

Input from parents on schools reopening in fall

■ Concerns about pandemic, falling behind in school, spreading COVID to higher risk relatives

By Hannah Ball

The Times asked on Facebook for opinions from parents about their children potential-

ly returning to in-class school this fall during the COVID-19 pandemic. Here's what some of them said:

Charlene Dusenbery said, "I have a lot of concerns ... I watch my grandkids after school and I am high risk for covid ... just worried about my

“I’m on team ‘give me some more information so I can make an educated decision.’”

Megan Bishop
Linden resident

grandkids getting it and bringing it home to me ... hugs.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the risk for severe illness from COVID-19 increases with age, with older adults at the highest risk. However, younger children can

contract the virus.

Coronavirus is more contagious than the flu, and has killed more than 140,000 people in the U.S. so far.

Mekenzie Lynn said, “I’m curious what will happen when someone is covid positive and See **SCHOOLS** on 15



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Local sheriff is ‘Officer of the Year’

■ Says national recognition humbling and shared with all those who walked into history books on May 30

By Sharon Stone

The National Law Enforcement Memorial and Museum has named Genesee County Sheriff Christopher R. Swanson as the June 2020 Officer of the Month.

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Chris Swanson

A walk in the park



Downtown Fenton is bustling with activity Thursday evening, July 23. While some people are fishing, others are walking their dogs, sitting on park benches or enjoying some tasty frozen custard or ice cream. Photo: Sharon Stone

WhoshotAlly?

■ Rose Township homicide remains unsolved — four years later

By Vera Hogan

It has now been four years since Alexandra “Ally” Brueger was gunned down while jogging on Fish Lake Road in Rose Township. She was 31 years old.

There have been no arrests. Michigan State Police (MSP) are saying nothing about the case other than they are

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Nikki Brueger implores anyone with information about her daughter Ally's murder to come forward. Times file photo

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“I think it’s an outrage that we repave White Lake Road when Runyan Lake Road is in such poor, unsafe condition. Please call the road commission. Let’s put pressure on them to get it redone. It’s 40 years old and past its lifetime.”



“Paddleboards are hard to spot? Maybe you should look better or not have the front of your boat so high in the air that you can’t see 20 feet in front of you.”



“A heartfelt thank you to the three gentlemen who helped us push our car to safety on Saturday, July 18 at the stop light on Silver Parkway close to VG’s. Warms our hearts especially during this unusual time. We will return your favor by helping out others when we can. Thank you.”

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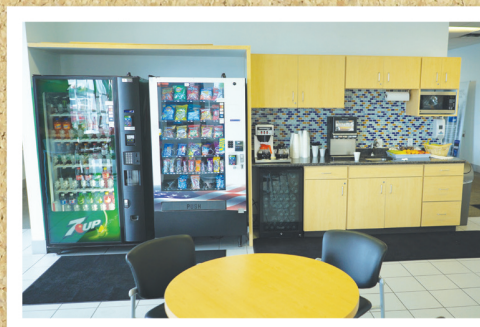
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‘This too shall pass’

■ Abbey Park staying proactive to keep residents healthy and engaged

By Sharon Stone

Colorful chalk art graces brick pillars at Abbey Park, an independent senior living complex in Grand Blanc Township.

Kathy Felix, director of Abbey Park, said the residents enjoy the colorful and inspirational drawings. She said Jennifer Chase, activity director, and Toni VanHorn, assistant business manager, are responsible for the designs. It was a “non-activity activity” that complied with the governor’s executive order. Felix said, “They love it.”

Felix said it’s been a difficult time for Abbey Park’s residents and staff in dealing with the coronavirus, but they are coping with positive attitudes and adhering to medical advice.

Being an independent senior facility, residents were and are the most



Karen Burke and Jennifer Chase push Abbey Park’s mobile country store down the hallways enabling an inexpensive and fun shopping experience for residents. The traditional store is temporarily closed because of the pandemic. Submitted photo

vulnerable to COVID-19. Felix said, however, that of their more than 150 residents just a very small percentage died from the virus, and those who died had other underlying health conditions. “The ones who died was a tiny percentage compared with other causes,

like depression, just giving up and isolation,” Felix said. “There were more non-covid deaths.” Felix said one of their residents who died from COVID-19 was 101 years old and in hospice care. Another had See **ABBEY PARK** on 13

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A message from the superintendent

In November 2018, our community passed the Holly Area Schools bond proposal, making a long-term investment in the safety and security of our entire Broncho community and the success of our students.

I'm proud to announce our summer 2020 bond construction schedule is on track as we continue to protect the health and safety of our students, families and staff amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our summer safety and security projects include reconfigured student drop-off and pick-up locations, relocated main offices and revamped pool facilities. These projects at Davisburg Elementary, Rose Pioneer Elementary and Holly High School all play a key role in a safe return to school in the fall.

For years, our community has raised concerns about student pick-up and drop-off at Davisburg and Rose Pioneer. In response, preliminary work is underway to improve student safety by reconfiguring the parking lots at both schools.

At both Davisburg and Rose Pioneer, we are moving student drop-



Scott Roper
Holly Area
Schools
superintendent

off and pick-up to the front of the building by shifting the bus loop to the back of the building, which will greatly improve traffic flow at both locations.

Our community has also called for new, more secure entryways at our school buildings. With that in mind, this summer we're installing more secure entryways at the front of Davisburg and Rose Pioneer. Construction

is also underway on a new main office at the front of Rose Pioneer, which will replace the current media center. The school's media center will be relocated

to the center of the building.

Several additional interior and exterior site improvements are underway at both Davisburg and Rose Pioneer this summer, including outdoor lighting upgrades, new fire alarms, heating and cooling upgrades and replacement of windows, carpeting and other classroom fixtures.

The Holly High School pool — a long-standing point of pride in our community — was in dire need of safety upgrades. Again, at the direction of our community, we made safety and security of our pool facilities a top priority for the bond. We're honoring that commitment

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HOW DOES MY wearing a seatbelt help 'everyone's safety?' Seatbelts only help the wearer avoid serious injury and that's reportedly about 45 percent of the time. They have nothing to do with the safety of others. The verdict on the actual effectiveness of masks (except N95s) is still out.

I WON'T LET a tyrannical government tell me what to wear on my body. I hope other hunters stand with me this fall and refuse to wear blaze orange. It's my choice. I'm tired of being controlled.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT, when you signed on as our commander in chief, you agreed to be a leader for all the American people. For goodness sake, put on your 'big boy pants' and lead.

TO THE PERSON who said wearing masks is like wearing seatbelts because it's to protect others. What? How does it protect anyone but myself when I wear my seatbelt? Try again.

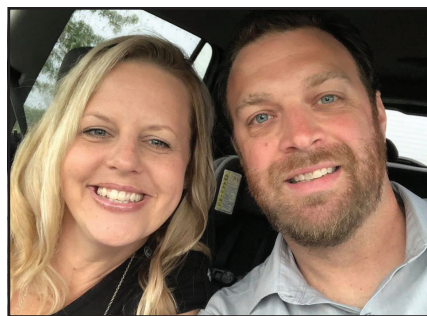
TESLA IS MOVING to Texas. I wonder why. I will bet Michigan was not on the list.

What's your favorite way to prepare sweet corn?



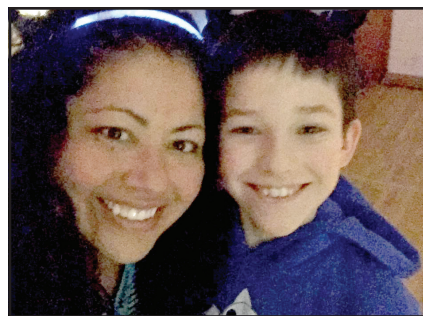
"Butter, pepper, garlic salt. wrap in tinfoil and grill for 20 minutes. Best corn you'll ever eat."

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"Lightly brushed with mayo and seasoned with chipotle seasoning and herbed garlic, steamed in the microwave and believe it or not, best sweet corn on the cob!"

Laura Slaughter
Linden



"Shuck it. Boil water. Place in boiling water for three minutes (turn down heat to medium). Remove from pot, from heat and let corn sit in water for eight more minutes."

Becky Duncan
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"Leave in husk (trim husk, so you don't have any fires) grill on low 20ish minutes or until all of husk has turned brown. Let rest a couple minutes. Roll in butter, sprinkle on Lawry's seasoning salt."

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Bond projects underway

■Holly Area Schools using safety/security funds toward improvements at school buildings

Holly Area Schools (HAS) safety and security projects, including reconfigured student drop-off and pick-up locations, relocated main offices, and revamped pool facilities are underway this summer, all thanks to the voter-approved 2018 bond.

As previously reported in the Times, HAS will raise approximately \$38,150,000 over four years from the bond, which was approved by voters in November 2018, dividing the funds into several project phases, the first of which were initiated in the summer of 2019.

This summer's projects at Davisburg Elementary, Rose Pioneer Elementary and Holly High School are part of the district's continued commitment to providing a safe, nurturing and learning environment for all Bronchos.

"At HAS, safety is our number one priority, and I am proud to announce we are on schedule with our summer 2020 bond projects as we continue to finalize plans to safely return to school in the fall," said Scott Roper, Holly Area Schools superintendent. "These projects focus first and foremost on the safety of our Broncho students, families and staff and were made possible by our community's long-term investment in school safety, building enhancements, and technology upgrades that help prepare all Bronchos for bright futures."

Site demolition and utility work have been completed for the reconfiguration of Davisburg Elementary's parking lot. The project will improve student safety by moving student drop-off and pick-up to the front of the building, shifting the bus loop to the back of the building, and improving traffic flow in and out of the lot. Installation of a new, safer entryway at the front of the building is also underway.

Additional Davisburg work this summer includes:

- Outdoor lighting upgrades
- Fire alarm upgrades
- Heating, cooling and plumbing upgrades
- Partial roof replacement, and
- Replacement of classroom windows, carpeting, countertops and sinks



A new dehumidification unit is lifted into place for the Holly High School pool. Submitted photo

At Rose Pioneer Elementary, construction is underway on a new main office at the front of the building, which will take the place of the current media center. The media center will be relocated to the center of the building.

Crews have completed demolition of the existing media center, and walls are being reconfigured for the new main office.

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Roof replacement is underway at Rose Pioneer Elementary. Submitted photo

Neighbors upset over loud music

■ New reception venue at 111 College St. in Holly Village draws complaints with outdoor receptions

By Sharon Stone

Some residents in Holly Village have made their voices heard regarding music coming from a wedding reception venue they believe is too loud for their neighborhood.

In February, the Holly Village Planning Commission and Holly Village Council gave their approvals to rezone 111 College St. allowing the owners of the former Holly Area Schools building to move forward with their boutique hotel and banquet center. Approved was conditional rezoning from residential to commercial.

As previously reported in the Times, the owners, Cari Cucksey and her husband, Vince Iafano, provided a written list of agreed upon conditions, which the



Venue One Eleven, at 111 College St., Holly, is utilizing an outdoor courtyard for wedding receptions to be in compliance with the governor's order of prohibiting large indoor gatherings during this COVID-19 pandemic. The owner is working on methods to contain music played at receptions that some neighbors believe is too loud. **Submitted photos**

couple agreed will stay with the property.

One of the conditions is complying with the village noise ordinance of 11 p.m.

Because of COVID-19 and the governor's executive order of prohibiting large gatherings indoors, couples who booked the new Venue One Eleven for wedding receptions are having to host their receptions in an outdoor courtyard on the property.

On Friday, July 17, a wedding reception



was held in the courtyard. Because it was outdoors, music for the guests disturbed some nearby residents.

Holly Police Chief Jerry Narsh said police were dispatched to the venue at 8:41 p.m. and 9:03 p.m. after residents in the area of Cogshall and Baird streets called to report loud music and conversations.

Narsh said the responding officers heard the music, which was similar to what would be played at a home party. Police

asked that the music volume be turned down and Narsh said music was turned down. There were no noise ordinance violations.

On Saturday, July 18, police officers monitored noise near the venue, but did not receive any complaints.

Angela Wallace lives about two blocks east of the venue. She had posted on social media that she believed Holly Village had sold out by allowing the new reception venue to be in this location and to allow the loud music.

Wallace has contacted Venue One Eleven owners, as well as police and Holly Village officials seeking a remedy.

"I want the Holly Village Council to know that when we as residents spoke out about approving Venue 111 they promised the residents that noise wouldn't be a problem yet we are here a year later still talking about the noise we have to endure," Wallace said.

Wallace has assembled a group of residents who will represent their streets

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with any upcoming meetings that can be arranged with Cucksey.

"We are asking for reasonable noise levels and noise reduction from 111 College St.," Wallace said.

On Wednesday, July 22, Cucksey said the transformation of this property is ongoing and the challenges of this pandemic have caused a lot of pressure. She said some of the couples had set their wedding dates a year in advance.

"We're going by the governor's mandates," Cucksey said. "Was this my vision — absolutely not." She and her husband are trying to keep everyone employed and brides happy.

Cucksey is aware of the Friday night complaints and said they have fencing ordered to help shield the opening of the courtyard. They also are looking at ways to attach something to the fencing to make more of a noise barrier. "Something to keep the music in the courtyard," she said.

Another wedding took place Saturday evening and they spoke with the DJ to make sure the music was at an

appropriate level. From the front of the building on College Street, the music couldn't be heard, she said.

"We're looking at several options," she said.

No events are scheduled this weekend at Venue One Eleven.

Post COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, the 44,000-square-foot Venue One Eleven will be able to accommodate up to 400 guests indoors.

Background

Cari Cucksey and husband Vince Iafano purchased the building at 111 College St. in 2016 from The River Church, which bought it from the Holly Area Schools district in 2007. She moved to Holly with Iafano, in 2015, after purchasing the historic downtown building that once housed the Holly Village offices. She now runs her businesses and resides in the building with her family.

Cucksey and Iafano plan to rehabilitate the College Street building, which was built in 1913 and covers 44,000 square feet on 2.58 acres, into a mixed-use boutique hotel and wedding/banquet center.

Spare some change?

■ Coin shortage could end when the economy reopens

By Tim Jagielo

Buying things with cash was no longer a given at the pandemic's onset.

Of the few stores remaining open in the initial weeks, some preferred only accepting electronic payments to limit physical contact with potential COVID-19 carriers in a time when methods of viral transmission weren't certain.

According to the Boston Globe, this is why large electronics retailers like Micro Center went cashless this spring.

But since the beginning of July, stores have sought to be cashless for another reason — a shortage of coins.

University of Michigan-Flint Associate Professor of Economics Christopher Douglas attributed this to two causes. The first is that the U.S. Mint, which makes the coins we use, partially shut down at the beginning of the pandemic for the safety of their employees which limited production of coins.

The 2020 numbers aren't available, but in fiscal year 2019, the U.S. Mint shipped 12.5 million circulating coins to Federal Reserve Bank locations, according to the U.S. Mint.

The other issue is that most shoppers or food takeout customers began paying for their items with a card. Also, for nearly a month, many "brick-and-mortar" stores were closed. These combined have led to the shortage today. The coins are still out there; they're just not in circulation.

Stacey Webb is senior vice president of retail banking at The State Bank. The bank uses coin counting machines for customers who bring loose change. They would normally take the coins and ship them back to the Federal Reserve.

The bank would in turn order more coins from The Federal Reserve in roll form because it's easier to distribute back to individuals and businesses.

But starting about a month ago, Webb said they were no longer able to get rolled coins.

Instead of shipping coins back, they've started keeping loose coins and "creatively distribute" them to customers, in loose form, for example.

So far, they haven't had to restrict customers, who also have adjusted — some even bring change to help with the shortage.

In fiscal year 2019, the U.S. Mint shipped 12.5 million circulating coins to Federal Reserve Bank locations, according to the U.S. Mint.

Webb said they've received no official communication about the issue and she's not sure how long it will last.

Douglas doesn't think that many businesses will be hurt by the shortage. "It's more disconcerting than anything," he said. Larger stores like Meijer and Walmart are discouraging the use of

cash for card or check. Some checkouts don't accept cash at all.

Some businesses never stopped accepting cash. Linden Alpine Marketplace Store Director Scott Trump said they've had no issue making change for customers, and never had to consider disallowing cash. The only change is they won't "sell" customers rolls of change.

Target is still accepting cash, but according to a Fenton Target store employee, they are encouraging use of cards and checks, and that exact change can be difficult to make for customers.

Other businesses like Beale Street Smokehouse BBQ in Fenton never lost its stride in accepting cash.

"We have a credit card processing fee so we get a lot of cash," said co-owner Lisa Reading. For four years they've charged an additional 3.85 percent to use credit cards, so their customers are used to paying cash.

She said they're not impacted by the coin shortage.

As it is, this cash shortage should only be temporary, ending in a matter of weeks. Douglas said it will take more coin production, more businesses opening for increased circulation of coins.

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Grand opening planned for new Union Block property

■ Dr. Wax announces new tenant on second floor

By Hannah Ball

On Friday, Aug. 14, the public can celebrate the opening of the newest development in the city of Linden — the new Union Block building.

Owner Dr. Nicole Wax announced the grand opening celebration in July, weeks after her business, Dr. Wax Orthodontics, moved into the building. At the grand opening celebration, from 5 to 7 p.m., attendees can enjoy food, refreshments and prizes.

“We have been in the building for a few weeks now and we are loving it,” Wax said. “It’s spacious and with all the windows and high ceilings throughout the entire building, it has a sunny and warm feeling. From the second floor where our

office is, the view of the downtown is sure to put a smile on anyone’s face.”

The two-story building is at the north-east intersection of Bridge and Broad streets in the heart of downtown Linden.

“It’s exciting to see how busy this little downtown truly is with cars always driving through and people walking around with ice cream and visiting the

local businesses. Sometimes I find myself just gazing out the window with a smile on my face with all the activity you see,” Wax said.

The building is historic and a new landmark in Linden. It’s built on the same location where the previous Union Block stood before it burned down in 2007.

Wax, a Linden native, spent 11 years in college to become an orthodontist. When she was in her residency, she decided she wanted to come back to Linden to start her practice. She

“From the second floor where our office is, the view of the downtown is sure to put a smile on anyone’s face.”

Nicole Wax

Dr. Wax Orthodontics owner

opened Dr. Wax Orthodontics in 2014 and bought the former Union Block property in 2016.

She hired Kincaid Building Group, a real estate development and construction service company. The Linden Planning Commission approved the final site plan in 2019.

The building is 14,833 square foot with two tenants, one of which is Dr. Wax Orthodontics, on the top floor with two tenants on the first floor. The east bottom unit is 2,600 square feet, and the west bottom unit is 3,600 square feet. On the top will be Dr. Wax Orthodontics in the west unit, with another tenant on the east side, which is a little more than 1,000 square feet.

More than 20 parking spaces were added to the north of the development, with two entrances to the building.

Wax also announced a tenant coming to the building — Dr. Garrett Purman of Positively Pediatrics will move into the second available unit on the second floor. The two suites on the first floor are still available.

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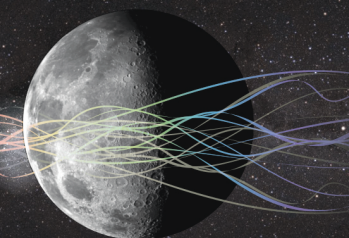


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100th proton therapy patient finishes cancer treatment

■ Rings bell to signify the end of treatment and to represent graduation for the patient

The McLaren Proton Therapy Center's 100th patient has rung the victory bell to signify the completion of his cancer treatment. When Gary Howard of Mt. Morris was diagnosed with base of tongue cancer, he wanted to receive his cancer care within the McLaren Health Care system. The comprehensive team at the Karmanos Cancer Institute (KCI) at McLaren Flint and the McLaren Proton Therapy Center worked collaboratively to come up with the best treatment options for Howard. Along with chemotherapy, Howard chose proton therapy treatments instead of conventional radiation.

"With protons, the radiation only hits what it's aimed at," Howard said. "That's what I liked about it because regular radiation would go from here all the way through here," as he points to both sides of his neck. "After treating one area, the table turned around so I could receive



(Right) Gary Howard is the McLaren Proton Therapy Center's 100th patient. He received treatment for base of the tongue cancer at the Flint cancer center. He finished his treatments at the end of June and is doing well. (Left) Gary Howard of Mt. Morris rings the victory bell at the McLaren Proton Therapy Center in Flint. This ritual signifies the end of treatment and represents a graduation for the cancer patient. Submitted photo



treatment on the other side."

With proton therapy, there is no exit dose, so radiation stops at the boundary of the tumor without exposing much of the surrounding healthy tissue. Howard's oral cancer had advanced and spread to his lymph nodes in his neck, and the tumors were particularly tough to treat due to their proximity to the spinal cord.

Hesham Gayar, Medical Director of the McLaren Proton Therapy Center, and his team were able to precisely target the tumors while minimizing radiation to uninvolved healthy tissues.

Due to the location of the cancer sites, Howard did experience some side effects, but his side effects were much less than if he would have had traditional radiation treatment.

Howard started his proton therapy treatments simultaneously with chemotherapy in April, and after 10 weeks, he had his patient graduation. He rang the victory bell at the end of June.

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ABBEY PARK

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advanced memory issues. One resident recovered and is doing fine, Felix said.

Being proactive, Felix said they began a regular email campaign with family members of their residents. Since family were not permitted to visit, many were concerned about the emotional effects of isolation and depression. Felix said this was one of the worst aspects for residents and faculty.

Abbey Park hired a company to monitor the front door to take the temperatures of everyone who needed to enter the building. They initiated this practice before it was mandated.

Felix said she relies on medical advice of her fiancé, who is a medical doctor, as well as the health department. Her goal was and is to keep everyone healthy and engaged. One thing she did early on was ask family members to take their loved

one who was living at Abbey Park home for a few weeks if it was possible. More than 35 of their 150 residents were able to go home and spend time with family.

Felix said this home visit was a good thing and it improved their chances of boosting their immunity, getting some activity and social interaction, as well as eating, staying hydrated and taking their vitamins. "It was a nice break for families to be together," she said.

When residents returned to Abbey Park, instead of being quarantined again to their room, they were told to just keep their distance from other residents for two weeks. "That worked out well," Felix said.

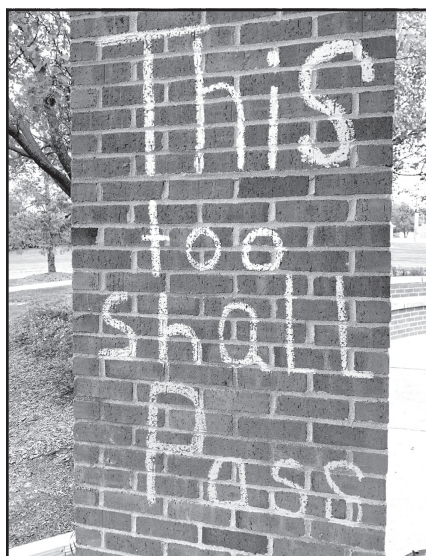
Felix continues to worry about Abbey Park residents as well as any vulnerable person living in a senior facility. She said the isolation and loneliness of these people is horrible. "If I knew I only had six months to live, would I want to

be alone or would I want to live three months surrounded by those I love the most," she said. "For me, that's an easy answer."

Abbey Park residents, whenever possible, are taken outside to soak up some sunshine and fresh air. All residents and all employees are

constantly monitored.

Abbey Park has a small general store, however, it is currently closed. Instead, Chase and Karen Burke wheel their "mobile" country store down hallways providing shopping opportunities for their residents. "They love that," Felix said.



To brighten the days of Abbey Park residents, Jennifer Chase, activity director, and Toni VanHorn, assistant business manager, decorated brick pillars with colorful chalk art. **Submitted photos**

NOTICE OF REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING TO BE HELD ELECTRONICALLY CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN AUGUST 13, 2020

THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

NEW BUSINESS:

R20-003 Josh Park, Gables of North Shore Condominium Association

The request is to rezone the property south of the Fables of North Shore Condominium on Bowels Road from R-5 Single Family Residential, to Gables of North Shore PUD, parcel # 06-11-527-029

SUP20-003 Adam Shoemaker, 13259 Lake Shore Drive:

Requesting a Special Use Permit operate an outdoor storage facility at 11428 Torrey Road, parcel # 06-03-400-030.

To the residents and property owners of Fenton Township, Genesee County, Michigan, and any other interested parties. Please take notice that a regular meeting of the Fenton Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday August 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. by telephone conference call. In accordance with the Michigan Governor's Executive Order 2020-129, the use of electronic remote access (telephone conference call) will be implemented in response to COVID-19 social distancing requirements and Michigan Governor's Executive Order 2020-21. The public may participate in the meeting via telephone by calling into the following number:

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Members of the public will only be able to speak during the public comment portion(s) of the meeting and such comment will be limited to three minutes per person. To provide for orderly public participation, when the Chairperson or meeting moderator calls for public comment, a person wishing to speak must state their name and wait to be recognized before speaking. The Chairperson or moderator will recognize all persons wishing to speak during public comment. Prior to the meeting, if members of the public have certain questions or wish to provide input on any business that will be addressed at the meeting, such persons may contact the Planning Commission members through Michael Deem, Zoning Administrator, by email at mdeem@fentontownship.org, or by mail at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430. A copy of the meeting material may be found on the Township website homepage at www.fentontownship.org.

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Linden reminds residents about safety precautions

■ City has drop box in the rear parking lot

By Hannah Ball

The Linden City Facebook page published a statement reminding city residents of the changes that are still in effect due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We kindly remind our residents that though we are open to the public, we are still trying to limit contact, as well as any non-essential visits. We ask that if you do need to come into City Offices for essential business, to please wear a mask and adhere to CDC guidelines,” according to the post.

The drop box is available to use. It's located in the rear parking lot

behind City Hall off Main Street.

“Be assured, our drop box is safe and secure. All correspondence received will be processed in a timely fashion,” according to the statement.

Here's what business can be processed using the drop box:

- Gazebo rental applications
- Election inspector applications
- Absent voter applications and ballots
- Tax and utility payments
- Resident contact update forms
- ACH enrollment forms
- Burn and yard sale permits
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PROJECTS

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with fire suppression and lighting improvements, installation of a new dehumidification unit and new bleachers, and more pool upgrades already completed.

Seeing these projects come to fruition makes me proud, not just as your superintendent, but as a member

of this strong community. Thanks to your generosity and foresight, we are well positioned to continue providing a safe, nurturing learning environment regardless what challenges arise next school year and beyond.

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HISTORY

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JULY 26

1775: The U.S. postal system is established by the Second Continental Congress, with Benjamin Franklin as its first postmaster general.

JULY 27

1974: The House Judiciary Committee recommends that America's 37th president, Richard M. Nixon, be impeached and removed from office.

JULY 28

1976: At 3:42 a.m., an earthquake measuring between 7.8 and 8.2 magnitude on the Richter scale flattens Tangshan, a Chinese industrial city with a population of about one million people. An estimated 242,000 people in Tangshan and surrounding areas were killed, making the earthquake one of the deadliest in recorded history.

JULY 29

1981: Nearly one billion television viewers in 74 countries tune in to witness the marriage of Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, to Lady Diana Spencer, a young English schoolteacher.

JULY 30

1976: American Caitlyn Jenner, who was competing as Bruce Jenner, wins gold in the men's decathlon at the Montreal Olympics. Jenner's 8,617 points set a world record in the event.

JULY 31

1715: A hurricane strikes the east coast of Florida, sinking 10 Spanish treasure ships and killing nearly 1,000 people, on this day in 1715. All of the gold and silver onboard at the time would not be recovered until 250 years later.

AUG. 1

1996: “A Game of Thrones,” an epic fantasy novel by George R.R. Martin, is released. The book was the first in Martin's “A Song of Ice and Fire” series, about feuding medieval noble families on an imaginary continent called Westeros.

Source: history.com



Phil Hagerman

Community Foundation of Greater Flint partners with The Hagerman Foundation

To continue to move Flint forward, the Community Foundation of Greater Flint (CFGF) announces a new partnership with The Hagerman Foundation, a local funder whose mission has been to brighten and improve the lives of future generations.

The Hagerman Foundation has established the Hagerman Foundation Fund of the CFGF. The Hagerman family created the Foundation in 2014, and now they are working with CFGF to make the transition for future grantmaking.

The Hagerman Foundation has invested over \$17 million in grants to local nonprofit organizations over the past six years.

“We have supported organizations that promote education, life skills, entrepreneurship, ministry, counseling, and the arts,” said Phil Hagerman, founder and president of The Hagerman Foundation. “We will forever be grateful for how this community embraced the Foundation's strategies of finding innovative ways to address our challenges, making our community better for all, particularly the youngest among us. I look forward to continuing our

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SCHOOLS

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infects other students and teachers in the schools. Will they shut down the school? I feel like they shouldn't open up schools until next year until this is over or more is known."

The coronavirus can spread through person-to-person contact, it can survive on surfaces and in the air, and people who don't show symptoms can spread it to others. According to the World Health Organization, those with coronavirus infect on average two other people.

In late June, the American Academy of Pediatrics strongly advocated that children should be in school this fall. On July 14, the organization clarified that statement.

"Returning to school is important for the healthy development and well-being of children, but we must pursue re-opening in a way that is safe for all students, teachers and staff. Science should drive decision-making on safely reopening schools," according to AAP. "Public health agencies must make recommendations based on evidence, not politics. We should leave it to health experts to tell us when the time is best to open up school buildings, and listen to educators and administrators to shape how we do it."

Another local resident, Michelle Payne, said on Facebook, "I don't see how schools can function with all the CDC recommendations, with the budgets they have and in this short amount of time to adjust. It's going to be a mess. I hope antibodies have been built and all students can go back without restrictions."

In May, the CDC released guidelines on how schools can safely reopen in

fall. Guidelines include recognizing high risk scenarios, encouraging hand washing and hygiene, enforcing face coverings, disinfecting spaces, making sure schools are properly ventilated and more. The recommendations can be seen at [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).

Sally L Johnson Pierce said, "I am not concerned; I want my daughter back in school with no masks. If she has to wear a mask at all, she said she's not going. She's a junior so it's her choice. I know many don't share my opinion and that's ok but I feel the kids need to be in school, they need to be social and face-to-face instruction is what's best for them. The psychological damage that is happening to kids right now is far worse than the virus."

Multiple studies have found that social distancing and wearing face masks help slow the spread of the coronavirus.

One comprehensive study, published in *The Lancet* that analyzed more than 170 studies, found that without a mask, social distancing or other preventive measures, the risk of transmitting the coronavirus is 17.4 percent. With a mask or respirator, that number drops to 3.1 percent, according to [today.com](https://www.today.com).

Megan Bishop, Linden resident and parent, said, "I'm on team 'give me some more information so I can make an educated decision.' Like seriously, we know nothing. Will elementary have to wear masks since the latest mask ruling? That will effect two of my kids. Will the virtual be time flexible or will they be needed to join Zoom meetings at 8:30 am? Is the learning plan going to be different then quarantine learning? The list goes on."

DECIDING TO GO OUT? PROTECT YOURSELF BY PRACTICING EVERYDAY PREVENTIVE ACTIONS.

With communities and businesses opening, you may be looking for safe ways to regain some pre-COVID-19 normalcy.

While there is no way to guarantee zero risk of infection, it's important to understand the potential risks and how to adopt different types of prevention methods to protect yourself and help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

In general, the more closely you interact with others for a long period of time, the higher risk of COVID-19 infection.

So, think about:

- How many people with you interact with?
- Can you keep 6 feet of space between you and others? Will you be outdoors or indoors?
- What's the length of time that you will be interacting with people?

WHAT TO CONSIDER BEFORE YOU GO

Asking these questions can help determine your level of risk:

- **Is COVID-19 spreading in my community?**
 - Visit [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus) to view the latest COVID-19 information and a map of states with reported COVID-19 infections
- **What are the local orders in my community?**
 - Review updates from your local health department to better understand the situation in your community and what local orders are in place in your community.
- **Will my activity put me in close contact with others?**
 - Choose outdoor activities and places where it's easy to stay 6 feet apart, like parks and open-air facilities.
 - Look for physical barriers, like plexiglass screens or modified layouts, that help you keep your distance from others.
 - Use visual reminders—like signs, chair arrangements, markings on the

floor, or arrows—to help remind you to keep your distance from others.

- **Am I at risk for severe illness?**
 - Older adults and people of any age with a serious underlying medical condition might be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. While the risk for severe illness is lower for others, everyone faces some risk of illness.
- **Do I live with someone who is at risk for severe illness?**
 - If you live with older adults or someone with certain underlying medical conditions, then you and all family members should take extra precautions to minimize risk.
- **Will I share any items, equipment, or tools with other people?**
 - Choose places where there is limited sharing of items and where any items that are shared are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected between uses.
- **Will I need to take public transportation to get to the activity?**
 - Does my activity require travel to another community? Is COVID-19 spreading in that community?

If you decide to engage in public activities, continue to protect yourself by practicing everyday preventive actions.

Items to have on hand

- A cloth face covering
- Tissues
- Hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, if possible

While it's important to understand your level of risk when deciding to go out, do not wait to seek medical care. Delaying care in the event of a medical emergency could result in serious or permanent damage to your health. For more information on how McLaren is keeping you safe, visit [mclaren.org/safecare](https://www.mclaren.org/safecare).

Think you may be experiencing symptoms of COVID-19? Call your primary care provider. If you are experiencing difficulty breathing, go to your nearest emergency room.

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ALLY

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still investigating. F/Lt. Michael Shaw, public information officer with the MSP, has had very little to say about the case over the years. In a short response to Editor Sharon Stone recently, he said, "We have nothing for the media at this time."

Brueger was running Saturday, July 30, 2016 on the familiar roads she had been jogging nearly every day for 10 years. At approximately 2:30 p.m. that day, someone brutally murdered this young woman by shooting her in the back, killing her.

She was a registered nurse, working at a Novi hospital. Ally also was working on her masters degree in creative writing, which was awarded to her posthumously. Ally is survived by her parents, Franz and Nikki Brueger, her beloved dog Zeus, and many friends, extended family members and coworkers.

Quoting an unknown author, who wrote "The Death of a Child," Ally's mother, Nikki Brueger, shared from the writing, "It's like losing your breath and never catching it again. It's a forever panic attack as your soul is screaming for them. It's feeling your heart dying as you continue to lose your mind."

"A friend gave me this essay last week and its contents ring as true today as it did four years ago. It's not bad enough that you lose a part of yourself as I did when my daughter Ally was murdered on July 30, 2016," Nikki said. "But then you're left with who you are after, and you don't even recognize that person. You're then lost to yourself."

"People seem to think that after

four years my husband and I should have 'moved on.' They seem to equate time with healing. But you can't heal when you have no answers. Why your daughter was murdered a mile and a half from her family home. And, who shot her four times in the back as she was running away on a Saturday afternoon.

"You can't heal when the detectives assigned to her case provide little or no information and then claim that 'her case is still open' and they're 'working on it.'"

"As in the past, we ask the public to please speak up," Nikki said. "If you have any information, even if you feel it's trivial, please call 1-800-773-2587. You remain anonymous and your tip could bring justice for Ally."

"We would like to thank the businesses that continue to display the Crime Stopper Posters, and the people that still hang shoes to honor the memory of Ally and bring attention to the safety of all runners and walkers. Seeing this helps us not to lose hope!"

Crime Stoppers reward

Crime Stoppers of Michigan is offering up to \$8,500 for tips leading to the arrest of a suspect in Brueger's murder. The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, or ATF, is offering \$5,000. Anyone with information can submit a tip anonymously by calling 1-800-SPEAKUP.

The money is paid when an arrest is made; they do not wait for a conviction.

Editor Sharon Stone contributed to this report.



Ally Brueger is shown here in June of 2016, a month before she was murdered, on an outing to the zoo with nurse coworkers Amy Olinzock (left) and Nikki Law (right). Times file photo

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

CHARGES DISMISSED AGAINST FENTON TOWNSHIP WOMAN

On June 2, deputies from the Genesee County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to a home on Sharp Road in Fenton Township for a domestic assault and battery. D/Sgt. Curt T. Harrington said Kimberly Emmert, 63, of Fenton Township, was arraigned June 5 with assault with a dangerous weapon and domestic violence. She was released on personal bond. On July 23, the prosecuting attorney motioned to dismiss all charges. Her case is closed.

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HAGERMAN

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philanthropic legacy through the community foundation."

Isaiah M. Oliver, president and CEO of CFGF, said he looks forward to deepening the relationship with the Hagerman family and their desire to continue place-based philanthropy.

"We have a history of working with donors who are committed to a vibrant and equitable Genesee County where everyone can thrive," Oliver said. "The Hagerman family's commitment to our community is unwavering. I look

forward to honoring their past as we continue to move Flint forward through innovative solutions that promote youth, education and our community."

Nonprofits may direct their grant proposals to CFGF in the future. To apply for a grant, visit cfgf.org or call for more information at (810) 767-8270.

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BOND

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Crews also are reconfiguring Rose Pioneer's parking lot to improve student drop-off and pick-up safety. The project will bring the student drop-off and pick-up loop to the front of the building and move the bus loop to the back of the building.

Installation of a new, safer entryway at the front of the building is also underway at Rose Pioneer.

Additional work this summer at Rose Pioneer includes:

- Outdoor lighting upgrades
 - Partial roof replacement
 - Heating, cooling and plumbing upgrades
 - Installation of classroom windows, carpeting, countertops and sinks, and
 - Installation of playground equipment
- Several safety improvements have been completed at the Holly High School pool this summer, including:
- Fire suppression and emergency lighting improvements
 - Interior pool lighting upgrade
 - Pool mechanical equipment replacement
 - New pool dehumidification unit, and
 - Bleacher replacement

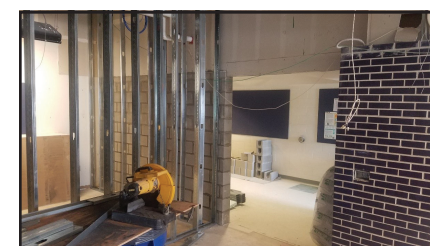
"Keeping our Broncho students, families and staff safe is more important than ever," Roper said. "While we face unprecedented challenges next school year, these critical safety projects put us on a clear path to ensure the safety of our entire Broncho community throughout the current public health crisis and beyond."

All 2018 Bond projects are scheduled to be completed in 2022. For a full list

of bond projects and updates, visit the 2019-2022 Bond Project Update Page. Learn more about HAS at hask12.org, Facebook and Twitter.



New ductwork is put in place at the Holly High School pool. **Submitted photo**



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According to the Michigan Sheriff's Association, Swanson is the first agency head to be selected for this honor since it started in 1996.

On May 30, at 6 p.m., hundreds of protesters of the treatment and subsequent death of George Floyd marched for more than two hours to arrive at the Flint Township Police Department. Police officers and Genesee County sheriff's deputies had been monitoring the event and met the protesters wearing riot gear and holding batons.

The protesters, initially sitting down at the station, indicated that this was intended to be a peaceful demonstration. After some brief conversation, Swanson removed his helmet and put his baton on the ground as a sign of peace. After explaining that the officers were only there to ensure the protesters "have a voice," Swanson asked the group what was needed from them. After several chants of "walk with us," Swanson and the other officers ultimately joined the march.

"We are walking with you because all

you're asking for is a voice and dignity for all, no matter who you are," Swanson said in a speech after the march. "I love you guys. The police love you."

A career officer with 27 years at the Genesee County Sheriff's Office, Swanson had been sheriff for almost six months when the event occurred.

"It was that night when hostility reached a tipping point, and this community was within seconds of becoming another national statistic," Swanson said of the demonstration. "I would ask that in your consideration you add to that list those that protested with me, which allowed my voice to be heard, as much as they wanted to be heard."

"In that one moment, Sheriff Swanson showed the kind of leadership, courage, and integrity that makes exemplary law enforcement leaders," said National Law Enforcement Memorial and Museum CEO Marcia Ferranto.

"While the world is watching how law enforcement behaves, the statements, actions, and commitment to community that he demonstrated makes us proud to honor Sheriff Swanson as Officer of the Month."

Following the announcement, Swanson said Wednesday, "The national recognition is humbling and shared with all who walked into the history books on May 30, 2020."

Located in the nation's capital, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund is a nonprofit organization dedicated to honoring the service and sacrifice of America's law enforcement officers.

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GROWING OLDER

**Many people finding
that benefits outweigh
the negatives**

Compiled by Sharon Stone

Many people are quick to think of growing older in a negative light. Although there certainly are some side effects of aging that one may wish to avoid, people may find that the benefits of growing older outweigh the negatives.

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WE'RE ALL GOING TO DIE SOMEDAY SO ...

Things to consider now to prepare for the future

By Sally Rummel

Benjamin Franklin's quote that "... nothing in this world can be said to be certain except death and taxes" is as true today as it was during Franklin's lifetime, from 1706 to 1790.

Yes, we're all going to die at some point, but you may find you can live your life more fully if you get everything in order. That way, you don't over-worry or over-think about what will happen to your family when you're no longer with them.

Prepare your will

Your last will and testament is a document that designates what happens with your property, guardianship of your children and names the executor of your estate.

This is best done with an attorney who can keep your will updated, understands state-specific tax issues and the complicated situations of real life. However, if you need only a very basic will, you can use a simple online template.

Life insurance

Life insurance can fill a variety of needs, including covering the finite years of a mortgage and protecting the interests of a special-needs child who will need financial support after you're gone. Its main function is to protect family members from the loss of income if you or another primary wage earner dies.

For most of your adult life, you've probably had a life insurance policy through a benefits package at work. However, as you move closer to retirement you'll have to decide whether to pay for a life insurance policy on your own or enter your later years without one.

If your family is still dependent upon your income, if you carry a lot of debt or are still paying off a mortgage, you might consider keeping a life insurance policy as a "better safe than sorry" approach. Maybe there is a gap between employment and your ability to begin Medicare rather than paying a hefty health insurance premium every month. In that case, life insurance might still make sense.

Organize your finances and important paperwork

Make it easy for your heirs to find exactly what they need. Two of the most important documents are your life insurance policy (especially policies from former employers) and your retirement plans (including pensions and annuities) because both are easy to overlook.

What happens if you become ill or incapacitated?

These are tough issues for a family, yet you can face them unafraid if you have a living will, power of attorney and durable power of attorney.

The difference between a will, which distributes a person's property after death, is that a living will explains what kind of medical care a person wants while he or she is still alive, but is unable to explain his or her wishes.

A power of attorney is the person who can attend to financial or legal matters if you become ill or are unable to handle them for yourself. The power of attorney expires after your death, and the control of your finances typically shifts to the executor you named in your will.

Planning your funeral

There are many ways you can think ahead about your funeral, starting with a life insurance policy that will at least pay for funeral expenses.

By thinking ahead, you can make informed and thoughtful decisions about funeral arrangements, sparing your survivors the stress of making these decisions under pressure and strong emotions.

You can make decisions about your arrangements in advance, but not pay for them in advance, or you can pre-pay for your funeral. Put your preferences in writing, give copies to family members and your attorney and keep a copy in a handy place.

Don't designate your preferences in a will, because a will is often not read until after the funeral. Don't put your only copy in a safe deposit box, in case your family has to make arrangements on a weekend or holiday.

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'LET FOOD BE THY MEDICINE'

Eating a variety of foods can provide the nutrients you need to stay healthy as you age

By Sharon Stone

"Let food be thy medicine" is a quote attributed to Hippocrates, the ancient scholar considered to be the father of modern medicine.

The saying relates to the notion that what people put in their bodies can heal and/or prevent certain conditions.

For seniors with medicine cabinets full of over-the-counter and prescription medications, the idea of relying predominantly on food to promote optimal health may be tempting, and



Eating a variety of foods can provide the nutrients people need to stay healthy as they get older. Certain foods may be particularly helpful.

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various foods can be particularly useful to the 50-and-over demographic.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), poor diet is a major contributor to many of the diseases that affect older people. Poor diet has been connected to the development of diabetes, and degenerative diseases such as osteoporosis also may be linked to the foods ones eat.

The National Council for Aging Care

says micronutrient deficiency is often a problem among the aging due to factors like lack of variety in diet and reduced food intake. Eating a variety of foods can provide all of the nutrients people need to stay healthy as they get older. Certain foods may be particularly helpful.

- **Brain-friendly foods:** Foods such as avocado, leafy vegetables, sunflower seeds, blueberries, and salmon are good sources of vitamin E, antioxidants, omega-3 fatty acids, and other nutrients that may help ward off dementias like Alzheimer's disease, according to Sonas Home Health Care.

- **Anti-inflammatory foods:** Foods rich in omega-3 fatty acids may help prevent inflammation that can cause cancer and rheumatoid arthritis. Aging.com says foods that are high in omega-3 fatty acids, like salmon, should be consumed at least twice per week.

- **Fruits and vegetables:** Fresh, canned or frozen produce tend to be high in micronutrients, including a variety of important vitamins that are essential for all components of health. The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics advises eating dark green vegetables, such as leafy greens or broccoli, and orange vegetables, such as carrots and sweet potatoes.

- **Energy-boosters:** Choose whole grains that can provide sustained energy by way of healthy carbohydrates over processed grains.

- **Bone-friendly foods:** Calcium-rich foods, such as milk, yogurt and cheese, can prevent calcium from being leached from the bones, which contributes to conditions like osteoporosis.

- **Digestive system-friendly foods:** The digestive system slows down as the body ages, as the walls of the gastrointestinal tract thicken and digestive contractions that push waste along may slow down and become fewer. Foods rich in fiber can promote proper digestion by moving food through the digestive tract more easily. High-fiber foods also may help naturally reduce blood cholesterol levels.

- **High-iron foods:** Without enough iron in the body, a person may feel tired and lethargic from a reduced production of hemoglobin, which carries oxygen in the blood from the lungs to the rest of the body. A lack of oxygen in body tissues from anemia can be serious, says the National Council for Aging Care. Tofu, spinach, lentils, pumpkin seeds, and fortified breads and cereals are high in iron.

Smart food choices can help everyone live long and healthy lives.

Source: MetroMedia

COVID-19 SCAM ALERT!

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM CORONAVIRUS SCAMS

Federal officials advise public about Medicare fraud

Restrictions implemented to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 have saved untold numbers of lives. The world has adjusted to such restrictions, and many parts of the world have relaxed measures as case numbers have declined.

As communities begin returning to some semblance of normalcy, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has warned people against letting their guard down. While many of those warnings pertain to the importance of continuing to practice social distancing as economies reopen, advisories also include notices about fraud schemes related to COVID-19.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Inspector General has advised the public about scams involving Medicare fraud.

Such schemes are targeting Medicare beneficiaries in an assortment of ways, including through text messages, social media, telemarketing calls, and even door-to-door visits. When perpetrating such frauds, scammers seek beneficiaries' personal information, which they then use to fraudulently bill federal health care programs,

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GOLFING IN AN ERA OF SOCIAL DISTANCING



Not quite the same as it was prior to the pandemic, but golfers can still have fun as they hit the links

By Sharon Stone

Golfers enthusiastically look forward to the day when their favorite courses reopen to players each year. That anticipation was even greater in 2020, when social distancing measures forced many courses to stay closed even as the weather warmed up.

Golf courses were among the first businesses given the green light to

reopen as governments began to lift restrictions.

Golfing in the era of social distancing may not be quite the same as it was prior to the outbreak of COVID-19, but golfers can still have fun as they hit the links. That's especially true when they take steps to understand just what it means to golf while social distancing prior to teeing off.

- Assess your personal health before going to the golf course. Golf attracts athletes from all age groups, including some that are more vulnerable to COVID-19 than others. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), age is a risk factor

for COVID-19, as older adults are more vulnerable to severe illness if they are infected with the virus than younger adults.

Social distancing requires a collective effort on the part of everyone to keep vulnerable people safe, and golfers are no exception. Golfers young and old who are under the weather or experiencing even mild symptoms of COVID-19 should avoid golf courses until they feel better. In addition, young golfers can choose tee times when they're less likely to come into contact with older golfers. Early morning tee times tend to be popular among older golfers, but speak with staff at the course to see if they have rules in place to safeguard older golfers. If they do, respect those rules. If they don't, work with staff to choose a tee time when you're less likely to be around older golfers.

- Disinfect clubs before and after playing. Disinfecting clubs and other equipment before and after playing is a simple measure that can reduce golfers' risk of getting the virus or spreading it if they have it but are asymptomatic. Simply wipe down clubs and other equipment with disinfectant or an

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Golf is a valuable recreational activity

Social distancing — The essence of the game inherently allows its participants to practice proper social distancing

Burns calories, prevents chronic illnesses — A round of golf averages 12,000 steps. Exercise helps prevent heart disease and other chronic illnesses and produces mood-boosting endorphins

Boosts mental well-being — Fresh air, greenery, and sunshine boosts the already powerful esteem-enhancing and anxiety-busting effects of exercise

Accessible and inclusive — Golf is not just for a few people. More than 24.3 million people played a round of golf last year and another 9 million participated in off course golf activities.

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SAFETY FIRST BEFORE MIXING MEDICINE

Understanding the potential interactions between their prescriptions and common prescription and over-the-counter medications can help people stay safe

Billions of people across the globe take medications each day. Certain medications can help people with potentially debilitating or even deadly conditions live normal lives, while others can help people overcome relatively minor issues like muscle aches or seasonal allergies.

The American Heart Association notes that mixing drugs can produce unexpected side effects. This can make it dangerous for people already on prescription medications to use over-the-counter drugs for issues like headache or seasonal allergies. Understanding the potential interactions between their prescriptions and common prescription and over-the-counter medications can help people stay safe.

- **Antihistamines:** Antihistamines are widely used to alleviate symptoms of the common cold or seasonal allergies, such as runny nose, itchy eyes and sneezing. The AHA notes that, when taken along with blood pressure medication, antihistamines can contribute to an accelerated heart rate and cause blood pressure to spike. The AHA also cautions people taking sedatives, tranquilizers or prescriptions to treat high blood pressure or depression to consult their physicians before taking antihistamines.

- **Bronchodilators:** Bronchodilators relax and open the airways in the lungs and are used to treat various lung conditions, such as asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, or

COPD. These drugs make it easier to breathe and are available via prescriptions. But patients with heart disease, high blood pressure, thyroid disease, and/or diabetes should discuss the potential interactions between bronchodilators and other medications they may be taking with their physicians.

- **Cordarone:** According to Drugs.com, Cordarone is used to treat potentially deadly abnormal heartbeats. Cordarone can cause severe problems that affect the lungs, thyroid or liver, and can be dangerous when combined with other drugs. For example, the AHA notes that patients who take more than 20 milligrams of Zocor, a drug used to lower “bad” cholesterol and potentially to lower the risk of stroke, heart attack and other conditions, while also taking Cordarone are at risk of developing rhabdomyolysis. Rhabdomyolysis is a condition marked by the breakdown of muscle tissue that can lead to kidney failure or death. The AHA also says that Cordarone can inhibit or reduce the effects of the blood thinner Coumadin.

- **Nicotine replacement products:** People taking prescriptions for depression or asthma should consult their physicians before taking any nicotine replacement products. The Federal Drug Administration notes that doctors may want to change dosages of patients’ current medications before recommending they take any nicotine replacement products. The FDA also advises people to speak with their physicians before trying these products if they have diabetes, heart disease, asthma or stomach ulcers; have had

a recent heart attack; have high blood pressure but do not take any medication for it; or have a history of irregular heartbeat.

Drug interactions can complicate treatment of various conditions. People currently on medication are urged to speak with their physicians before taking any new medicines, including over-the-counter drugs.

TAKEOUT TONIGHT?

Consider these tips in the COVID-19 pandemic

Compiled by Sharon Stone

Although takeout has long been a convenience enjoyed by people around the world, in recent months takeout became a key way for many restaurants to stay afloat when the novel coronavirus COVID-19 forced many to close their facilities to customers.

Restaurants have been allowed to remain open, though they have been forced to change their business models. In a matter of weeks, establishments that were not accustomed to offering takeout quickly reimagined their operations

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to offer curbside pickup or delivery options.

In turn, many communities promoted movements to help keep restaurants afloat, with some encouraging residents to participate in Takeout Thursdays to patronize struggling bars, restaurants and delis.

Takeout has always provided a respite from cooking meals at home, but it seems especially welcomed during the COVID-19 outbreak. Now more than ever, individuals and families could use

a break from cooking three meals per day. When opting for takeout, consider these tips.

- Support small businesses. Independent restaurants will likely have a tougher time bouncing back from reduced sales and income than large restaurant chains. When seeking out food- and beverage-related businesses, lean heavily on mom-and-pop restaurants, many of which are pillars in their communities.

These are the businesses whose owners may have children in your local schools or those who sponsor local sports leagues.

- Investigate food safety. Inquire about

the safety measures restaurants are taking to ensure food safety. Most restaurants and delivery services are enacting even more safety measures than are required by law. Keep in mind, however, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has said, "There is no evidence to support transmission of COVID-19 associated with food." Simple handwashing after touching food packaging and your food or face may be sufficient.

- Learn new protocol. Ask the business what their requirements are for ordering food. Some restaurants will bring the order directly to your car

through curbside pickup. Others may enable you to enter the establishment if you are wearing a mask. Delivery only might be the policy at another establishment. Follow all rules, as they have been implemented to keep you and the business employees safe.

- Pay by credit card. When placing an order for takeout or curbside pickup, pay by credit card online or over the phone if that is an option. This limits how much you and restaurant employees have to handle cards or cash.

- Avoid direct handoffs. Ask the counter server or delivery person to put down your order and step away before you grab it. This is an extra step to combat the spread of the virus.

Even as stay-at-home restrictions are being relaxed, takeout figures to remain popular. Certain tips can keep everyone well fed and safe and help bars and restaurants stay afloat.

SCAMS

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potentially leaving their victims on the hook for costly unapproved tests related to COVID-19.

The CDC reminds everyone the importance of being aware of such schemes. Awareness can help consumers avoid being victimized by scammers, and the following are some additional measures people can take to protect themselves from COVID-19-related fraud.

- Do not share personal account information. Scammers need their victims' personal information to perpetrate their fraudulent schemes. The CDC cautions beneficiaries to be suspicious of unsolicited requests for their Medicare or Medicaid numbers.

- Do not take callers or visitors at face value. Unsolicited callers or visitors requesting Medicare or Medicaid information should be met with extreme caution. Be suspicious of any unexpected calls or visitors offering COVID-19 tests or supplies. Compromised personal information may be used in other fraud schemes.

- Never click on links in emails or text messages. Do not respond to, or open hyperlinks in, text messages or emails about COVID-19 from unknown individuals.

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WHEN FAMILY CANNOT WATCH YOUR PET

What to consider when you need a kennel for your four-legged fur baby

Compiled by Sharon Stone

Being a pet owner involves making careful decisions with the well-being of pets in mind. When pet owners need to go out of town, bringing the pet along can be a smart move. But in other instances, it may be preferable to leave pets behind. In such instances, it becomes essential to find a place that can accommodate the animal in a safe and humane fashion.

Pet owners who do not have the luxury of asking family or friends to watch their animals can enlist the services of a boarding kennel. Touring some facilities and asking the right questions can help people find the best options.

Care.com, the company that provides companionship and care for seniors, children and pets, advises first speaking with your veterinarian about the best kennels nearby. Some vet offices also have boarding facilities on premises. This can be a great option, as the vet and staff will already be familiar with your animal and be able to provide medical care if an emergency arises. Also, vet boarders are great for pets with special needs or those that are on medication.

Pet parents can ask for recommendations from friends or neighbors as well. Before visiting a kennel, recognize that

signs of a poorly run facility include dirty pens, housing areas in disrepair, smelly premises, and dogs or cats that seem anxious.

When going with a third-party boarder, look for one that is licensed, insured and bonded. Different areas require various regulations regarding boarding certifications, so do your homework. If the pet should be injured or injures another dog or person during its stay, or damages property while at a bonded and insured boarding facility, the pet owner will be covered for costs.

Look at various facilities and what they offer before making a final decision. Many boarding facilities now offer luxury spaces, complete with couches and televisions. The staff may pamper the pet, and packages also may include grooming or pet playdates.

Visiting the facility in advance also affords owners the opportunity to see if it looks and smells clean and has proper ventilation. Pet owners also will want to ensure that all pets that are boarding there are required to be current on vaccinations and healthy.

The pet adoption company Petfinder suggests gradually introducing a pet to boarding. Try a short overnight or weekend trip before booking a week-long excursion. When dropping off dogs or cats for boarding, avoid long and emotional good-byes, which may upset the pet. With practice, the parting period will be easier for all involved.



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alcohol-based cleanser that is at least 60 percent alcohol. If playing with a friend, resist the urge to share clubs, no matter how tempting it may be to take your playing partner's new driver for a spin on the first hole.

- Decline valet service. Many courses have temporarily stopped offering valet services to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Golfers who visit a club that is not taking such precautions can opt to decline the service. Doing so decreases the risk of getting or spreading the virus by

limiting the number of people with whom you come into direct contact.

- Pack supplies. Contact the course in advance to determine if the dining room is open and if the course is providing hand sanitizer at each tee. At-risk golfers may want to skip dining at the course after their round is over, opting to pack their own lunch or eat when they arrive home after playing. If the course is not offering hand sanitizer at each hole, pack your own as an extra precaution.

Golfing in the era of social distancing may be different, but there's no reason golfers cannot still enjoy a summer on the links.

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that the older population — people 65 years or older — numbered 46.2 million in 2014 (the latest year for which data is available).

With so many people living longer, it's time to celebrate the perks of getting older rather than the drawbacks. Here are some great benefits to growing old.

- Higher self-esteem: The insecurities of youth give way as one ages, and older people have less negativity and higher self-esteem. A University of Basel study of people ranging in ages from 18 to 89 found that regardless of demographic and social status, the older one gets the higher self-esteem climbs. Qualities like self-control and altruism can contribute to happiness.

- Financial perks: Seniors are entitled to discounts on meals, museum entry fees, movies, and other entertainment if they're willing to disclose their ages. Discounts are available through an array of venues if one speaks up.

For future planning post COVID-19, seniors also will be able to enjoy travel perks, with slashed prices on resorts, plane tickets and more. The U.S.

National Park Service offers citizens age 62 and older lifetime passes to more than 2,000 federal recreation sites.

- Reasoning and problem-solving skills: Brain scans reveal that older adults are more likely to use both hemispheres of their brains simultaneously — something called bilateralization. This can sharpen reasoning skills. For example, in a University of Illinois study, older air traffic controllers excelled at their cognitively taxing jobs, despite some losses in short-term memory and visual spatial processing. Older controllers proved to be experts at navigating, juggling multiple aircrafts simultaneously and avoiding collisions.

- Less stress: As people grow older, they are able to differentiate their needs from wants and focus on more important goals. This can alleviate worry over things that are beyond one's control. Seniors may realize how little the opinions of others truly mean in the larger picture, thereby feeling less stress about what others think of them.

Growing older may involve gray hair or wrinkling skin, but there are many positive things associated with aging.

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Neuropathy Treatment Breakthrough

By Erica Rainer

Pain & Numbness in your hands or feet, a feeling of burning, extreme cold, tingling, electrical shock like pain, even the feeling of walking on bubble wrap or like there is a sock balled up under your foot... these are all symptoms experienced by those suffering with Peripheral Neuropathy. Unfortunately drugs and injections only mask the pain and there is no surgery, other than amputation that will heal/stop neuropathy from progressing.

Neuropathy is a term used to describe damaged nerves, primarily in the hands and/ or feet, that are progressively breaking down due to a lack of blood supply, nutrients and oxygen reaching the nerves along with a lack of communication from the brain. Since the nerves are what the brain uses to communicate with the area and they are breaking down, the brain's ability to communicate with the area lessens over time, allowing for the progression of more breakdown and worse symptoms. It can be caused by Diabetes, Poor Circulation, Poor Nutrition, Chemotherapy, Agent Orange, Misaligned Spinal Bones Placing Pressure on the Nerves, along with over 100 other causes. "Patients experience extreme sensations, loss of feeling, even No Feelings in their Hands and/or Feet along with muscles spasms, pain, weakness, numbness, tingling and burning sensations and have a very hard time with balance" says Dr. James Ide, clinic director at Painless Chiropractic & Neuropathy Treatment Center.

This condition can eventually lead to further nerve damage, causing complete loss of legs or arms leading to amputation, death or brain injury due to falls, burns or other injuries that will not heal, along with organ failure in some cases.

Are you or someone you love suffering with loss of balance, numbness or pain from Nerve Damage in your hands and/or feet that just won't heal?

You are not alone. More than 20 Million people in the U.S. are dealing with some form of Neuropathy. Most commonly noticed first in the hands or feet, causing weakness, numbness, tingling pain and debilitating balance problems, often frustrated with no place to turn and no hope of recovery. "By the time they come to see us, they feel like they have tried everything. Their MD put them on Anti-Seizure or Epilepsy meds like Gabapentin, Neurotin, Cymbalta or Lyrica and told them they will just have to live with the pain." said Dr. Ide.

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My advice, don't suffer any longer, waiting around for it to get worse... If you or your loved one is experiencing pain, numbness, tingling, pins and needle sensations, cramps and burning in your feet, or hands, along with the many other bodily symptoms this horrible condition plagues people with, take action because it will progress. Find out if the their Painless Neuropathy Protocols can help you regain the feeling in your hands and or feet, stop your pain and start living your life again! "Our Neuropathy Protocol is a multifaceted approach to heal neuropathy by nurturing the nervous system, increasing circulation, blood & oxygen, working to rebuild, strengthen & balance the body, all while stimulating and engaging the damaged nerves on a daily basis.

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CATARACTS BIGGEST CAUSE OF VISION LOSS

Mainly affects people over age 40

Compiled by Sharon Stone

When a brand new car is driven off a dealership lot, its plastic headlight lenses are clear and pristine. Over time, due to contaminants in the environment and oxidation from ultraviolet rays, those same lenses can become cloudy, yellow and opaque. Cloudy headlights can decrease visibility and potentially put drivers at risk.

Similar scenarios sometimes unfold involving the human eye. Starting around age 40, proteins in the eye may begin to break down and cause lenses to become cloudy. UV rays can be damaging to the eyes and contribute to this natural protein degradation.

While pronounced vision problems may not occur immediately, the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) says vision can be impaired later in life.

The organization All About Vision reports that cataracts are the most common cause of vision loss in people over age 40 and also are the principal cause of blindness in the world.

Unprotected exposure to the sun (wear your sunglasses) is just one contributor to cataracts. Certain

medical problems, such as diabetes, also can cause cataracts. An eye injury, eye surgery or radiation treatments on the upper body also can cause cataracts, as can corticosteroids, according to the AAO.

Congenital cataracts, which occur when infants are born with cataracts, may be caused by infection, injury or poor development in the womb; otherwise, they can form in childhood.

Cataracts form in various regions depending on the cause, according to AAV.

• **Subcapsular cataract:** A subcapsular cataract occurs at the back of the lens. People with diabetes or those who take high doses of steroid medications have a greater risk of developing this type of cataract.

• **Nuclear cataract:** This cataract forms in the central zone of the lens and is often associated with aging.

• **Cortical cataract:** This cataract is characterized by opacities that are white and wedge-like, which form on the periphery of the lens. Eventually they work to the center in a spoke-like fashion. Cortical cataracts can result from aging.

Symptoms of cataracts often can be slow to form, so people may not even notice they have cataracts until they start to block light, while others may learn of their presence during vision exams.

Cataracts may cause vision that is filmy, blurry or foggy, according to WebMD. In older adults, nearsightedness may be attributed to cataracts. Glare, both during the day and at night, also may affect vision due to cataracts. Double vision or changes in the way one sees color can be symptoms of cataracts as well.

Your local eye professional can diagnose cataracts and make recommendations on the course of treatment. Cataract removal surgery is highly effective. More than 95 percent of people who have undergone the surgery experience improvements. Such surgeries are often performed on an outpatient basis.



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Szczepanski taking over boys varsity basketball spot at Lake Fenton

From a young age, Tyler Szczepanski knew he wanted to be a high school basketball coach.

He became one when he still attended Fenton High School.

"When I was in high school, I started coaching the fifth- and sixth-graders at St. John," Szczepanski said.

But this fall he's going to get his chance to be a head varsity boys basketball coach for the first time.

Szczepanski will be the new coach at Lake Fenton High School.

"All along I knew I wanted to be a basketball coach," Szczepanski said. "I am excited to have this opportunity."

Szczepanski replaces Josh Fox who had the position for just one season. He had to leave the position due to the family relocating.

"Tyler was one of our finalists for the job last year and between

me and the committee we felt we couldn't go wrong with him or coach Fox (last year)," Lake Fenton athletic director Brad LaRowe said. "Tyler reached out to me so we brought him back for another interview this time and he wooed the committee with his interview. I felt if we passed on him this time, it would be a mistake. We are happy to hire him."

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A younger Tyler Szczepanski coaches the Fenton eighth-grade boys basketball team during the 2012 season. Szczepanski will coach the Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team this season. **File photo**

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Sports Times

Looking back: Eagles defeat vs. Lake Fenton in battle of renewed rivals

By David Troppens

Linden — It's been a tough season for the Linden varsity football team.

On Oct. 25, 2019 the Eagles entered Friday night's battle with neighborhood rival Lake Fenton with a 3-5 record, losing four of those contests by a combined 23 points. The tough losses cost the Eagles a chance of making the playoffs for a second straight season.

However, the Eagles didn't let those frustrations bother them Friday night when they played the Blue Devils for the first time since 1981. Instead, the Eagles,

led by many members of their senior class, had what may have been their best game of the season by defeating Lake Fenton 60-22.

Senior quarterback Colby Kohmescher completed 25-of-32 passes for 324 yards and an eye-popping seven TD passes and fellow senior Brenden Miller caught a TD pass and caught two interceptions, leading the Eagles to the impressive victory.

"I just wanted to go out there and not forget," Miller said. "I didn't want to regret or dwell on how things went this season. I wanted to look forward

to something good and go out with a bang."

"It was great. We started the rivalry again," Kohmescher said. "I was super confident in our team and what we could do offensively, and we did it. I'm proud of my team."

"It has been frustrating because we've played better than a four-win team," Linden varsity football coach Denny Hopkins said. "We didn't make some plays down the stretch in a couple of places and it hurt us. But we learned from it."

These kids could've rolled

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Lake Fenton's James Hamilton (left) gets swarmed by the Linden defense during Linden's 60-22 victory against the Blue Devils on Oct. 25, 2019. **Photo: Mark Bolen**

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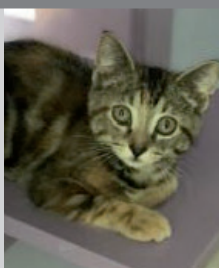


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over and just hung it up, but the last few weeks they wanted to finish at the top of their game and they did. We could've very easily been 7-2 or 8-1. ... It's one of those things. It's hard because I know how hard these kids work. Those eight seniors are a pretty good group, good leaders."

The Eagles weren't the only team on Linden's home football field looking back at a frustrating season. The Blue Devils (3-6) also had their share of disappointments this fall, but came out looking mighty impressive on their first drive. The Blue Devils took 5:58 off the clock, drove 77 yards in 14 plays, scoring on a five-yard TD run on a bootleg scamper by Reid Shumaker. Lake Fenton failed the two-point conversion, but led 6-0.

However, that would be Lake Fenton's high point of the contest as the Eagles scored the next 40 points of the first half. Linden took just four plays to score on its first offensive possession of the contest, scoring on a 42-yard TD pass from Kohmescher to Miller. That would be just one of seven TD tosses by Kohmescher.



Lake Fenton and Linden played their first varsity football game against the two squads since 1981 during the fall of 2019.

Photo: Mark Bolen

Linden's special teams scored the game's next points. Forced to punt deep in its zone Lake Fenton's protection struggled, Linden's Bryce Eliuk blocked the punt and it rolled through the back of the end zone for a safety. Linden led 9-0.

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'84 Tigers begin to dominate again after All-Star Game

Editor's note: The Major League Baseball season has started, but the sports staff is going to continue to remember the 1984 season within our publication. Enjoy.

The All-Star Game used to be one of the pinnacles to any Major League Baseball season.

In 1984, six Tigers were among the American League playing roster. Second baseman Lou Whitaker, catcher Lance Parrish and centerfielder Chet Lemon were voted as starters to the team, meaning Detroit had one-third of the starting positions. Meanwhile, shortstop Alan Trammell, pitchers Jack Morris and Willie Hernandez were also added to the roster. Some had solid outings. Whitaker provided two hits while Lemon had one. Morris also pitched two innings of shutout ball.

However, the Tigers entered the mid-season break with questions. The starting rotation had struggled and now Trammell was having arm problems. A stint on the disabled list looked possible.

The Tigers looked beatable.

But those concerns quickly faded as the Tigers were almost as hot during their first games after the All-Star break as they were when the season began. The Tigers lost their first game after the break, posting a 4-2 road defeat against the Twins, but they quickly bounced back to win the next three games in extra innings. On July 13, Kirk Gibson forced extra innings when he gunned down the Twins' Tim Lincecum at the plate with the potential game-winning run. Then in the top of the 11th inning, Tom Brookens hit a two-run triple, setting up the 5-3 win. A day later Dave Bergman hit a solo home run, setting up extra innings. A Lemon RBI-single and a Bergman sacrifice fly in the 12th sparked the 6-5 victory. In those two wins the bullpen was amazing with Willie Hernandez, Aurelio Lopez and Doug Bair tossing a combined nine innings of one-run ball, enabling the bats to eventually win the contests.

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Szczepanski is only 28, but he has plenty of coaching experience, starting with his days at St. John. When he graduated from Fenton High School, not much time passed before he could be seen on the Fenton varsity basketball bench as an assistant for Tim Olszewski, starting with the 2011-12 season. Szczepanski was at Fenton until Olszewski left to take the varsity girls basketball position at Howell after the 2014-15 season. Szczepanski made the move to Howell with Olszewski and was an assistant varsity coach as well as a freshman or JV coach during his time at Howell. He'd also coach an AAU basketball team during the spring. While at Fenton he also coached the eighth-grade boys basketball team. He also coaches boys and girls golf at Howell.

"I definitely feel I have a ton of experience," Szczepanski said. "I feel like I had really good role models. I look at guys like (Fenton varsity boys and girls soccer coach) Matt Sullivan and Tim

Olszewski and I realize I had really good coaches growing up. They made a big impact. During my senior year I realized this was something I definitely wanted to do. They meant a lot to me and helped me grow up through my young adult life at the high school. They were tremendous role models and I felt I wanted to make the same impact on the youth as they did for me."

"I am impressed with his experience," LaRowe said. "He's been at it for so long and he's still so young. His passion for the game comes out. He has a good idea of how he wants a program to be run."

The Blue Devils posted a 6-15 record with a young team during Fox's one season at the helm. However, the record doesn't reflect how competitive the squad was in most games during the 2019-20 season. The squad lost its first three games of the season by a combined nine points, with one of those losses coming in an 84-80 overtime loss against Swartz Creek.

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Increase in outdoor recreation due to COVID

■ State parks experience an 'extreme escalation' of users

By Hannah Ball

When the COVID-19 pandemic came to the U.S., shutdowns followed and many people were stuck indoors unless they worked an essential job.

What followed was a surge of people participating in outdoor recreation as a way to get out of the house. According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, that surge is still happening.

Ron Olson, chief of parks and recreation for the MDNR, said back when COVID-19 pandemic and the shutdowns began, the parks had to stay open because they are considered an essential service, but they had to keep the parks sanitary and safe. They curtailed interactions between the public and staff for safety.

"Whenever the weather warms even a little, because I suppose people have been sequestered, we've seen an extreme escalation in people wanting to get outside and coming to the parks," Olson said.



Diego Villaseñor and Ashley Ogle, a Fenton resident, enjoy the Fenton Millpond on the afternoon of Thursday, July 23. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources reported that more and more people are visiting parks as a way to get out of the house during the pandemic. Photo: Hannah Ball

People were not allowed to camp at state parks until June 22, but their parking lots were "inundated" with cars, he said. They had to periodically close some parks because too many people used them at once. The MDNR also experienced a delay in hiring short-term staff, which made it more difficult to staff the parks and keep them open.

Olson said they don't have an exact number of how many people have been using the parks. However, long-term staff have expressed to him that they haven't ever seen this many people at the parks before.

"It's definitely a clear escalation of people," Olson said. This brought the challenge of enforcing social distance rules.

In one popular fishing spot, the Tippy Dam Recreation Area, they had to close it down for a few weeks because it was so crowded that people were fishing shoulder-to-shoulder. The area is now open.

The start of summer always brings more people to the parks, and the state has fewer restrictions now compared to when the pandemic began. Olson said they're still seeing a surge of people.

"Weekends are busy as they normally are, but during the week, we're seeing a lot more people than we normally would have by in large," he said.

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Ron Olson

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They're asking people to be patient when they visit a state park, to social distance and to wear masks while inside a facility. They encourage people to avoid large gatherings and to be respectful of each other. Olson said if someone doesn't feel well, they should stay home.

Paul Stark, recreation and athletic programmer of Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation, said their program numbers are down this summer for a few reasons.

"The obvious number one reason is COVID-19. Parents are hesitant to send their children to sporting activities and some have stated they are not willing to sign up because of health concerns," he said. "People want to send their kids out to organized activities to help relieve boredom and to get them off their video games but for some, they do not want to risk catching the virus."

Currently, they're running programs for children ages 2-9 and youth tennis at Fenton High School and Lake Fenton High School. Their most popular activity is a new program called Speed and

Strength training.

There are sessions for middle and high school students.

"We have over 50 participants combined. These students are getting great training from the trainers at Ultimate Athletic Performance in Holly," he said.

SLPR is also running several fitness classes outside at Rackham Park behind the Fenton Community and Cultural Center. People are able to sign up online for the fitness classes at slpr.net.

The swimming and gymnastics programs are closed at this time.

"I do know that there has been a huge spike in people buying kayaks at the local sporting goods stores. They cannot keep them in stock.

Bicycles have been hot sellers as well. We have noticed tons of people walking outside in the neighborhoods. Tennis is very popular as well as golf. People feel more safe playing golf and tennis during the pandemic," he said.

Stark said because the virus doesn't show any sign of going away, people are looking for ways to exercise that keeps them socially distanced from other people.

Just sayin'...

It's getting colder ...

According to FBI statistics, there were approximately 17,225 murders in 2016. The July 30, 2016 slaying of Alexandra "Ally" Brueger was one of them.

Ally was 31 years old when she was shot in the back while jogging on Fish Lake Road near her Rose Township home that Saturday afternoon. She was a registered nurse and looking forward to receiving a masters degree in creative writing, which was presented to her parents after her death. She had her whole life in front of her.

Ally's killing is being investigated by the Michigan State Police. I don't know how many detectives have worked this case over the past four years but I do know there have been more than one. They tell Ally's parents very little. They tell us even less.

Other than normal investigative procedures — checking out family, friends, boyfriends, coworkers and Ally's activities around the time of her murder, I hope detectives stepped outside of the box and checked a few other things.

For example, there is a large state park campground on the same road less than four miles from where

she was shot. Did MSP check the registrations of everyone staying there at the time of and before the murder?

There was a big drug bust at an assisted living home a few miles south of where Ally was gunned down. People visiting that home would have no choice but to get off the small side road and go either north or south on Fish Lake. There was a conviction in that case and the homeowner was jailed.

I wonder if MSP detectives got a hold of that file for review from the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

At the time of the murder, there was a major road construction project underway on a nearby well-traveled roadway. While there were no video cameras in the area where Ally lay dying, what about the construction area and detour points. MSP initially asked for information about a white or light-colored four-door sedan. Could it have come from a possible detour?

These are just a few things an amateur like me thinks of. I may be way off the mark — but this case is getting colder, isn't it.

Just sayin'!

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The letters of these crazy words are all mixed up. To play the game, put them back into the right order so that they all make real words you can find in the dictionary. Write the letters of each real word under each crazy word, but only one letter to a square.

Now you're ready to solve today's Jumble for Kids. Study the picture for a hint. Play around with the letters in the circles. You'll find you can put them in order so that they make your funny answer.

WYH
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LEMT
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BLAL
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OTKO
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THE TWINS MISSED THEIR FLIGHT HOME BECAUSE THEY WERE ---

Color me

Jumbles: WHY
MELT
BALL
TOOK

Answer: The twins missed their flight home because they were ---

“TWO” LATE

Something CORN Y

◆ It's time to enjoy the buttery taste of Michigan sweet corn

to crow about

Compiled by Vera Hogan

A little birdy told us that this year's sweet corn is ready to buy at local farms and farmers markets. Here are a couple of ideas to make your corn prepping and eating much easier and more enjoyable:

MESS-FREE MICROWAVE CORN

Place an ear of corn (husk and all) on a microwave-safe plate. Put it in your microwave and cook for 4 minutes. When the cooking is done, use an oven mitt or towel to hold the ear of corn steady. Use a sharp knife to cut off the bottom end of the corn, and then squeeze near the top of the



husk. The corn should slide right out, leaving the husk and silk behind.

Add whatever toppings or seasonings you like and enjoy.

BUTTER USING BREAD METHOD



One of the most vexing corn conundrums is how best to butter it. Rather than fumbling with a butter knife, many people prefer to roll their corn onto a stick of butter. Here is something easier using a piece of buttered bread. Just wrap your buttered bread around the corn and twist a couple of times to spread the butter around. (And when your corn is perfectly buttered, you can pass it on for someone else to use, or just eat it as another side dish to your meal).

BUTTER USING THE BOILING METHOD

This tip only really works for boiled corn, but it's really easy and effective. When your boiled corn is just about done cooking, drop about 8 tablespoons of butter into the water. The butter will melt and float to the top of the pot. When the corn is done cooking, use a pair of tongs to pull it out. It will emerge with a coating of butter already on it.



GET A HANDLE ON IT

When you're prepping corn for the grill, peel back the husk without removing it entirely. Remove and discard the silk from the corn, then use a piece of cooking twine to tie the husk together at the bottom of each ear of corn. Tying the husks together creates a handle on the end of your corn, which makes it much easier to move and flip your corn while grilling.

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Notice is hereby given the Tyrone Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, beginning at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom teleconference. Information to join this meeting will be posted to the township's website prior to the meeting. The purpose for the Public Hearing is:

To receive public comments regarding proposed amendments to Zoning Ordinance #36:

- Article 21, Section 21.55 – Medical Marijuana Uses, to modify requirements for caregiver operations and to include references to recent State of Michigan amendments affecting the MMMA.

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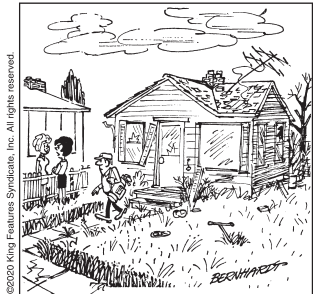
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Heave
URGES

Topple
SEUPT

Garish
ALFYSH

Common
PEACH

TODAY'S WORD

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Weekend Sudoku

FUN BY THE NUMBERS

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging

♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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ACROSS

1 Had mercy on

7 Good-sized combos

13 Dilettante

20 Fictional detective

21 Tiger cat

22 Model oneself after

23 Cereal invented by actor

25 Reference showing an urban area

26 Downed food

27 Lathering up

28 Electrojet bit

29 Hoppy drink

30 Vocalist Della

33 Utter a fib

34 Airheaded

36 "Mack the Knife" singer

38 Cereal that's more than enough?

41 Cereal that turns kids into imps?

43 Cassini of fashion

44 Baby hooter

46 "Nope"

47 Judo room

50 Attended, as an event

53 Nut's partner

55 Large burden

59 Very skilled

61 Vintage auto

62 Cereal endorsed by first-year athletes?

65 Even chance

67 Willy with a chocolate factory

69 Turkish commander

70 Sushi fish

71 "— gratia artis"

72 Cereal flavored with really hot peppers?

76 95-Across' rank: Abbr.

77 Young male, in many rap songs

78 — -tac-toe

79 Big name in fables

80 Look upon

82 Cereal that makes people want to create graphs and tables?

86 "— -di-dah!"

88 Challenger

89 Actor Morales

90 Maui, e.g.

91 Guy who "was here"

94 "My Fair —"

95 Foe of Grant

97 Cow catcher

99 "Hud" co-star

101 Cereal that helps to heal broken legs?

105 Cereal that looks like it's been polished?

111 "Tin Cup" co-star

112 "The Chosen" novelist

114 Neither here — there

115 Buying binge

116 Parseghian of football

117 "— y plata" (Montana motto)

118 Sprinkler of plants

121 Rescue crew

122 Lava emitter

125 Cereal with hidden crib sheets?

128 Stoats with white coats

129 Public tribute

130 Actor Danny

131 Ilie of tennis

132 Stopped slumbering

133 Give the OK

DOWN

1 Vast desert

2 For now

3 Slumbering

4 Chili's color

5 Propyl ender

6 Lions' lairs

7 Finnish, e.g.

8 Rocker Ric

9 Old soda brand

10 Big African antelope

11 Kid who challenges gender stereotypes

12 Rds.

13 Hunting lures

14 Despot Idi

15 Except

16 Muckraking Nellie

17 Hedy of old Hollywood

18 Latin "and others"

19 Be contrite

24 Clu of "McQ"

28 "Any problem with that?"

31 Some sailboats

32 Sushi fish

35 1990s exercise fad

36 Cell stuff

37 Hate

39 Shul attendee

40 Sousing sort

42 Positive number, e.g.

45 Office furniture

47 Like potential sweethearts

48 Aromatic

49 Actress Alba

51 Latest info

52 Sound a horn

54 Actor Hemsworth

56 River from Lake Erie

57 Saw to a seat

58 Remove moisture in by whirling

60 Having many bunches of feathers

63 Klutzes

64 Examined in order to rob

66 Less cheap

68 Uncluttered

73 Singer Phil

74 Lie languidly

75 On — with

81 Big name in polling

83 Brick ovens

84 So very

85 Not be inert

87 Award winner, e.g.

92 Winter Games gp.

93 Positive vote

96 Prefix with resort

98 Demonstrate

100 Sit-ups sculpt them

101 "Scream" director

102 — borealis

103 Holy songs

104 Got to one's feet

106 Anxious

107 Ribbed, as fabric

108 Liberally

109 Doe or cow

110 Brief brawls

113 Merited fate

117 Individuals

119 Deck wood

120 Nutritional amts.

123 Op. —

124 Tennis' Ivanovic

125 Old TV's "— Na Na"

126 Spy gp.

127 "You there!"

PUZZLE CLUE:
REFORMULATED CEREAL

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MIDWEEK SUDOKU ANSWERS

1	4	6	7	3	2	9	8	5
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MIDWEEK JUMBLE ANSWERS:

SWUNG, MOUTH, COSTLY, WEAKLY

Answer: They studied the attractive properties of certain metals at the — **MAGNET SCHOOL**

WEEKEND SUDOKU ANSWERS

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9	3	8	5	2	1	7	4	6
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2	5	9	1	3	7	6	8	4

WEEKEND SCRAMBLE ANSWERS:

SURGE, UPSET, FLASHY, CHEAP

Answer: **FUTURE**

MIDWEEK CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Solution Time: 21 min.

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WEEKEND CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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WEEKEND WORD SEARCH ANSWERS

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HOT LINE CONTINUED
■■■■
I SUPPORT SCIENCE, which supports wearing masks. ■■■■
IN RESPONSE TO ‘Sixteen million people out of work.’ Do you recall jobs were plentiful? Manufacturers are coming back. COVID-19 put us under. Rioting and looting in large cities is not because of our President Trump. ■■■■
TO THE HOT-LINER who won’t vote for Trump. Good luck with Biden, Pelosi,

AOC and the rest. I suggest you read the history of communism and revolutions. There has been only one revolution that was good for the common person. It ended in 1776. Think about it. ■■■■
THE REASON DISEASES are becoming more resistant is because we’re becoming more resistant to them. They adapt. We should delay the inevitable (resist disease) and not let the inevitable come after us. ■■■■
IF YOU THINK wearing a mask is a ‘slippery slope’ that will lead to you not

having guns, maybe you shouldn’t have them. ■■■■
FAUCI MAY NOT be an expert, but he’s the smartest person we’ve got. I trust him. ■■■■
YOU ASK FOR mail-in ballot. The township sends form to sign. You mail back. They in turn send a ballot. You check boxes and then sign and return. They check both signatures. Where’s the fraud? ■■■■
ARE WE CREATED equal? Are we born equal? Are we educated equal? Do we have equal opportunity to purchase housing? Think. Answer silently and honestly in your heart and mind. ■■■■
IN A DECEMBER 2019 study, Federal Reserve researchers concluded that Trump’s tariffs ‘have not boosted manufacturing employment or output, even as they increased producer prices.’ Moody’s concluded in Sept 2019 that the trade conflict with China has reduced unemployment by 300,000 jobs. Yeah, the greatest president ever. ■■■■

**TYRONE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held on Monday, August 10, 2020, by the Tyrone Township Zoning Board of Appeals. Due to continuing public meeting and gathering restrictions associated with COVID-19 a Zoom video meeting will be held in lieu of an in-person meeting. A meeting link will be provided on the township’s website for public participation. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m., to consider the following variance applications:

APPEAL NO. 1: Appeal of a Planning Commission decision. A request by Mark & Molly Betley to appeal the Planning Commission’s sightline determination as set forth in Section 20.02.X made on July 1, 2020 regarding their proposed single-family home located at 10466 Runyan Lake Road, Fenton, Michigan 48430, Parcel ID: 4704-09-202-004. The property is zoned LK-1, Lake Front Residential. Reference Tyrone Township Zoning Ordinance No. 36, Article 7 – LK-1 Zoning, Section 20.02.X, Section 28.03.B, and 28.04.C.

APPEAL NO. 2: A request by David & Peggy Galka for a 1’ 6” side yard setback variance in order to add a landing & steps to the south side of their home, and a request to replace & extend their existing deck along a nonconforming setback as permitted in Section 26.04.A.3.a-e, located at 6240 Bullard Rd, Fenton, Michigan 48430, Parcel ID: 4704-34-401-029. The property is zoned LK-1, Lake Front Residential. Reference requirements set forth in Tyrone Township Zoning Ordinance No. 36, Article 7 – LK-1 Zoning, Article 20 - Schedule of Regulations, inclusive of building setbacks, height, and sight lines, and Section 26.04.A - Enlargement, Extension or Alteration of a Nonconforming Structure.

APPEAL NO. 3: A request by Eric & Katie Skalski for a yard location variance and a 110-foot front yard setback variance in order to build a 28’ x 32’ accessory building in their front yard located at 13233 Holtforth Road, Fenton, Michigan, Parcel ID: 4704-36-300-027. The property is zoned FR – Farming Residential. Reference requirements set forth in Tyrone Township Zoning Ordinance No. 36, Article 4 – FR/RE Zoning, Article 20 - Schedule of Regulations, inclusive of building setbacks, height and sight lines, and Section 21.02 – Accessory Buildings and Structures.

Additional information, legal descriptions, and location maps are available at the Tyrone Township Clerk’s Office, 8420 Runyan Lake Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Tyrone Township Clerk at (810) 629-8631, at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Gregory Carnes, Chairman
Tyrone Township Zoning Board of Appeals

**NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON
AUGUST 4, 2020**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Primary Election will be held on August 4, 2020 in:

HOLLY TOWNSHIP AND THE VILLAGE OF HOLLY,
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THE POLLS will be open 7 o’clock a.m. until 8 o’clock p.m. for
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THE AUGUST 4, 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ALL VOTING PRECINCTS OF HOLLY TOWNSHIP/VILLAGE FOR THE PURPOSE OF NOMINATING CANDIDATES OF ALL PARTICIPATING PARTIES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

Representative in Congress 8th District, Representative in State Legislature 51st District, County Executive, County Prosecuting Attorney, County Sheriff, County Clerk/Register of Deeds, County Treasurer, County Resource Commissioner, County Commissioner 2nd District, Township Supervisor, Township Clerk, Township Treasurer, Two Township Trustees and Seven Township Park Commissioners.

AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL(S):

Township proposals: Support and Maintenance of Township Library Renewal Millage and Support and Maintenance of township Parks Renewal Millage.

FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSALS AND SAMPLE BALLOTS MAY BE OBTAINED
FROM YOUR CLERK’S OFFICES LISTED BELOW.

ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM YOUR CLERK’S OFFICES
LISTED BELOW BEFORE 2:00 P.M. SATURDAY AUGUST 1, 2020

Karin S. Winchester, MMC
Holly Township Clerk
102 Civic Drive
Holly, Michigan 48442
248-634-9331 Ext. 301

Obituaries

Times

Ruth McMillin

Ruth McMillin - age 87, died July 20, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Thelma Nielsen

Thelma Nielsen - age 98, died July 14, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Esther Stuart

Esther Stuart - age 90, died July 20, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Howard Cline

Howard Cline - age 86, died July 21, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Howard Woods

Howard Woods - age 98, died July 16, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



James Griffin, Jr.

James Griffin, Jr. - age 90, died July 19, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Janice Bigelow

Janice Bigelow - age 100, died July 22, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



John "Jack" Aceff

John "Jack" Aceff - age 88, died July 15, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Norma Tolbert

Norma Tolbert - age 74, died July 2, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Shirley Felix

Shirley Felix - age 77, died July 22, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Sandra Gooding

Sandra Gooding - age 75, died July 22, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Joanne Bowles

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Peter Deretich

1938 – 2020

Peter Deretich - age 82, longtime resident of Holly and formerly Grand Blanc and Hibbing, MN died Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at Vicinia Gardens in Fenton. He was born July 4, 1938 in Hibbing, MN the son of Tomo and Bosiljka (Samardzich) Deretich. He graduated from Hibbing High School in 1956 and attended the University of Minnesota-Duluth. He later earned his Master's Degree of Education from the University of Michigan. Peter started his first teaching job in 1962 at Lake Fenton High School where he met his future wife Linda Newcomb.



Peter and Linda were united in marriage in 1967. They both took teaching positions shortly afterward at Grand Blanc High School where they spent the

remainder of their careers. Peter loved sports, old western movies, the outdoors and his childhood home of Hibbing where he will be buried. Peter is survived by his wife, Linda Deretich of Holly; four siblings and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and six siblings. Memorial donations can be made in Peter's name to the Elk's Club of Flint.

Kenneth Plater

Kenneth Plater - age 75, died July 16, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Loretta Radewitz

Loretta Radewitz - age 56, died July 20, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Richard "Rick" Machala

Richard "Rick" Machala - age 53, died July 15, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



William "Wild Bill" Lennox

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Obituaries

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Esta Fay Curtis

Esta Fay Curtis - age 86, died July 19, 2020. www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



John R. Jones

John R. Jones - age 52, died July 19, 2020. www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Naeem Johnson

Naeem Johnson - age 54, died July 22, 2020. www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Norris B. Griggs

Norris B. Griggs - age 85, died July 17, 2020. www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Pamela G. Schultz

Pamela G. Schultz - age 75, died July 22, 2020. www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Andrew Larry "Drew" Firth 1959 – 2020

Andrew Larry "Drew" Firth - age 61, of Fenton, died Sunday, July 5, 2020. Cremation has taken place. Andrew was born April 8, 1959 to Larry Andrew and Shirley Delores (O'Mara) Firth. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. Drew enjoyed riding motorcycles, hunting, archery and spending time with family and friends. Surviving are two daughters, Andrea Firth (James Demorest) and Amanda Firth; two grandchildren, Bash and Jett Demorest; sister, Cheryl Ann Justice. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dawn Firth on January 12, 2019; parents; and a sister, Sherry Cohen. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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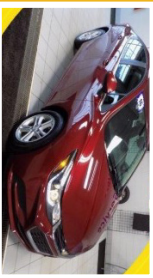


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