You, kind soul who picked up my debit card on 9/11 at Walmart and turned it in. I sincerely thank you. Panicked at the possible outcomes I was flooded with relief when Walmart said they had it. You blessed my day with your good deed. May you be blessed in return.

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Classic Cars and Hot Rods

Fenton resident Mike Hussar (right) talks with an attendee at Mueller’s Orchard “The Apple of Your Eye” Car Showcase for Cystic Fibrosis on Saturday, Sept. 12. He brought his 1968 four-door Pontiac sedan. The event was a success, said Wendy Mueller, event chair, with an estimated 1,500 attendees throughout the weekend. See story on Page 6. Photo: Hannah Ball

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Aerial mosquito spraying to begin today

Oakland County one of 10 counties impacted by confirmed cases of horses with EEE

In an effort to prevent spread of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE), the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has announced plans to conduct aerial mosquito control treatment in certain high-risk areas of Michigan.

Impact counties include Barry, Clare, Ionia, Isabella, Jackson, Kent, Mecosta, Montcalm, Newaygo and Oakland. Additional areas may be selected for treatment if new human cases are reported.

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Applefest pie auction underway

Raffles, apple pies and crisps, golf outing, virtual road race, children’s golf clinic and celebrity chefs make for memorable 2020 event

By Sharon Stone

It may not necessarily feel like Applefest week, however, work is going on behind the scenes to make this year’s annual fundraiser for St. John the Evangelical Catholic Church a memorable success.

The Applefest Core Committee has been working with its See PIE AUCTION on 5
Teen jailed after partygoer shot in arm

Party swells to more than 100 young people, some from Holly, while parents out of town

By Sharon Stone

A large party in Brandon Township, attended by more than 100 individuals from the cities of Flint, Burton, Clio, Lansing, the village of Holly, Brandon Township and other areas, led to a shooting in the early morning hours of Sunday, Sept. 13.

Oakland County Undersheriff Mike McCabe said multiple deputies and the Brandon Township Fire Department responded to the 1500 block of Perry Lake Road on a report of multiple shots fired outside a residence at 2:16 a.m.

More than 100 young people from the ages of 15 thru 20 years old had gathered at the residence for a party. An argument ensued between two of the groups.

A large window in the residence was broken out by a male subject.

A 17-year-old male who resides at residence retrieved a 9 mm handgun and fired multiple rounds. An 18-year-old male from Flint was struck in the right arm and he sustained cuts from the broken glass.

The victim told deputies that he had engaged in a verbal argument with someone prior to him being shot. Two handguns were reported stolen from the residence and have not been recovered.

The victim was transported to McLaren Oakland Hospital by the Brandon Township Fire Department with a gunshot wound to his arm. He was treated and released.

Detectives arrived and began their investigation.

The suspect has been lodged at the Oakland County Jail pending issuance of charges. The incident remains under investigation. The 17 year old, whose parents were out of town, told deputies that originally 15 people were invited but someone posted the party on social media and more than 100 people showed up.

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Road and then re-entered southbound U.S. 23.

The box truck traveled on southbound U.S. 23 at speeds between 65 and 70 miles per hour.

The truck entered eastbound I-96 and eventually stopped on its own east of Kensington Road near Wixom.

Lt. Jeff Cross of the Fenton Police Department said the driver, a 39-year-old man from Redford, and his female passenger, his 38-year-old wife, were taken into custody without incident.

There were no injuries to the suspects or police and no damage to the vehicles.

The couple was transported back to the Fenton police station for booking and the truck was impounded.

Cross said there was damage observed at the store and it appears that entry was gained to a secure area of the business. The investigation continues.

Neither suspect has yet been arraigned in Genesee County 67th District Court. Pending charges could include breaking and entering of a building and fleeing and eluding police. The driver also was driving on a suspended license and there is an outstanding arrest warrant against him from MSP-Brighton Post.

Cross said there were reports of recent break-ins at other TSC stores. Those incidents are under investigation and it is unknown at this time if these two suspects are believed to be involved.

In addition to Fenton police, Michigan State Police-Brighton troopers, one Livingston County Sheriff’s deputies assisted with trying to pull over the truck. Linden police assisted by securing the scene at TSC.

Fenton Express Towing removed the truck from the highway.
Forty pets are blessed

Fenton church hosts fourth annual Pet Blessing outdoors

By Sharon Stone

On Thursday, Sept. 10, the faithful of St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church in Fenton, guided by Fr. Gabriel Bilas and Deacon Michael Schlaack, partnered with Adopt-A-Pet Fenton for their fourth annual Pet Blessing on the Feast day of St. Mammas, the patron saint of pets and animals.

More than 40 pets (and their approximate 70 human companions) were brought to the blessing plus those housed at Adopt-a-Pet. Pets, including dogs, cats, and even a hedgehog, were blessed outside to maintain all COVID-19 protocol. There also were numerous dogs and cats that were unable to be outside for the blessing that are under the care of Adopt-A-Pet.

In keeping with the traditions of the Ancient Christian Church, prayers of intercession were read. The prayers to St. Mammas, the third century Christian Martyr, who is the patron saint of animals were said, and all animals present were blessed with Holy Water and received a collar tag with a cross on it.

St. Mary Magdalene Parish is grateful for overwhelming response and love that came from our community.

“Despite the challenges of the pandemic, we give Glory to God that we had such a wonderful turnout for our fourth annual Pet Blessing and Prayers for Pet Owners, through the intercessions of St. Mammas,” Reverend Father Gabriel Bilas said.

Fr. Gabriel Bilas of St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church in Fenton blesses pets in an outdoor ceremony Sept. 10, including this hedgehog (below). Submitted photo

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School leaders take to social media, YouTube to show what returning to school will look like

By Editor Sharon Stone

Fear of the unknown can be paralyzing. I wrote last time how I was so relieved that my kids are grown and done with school. I can assume I would not have the patience or time to act as a home-school teacher, yet if I was forced to, I’m sure we’d get through it.

Our schools have taken all summer to work out a plan to bring our kids back into the classroom. Some have already started in person, while others remain virtual for now.

Being open and forthcoming with their families will undoubtedly alleviate some of the fear that teachers, students, and their families will feel. First day jitters are sure to be amplified this year.

Lake Fenton High School has a new principal this year. Kate VanHouten has taken over the role from Christopher Belcher, who is assistant superintendent, under the leadership of Superintendent Julie Williams.

Kate has spent nearly her entire career at Lake Fenton, starting as a student teacher at Torrey Hill in 1999. For the past four years, she has worked as the director of curriculum and instruction.

She too is very open with providing information to her families. Anyone wanting to find out what Lake Fenton High School has done and is doing to provide a safe environment for learning through COVID-19 can watch the principal’s videos or read the live feed on the district’s website, lakefentonschools.org.

I watched the principal’s video on YouTube today. This video takes you through the big green entrance doors of the high school and into the hallways. Visible are the social distancing tape marks, instructions for going up and down the central stairs, one central water bottle station and more. She goes over everything the returning student needs to see as they begin their new year in the classroom the week of Sept. 14. Knowing what to expect as they walk into the building will bring down the fear level — and hopefully some of the first-day jitters.

Sharon Stone is the editor of the Tri-County Times. To contact her, email her at sstone@tctimes.com or call her at (810) 433-6786.

Are you happy to watch football again? Which teams are you watching?

“It’s selfish to want to watch people play a high contact sport during a deadly pandemic.”

Katie Morris

Southfield

“Will not be watching in this house.”

Karen Myers

Fenton

“Youth, high school and college, yes. NFL has become political.”

Casey Gilbert

Fenton

“As long as the NFL or any team wants to be political, I will not support. I run a business. My job is to run that business. If you want my political opinion, I’ll discuss it with you but will not force my opinion on you.”

Dan Ingram, Fenton
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volunteers to keep the annual fundraiser providing support for the community.

Since 1972, the Applefest has been an integral part of the parish. This is the first year the traditional event was canceled.

Applefest has become the largest community festival in the Diocese of Lansing. Proceeds have provided revenue for various parish campus advancements and outreach programs.

This year’s Applefest activities:
• Raffle drawing – parishioners have tickets to purchase or sell. Tickets are available at the parish office. Cars and a pontoon will be top prizes. The drawing will be held live Sunday, Sept. 20 at 5 p.m. on the grounds of the church.
• Inaugural golf event – The golf outing will be held Friday, Sept. 18 at Coyote Preserve at 1 p.m. This outing is in memory of Ron Lockwood. The outing is full, said Miriam Sage, co-chair of Applefest.
• Free kids golf clinic from 9 to 10 a.m., Friday, Sept. 18 at Coyote Preserve. The pro golfer teaching the class is the brother of Fr. Ryan Riley, Shane Riley. This event is full.
• Virtual road race – Much like what the Fenton Freedom Festival did and the Crim race will do, Applefest will hold a virtual race where participants will be accountable to log their time.
• Pie auction – will include three local celebrity chefs’ pies. Celebrity pie chefs include St. John’s Fr. Robert Copeland, Sean Garland of Feast Cooking School in Fenton and Chad Brennan of CRUST – a baking company in Fenton.
• Frozen pie/crisp sales – Beginning in August, people were able to pre-order pies and apple crisps to be picked up the weekend of Sept. 19. Pies have sold out.

Sage said they have looked at this modified Applefest as a positive opportunity to support the parish and community while keeping people safe and healthy. They are already discussing plans for 2021, and they ask for everyone’s continued support and prayers.

As a fundraiser, the St. John Applefest has grown to support many of the missions of St. John the Evangelist parish. The funds raised from the festival go back into the Fenton community through parish activities including support for the St. John Outreach program, the St. Vincent DePaul Society, St. John School, and other numerous parish ministries.

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Ford Escape, 3-year lease from Lasco Ford or a
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Orchard hosts successful car show

Proceeds benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

By Hannah Ball
Fenton Twp. — Mueller’s Orchard
“The Apple of Your Eye” Car Showcase for Cystic Fibrosis was graced with sunny weather Saturday, Sept 12 and Sunday, Sept 13.

Hundreds of attendees came out to walk through the rows of cars and booths selling craft items, and buy apples, cider and doughnuts.

Wendy Mueller, event chair, said, “Mueller’s Car Showcase for Cystic Fibrosis was a far reaching success. The expansive front yard acre off Linden Road was often filled to capacity with show cars. The southeast corner was off limits to cars as it was taken over by the military display.”

Approximately 150 cars were on display throughout the weekend. This included a 1972 Jaguar XKE, series 3, V-12 that was brought in on a trailer and the legendary Chevamoco Dragster Race Car built originally by NHRA top driver Bobby Lagana NHRA, also trailered in.

“People mingled outside with lots of space and smiles. We were blessed with weather, many beautiful machines displayed with love and pride, and strong community support. People were happy and excited to be out safely with each other,” she said.

The event featured a food concession by Kiwanis, music from Throttle Up DJ services by Todd Payne, youth activities, and a free Moonwalk brought by Great Party Productions. There were raffles, arts and crafts, and the usual orchard items, such as apples, cider and doughnuts.

“Several community groups made their presence known; my Linden Presbyterian Church family. Kiwanis Club of Linden members, individual business owners and community family groups, and a strong showing from the local families living with memories of children lost to Cystic Fibrosis,” Mueller said.

Proceeds went to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, which is on the top 10 list of “Charities You Can Trust.” It has a high percentage of its annual expense going directly to research and programs.

“Our daughter, Madeline (Mueller) Elmhirst, has new lungs and is alive today due to efforts of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. This community supported our fundraising effort,” Mueller said.

“The raffle supporting local businesses did better than ever. Outright donations and silent auction bids were more abundant and most generous. The Muellers’ are proud to be a part of this totally supportive ‘we got this’ community moving safely forward.”

One person who brought a vintage vehicle was Fenton resident Mike Hussar, who brought his 1968 four-door Pontiac sedan.

“It was one of the more basic cars in ‘68. It’s one families drove because it had room for two, three, four kids in it, and you get both parents in the car when

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in possession of the vehicle has been banned from the owner’s property. Officers also checked the vehicle owner’s residence and discovered the person had broken into the home and has been living there. Officers arrested the 21-year-old Ortonville man for breaking and entering the home and unlawfully driving the owner’s vehicle. He was lodged until warrants were obtained for arraignment. The property owner was located and advised.

HOLLY POLICE ARREST FENTON WOMAN FOR DRUNK DRIVING
On Friday, Sept. 11, at 11:43 p.m., a Holly police officer was on patrol on Saginaw Street at Grange Hall Road when he observed a vehicle approaching quickly behind his patrol car without any lights on. The officer pulled off the road to avoid impact. The officer stopped the vehicle and determined the driver, identified as a 24-year-old Fenton woman, was highly intoxicated. The woman was twice the legal limit to drive. She was arrested for operating while intoxicated and lodged until able to post bond.

BICYCLES STOLEN FROM HOLLY RESIDENCE
On Saturday, Sept. 12, at 1:20 p.m., a Western Valley resident reported to Holly police officers that about two to three weeks ago someone took a bicycle from his front yard. The victim also reported that on Sept. 11, another bicycle was taken from his garage. The homeowner’s garage door was open and someone entered the garage and took the bicycle. Holly PD is investigating.

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you went places,” he said.
Hussar bought the vehicle in ’01. It has around 47,000 miles, and Hussar had major bodywork done on it in 2005 and 2006. The paint job is 16 years old, which still looks “pretty good.”
“Take it out year round. I don’t put it up on jacks and let it sit for the winter time. It’s insured 12 months of the year and it’s driven 12 months of the year when the roads are dry,” he said.
He often brings it to shows. It’s been in the Fenton Fourth of July parade since 2002, except last year because of a last-minute technical issue.
“Everything is being shut down,” Hussar said, so he was excited to go to the Mueller’s car show.
Mueller estimates approximately 1,500 people came to the event throughout the weekend.

Donkey on the run
Family and friends search for newly adopted animal that escaped Rose Township property
By Sharon Stone
A Rose Township family is desperate to locate a donkey that escaped their property on Buckhorn Lake Road, south of Munger Road. Buckhorn Lake Road is approximately half way between Fish Lake and Milford roads.

Brian Dawson of Rose Township made the donkey’s escape known by posting the situation on The Friends of Rose Township’s Facebook page Monday morning, Sept. 14.
He said that his family recently adopted the donkey and that she’s been acclimating to their horse and property. At night on Sunday, Sept. 13, the horse and donkey escaped. The horse was located, however, by noon on Tuesday, they had not located the donkey.
The Dawsons, as well as several members of the Facebook group were actively looking for the donkey. Dawson’s post on the Friends of Rose Township page was shared on Tri-County Times’ Lost and Found Facebook page.
If anyone spots the donkey, they are asked to call (248) 431-4516.

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Linden boys soccer off to strong 3-0 start

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity boys soccer team finished the 2019 fall season in a three-way tie for the Flint Metro League championship.

It looks like the Eagles want to contend for another title again in 2020.

Linden improved to 2-0 in Flint Metro League action with a 4-1 victory at Swartz Creek on Monday. The Eagles opened the season with a 4-3 victory against Brandon on Thursday and also defeated non-league foe Davison at home on Friday, beating the Cardinals 2-0.

Linden jumped to a 1-0 lead against Swartz Creek on a Brendan Singleton goal that was assisted by Hunter Hall. A Swartz Creek penalty kick tied the game at 1-1 by halftime.

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Fenton, Linden XC teams compete at weekend invite

By David Troppens

Saturday’s Kayla O’Mara Invitational held at Goodrich Middle School could end up being a pretty good preview of the first Metro League Stripes Division jamboree for this Saturday.

It looks like there could be a Fenton-Linden battle in both the boys and girls race on Saturday. The Fenton varsity boys won the men’s event at Goodrich with 47 points while the Linden boys placed second with 70 points.

In the girls’ event, Grand Ledge won with 35 points but was followed by Linden (82) in second and Fenton (82) in third. The tie was broken based on each team’s sixth-place runner.

Fenton’s boys were the dominant team in the male event, recording their entire top five scorers with...
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pressure) for Holly but it isn’t anymore. We come in here with confidence, confident who we are and what we can do. It’s just fun being here and competing.”

The match looked like an early-season battle for a good chunk of the night because there were plenty of errors. In fact, Holly lost the second set and could attribute that to eight service errors in that game. Both teams had plenty of hitting errors (23 for Holly and 20 for Fenton) as both teams work on getting their offenses in midseason form. And, of course, the Tigers are learning a new coach in the process as well. Long liked what she has seen so far out of her squad.

“They have heart,” Long said.

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in the top 19 points. New Lothrop’s Car
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Michael Crane (17:38.75) placed seventh and eighth, respectively, giving Fenton a strong trio of runners. Aiden Brzecinski placed 11th (17:56.82) and Nathan Katic placed 19th (18:48.72), finishing off the Tigers’ top five scoring runners.

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PREP REPORT

BOYS TENNIS

Holly at Grosse Pointe North Quad: The Bronchos scored all four of its points in doubles matches. The flights that won a match were the No. 1 doubles team of Garrett Reid and Drew Hignite, the No. 2 doubles team of Parker Monty and Quintin Monty, the No. 3 doubles team of Alex Hepner and Joe Kittle and the No. 4 doubles team of Miles Syjud and Jake Distel.

VOLLEYBALL

Holly at Clarkston quad: The Bronchos faced off against three strong squads and lost to Regina, Eisenhower and Clarkston. The most competitive match was the loss to Regina. The Bronchos won the first set 25-22 but lost the other two sets 25-19, 25-12.

Paige Weeder led the squad with nine kills, six digs and four aces while Kennedy Hogan had seven kills. Amanda Patterson had 15 assists and seven digs while Marcy Grace McAninch had 13 digs.

Holly lost to Eisenhower 26-24, 25-18. Weeder had eight kills while Patterson had 11 assists. McAninch led the team with four digs.

Clarkston beat Holly 25-15, 25-15. Hogan led the offense with five kills while Patterson had 10 assists. Weeder had five digs and four kills while Macy Martin and Patterson had two blocks each.

GIRLS GOLF

Linden 205, Owosso 245: The Eagles were led by co-medalist Ella LaMothe’s 48 at Owosso Country Club. She finished her round with a birdie on the ninth hole.

Kaitlyn Straub shot a 50 while Catie Draper shot a 53. Cassie Most finished Linden’s score with a 54. Hanna Baldwin and Emma Lurvey each shot a 66.

Holly 217, Brandon 237: The Bronchos didn’t have the match medalist, but did record the next six best scores, resulting in the easy win at Heather Highlands.

Ella Bush led the Bronchos with a nine-hole score of 51 while Aliyva Boehm followed with a 53. Kendall Stilwell shot a 56 and Emma Tooley carded a 57. Brandon’s Leah LaFleur was the medalist with a 44.

Area golfers compete at Davison Invitational

By David Troppens

Two area tri-county girls golf teams competed at the Davision Invitational on Monday and one came home with a fourth-place finish.

The Fenton Tigers placed fourth while of 352 at Davison Country Club, with Brook Herbstreit leading the way with an 18-hole score of 83. Katelyn Burkette shot an 84 whole Victoria Carnell shot a 90 and Olivia Herbert carded a 95.

The Eagles were led by Caitlin Draper with a score of 95, while Emma Lurvey shot a 99.

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Holly soccer splits games at tourney

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity boys soccer team had to wait a long time to get its season started, but when the Bronchos did so, they had two thrilling games to start the season at the Carman-Ainsworth quad.

The Bronchos opened with a 0-0 (4-3) loss due to a shootout in the opening game against Carman-Ainsworth. The Bronchos won the second contest, beating the Clio Mustangs 2-1.

Holly jumped to a 2-0 lead against Clio. About halfway through the first half, senior midfielder Jan Holleman dribbled through the middle and fired a shot from about 22 yards out that hit the upper corner of the goal. About three minutes later, the Bronchos scored their second goal.

Sophomore midfielder Kyle Sherrrow took a shot from about 20 yards out, arching it up and over the Clio keeper for the second goal.

Clio cut the gap to 2-1 but were unable to tie the game.

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or animal cases occur outside of the currently identified zones.

Treatment is scheduled to occur starting the evening of Wednesday, Sept. 16. However, treatment can only take place under certain weather conditions, so the schedule may need to change.

As of Sept. 13, EEE has been confirmed in 22 horses in 10 counties in Michigan. Additional animal cases are under investigation. This is twice as many animal cases as the same time last year.

To date, no human cases have been identified. There is an EEE vaccine available for horses, but not for people. In order to prevent the loss of life and protect public health, MDHHS has determined a targeted aerial treatment plan is necessary. When there are high rates of animal infections, humans are just as at risk.

EEE is one of the most dangerous mosquito-borne diseases in the United States, with a 33-percent fatality rate in people who become ill. People can be infected with EEE from one bite of a mosquito carrying the virus. Persons younger than age 15 and over age 50 are at greatest risk of severe disease following infection. More than 25 percent of the nation’s EEE cases last year were diagnosed in Michigan.

“We are taking this step in an effort to protect the health and safety of Michiganders in areas of the state where we know mosquitoes are carrying this potentially deadly disease,” said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, MDHHS chief medical executive and chief deputy for health. “As people are spending more time outdoors because of COVID-19, they also need to be protecting themselves from mosquito bites.”

Signs of EEE infection include the sudden onset of fever, chills, body and joint aches which can progress to a severe encephalitis, resulting in headache, disorientation, tremors, seizures and paralysis. Anyone who thinks they may be experiencing these symptoms should contact a medical provider. Permanent brain damage, coma and death may also occur in some cases.

The Michigan Department of Agricultural and Rural Development (MDARD) has issued an emergency rule temporarily amending the rule on notification and participation for community pesticide applications for aerial spraying treatment across affected counties. This means mosquito control treatment will be required for those areas that are identified by the aerial treatment plan with exception of federal properties and tribal lands.

Treatment will be conducted using Merus 3.0, the same product used in 2019. Merus 3.0 is registered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and MDARD, and is labeled for public health use over residential areas. It contains 5 percent pyrethrins, a botanical insecticide extracted from chrysanthemum flowers. Pyrethrins are commonly used to control mosquitoes, fleas, flies, moths, ants and many other pests, and are approved for use in organic agriculture as well.

In general, health risks are not expected during or after spraying. No special precautions are recommended; however, residents and individuals who have known sensitivities to pyrethrins can reduce potential for exposure by staying indoors during treatment. Aerial treatment is not expected to have any impacts on surface water or drinking water.

Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, MDHHS chief medical executive and chief deputy for health, continued to encourage local officials in the affected counties to consider postponing, rescheduling or canceling outdoor activities occurring at or after dusk, particularly activities involving children until the first hard frost of the year.

How to protect yourself from mosquito bites:
• Avoid being outdoors from dusk to dawn when mosquitoes carrying the EEE virus are most active.
• Apply insect repellents containing the active ingredient DEET, or other EPA-approved product to exposed skin or clothing.
• Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outdoors. Apply insect repellent to clothing to help prevent bites.
• Maintain window and door screening to help keep mosquitoes outside.
• Empty water from mosquito breeding sites around the home.
• Use nets and/or fans over outdoor eating areas.

MDHHS hotline for general questions about both COVID-19 and EEE is 1-888-535-6136. The hotline is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.
Pic-A-Park Challenge encourages visits to parks

Winners will be featured on Genesee County Parks’ social media, local TV news

By Hannah Ball

Genesee County Parks & Recreation Commission has issued a challenge to the public — visit Genesee County parks and post a photo for a chance to win a prize.

It’s called the Pic-A-Park Challenge. Participants are encouraged to visit the approximately 50 Genesee County Parks (GCP). Posted photos will be entered into a random drawing for a chance to be featured in one of GCP weekly segments on a local TV station. The parks commission will also share photos on its social media pages.

Hollie Marlett, parks communication specialist at Genesee County Parks & Recreation Commission, said, “The main objective of the challenge was to engage the public and encourage them to visit and use their parks. We asked those who participate to take a photo in each location they visit, share that photo on our social media for a chance to be featured on one of our ABC 12 weekly segments.”

The website has a list of all locations to visit, which include local locations such as Clover Beach and Linden County Park.

“We are hoping for hundreds to participate. With more than 50 parks located in nearly every corner of the county, this allows for accessibility to everyone. This is a great way to get out and enjoy nature, get some exercise and share your experience with others,” Marlett said.

The parks commission is encouraging participants to do the scavenger hunt and take photos of birds, bugs, plants, wetlands and iconic places and spaces. The website has a list of what exactly to look for in each category.

The challenge runs through Oct. 31. Michigan parks have seen an increase in foot traffic since the pandemic began. Genesee County parks are no exception to this.

“We have had a huge increase in foot traffic on our trails and in our day use parks. Wolverine Campground has an extended season this year as well. You will be able to camp through Oct. 18. We are thrilled to be able to offer such great opportunities for our residents and those visiting from other out county areas,” Marlett said.

Participants should use the hashtag #genesecountyparks. It is not required to visit every location. Every entry is a chance to win.


HOT LINE

IT’S SAD TO see on the commercial about Joe Biden’s loss of his family but that doesn’t make him a good president.

THE WEEKLY HOT lines trying to defend the indefensible with Donald Trump prove the old adage that it is easier to con someone than it is to convince them that they were.

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are to remain separate with limited exceptions.

It is also claimed that the EPGA has no time limit for emergencies, which could result in an endless State of Emergency, and the word “epidemic” is not a listed emergency in the statute thus making the original declaration invalid.

The governor denied all of the plaintiffs’ claims.

The Court of Claims and the Michigan Court of Appeals agreed with the plaintiffs on the first claim but upheld the governor on the rest and confirmed the validity of the EPGA.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

I LIVED THROUGH WWII and subsequent wars. I gave thanks every day, and still do, to those brave men and women who sacrificed so much to protect our country’s interests.

CITY OF FENTON: although I don’t mind the kids having fun, shutting the streets down isn’t fun or appealing to adults trying to walk around the block without getting ran over by bikes, skateboards, scooters. And the obscenities due to no adult supervision.

SOMEONE CONDEMNING THE rioting and actually doing something to shut it down are two entirely different things.

FIRST, PARENTS GRIPE and complain about their kids not being able to play fall sports. Now, we hear complaints about the safety concern of the players having to wear masks. If there is that much concern over health, maybe you shouldn’t have protested for them to play during the pandemic.

I UNDERSTAND YOUR reluctance about the LAFF pathway. Have you ever been on the curves on Fenton Road, or worse yet, the hilly portions of Baldwin Road and been shockingly surprised by a bicyclist so close in front of you? It is so worrisome for us drivers.

SEEING ADS FOR the new high-waisted Levi’s jeans. Some call them mom jeans. You know what’s funny, I still have some in my closet when they were fashionable the first time around.

THAT STORY ABOUT Mr. Rick Rescorla, the man who saved over 2,700 people on 9/11, almost made me cry when I read about how he called his wife to tell her how he felt. A smart man and a hero.

WHY DON’T BUSINESSES in Michigan band together and sue Whitmer for playing politics with their livelihoods?

ACTUALLY, TODAY’S UNITED States are divided by law-abiding citizens and criminals. Pretty simple. But I believe that the first group still outweighs the latter by enough to save this country.

I DON’T CARE what side of the political fence you’re on, you can’t possibly think it’s OK to require our kids to wear masks while running and playing sports. When is enough enough?

ACTUALLY, MASKS DON’T have a 0-percent chance of infection. You still have to be able to breathe through them. However, I’ll take a 3-percent chance of infection if two people wear a mask over a near 100-percent chance if nobody wears a mask.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that The State Bank, a Michigan banking corporation (“Bank”), whose address is 175 N. Leroy Street, Fenton, Michigan 48430-0725, has filed an application with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) for permission to establish a new branch office to be located at 31000 Northwestern Highway, Suite 150, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334. Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing addressed to: John P. Conneely, Regional Director, Chicago Regional Office, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 300 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60606-3447, not later than October 2, 2020. The non-confidential portions of this application are on file at the appropriate FDIC office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the non-confidential portions of the application file will be made available upon request.

The State Bank
Fenton, Michigan
Obituaries

**Penny Lynn (Stockton) Murphy**  
1948 – 2020

Penny Lynn (Stockton) Murphy - age 72, of Fenton, died Sunday, September 13, 2020. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Thursday, September 17, 2020 at St. John the Evangelist Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton. The service will be live streamed and may be viewed by visiting her obituary page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com. Visitation will be held at the church Thursday from 10 AM until the time of the Mass. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to a Hospice of your choice. Penny was born March 15, 1948 in Flint, the daughter of Sheldon and Eva Lynn (Smith) Stockton. She married Thomas William Murphy June 6, 1969 at St. Michael Catholic Church in Flint. Penny and her three Stockton sisters were badminton national champions and competed for many years throughout the United States. With her marriage to Thomas, a GM employee, Penny faithfully moved her family to several Michigan cities and in FL and IL. She served in both the position of President and as Executive of the Michigan Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. She also was a member of several policy committees of the National Hospice Organization in Washington, DC. Penny is survived by her three children, Mary, Thomas (Kelly Misziak) and Patrick (Laura) Murphy. Her seven beloved grandchildren are Morgan, Ryleigh, Stockton, Charlotte, Emerson, Marlow Murphy and Evalynn Phelps. Throughout her life, Penny devoted herself to others, especially her large related family. She is survived by her sisters, Peggy Crane (Thomas), Polly Bretzke (Brian), and Pam Brady (Danny); brother and sisters-in-law, Josephine Wesoloski (James), Richard Murphy (Melodie), and Marsden Michael Murphy (Julie); 24 nieces and nephews; and 36 grandnieces and nephews. Penny was an extraordinary woman whose loss is deeply felt by all who knew her, especially by her family. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton.

**Lawrence Harvey Gagne**  
1931 – 2020

Lawrence Harvey Gagne - age 89, of Fenton, passed away Friday, September 11, 2020. Funeral Mass was celebrated 11 AM Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 6481 Faussett Rd., Howell. Fr. David Harvey celebrant. Burial will take place Wednesday, September 16, at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Visitation was held 2 - 8 PM Monday, September 14, at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden, with a rosary at 7 PM. Visitation was also held from 10 AM until the time of Mass Tuesday at the church. Those desiring may make contributions to Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mount Elliott Street Detroit, MI 48207. Lawrence was born July 29, 1931 in Ottawa, Canada, the son of Lawrence and Anastasia (McAulenden) Gagne. Lawrence was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corp., serving in the Korean War and was a recipient of the Purple Heart. He retired from Detroit Edison. Surviving are wife, Shirley; sons, Michael (Kim) Gagne and Andrew (Kim) Gagne; daughter-in-law, Nancy (Alan) Raven; grandchildren, Michele (Chris) Repass and Jakub Gagne; great-grandchildren, Monroe and Harvey Repass; sisters, Frances Gagne, Roberta (Ray) Kamm, Kitty (Mike) DeNeen, Bonnie (Paul) Crawley, and Joanne Lyons; brother, Ronald (Karen) Gagne; sister-in-law, Sue Gagne; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, David Gagne; sisters, Theresa and Lorna Gagne; brothers, Carl, Joseph and Roger Gagne; brother-in-law, Dick Lyons. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

**Darlene F. Mack**  
1941 – 2020

Darlene F. Mack of - age 78 of Fenton, passed away Friday, September 11, 2020. Preceded in death by her loving husband A.T. “Chico” Mack of 59 blessed years; cherished mother of Mark (Caroline) Mack, Todd Mack, and Gill (Sonya) Mack; beloved grandmother of Justin, Marissa, Tony, Natalie, and Emily; great-grandmother of Kenedee and Karson; special sister of Wallace (Diane) Whittington and Kendra Pankey. Darlene was extremely proud of her continuous role in her grandchildren and great-grandchildren’s faith, as well as her three sons and husband. She was deeply influential in all their lives. She raised her family in the eyes of the lord and through the joy of her cooking. Friends may visit at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home Thursday, September 17, 2020 beginning at 10 AM followed by a Funeral Service at 11 AM. In lieu of flowers, please consider memorial contributions to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Please share your condolences or memories with Darlene’s family on her online guestbook www.winfuneralhome.com.

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**Midweek Crossword**

**ACROSS**
1. Amorphous mass  
2. Pouch  
3. Con job  
4. Id counterpar  
5. Actress Jessica  
6. "The danger has passed"  
7. Borscht ingredient  
8. Shelton or Lively  
9. Chopping spree?  
10. Breakfast for many  
11. Jam ingredient?  
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13. Teeny bit  
14. Cow’s chaw  
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26. 2,000 pounds  

**DOWN**
1. Snatch  
2. Take to the hammock  
3. Podrida  
4. St. Thomas  
5. Witness  
6. Khan  
7. Legal wrong  
8. "Wham!"  
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11. Partner  
12. Journey segment  
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14. "Pinnacle!"  
15. "Big bash"  
16. "Pickle"  
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**FUN BY THE NUMBERS**
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**Midweek Sudoku**

**Midweek Jumble**

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

**Horoscopes**

**ARIES**
Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, let yourself drift off into a creative mode this week. Explore any artistic endeavor and dream as big as your mind allows. Don’t limit this expressive outlet.

**TAURUS**
Apr 21/May 21
This week you may be feeling especially loving and romantic, Taurus. Consider treating your special someone to a home-cooked meal or going for a stroll in the park.

**GEMINI**
May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, if things get a little confusing over the next couple of days, don’t feel the need to try to figure everything out. Take what you need to get your tasks done.

**CANCER**
Jun 22/Jul 21
Cancer, it may seem like you are juggling a hundred things at once. Take a step back to exhale and recharge your batteries. This will prove a welcome break.

**LEO**
Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, when faced with too many choices, you may find it hard to make a decision. Instead, select two or more and sample which is best. Don’t let indecisiveness derail your plans.

**VIRGO**
Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, if things get a little confusing over the next couple of days, don’t feel the need to try to figure everything out. Take what you need to get your tasks done.

**LIBRA**
Sept 23/Oct 22
Libra, one minute you feel one thing and another you’ve changed your mind. Sit down and think over the pros and cons of each direction before making a final decision.

**SCORPIO**
Oct 23/Nov 22
Scorpio, your social schedule fills up quickly this week. You may enjoy getting out of the house or the office, but remember to do it in a responsible and safe way.

**SAGITTARIUS**
Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, let yourself drift off into a creative mode this week. Explore any artistic endeavor and dream as big as your mind allows. Don’t limit this expressive outlet.

**CAPRICORN**
Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, whether you realize it or not, you have a great deal of freedom to do what you want. Be spontaneous and start pursuing some of your goals.

**AQUARIUS**
Jan 21/Feb 18
People may not be receptive to your usual brand of humor this week, Aquarius. Do more listening than talking. Try to keep sarcasm to a minimum and lay low.

**PISCES**
Feb 19/Mar 20
Don’t be overly concerned with what others think about you, Pisces. If you’re feeling like a fish out of water, forge ahead with your unique ideas.
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