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Voting during a pandemic

Local clerks share what polling stations will look like; advise absentee voting ballots

By Sharon Stone

In less than one month, some of our local elected officials could be unseated by

a newcomer or be reelected. The August Primary is Tuesday, Aug. 4.

The Times will publish information on local races and proposals in the Sunday, July 19 issue.

Registered voters may vote See **VOTING** on 20

Dry conditions prompt open burning bans in Rose, Holly and Tyrone townships



By Sharon Stone

With temperatures for the next several days in the 90s and lots of sunshine in the forecast, it's going to be dry, which could pose fire hazards.

See **BURN BAN** on 22

Local ORV park back on track



Tom Zielinski climbs through "the notch," a highly technical rock course at the Holly Oaks ORV Park in Groveland Township, Wednesday, July 1. Progress in completing the long-awaited park re-started in June. See story on 17. Photo by Tim Jagielo

Township supports grant seeking for pathways

Fenton Township on board with LAFF Pathway group seeking state grants

By Hannah Ball

On Monday, June 29, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees voted 6-1 to adopt a resolution in support of the Silver Lake Road Connector Trail and a grant application.

Clerk Robert Krug was the

dissenting vote.

This came a few days after the Fenton City Council approved a similar resolution. The 2-mile non-motorized pathway would connect the pathway at the northwest corner of Arbor Drive and Silver Lake Road to the pathway

along E. Broad Street, at Triangle Park, in Linden.

The \$997,000 grant would come from the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) Transportation Alternatives Program, also called the MDOT TAP Grant.

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The Fenton Township Board of Trustees adopted a resolution in support of the Silver Lake Road Connector Trail and a grant application. The non-motorized pathway would be similar to this one in Traverse City. Photo: TripAdvisor



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“I’m glad the farmers market in Fenton is requiring masks. Keeps people safe. Can’t take your dog? So what.

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“Happy Fourth of July to everyone. Celebrate the USA’s Independence Day safely

and remember this really is the best country in the entire world.”



“This 4th of July everybody should take the time to thank a veteran. They are the ones

who sacrificed to make this country great.”



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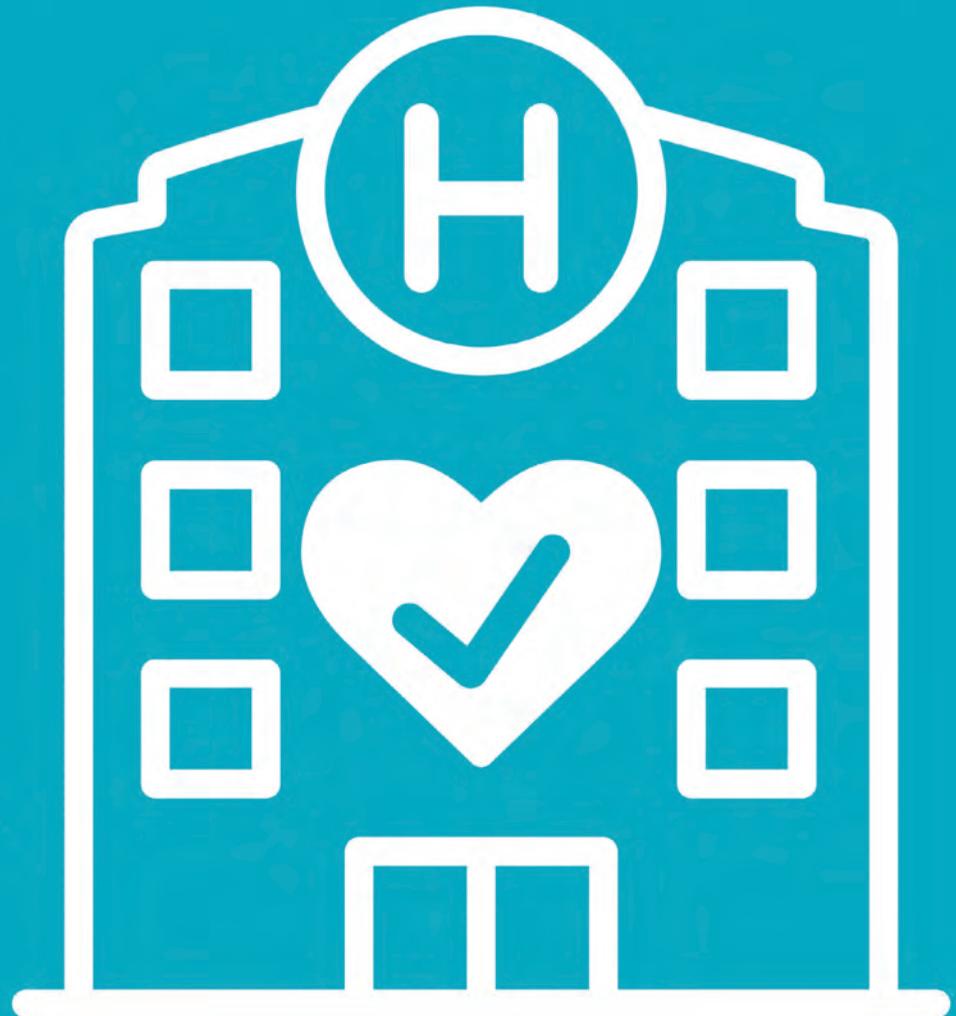
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Linden vet might own flag from early 1900s



Linden resident Clifford Weber holds up a flag he believes was made around the time Howard Taft was president. It has 48 stars in a staggered pattern, a wood staff on one end, and wear and tear from the years. **Photo: Hannah Ball**

“If this is (an original), it belongs someplace other than my attic. It should be in a museum.”

Clifford Weber
Linden resident

■ Flag has 48 stars in staggered pattern

By Hannah Ball

A Linden veteran believes he may own a century-old flag that could have been made before Howard Taft was president.

Clifford Weber, 90, Korean War veteran, came into possession of the flag years ago after his aunt and uncle passed. He put the flag aside for a while, and didn't think about it much. Weber told a friend about it and she did some research.

On June 24, 1912, then-President Howard Taft signed an executive order that dictated for the first time an official configuration for stars on the American flag. Multiple designs were submitted, and Taft selected a pattern with six justified rows of eight stars. The 48-star flag became official a few days later on July 4. Two stars were added to reflect statehood of New Mexico and Arizona, which had become states months prior, bringing the total number of stars to 48.

See **FLAG** on 15

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A message from the superintendent

Returning to school

On June 30, Governor Whitmer released the MI Safe Schools: Return to School Roadmap. The 63-page document provides school districts with guidance that outlines actions, which are required, strongly recommended and recommended, depending upon which phase of the reopening plan the region is in. Based on the current situation and the information in the Roadmap, we will be returning in the fall, but with new requirements to implement.

The good news is ... We get to return! In Lake Fenton, our teachers began preparations for three possibilities for the fall. 1) face-to-face 2) blended schedule with face-to-face and online content 3) fully virtual. No matter what phase our state is in with regard to reopening, we will be prepared to educate our students for the entire school year. We know our plans have to be fluid and flexible.

Teachers understand they may be faced with a similar situation where one day they are teaching face-to-face and the next day could be virtual. We understand we need to improve our virtual opportunities and we have



Julie Williams
Lake Fenton
Community
Schools
superintendent

been working to do so. We also know we need to see our students and our students need to see the staff and their friends. This has been such an emotional roller coaster for so many reasons, being able to start school will be good for all of us.

We also understand families are in very different places with regard to their comfort level with returning to school. Some families have no desire to send

their children back to a face-to-face environment at this time, others are excited to get them back to the school setting and some are still uncertain. We completely understand and respect

the varying degrees of concerns amongst our Lake Fenton families.

In the days and weeks ahead, we will be reviewing the Return to School Roadmap, preparing and hopefully finalizing our plans for the fall. For those families who are interested in a 100-percent virtual option, we will have that available for the start of school.

Please know school districts throughout Michigan will be working on return to school plans that best meet the needs of their families. Plans that emerge may be very different, but there is not a "one size fits all" when it comes to educating our kids.

Thank you to all of our families for your patience and understanding as we continue to plot a new course in the world of education.

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How are you celebrating the Fourth of July?

| street talk



"Celebrating my husband's birthday; Randy will be 51 on the 4th."

Gayle Hart Breece
Fenton Township



"Lake Fenton Sandbar, backyard grilling, and Lake Fenton fireworks! The perfect 4th!"

Jason Abbey
Fenton Township



"Spending time with close family, grilling out, watching fireworks in Ponemah on the 3rd, Swimming, and enjoying the 4th!"

Emma Ziraldo
Fenton Township



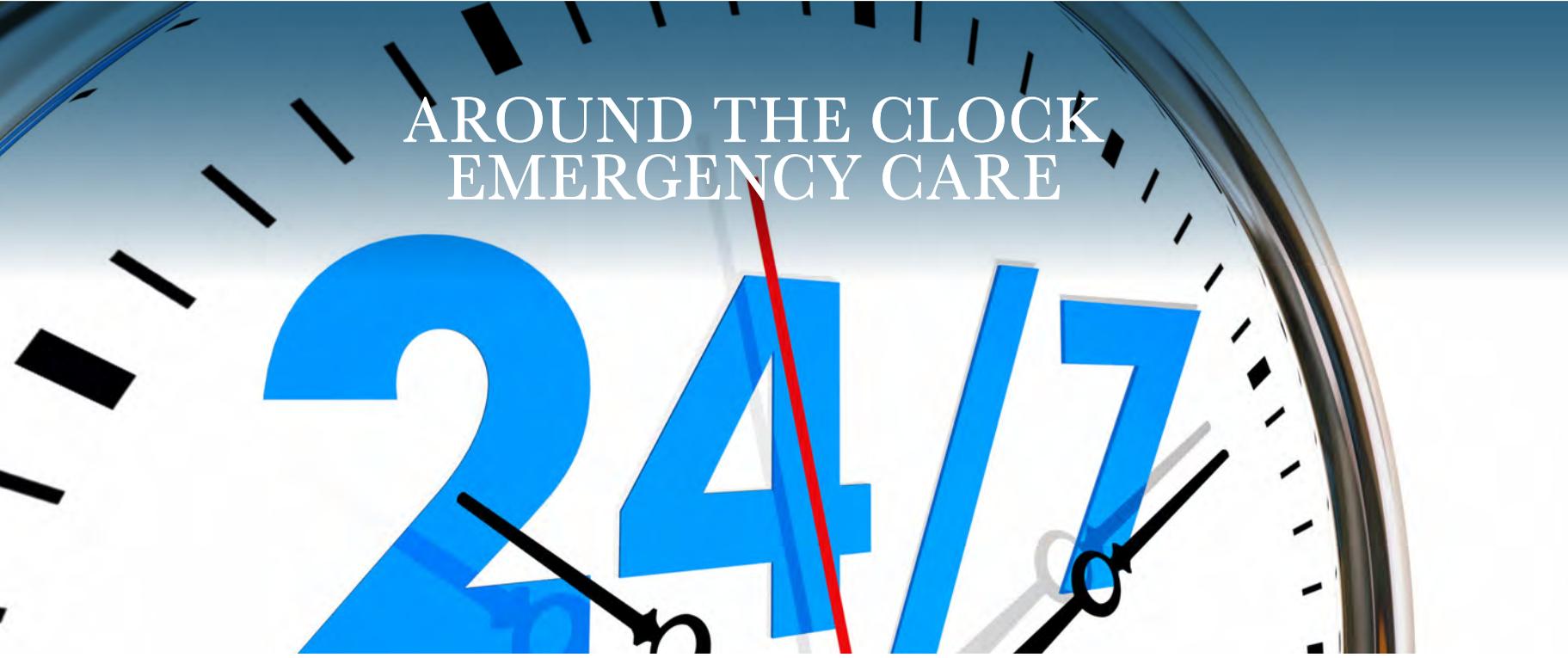
"Living the day on the lake."

Brittney Hatfield
Hartland



"I will be celebrating the Fourth barbecuing with good friends. Hopefully a round of golf, too."

Brian Langley
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TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF HOLLY TOWNSHIP/HOLLY VILLAGE, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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Last day to register in any manner other than in person with the local clerk is **MONDAY, JULY 20, 2020**

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the Holly Township Clerk's Office located at 102 Civic Dr., Holly, MI 48442 at the following times:

- Regular Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 1, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at Holly Township Clerks Office located at the address below or online at www.hollytownship.org/departments/elections-clerk

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NEWS BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

Fenton Township seeks more election workers

Fenton Township is seeking residents to apply to become an election inspector to work the polls for the next two elections. Thomas Broecker, operations manager/deputy clerk, said they are in the process of setting up remote training sessions to recertify election inspectors. The minimum age to be an election inspector is 16. Inspectors 18 or older must also be a registered voter in Michigan. They will receive \$150 for a full day of working at the polls. Chairpersons earn \$200. The approximate time schedule is 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. with two meal breaks. The two upcoming elections are the statewide primary election on Aug. 4 and the Nov. 3 general election. The election inspector application is at fentontownship.org. For more information, email info@fentontownship.org or call (810) 629-1537, extension 6.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■■■■
TO FENTON CITY Mayor and Council. Don't even dare to consider reducing police funding.

■■■■
TWISTED PRIORITIES. DURING era of budget deficits, Fenton City Council voted to accept full financial responsibility for the LAFF pathway in perpetuity. Can't pay for neighborhood streets, but we can afford a regional pathway? Crazy.

■■■■
THE STATEMENTS 'DEMOCRATS are Socialists who want to destroy this country' and 'They are citizens who vote' are not mutually exclusive. Both statements can be true.

■■■■
OUR NEIGHBOR BOUGHT their home 12 years ago. The elderly couple they purchased from died in 2011. My neighbor has received two sets of absentee ballots from the State of Michigan. Problem is the ballots are for the dead elderly couple. Attorney General Dana Nessel has some Michigan voter rolls to clean up and answer for.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

Vic Canever Chevrolet one of 275 GM dealerships nationwide recognized for eco-friendly efforts

Vic Canever Chevrolet of Fenton is showing customers its environmental credentials, and was named a 2020 certified Green Dealer for the fifth consecutive year. Vic Canever has a proven record in areas such as energy reduction, renewable energy use, water conservation efforts, recycling, onsite nature habitats and community outreach.

The dealership is one of only 275 GM dealerships that are eligible to be re-certified for this Green Dealer program. The dealership has a number of green practices in place on site, including:

- Energy efficiency
- Water conservation
- Waste management
- Recycling systems
- Management practices

The dealership had gone through an assessment and validation that they have a high percentage of 60 eco-friendly business practices across 10 categories. This recognition today is an indication that they have continued to improve on that base of required initiatives.

"Green Dealer Support has long been committed to be a leader in environmental stewardship, and we're proud that our dealers share this commitment to serve and improve the communities where we work and live," said Chuck Golden, CEO of Green Dealer Support. The Green Dealer Program aligns with their manufacturers' companywide efforts to reduce its environmental footprint. The program was designed to encourage dealers to implement green initiatives as part of their operations, create a network for sharing best practices and help other dealers begin or advance their sustainability journey.

LOOKING BACK at this week in **HISTORY**

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

JULY 5

1865: In the East End of London, revivalist preacher William Booth and his wife Catherine establish the Christian Mission, later known as the Salvation Army.

JULY 6

1944: In Hartford, Connecticut, a fire breaks out under the big top of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum Bailey Circus, killing 167 people and injuring 682.

JULY 7

1976: For the first time in history, women are enrolled into the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

JULY 8

1918: Ernest Hemingway, an 18-year-old ambulance driver for the American Red Cross, is struck by a mortar shell while serving on the Italian front, along the Piave delta, in World War I.

JULY 9

1846: An American naval captain occupies the small settlement of Yerba Buena, a site (Mexico) that will later be renamed San Francisco.

JULY 10

1962: The United States Patent Office issues the Swedish engineer Nils Bohlin a patent for his three-point automobile safety belt.

JULY 11

1978: A truck carrying liquid gas crashes into a campsite, crowded with vacationers, in San Carlos de la Rapita, Spain. The resulting explosion killed more than 200 people; many others suffered severe burns.

Source: history.com

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Indoor service in bars halted

■ Gov. Whitmer signs new executive order impacting most of Lower Peninsula

By Sharon Stone

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed an executive order Wednesday, July 1 for the closure of indoor service at bars because of an increase of COVID-19 cases. This order took effect at 11 p.m. July 1. A willful violation of this order is a misdemeanor.

In her executive order, Whitmer said progress in suppressing COVID-19 appears to have stalled. Over the past week, every region in Michigan has seen an uptick in new cases, and daily case counts now exceed 20 cases per million in the Grand Rapids, Lansing, and Kalamazoo regions. A relatively large proportion of these new cases are occurring among young people — nearly one quarter of diagnoses in June were in people aged 20 to 29, up from roughly 16 percent in May.

As bars have reopened for indoor service across the country, they have been linked to a growing number of large outbreaks — especially among young people. Health officials in Ingham County linked 107 confirmed COVID-19 cases to an outbreak in a single bar in East Lansing.

This order closes bars and nightclubs for indoor service in those regions that are in Phase 4 of the Michigan Safe Start Plan.

Restaurants can remain open for indoor service, but alcohol can be served only to patrons who are seated at socially distanced tables. Common areas where people stand and congregate within restaurants must be closed. Restaurants and bars may remain open for outdoor seating, but only for seated customers at socially distanced tables.

Following the announcement, the Michigan Licensed Beverage Association (MLBA) released a statement.

“The governor has effectively hurt every local small-town bar in the state — establishments that aren’t the bad actors,” said MLBA Executive Director Scott Ellis. “Instead of focusing on problem bars or problem areas, she’s going to kill businesses that are abiding by all of the rules and still struggling to survive. It seems like 70 was chosen as an arbitrary percentage that holds no validity in terms of safety.”

The executive order allows establishments with more than 70 percent of their revenue in alcohol sales to remain open for carry-out service and service in outdoor areas.

“The announcement was not followed by any plan to help these establishments. No further relief, no assistance, no funding, no aid,” Ellis said. “Now, places that required masks, ensured social distancing and invested in remodeling their establishments to be safe for patrons have been altogether cheated.”

Despite the governor stating that bars

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Scott Ellis

MLBA executive director

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will not have to close down completely, the MLBA believes the majority of the businesses that fall into this category will have no other choice, stating that selling carry-out food and drinks to go is not a viable business model.

“People who were eager to travel and visit their favorite local bars during the Fourth of July holiday just had their plans completely derailed,” Ellis said. “We understand the importance of safety during these unprecedented times, but it now seems that following the rules precisely isn’t enough, but selling food is.”



YOUR SMILE MATTERS!

By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

POSTERIOR COMPOSITES

A posterior composite is a “white filling” placed in a back tooth. Until fairly recently, the most common restorative material for restoring posterior (back) teeth was silver/mercury amalgam. Today, posterior composites are becoming more and more popular. Silver/mercury amalgam has been used, by dentists, since the mid-1800’s. It’s relatively inexpensive, easy to work with, and it performs well over time. Composite resin material (white filling) was first developed in the 1960’s. It’s highly esthetic and blends in very nicely with the surrounding tooth structure and has been used since its development for the restoration of teeth in the front of the mouth. It becomes almost invisible when properly placed. The reason for composite resin material being used primarily in the front of the mouth was that early formulations of the composite resin material were not as strong as amalgam and didn’t hold up to the tremendous stresses of biting and chewing that occur in the posterior areas of the mouth. Today’s modern formulations have greatly enhanced composite resin’s physical properties making it as strong if not stronger than amalgam. Composite resin is more costly, and is technically more demanding and challenging and time consuming for the dentist to place. However, because composite resin is bonded in place, the seal between composite and tooth is much greater creating internal reinforcement for the tooth with much less post-operative sensitivity when compared amalgam. And a popular benefit with my patients is the far greater esthetics of posterior composites over amalgam. All things considered, posterior composite resin is now the ideal treatment of choice over silver/mercury amalgam for both me and my patients for routine filling of back teeth.

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Business in the front – party in the back

■ Voting starts Monday for best mullet entered in Bridge Street Exchange's contest

By Sharon Stone

Who knew there were so many people in the area with mullets? You know, the hairstyle that is all business in the front and all party in the back.

A local contest with a winning prize of \$500 attracted more than 130 people donning a mullet, similar to the one on actor David Spade in the movie, "Joe Dirt."

Kevin Begola, owner of Bridge Street Exchange in downtown Fenton, wanted to hold the contest from his men's shop just for something fun to do in March and April when it's typically slow.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, he postponed the contest until Monday, June 22. Anyone, any age, sporting a mullet had until July 1 to enter the contest.

To enter, contestants had to stop by the shop in person so that their photo could be taken. Begola said he'd be announcing the top 10 mullets



These individuals with mullet haircuts are hoping to win the mullet contest at the Bridge Street Exchange shop in downtown Fenton. The top 10 of the more than 130 contestants will be announced and people will be able to vote for their favorite at bridgestreetexchange.com beginning Monday, July 6. The top prize is \$500 cash. **Submitted photos**

soon. Then it will go to a Top 10 voting round, where people vote at bridgestreetexchange.com. Voting will

begin Monday, July 6 and go for one week.

There will be a first, second and third place winner with top cash prize of \$500.

Approximately 50 people stopped by throughout the day on Tuesday, July 30, to enter the contest. Begola said some drove more than two hours to enter the contest.

Word spread like wild fire about the contest and Begola said, "It is on trend for 2020, and younger people are

definitely rocking the mullet!"

Some of the contestants include a 2-year-old, a few women and some men over 60.

"It has been a blast and we are getting a lot of love for it," Begola said. "We like to have fun here and just stay in our lane."

"We bring excitement and something that fits people's lifestyles. There have been plenty of beard and mustache contests and a few mullet ones, but we feel as though this will be a big thing."

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Foam containing poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) tends to be white, lightweight, sticky and piled up to look like shaving cream. Photo: Michigan.gov

Stay away from lake, river foam

■ Could contain high levels of PFAS and pose health risk

By Sharon Stone

With the summer recreation season here, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is issuing a reminder that everyone should avoid foam on Michigan lakes and rivers known to have per and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in the water.

Foam on these water bodies can have much higher amounts of PFAS than the water, and swallowing foam with PFAS could be a health risk. Health advisories for foam exist on some waterbodies and specific advisories can be found in the PFAS Foam section at Michigan.gov/pfasresponse.

“Although, current science indicates PFAS does not move easily through the skin, it’s best to rinse off foam after contact and bathe or shower after the day’s outdoor activities,” said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health. “None of this information changes recommendations for water use at home.”

An MDHHS evaluation of how young children might recreate on lakes and rivers shows a health risk could exist from repeated, prolonged whole-body contact with foam containing high amounts of PFAS. Repeated prolonged contact is considered to be three hours per day, five days per week, over three months of a year, representing a summer season.

MDHHS’ recommendation to avoid foam with PFAS is protective of everyone, including young children.

Swimming or bathing in water

containing PFAS is not a health concern because the amount of PFAS is typically low compared to the foam. Although swallowing PFAS is the main way to get it in your body, an accidental swallow of river or lake water is not a health concern.

The amount of PFAS in lake and river water and in foam matters in determining if a health concern exists. MDHHS will continue to evaluate surface water and foam data as it becomes available and will issue further recommendations if necessary.

Additionally, the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development recommends that people not allow their animals — especially dogs — to come into contact with or swallow the foam. Dogs and other animals can potentially swallow foam collected in their fur when grooming themselves and should be thoroughly rinsed off with fresh water after contact with foamy water.

Not all foam contains PFAS. There is naturally occurring foam that piles up in bays, eddies or river barriers such as dams. This foam is off-white and/or brown in color and may have an earthy or fish smell. Naturally occurring foam can have high amounts of bacteria and it is best to rinse off after contact with it as well.

PFAS foam:

- Can be bright white
- Is usually lightweight
- Can be sticky
- Tends to pile up like shaving cream
- Can blow onto the beach

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MICHIGAN VOTES

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

— Compiled by Sharon Stone —

Senate Bill 956: Restrict transferring coronavirus patients to nursing homes

To ban transferring a patient currently in a medical care facility, and who tests positive for COVID-19, to a nursing home, with exceptions for patients who have recovered from the disease or nursing homes with a designated coronavirus area meeting standards specified in the bill. Also, to require state regulators to create a "centralized intake facility" in each of the state's eight "health care regions" to treat coronavirus patients who are "ineligible for admission at a hospital."

Passed 24 to 13 in the Senate

Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14) YES
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15) YES
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22) YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) NO
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) YES

House Bill 5781: Allow bars and restaurant to serve alcohol in 'commons area'

To allow "on-premises licensees" (restaurants with liquor licenses and bars that serve food) to serve alcohol in a "commons area" within a "social district" designated by a local government "that is shared by and abuts the premises of at least two other on-premises licensees," and allow local governments to authorize this.

Passed 107 to 0 in the House

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) YES
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) YES

Senate Bill 173: Ban government taking a cut of tow truck fees

To prohibit a local government from accepting a commission or a cut of vehicle tow-truck (wrecker) recovery or towing service fees from a towing service in exchange for steering business to that company; and ban towing services from offering this.

Passed 108 to 0 in the House

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) YES
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) YES

House Bill 5407: Ban replaceable-battery smoke alarms

To prohibit the sale of smoke alarms powered by a replaceable and removable battery starting April 1, 2022, and instead mandate that all smoke alarms must be powered by a nonremovable and nonreplaceable battery that lasts

at least 10 years, or by another power source utilizing new technology. This would not apply to alarms powered by a building electrical system and some other exceptions.

Passed 89 to 19 in the House

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) YES
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) YES

House Bill 5672: Ban employer requiring employee implants

To prohibit an employer from requiring employees to get a device, such as a microchip, implanted in their body as a condition of employment.

Passed 104 to 2 in the House

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) YES
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) YES

House Bill 4459: Restrict "surprise medical billing"

To prohibit hospital emergency rooms or other emergency medical care providers from charging a person whose health insurance provider does not have a negotiated deal with the provider more than the average amount negotiated by the patient's insurer, or more than 150 percent of the Medicare fee for service fee, with various exceptions.

Passed 101 to 5 in the House

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) YES
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) YES

Senate Joint Resolution G: Protect "electronic data and communications" from unreasonable search and seizure

To place before voters in the next general election a constitutional amendment to add "electronic data and communications" to the Article I provision that recognizes the right of the people to be secure from unreasonable government searches and seizures of their "person, houses, papers, and possessions."

The constitution states that no warrant to search or seize any person, place or things may be issued without describing them, or without probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation. With this vote, the constitutional amendment heads to placement on the Nov. 3 general election ballot.

Passed 106 to 0 in the House

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) YES
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) YES

House Resolution 282: Affirm House support of Mackinac pipeline tunnel

To express the support of the House for "the timely issuing of permits for the construction of the Great Lakes Tunnel Project," meaning the Line-5 gas pipeline tunnel under the Straits of Mackinac. The final vote was bipartisan with 23 Democrats joining all but one Republican in support.

Passed 80 to 28 in the House

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Deerfield resident unveils new boat

■ Fourth unique boat made by owner of Danger Boatwerks

By Hannah Ball

A new one-of-a-kind boat will be seen on Lobdell Lake this weekend, featuring a tiki bar, a rum barrel and treasure chest.

Deerfield Township resident Pat Danger, creator of the Facebook page Danger Boatwerks Co., finished his newest creation just in time for the Fourth of July on Saturday.

This is the fourth boat he's made and this one is called Fat Bottom Girl.

"The fun part is going to be on Saturday," he said. "It'll be a fun party boat."

He collected the parts for the boat over time. Danger looks at Facebook Marketplace to find items, and he also commissions artists to create certain pieces.

This boat has a tiki bar in the shape of a surfboard, made by an artist who makes Santa Claus statues for Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland in Franken-



Pat Danger stands atop his pontoon that will be transformed into his newest watercraft creation, seen for the first time on Lobdell Lake on the Fourth of July. Photo: Hannah Ball

muth, surrounded by seven decorative bar stools with airbrushed bikinis.

A rum barrel, which he traveled to Oxford to get, conceals the gas tank in the back. A treasure chest hides the battery. Danger has had this piece for a while and didn't know what to do with it until now. A battery fits in "perfectly," he said.

Danger complimented all the people who helped him create Fat Bottom Girl. "There was a lot of time doing this, all of it. I do the easy part, just thinking it up and putting it together," he said.

Hot Rod Coatings, Based in Lennon, did the orange paint on the railing. The orange color is similar to Harley-Davidson orange, but this paint has a sparkle to it. Danger is excited to see how the water reflects off of it. The floor is brand new vinyl

"It's way better. It's stain-proof," he said. "It kind of looks like sand in a way. I was going to put a palm tree on it too, but I can't find one. I don't know if I got room anyway."

He spent more money on this project than his previous boats. He started making them in 2012 with the picnic table boat. In 2015, he made Life's a Beach, which is a platform with an engine, sand, lawn chairs and an umbrella.

Then he made a canoe that travels over ice, called "Black Velvet on Ice," with an ultra-light motor that he uses in the winter when the lake freezes.

He said it's a "relief" to have this new boat nearly done.

"All my friends have been giving me a hard time about it. When are you gonna' build another boat? Because the last one I built was Life's a Beach, the one with sand on it. Not long after that was when I planned this one," he said.

His Facebook page, Danger Boatwerks Co., has received national attention and has thousands of fans. Matt Fletcher at High Octane makes his T-shirts.

Danger expects to have fun on the boat with his friends this weekend.



Pat Danger had this custom tiki bar made for his new boat, Fat Bottom Girl. Seven bar stools will be placed around it. Photo: Hannah Ball



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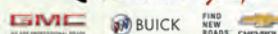


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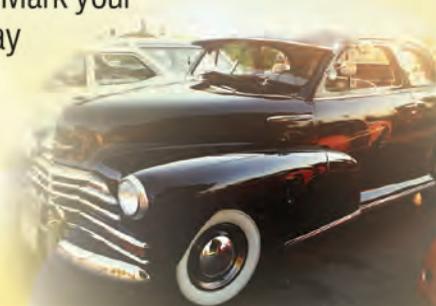
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POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

GAINES WOMAN UNDERSCANS \$100 WORTH OF STORE MERCHANDISE

At 5:42 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, Fenton police responded to the 3700 block of Owen Road for a retail fraud incident. Lt. Jeff Cross said a loss prevention employee had two females in custody after observing one under-scanning items at the self-checkout. The suspect, a 54-year-old Gaines woman, failed to pay for \$100 worth of merchandise and exited the store with her daughter. She was arrested, photographed, issued a court appearance ticket for a later court date

and released. The woman admitted guilt to police. Due to COVID-19 concerns, retail fraud suspects are not taken to the police station for booking. After their court date, police will complete the arresting process.

SWARTZ CREEK WOMAN UNDERSCANS STORE MERCHANDISE

At 12:49 on Monday, June 29, Fenton police were dispatched to the 3700 block of Owen Road for a reported retail fraud. Lt. Jeff Cross said a loss prevention employee observed an individual fail to scan all of her purchases. She failed to pay for nearly \$150 in store merchandise and exited. Police arrested the woman, a 34-year-old Swartz Creek resident, who admitted guilt. She was issued a court appearance ticket and released.



CAR FIRE CREATES HEAVY SMOKE IN FENTON

At 9:54 a.m., Wednesday, July 1, the Fenton Township Fire Department was dispatched to investigate heavy black smoke in the area of the 15000 block of North Road in Fenton Township. At 9:57 a.m., The Fenton City Fire Department was dispatched to assist the township on the unknown heavy smoke visible from downtown Fenton. The Fenton Fire Department quickly learned that the heavy black smoke was from a car fire at Scrap Dog Recycling & Salvage on Torrey Road in Fenton City. Firefighters responded and quickly extinguished the fire. No injuries were reported.

Photo: Fenton Fire Department

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Linden resident Clifford Weber holds up a flag he believes was made around the time Howard Taft was president. Photo: Hannah Ball

FLAG

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Weber's flag is slightly different from this design. It has 48 stars in staggered lines, frayed edges and is rough and thin enough for light to come through. Private flag makers often produced flags with more stars in anticipation of the addition of more states, according to jeffbridgman.com, an American antiques website.

The staggered star patterned flags date before and after the 1912 order and July 4 adoption of the official stars. A flag with 48 stars in six staggered rows is documented as early as 1896. They're well represented in records predating World War I, but don't appear in many images after. The government-mandat-

ed flags had straight rows, but private companies sometimes staggered them. The number of 48 was the official star count until 1959, when Alaska gained statehood.

Weber's flag is still affixed to a wooden staff, and has a few holes, showing some wear and tear.

The only way to find out if it's truly an original from the early 1900s is to find an expert, he said. He wants to reach out to the Ford Museum.

"It's just amazing to me," he said.

If it is an original from around 1912, he doesn't think it should stay with him in Linden.

"If this is, it belongs someplace other than my attic. It should be in a museum," he said.

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I don't want the truck anyway. Even though my husband installed a step on the passenger side, I hated having to climb in and out of it. I liked driving it, but again, I had to climb into it, which is an annoying chore. Plus, you have to roll the huge windows up and down by hand. I'm an automatic window kind of gal.

The vehicle I drive right now is an old Ford Explorer. As the great wizard said to the tin man on the "Wizard of Oz," it is a "clinking, clanking, clattering collection of caliginous junk!" The vehicle is also silver which makes that description even more apropos. Having said that, it does get me where I want to go. Runs fairly well as a matter of fact.

But I have to climb into it as well. Not as high, but climbing none the less. The hatch in the back doesn't open. I can't move the seats enough to get to the back seat. But there are automatic windows and I have air.

If I trade this vehicle in, I'm sure it will be a "mercy" buy on the dealership's part.

So, I'm in the market for a newer vehicle. I'm thinking not more than four or five years old and as few miles on it as possible. I refuse to pay for a car that costs as much as a house. And I don't want an SUV "soccer

mom" vehicle. It has to be a four-door sedan, have air-conditioning, and automatic transmission, although I don't mind driving a stick. It also cannot be silver, white or black. Ugh! I like bright red or royal blue, but I will entertain another color.

I'm getting a little help with my search. The minute I started researching online, a million ads for cars have been popping up on my Facebook page. Normally that would annoy me, but I am finding it very helpful. After the Fourth of July, I will begin checking vehicles out in person at local dealerships.

Wish me luck and pray I don't get talked into something outrageous. Just sayin'!



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Local ORV park back on track

■ Interest is ‘enormous’ for 13-acre facility under construction, set to open in September

By Tim Jagielo

Groveland Twp. — While delayed by the pandemic, things are moving again at the future site of the Holly Oaks ORV Park, which was supposed to open in June. Opening is now slated for September.

At 10:20 a.m., Wednesday July 1, a driver with the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) made possibly the 10th trip of the day dropping off three yards of plant-rich soil near the park entrance. This material is used to slow down erosion of man-made trails at the former gravel mine.

This park will be operated by the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission (OCPR) under a use agreement with the Michigan



Tom Zielinski pilots his 2015 Jeep Wrangler over a rock course designed for stock vehicles at the Holly Oaks ORV Park in Groveland Township, Wednesday, July 1. Progress in completing the long-awaited park re-started in June. **See story on 1B. Photos by Tim Jagielo**

“Outdoor adventure lifestyle has been huge, and continues to grow, and has grown more with the pandemic.”

Tom Zielinski
Holly Oaks ORV
Park marketing

Department of Natural Resources (DNR), which owns the site.

Dan Stencil, executive officer of OCPR, thinks the interest in the park to off-road enthusiasts will be “enormous.” Getting it this far required collaboration between the DNR, OCPR and Groveland and Holly townships.

“If we did not have the relationships between all groups, this project would not have happened,” said Jason Fleming with the DNR.

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PATHWAYS

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The LAFF (Linden, Argentine Township, Fenton Township, Fenton City) Pathway group has been working for years on developing non-motorized pathways in local communities.

The city of Fenton was asking for support as the Act 51 agency, meaning the city will act as the fiscal agent and take the lead on the project, along with the LAFF Pathway group.

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

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.

The project has received approximately \$441,509 from the Gen-

ese 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 MDOT grant would provide an additional \$997,000 to fund the project in 2023.

If all the grants they plan to apply for come in, they will need to raise approximately \$600,000 in private funds and donations.

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.

Krug mentioned the millage vote that failed in Fenton, Fenton Township and Linden that would have raised taxes to develop non-motorized pathways. The taxpayers voted no on it, he said.



Tom Zielinski shares information on newly constructed features at the Holly Oaks ORV Park in Groveland Township, Wednesday, July 1. Photo by Tim Jagielo

ORV PARK

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Stencil describes the park as a “50-year dream.” More recently it started taking shape with test events starting in 2014. “We are trying to create a park that will have attributes that will be of interest for (owners of) four-wheel drive vehicles, side-by-sides and motorcycles,” he said.

The park will eventually be 235 acres. There are 113 acres in development now, while the remaining gravel mining operations finish in the rest of the property. This will be the first motorized park in the OCPR portfolio.

The DNR owns other ORV parks like the Silver Lake Sand Dunes, St. Helen Motorsports Scramble Area and the Black Mountain Scramble area.

By opening day, multiple trails, obstacles, hill climbs, descents, rock courses, trails around lakes, and a sand course will be built. These have been designed and created through contractors and volunteer advisory groups like Friends of Holly Oaks ORV Park. They’ve built

trails for stock vehicles as well, in conjunction with auto manufacturers.

“When you look at ORV ownership, southeast Michigan is kind of a hot bed,” said Tom Zielinski, who organizes ORV events all over the country as president of Z Performance Group out of Auburn Hills. He assists this park with marketing and designing trails.

He believes that interest in ORVs is increasing. In his business he’s familiar with national sales data for power sports dealers. Sales are up right now instead of down.

“Outdoor adventure lifestyle has been huge, and continues to grow, and has grown more with the pandemic,” he said.

Prior public events have drawn thousands of people and according to the DNR, there were more than 200,000 ORVs registered in Michigan in 2014.

The park is set to open Sept. 17, at an approximate cost of \$15 per vehicle. An ORV and trail license will be required, but not a county park sticker.

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In a remote part of the Holly Oaks ORV Park in Groveland Township, contractors operating bulldozers work on new trails, Wednesday, July 1. Photo by Tim Jagielo

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ROSE TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN**

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of Rose Township who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the Township Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated state agency. Registration forms can be obtained at mi.gov/vote and mailed to the Township Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is **Monday, July 20, 2020**.

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.497) at the Rose Township Clerk's office, located at 9080 Mason St., Holly, MI 48442 at the following times:

- Regular business hours: Monday – Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, August 1, 2020 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday August 4, 2020, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Primary Election will be held in the Township of Rose, County of Oakland on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing candidates for the following offices:

CONGRESSIONAL	UNITED STATES SENATOR, REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 8TH DISTRICT
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Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the Rose Township Clerk's office, 9080 Mason St., Holly, MI 48442, telephone: 248-634-8701. A sample ballot may be viewed at mi.gov/vote.

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Debbie Miller, MMC, MiPMC
Rose Township Clerk

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON
PUBLIC NOTICE OF
ADOPTED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

At their meeting of June 29, 2020, the Fenton Township Board adopted Ordinance No. 820, a Zoning Ordinance amendment to revise the conditions for previously approved PUD zoning for parcels 06-03-400-008, (3145 Thompson Road), to permit the development of an industrial park.

A complete copy of the adopted ordinance may be obtained at the office of the Fenton Township Clerk, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430. The ordinances are also available on Fenton Township's website at www.fentontownship.org.

ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

**PUBLIC NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON
BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS
JUNE 29, 2020**

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday June 29, 2020 via telephone conference call and took the following actions.

1. Trustee Goupil offered the opening prayer.
2. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of \$269,729.48.
3. Adopted Ordinance No. 820, a Zoning Ordinance amendment to revise the conditions for previously approved PUD zoning for parcel 06-03-400-008, (3145 Thompson Road), to permit the development of an industrial park.
4. Approved a 1-year extension of the license agreement with the Genesee County Parks & Recreation Commission for the park property more commonly known as the Deer Run soccer facility.
5. Adopted amendments to the 2020 Fenton Township Budget.
6. Approved a motion to allow currently scheduled July 2020 rentals of the Fenton Township banquet hall to take place only if indoor gatherings of at least 50 people are allowed in the region of the State of Michigan that includes Fenton Township on or before the rental date.
7. Approved a motion to communicate to the Genesee County Road Commission the Fenton Township Board's support to reduce the speed limit on Owen Road between Linden Road and Lake Forest Drive from 55mph to 45mph.
8. Adopted Resolution No. 2020-09, supporting and authorizing the City of Fenton's submission of a MDOT TAP grant application to provide funding for the Silver Lake Road Connector Trail.
9. Adopted Resolution No. 2020-10, acknowledging the filing of petitions and scheduling a public hearing on the creation of a street improvement special assessment district for Ponemah Drive
10. Adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

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

ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK



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VOTING

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in person at their assigned polling station or vote by absentee voter ballot. Absentee voter ballots are available to all registered voters through their local clerk. Your request for an absent voter ballot must be in writing.

Requests to have an absent voter ballot mailed to you must be received by your clerk no later than 5 p.m. the Friday before the election. If you're already registered at your current address, you can request an absent voter ballot in person at your clerk's office anytime up to 4 p.m. on the day prior to the election. If you're registering to vote or updating your address by appearing at your clerk's office on Election Day, you can request an absent voter ballot at the same time you register. If you request your AV ballot the day before the election or on Election Day, you must vote the ballot in the clerk's office.

Fenton

Fenton City Clerk Sue Walsh said they are working on their plan. "There will be measures in place to protect the election worker and voter such as; masks, face shields, gloves and social distancing," she said. "I expect wait time and lines to be long at the polls. Social distancing will only allow a minimal number of voters in the precincts at one time.

"I expect voter turnout to be unprecedented for a State Primary Election."

Absentee ballots will make up the majority of voters. "In my opinion, voting absentee ballot is the fastest and safest way to vote," she said.

Argentine Township

Argentine Township Clerk Denise Graves said voters can expect to vote in person in August with COVID-19 safeguards in place. "They may have to wait in lines outside of the building and enter a few at a time to maintain social distancing," Graves said.

Election workers will wipe down surfaces often and follow the guidelines for COVID-19 from the Bureau of Elections. Voters will be asked to wear a face covering to protect election workers.

Graves said she submitted an order for a new ballot drop box from the state by the November election, but she hopes to get it sooner. This will be specifically for election ballots. Voters can register

to vote online and can request an absent ballot application online.

"I strongly encourage voters to vote by absentee ballot," she said. "This will give them time to research their candidate or party and carefully make their choices at home. Absentee voting is easy if a voter reads the simple instructions.

"Our voters need to know that absentee voting is safe. If a voter returns their ballot to the ballot drop box at the township hall instead of mailing it, they can be sure their vote will count.

"The most important thing is to sign the outside of their ballot on the signature line. If the ballot is not signed, it will not count."

Argentine Township has 4,989 registered voters as of Tuesday, June 30. Registrations are expected to increase by a few hundred as we approach a presidential election date.

Argentine Township has close to 1,200 absent ballot requests at this time, which is about 25 percent of its voters. Graves said most have requested to be on a permanent absent voter list, which will reduce the voters who vote at the polls in the future elections.

"I estimate that our turnout could be 30 percent," she said. "The number of registered voters have remained steady for the past five years."

Fenton Township

Thomas Broecker, operations manager/deputy clerk of Fenton Township, said he's been training election workers with in-person sessions as well as Zoom remote sessions. The township is still developing its best practice for the August election.

He said with the township using the Lake Fenton High School gym, they do have plenty of room to spread out voting tables. They bought a clear plastic barrier that is sturdy, but lightweight and can be rolled up for storage, to separate election workers from voters. Volunteers will be constantly wiping surfaces and pencils to safeguard everyone.

Broecker said absentee voter ballot requests this election are "through the roof." He too encourages residents to vote absentee because of the coronavirus. Typically, there are 1,200 absentee voter ballots, but this election, Broecker said he's received four times that amount.

"We'll do everything we can so that people feel safe," Broecker said.

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There are always a lot of "oohs" and "aahs" when the fireworks go off on the Fourth of July. There are some things people may not know about this symbol of our freedom. Here are a few fun, interesting facts:

★ Dreaming about fireworks means that you like to be the center of attention and are showing off to others. It also symbolizes enthusiasm and exhilaration.

★ The fireworks were used to

accompany many festivities, scare off evil spirits and promote prosperity.

★ The largest chocolate firework consisted of just under 133 pounds of Swiss Cailler chocolates. The firework was released in Zurich on New Year's Eve 2002.

★ France uses fireworks to celebrate Bastille Day and celebrate storming the prison of Bastille.

★ The record for the largest fireworks display consisted of 66,326 fireworks and was achieved in Portugal in 2006.

★ A rocket can reach speeds of 150 mph.

★ Static electricity in synthetic clothing can set off firecrackers. People making firecrackers wear only cotton clothing while making firecrackers.



★ A sparkler burns at a temperature over 15 times the boiling point of water. Three sparklers burning together generate the same heat as a blowtorch.

★ At first fireworks were only orange and white. In the Middle Ages new colors were achieved by adding different salts. The hardest color to create is blue.

Source: Thefireworksfirm.co.uk

BURN BAN

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In response, the North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCEFA) has issued an open burn ban for Holly and Rose townships. Small 3- by 3-foot contained campfires are still permitted.

“We urge anyone discharging fireworks to please be cautious,” said Jeremy Lintz, NOCEFA chief. “Dry vegetation can easily ignite from smoldering fireworks when it hits the ground.”

Fenton Township

Fenton Township Fire Chief Ryan Volz said as of now, the township is not banning open burns. “We just ask that our residents be careful and use good judgment when having a fire,” Volz said.

Tyrone Township

On Wednesday, July 1, Tyrone Township issued a burn ban on all open burning except for recreational/ camp fires, due to the extended forecast and

the hot dry conditions the ban was issued.

When there is no ban, residents of Tyrone Township wishing to burn must obtain a burn permit from the township. Permits cost \$5 and are good for one calendar year, and may be obtained at the township hall or by mail. Burning is

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Fenton City

The city does not allow open burning, but recreational/camp fires are allowed and are still allowed at this time.

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2020 – 2021 BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING DATES

According to the Open Meetings Act enacted by the State of Michigan:

The **Holly Township Board of Trustees** will hold its regular meetings at **Holly Area Schools Board Room 920 E. Baird, Holly, Michigan at 6:30 PM** on the following dates:

July 15, 2020	November 18, 2020	March 17, 2021
August 19, 2020	December 16, 2020	April 21, 2021
September 16, 2020	January 20, 2021	May 19, 2021
October 21, 2020	February 17, 2021	June 16, 2021

The **Holly Township Planning Commission** will hold its regular meetings at 920 E. Baird, Holly, Michigan at 6:30 PM on the following dates:

July 7, 2020	November 17, 2020	March 2, 2021
August 4, 2020	December 1, 2020	April 6, 2021
September 1, 2020	January 5, 2021	May 4, 2021
October 6, 2020	February 2, 2021	June 1, 2021

The **Holly Township Zoning Board of Appeals** will hold its regular meetings on scheduled Planning Commission dates when there is business. The meetings will be held at **920 E. Baird, Holly, Michigan at 5:00 PM**, unless otherwise posted.

Karin S. Winchester, MMC
 Holly Township Clerk

TYRONE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Public Accuracy Test for the August 4, 2020 State Primary Election has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall, 8420 Runyan Lake Road, Fenton, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate to electors that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Marcella Husted, Tyrone Township Clerk

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Obituaries

Times

Betty Thomas

Betty Thomas - age 94, died June 27, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Buck Jones

Buck Jones - age 83, died June 25, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Dawn Withey

Dawn Withey - age 58, died June 24, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Elaine Hanson

Elaine Hanson - age 79, died June 27, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Evelyn Morrow

Evelyn Morrow - age 92, died June 24, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Virginia Williams

Virginia Williams - age 30, died June 25, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



James Brohn

James Brohn - age 85, died June 28, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Joseph Kotsko

Joseph Kotsko - age 84, died June 24, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Mae Pobocik

Mae Pobocik - age 93, died June 29, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Mae Scherbovich

Mae Scherbovich - age 93, died June 27, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Margaret Dewley

Margaret Dewley - age 76, died June 26, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Robert Linn Jr.

Robert Linn Jr. - age 94, died June 26, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



William

"Harvey" Jeffers

William "Harvey" Jeffers - age 84, died June 28, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Harmon Jones

Harmon Jones - age 91, died June 28, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Harold Young

1926 - 2020

Harold Young - age 94, died Friday, June 26, 2020 at home in Fenton. He is the loving husband of Elizabeth Young. Also surviving are his children, Dennis (Connie) Young, Becky (Jim) Haggerty, and Sandra Sanders; six grandchildren; four great grandchildren; his dog "Penny"; and many nieces, nephews, and friends. He was preceded in death by his son Robert "Bob" Young. Visitation was Tuesday at Temrowski Family Funeral Home in Fenton followed by interment with full Naval Honors in Tyrone Memory Gardens Cemetery. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Delores A. Wright

Delores A. Wright - age 76, died June 28, 2020. www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Donna Mae Maidment

1933 - 2020



Donna Mae Maidment - age 87 went to be with the Lord on Sunday, June 28, 2020, surrounded by her loving children. Born in Montrose, on March 4, 1933 to Floyd and

Nora (Bertha) Gerow. She was awarded the Daughter of the American Revolution while in school and was a cheerleader at Hoover High graduating in 1951. Hoover High is where she met Pete (Ernest) Maidment and they started dating after graduation and married on November 27, 1952. Donna was a devoted, loving wife, to her beloved husband Pete for over 60 years. Her loving spirit showed in all she did, as a wonderful caring and compassionate mother, grandmother, and best friend to many, always willing to lend a hand. Donna and Pete enjoyed traveling and had many wonderful adventures to Hawaii, Norway, an Alaskan cruise, and several visits to Florida, Las Vegas and Arizona. She was a devoted Christian, an animal lover whose pets gave her such joy, and a talented artist who enjoyed oil painting. She loved playing euchre with friends, taking casino bus trips, and just sitting on the back porch of her home

enjoying the view of what she always called "God's little acre." Donna was preceded in death by her husband, Pete; her sister, Betty Jackson; and several of her dearest

friends including her best friend since childhood, Patricia Snyder. She leaves behind four children, Susan Holtslander (Rick), Scott Maidment (Diane), Tammy Neuville (Rod), and Angela Flynn (Nick); eight grandchildren, April Zink (Kevin), Tony Maidment, Jenna Dagen (Josh), Jordan Kilbourne (Jeremy), Kristen Garmyn (Brandon), Kody Neuville (Brittany), Audrey and Andrew Flynn; and eleven great-grandchildren. A private service will be held at the Linden Presbyterian Church for immediate family only. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her loving memory to the Linden Presbyterian Church and/ or Adopt a Pet of Fenton. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 East Broad Street, Linden. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Esther D. Storms

Esther D. Storms - age 87, died June 30, 2020. www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



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