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# The history of America's Independence Day

## ■ Celebrations will look differently this year, but still have significant meaning

By Sharon Stone

This coming Saturday is the Fourth of July, also known as Independence Day. It's a time for families and friends across the country to celebrate with parades, backyard barbecues and fireworks at dusk. This year will be different because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Parades and fireworks shows at major cities have been canceled, however, people in the Fenton area will likely see some fireworks over Lake Ponemah on Friday, July 3 and over Lake Fenton on Saturday, July 4. Both fireworks displays are funded by private donations.

There will be a moment of silence, beginning at 10 p.m. for Lexi Simon, who was killed in a boating accident May 24, prior to the fireworks display on Lake Fenton this 4th of July followed by the release of 17 lanterns. Organizers ask that everyone present on the lake respect this.



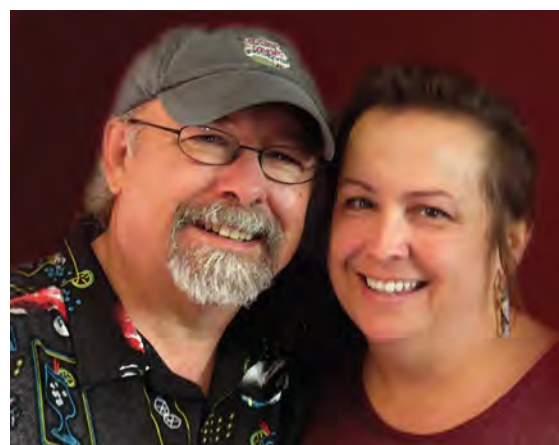
## Why we celebrate Independence Day

Few summertime holidays elicit as much excitement as the Fourth of July, also known as Independence Day, in the United States. Each year, family, friends and revelers commemorate the freedoms afforded by the monumental events that led to the holiday's establishment.

Independence Day became a federal holiday in 1941, but July 4th has stood as the birth of American independence for much longer. July 4th marks a pivotal moment in the American Revolution. According to PBS, the colonies were forced to pay taxes to England's King George III despite having no representation in the British Parliament. "Taxation without representation" became a battle cry and was one of several grievances colonists had with Great Britain.

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Conflict between the colonies had been going on for at least a year before the colonies convened a Continental Congress in Philadelphia in June of 1776, according to Military.com. On July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence from England. Two days later, on July 4, 1776, delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence.

The Declaration of Independence is an historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. Jefferson was considered the strongest and most eloquent writer of the declaration writing committee charged with putting the colonies' sentiments into words. Richard Henry Lee of Virginia was one of the first people to present a resolution for American independence, and his commentary was the impetus for the formal Declaration of Independence. A total of 86 changes were made to

Jefferson's original draft until the final version was adopted. The signing of the document helped to solidify independence, and eventually lead to the formation of the United States of America.

A total of 56 delegates signed the document. Although John Hancock's signature is the largest, it did not hold more weight than the other signatures. Rather, rumor has it, Hancock signed it so large so that the "fat, old King could read it without his spectacles." However, the National Archives says it was also customary that, since Hancock was the president of the Continental Congress, he be the first person to sign the document centered below the text.

The Pennsylvania Evening Post was the first newspaper to print the Declaration of Independence on July 6, 1776. The first public readings of the Declaration were held in Philadelphia's Independence Square on July 8, 1776.

Source: Metro Creative



Organizers of LAFF Pathway are seeking grants to cover the cost of a non-motorized pathway, similar to this one in Traverse City, to connect the four local communities. Photo: Trip Advisor

GRANTS

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be a 10-foot wide bituminous paved pathway with a minimum of 2 feet clearance on either side, or a 14-feet wide reinforced boardwalk with all improvements meeting state requirements.

This is one of the projects spearheaded by the LAFF Pathway group. The four municipalities, along with Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation (SLPR), have allocated \$15,000 to the project for matching funds, and LAFF Pathways have allocated \$48,000.

Fenton City Manager Lynn Markland sent a memorandum to the City Council that states that currently, the pathway has received approximately \$441,509 from the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission to be received in 2023. The grant only partially funds the project. So far, approximately \$1,002,000 has been raised in private funding and additional grants. If approved, the Michigan Department of Transportation grant would provide an additional \$997,000 to fund the project in 2023.

The project is supported in the approved five-year parks plans from SLPR, Fenton, Linden, and Fenton Township. The city of Fenton will accept ownership and maintenance responsibility for the proposed trail in

perpetuity, and it will be responsible for engineering, permits, administration, potential cost overruns and any non-participating items.

"People are getting behind it. People realize trails are important. I think pathways are going to be something that people are going to utilize all the time now," Lockwood said.

The Silver Lake Road Connector Trail has been identified as a Tier 1 Short Term Priority in the Genesee County Regional Non-Motorized long range transportation plan. Tier 1 projects are identified as having strong southern support and are the highest priority for development.

Fenton is applying for the project because the applicant must be an Act 51 Road Agency. The resolution authorized the city to submit the grant application and authorizes the city manager to act as the agent representative on behalf of the city.

The resolution states, "The Silver Lake Road Connector Trail will provide a safe non-motorized alternative for transportation and will eliminate a significant safety concern for pedestrians who must walk or bike within Silver Lake Road, a heavily traveled, 45 MPH roadway or an existing railroad corridor for non-motorized transportation between the City of Linden and The city of Fenton."

“People are getting behind it. People realize trails are important.”

Pat Lockwood  
Fenton City Councilwoman/  
mayor pro tem

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦**

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## Weekend Scrambler

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**TODAY'S WORD**

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# Obituaries

**Times**

## James Gilbert Walroth

1940 – 2020

James Gilbert Walroth – age 79. It is with deep sadness that we announce the death of James Gilbert Walroth of Linden on Friday, June 12, 2020 in Ann Arbor



would spend the summers at the farm and would help with the Annual Show. He loved sharing his knowledge of antique tractors and knowledge "of the old farm life"

at University of Michigan Hospitals. He died peacefully surrounded by his wife, Gale and his children and grandchildren. He was born on August 25, 1940 to Gilbert and Virginia Walroth in Delton. He grew up on a farm and farming was a special interest throughout his life. He went to Plainwell High School where he played football. He married Beverly Gale Deason in 1961. He studied engineering at Western Michigan University. After graduating WMU, he went to work as an engineer for General Motors at the Chevrolet Engine Plant in Flint. He worked for General Motors until he retired in 2004. Jim and Gale have four children, Anthony, Amy, Ann and Allison (Mark Andrews). While raising children Jim was active with his children's lives coaching sports teams and never missed a game, recital or after school activity. Jim and Gale eventually purchased a farm where he raised sheep and various livestock. He became involved with the Mid Michigan Old Gas Tractor Association where he participated at the Annual Show in the Veneer Mill with one of his antique tractors. His Grandsons, Shane and Brady

with young and old. Friends were important to Jim. They would gather at the farm in RVs to spend time together participating in Old West Shootout activities, canoeing, camping, hunting, etc. Jim's friends were an extension of his family and meant a lot to him. Jim was preceded in death by his father, Gilbert (Gib) Walroth; sister, Patricia Ann Walroth; grandparents, John and Mary Angeletti; grandparents, Lee Killick and Harriet (Beattie) Killick; grandfather, John Carlton Walroth; son-in-law, Brad Ellis; and niece, Martha Kelly. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Beverly "Gale" Walroth (Deason); his son, Anthony (Tony) Walroth; his daughters, Amy Walroth, Ann Walroth, and Sue (Mark) Andrews; grandsons, Shane Ellis and Brady Ellis; his mother, Virginia Walroth; sisters, Nancy (John) Wintermute and Carol (Bob) Kelly of Bemidji, MN as well as nieces and nephews and beloved cousins, Deanna and Jean Pifer. A celebration of his life will be held on a later date at the farm in Linden. Please visit [www.hillfh.com](http://www.hillfh.com) to share your condolences with the family.

## Jeanene B. Berbas

1935 – 2020

Jeanene B. Berbas - age 85, of Fenton, died Monday, June 22, 2020. Private services will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton, MI 48430. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com). Joseph T. Molina Joseph T. Molina - age 80, died June 23, 2020. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## Joseph T. Molina

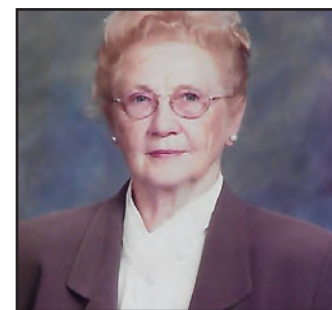
Joseph T. Molina - age 80, died June 23, 2020. [www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com).



## Evelyn Rowland

1924 – 2020

Evelyn Rowland - age 95, of Fenton, passed away peacefully in her sleep, Tuesday, June 23, 2020. Evelyn was born November 28, 1924 in Clio, the daughter



of Horace and Amy (Hewett) Bortle. Evelyn was beloved by all her neighbors in the Fenton community and was an avid philanthropist who made many contributions to local and national charities. She is survived by her sister, Donna Hull; her granddaughters, Antonia Christy and Julie Gelderblom-Calvey; great-grandson, Maxamillian Taylor; stepsons, Jay Rowland and James Rowland; step-grandchildren, Jay Jr, Christy, Sarah, Christopher, and Chelsey; step-great-

grandchildren, Alex, Elijah, Christian, Archer, Zoe, and Trinity. Evelyn was preceded in death by her husbands, Thomas Calvey and Wilber Rowland; sons, Michael

Calvey and Patrick Calvey; brothers, Elwin Bortle and Donald Bortle. Her family extends a special thank you to her wonderful caregivers, Janet Miller, Melani Loria, Mariah Running, and Michelle Stephensonas. Arrangements provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Online tributes may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



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## Mary L. McConnaughey

**1935 – 2020**

Mary L. McConnaughey - age 84, of Holly, died Wednesday, June 24, 2020. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Mrs. McConnaughey was born in Holly on Dec. 16, 1935 to Glen and Theda (Caswell) Sorter. She was a life member of the NRA. Surviving are her son, Dan (Cathy) McConnaughey of Holly; grandchildren, Chuck (Christy), Brian (Lacey), Steven, Samantha, and Tyler; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Lloyd; and children, John, Jean, and Kelly. Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association. [www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com).

## Brenda J. White

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## Delbert L. Falter

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## Leo K. Smith

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## Amber Pardington

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## Douglas Darby

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## Earl Gay

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## Emma Hobson

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## Henry Schowlater

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## Joseph Tappy, Sr.

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## Lamar Coleman

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## Mary Mullinix

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## Raya Markman

Raya Markman - age 91, died June 23, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## Theresa Kline

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## Dr. Donald William Chapin, DDS

**1968 – 2020**


Dr. Donald William Chapin, DDS, - age 52 died suddenly on Friday, June 12, 2020. Don was born April 16, 1968 to Jesse and Judith Chapin in Pontiac. He attended and graduated from Walled Lake Central High School, he then enrolled at Ferris State University to become a Dental Lab Technician. Upon obtaining his Dental Technician certification he became employed with Dr. Robert Singelyn in West Bloomfield and Mason and worked there for 14 years. His desire to further his future, he applied to Oakland University to complete his undergraduate studies. Once accomplished, he then transferred to the University of Detroit Mercy's Dental School and graduated in 2003 as a Doctor of Dentistry. He then accepted a position with Gateway Dental in Grand Blanc for three years until he purchased Linden Dental in 2006, which he owned and operated until his untimely death. Beloved father of three beautiful daughters, Vanessa, Emerson and GreenLee. Dear son of Jesse (the late Linda) Chapin and Judith Merritt. Grandson of Nona and the late Donald Chapin. Brother of Douglas (Chris) Chapin

and Andrew Chapin. Step brother of Robert Szaro, Daniel Szaro, Jill (Steve) Smith and Tim (Kari) Szaro. Nephew of Dennis (the late Paula) Smith, Connie (David)

Defatta, Larry (Cathy) Chapin. Don also leaves his special love Renee Johnson; as well as, many nieces, nephews, cousins and loving friends. Don was an avid boater living on Lobdell Lake before settling on Lake Fenton. He traveled extensively and enjoyed hunting, bass fishing and fast cars. He was a member of The Fenton Moose Lodge where he spent many hours with family and friends sipping some cold brews. He teamed up with his father on Wednesday steak nights and Friday fish fries and will be missed by him dearly. His dental practice was voted favorite dental place by the Flint Journal in 2016. Don will be sorely missed by his family, friends and workout group. May the Lord be with you Don. A memorial fund has been created for his daughters, The Donald Chapin Memorial Fund at the State Bank. Share memories at [www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com).



## Trenna Somers

Trenna Somers - age 59, died June 18, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## Leo Strauss

Leo Strauss - age 88, died June 23, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



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Dale Nelson Smallidge

1948 – 2020

Dale Nelson Smallidge - age 71, of Fenton, died Friday, June 26, 2020 with family at his side. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Monday, June 29, 2020 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Interment will follow at Flint Memorial Park. Visitation will be held 2 - 8 PM Sunday at the funeral home where friends are encouraged to wear MSU Spartan green and white attire. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to The Young Musicians Community and 3rd Degree Burns, P.O. Box 172, Hadley, MI 48440 (<https://y-m-c.org/>). Dale was born June 27, 1948 in Flint, the son of Durwood "George" Nelson and June Louise (Stites) Smallidge. He was a proud member of the Mt. Morris High School Class of 1966 and had attended Michigan State University. Dale married Jan L. Capello-



Maki on June 15, 1996. He was a banker with Household Finance, D & N Bank and The State Bank for many years. Dale loved photography, golf and bowling. He was an avid Detroit Tigers fan. He enjoyed watching his grandsons play sports and organizing outings with his life-long friends and holidays with his family. Dale loved his dogs, Ernie and Emmie. Surviving are wife, Jan; two daughters, Erin (James) Lane of Lapeer, Melanie (Josh) Johnson of Lapeer; two grandsons, Brady and Tucker Lane; two sisters, Amy (Patrick Beck) Smallidge of Davison, Teresa Smallidge of Traverse City; many other family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents. Tributes may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



**Mark Mathis**  
Mark Mathis - age 50, died June 24, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



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