nebraska
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32 Just OK
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**Midweek Jumble Answers**

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Barbara Spees
Barbara Spees - age 81, died May 26, 2020.

Betty Anderson

Betty Johnston
Betty Johnston - age 90, died May 21, 2020.

Catherine Jones
Catherine Jones - age 84, died May 22, 2020.

Diane Wehby

George Frieling
George Frieling - age 90, died May 23, 2020.

Harold Ruettinger, D.O.

John Quick, Jr.
John Quick, Jr. - age 89, died May 21, 2020.

Lorraine Sparks
Lorraine Sparks - age 85, died May 21, 2020.

Martha Partlo
Martha Partlo - age 76, longtime Fenton resident, passed away Sunday, May 24, 2020. Funeral services will be held at 1 PM Monday, June 1, 2020 at St. Mark Catholic Church, 7296 Gale Rd., Grand Blanc, with Deacon Ron Kenney officiating. Burial will follow in Oakwood Cemetery, Fenton. Visitation will be held 3 - 5 PM Sunday (following State guidelines) at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Those desiring may make contributions to the Fenton United Methodist Church Building Fund, 119 S Leroy St., Fenton. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Norman Ulman

Sarah Wilcox

William “Rick” Richards, Jr.

Gene L. Phillips
Gene L. Phillips – age 82 of Fenton, went to be with the Lord, surrounded by his family at home on Friday, May 22, 2020. Mass of the Resurrection was held privately at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, on Wednesday, May 27th, 2020. Burial took place at St. John’s Catholic Cemetery. Preceded in death by his wife of nearly 60 years, Rosemary A. Phillips (December 2017) and his three brothers. Gene is survived by his daughters, Kathy Milhizer and Donna Phillips; his son, David (Kim) Phillips; grandchildren, Steven Houck, Scott (Shelby) Ruggles, Angela (Thomas) Norris, Courtney (Ted) Palen, Lauren and David (Chelsie) Phillips II; great-grandchildren, Logan, Lainey, Brooks, and Isaac; sisters-in-law, Marian (the late Wilfred) Linden, Joan Linden, and the late brother-in-law, Helmut Linden. In Lieu of flowers, donations to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton, and American Heart Association 24445 Northwestern Hwy - Suite 100 Southfield, 48075. For further information, phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248.684.6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

Susan Karen (Barcus) McEwan
1948 — 2020
Susan Karen (Barcus) McEwan - Wife, mother, friend, and educator left this world on Thursday, May 21. The joy of her smile and the offering of a helping hand will be deeply missed by all family and friends. For several years she worked in the Three District Vocational Education Program as a child care educator. Every school year, her students were invited to join the community in raising young children with love, laughter, and a favorite crayon. Her immediate family will join together for a private burial. A memorial service will be held later this summer at the Fenton United Methodist Church. Those desiring may make contributions to the Fenton United Methodist Church Building Fund, 119 S Leroy St., Fenton. Arrangements provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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Lexi Mykell Simon
2002 — 2020

Lexi Mykell Simon - age 17, of Lake Fenton, died Sunday, May 24, 2020 as a result of a personal watercraft accident. Funeral services will be held at 3 PM Saturday, May 30, 2020 at the Rock Church, 11400 Linden Rd., Fenton with Pastor Wes Morris officiating. The family will receive friends from 2 PM - 3 PM Saturday. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make memorial contributions to the Rock Church. Lexi was born December 19, 2002 in Grand Blanc, the daughter of Michael and Dianne (Diem) Simon. She had just finished her junior year at Lake Fenton High School. Lexi was passionate about music, especially the band, Queen. She was outgoing and energetic. Lexi had the ability to make everyone laugh! She was a talented artist and loved making personalized gifts for everyone. Lexi had a very intimate relationship with the Lord, Jesus Christ and was a member of the Rock Church. Surviving are her parents, Michael and Dianne Simon. She was incredibly close to her three sisters, C.J., Taylor, and Laci Simon; grandparents, David and Carol Diem, George Simon and Jerrilyn Spence; many aunts, uncles, cousins and many, many friends. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

1939 — 2020

William Ward Wilson Jr. – age 80, of Fenton, passed away Sunday, May 24, 2020. William was born November 6, 1939 in Middlesboro, Kentucky the son of William and Ruth (Morgan) Wilson. He graduated from Northern High School and attended Flint Junior College. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He married Judy Bailey on August 13, 1960 in Raleigh, NC. William retired in 1983 from the City of Flint as a traffic engineer. Prior to Fenton, he resided in Detroit, Flint, and Auburndale, FL, for 16 years. William was devoted to his family and cherished his many friends. He loved being outdoors and enjoyed fishing, snowmobiling, and travelling the country. Throughout his life, he always had a variety of animals around him. Dogs, rabbits, fish, etc. An avid bird watcher, he would feed wild birds and catch views of them as they landed on the patio. Early on, his love of NASCAR took the family to various tracks across the country. In his spare time he loved to tinker with technology including computers, iPhones, and yes, video gaming. On a sports note, he loved both college and professional football, watching whenever he could. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Judy; three sons, Mark of Kalamazoo, Scott of Midland, and Matthew of Walled Lake; granddaughters, Gabriela and Isabella; brothers, William Aaron and James; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents. Private burial at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Samuel and Jean Frankel Cardiovascular Center, 1500 E. Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor, 48109. Online tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.
Rosemary (Rennie) Stickel
1922 — 2020
Rosemary (Rennie) Stickel – age 97 died peacefully in her sleep on Sunday morning, May 24, 2020. Services pending. Arrangements provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. She was born on August 2, 1922, to Mary Estelle (Smith) Rennie and Alec Rennie of Traverse City. She loved the state of Michigan and was a resident of Michigan almost all of her 97 plus years. She graduated from Traverse City High School and attended Western Michigan University. In high school and college Rosemary loved the humanities, English and writing. She had a special flair for art and design. During World War II she was a graphic designer for an architectural firm in Detroit, where she met her future husband & soul mate, architect, Fredrick Gordon Stickel. They spent their early years of marriage in Grosse Pointe, then moved to Troy. She often taught art classes at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association. Later in her life she took up calligraphy and for years did calligraphy for the Renaissance Festival in Michigan. She was beloved by her family and friends known for her intelligence, quick wit, sharp mind, and her artistic talent. She is survived by her three children Andrea Van de Kamp, David Stickel, and Cynthia Alexander, her six grandchildren and her seven great-grandchildren. She was a treasured mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. She will be much missed by those who knew her. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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