

Michigan Supreme Court issues ruling

■ Says Gov. Whitmer lacks authority on emergency orders past April 30

By Sharon Stone

On Friday, Oct. 2, Michigan's Supreme Court ruled that Gov. Gretchen Whitmer lacks the authority to extend or declare states of emergency in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Democratic governor issued an executive order declaring a state of emergency in March and expanded it via another executive order in April.

The Republican-controlled legislature passed a resolution

to extend the state of emergency, but only until April 30. Whitmer has since issued several more orders related to the pandemic, according to npr.org.

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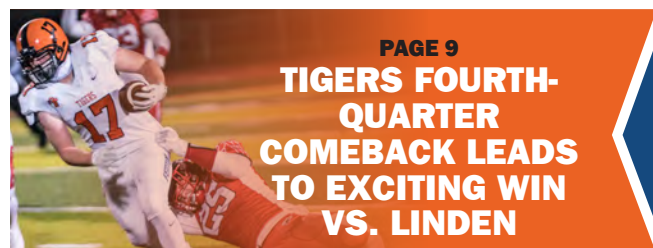
Gov. Gretchen Whitmer

MDHHS issues emergency order

■ Directive restricts gatherings, requires face coverings, limits bars and other venues

On Monday, Oct. 5, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Director Robert Gordon

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Lighted crosswalk system, signs denied

■ Fenton City council members agree that project too costly, should be paid for by association members

By Sharon Stone

At the Fenton City Council work session Monday, Oct. 5, council members all were in agreement that a proposed lighted crosswalk and new signage on S. Long Lake Road was too costly and not an appropriate use of taxpayer funds.

Residents of the Lake Fenton Orchards Association had expressed concern for crossing S. Long Lake Road from their subdivision at Appletree Lane on the south side of S. Long Lake Road to a small

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Adopt-A-Pet at Glik's



Rachel Vandaele of Fenton takes a photo of her son Maxwell, 4, as he greets the puppies outside of Glik's in Fenton. Sloane Seven, event manager at Adopt-A-Pet, said they haven't done an event like this since the COVID-19 pandemic started. "Interacting with the public is one of the best ways we can educate the public about pet ownership and what our services are," she said. They brought three puppies, a dog, two kittens and a cat. These events help the animals get more socialization, which has been harder since the shelter isn't able to allow the usual number of people inside the building. Photo: Hannah Ball

Halloween comes to Renaissance Festival site

■ 'A Haunting in Hollygrove — Phantasm of Lights' takes over Festival Village

By Sharon Stone

Walk through more than three-quarter of a mile of "Amazing Lights" and "Scary Sounds" as you make your way through the twists and turns of the Michigan Renaissance Festival Village in

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Fenton City Council supports MDHHS Emergency Order

■ Individuals must wear masks at indoor and outdoor gatherings, limits size of gatherings

At the Fenton City Council work session Monday, Oct. 5, the Council reaffirmed its support of the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) emergency order effective Monday, Oct. 5. The Order requires that individuals must wear masks at indoor and outdoor gatherings and limits the size of gatherings to mirror

previous requirements (Executive Orders) of Governor Whitmer.

Any violation of the MDHHS order is a misdemeanor punishable by six months in jail or a \$200 fine.

The Fenton City Council concurred that wearing masks, practicing safe social distancing and washing hands are essential in keeping our schools and our small businesses open and our front-line workers safe.

The MDHHS emergency order remains in effect through Oct. 30.

RULING

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Whitmer cited two state laws — the Emergency Management Act of 1976 and the Emergency Powers of the Governor Act from 1945 — as granting her the authority to continue the emergency orders past April 30.

In a 4-3 majority opinion, the state's high court said she did not have that authority.

"We conclude that the Governor lacked the authority to declare a 'state of emergency' or a 'state of disaster' under the EMA after April 30, 2020, on the basis of the COVID-19 pandemic. Furthermore, we conclude that the EPGA is in violation of the Constitution of our state because it purports to delegate to the executive branch the legislative powers of state government — including its plenary police powers — and to allow the exercise of such powers indefinitely," wrote Justice Stephen J. Markman on behalf of the majority.

Afterward, the governor responded to the decision calling it "deeply deeply disappointing, and I vehemently disagree with the court's interpretation of the Michigan Constitution."

"Right now, every state and the federal government have some form of declared emergency," Whitmer said in a statement.

On Sunday, Oct. 4, Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel announced via her Twitter account, "In light of the Supreme Court's decision on Friday, the Attorney General will no longer enforce the Governor's Executive Orders through criminal prosecution.

However, her decision is not binding on other law enforcement agencies or state departments with independent enforcement authority. It's her fervent hope that people continue to abide by the measures that Governor Whitmer put in place — like wearing face mask, adhering to social distancing requirements and staying home when sick — since they've proven effective at saving lives. If it weren't for Governor's actions, countless more of our friends, family and neighbors would have been lost to COVID-19. We can respect both the court's decision and the advice of medical experts by continuing with these important measures voluntarily."

On Monday, Oct. 5, Whitmer asked for further clarification from the Michigan Supreme Court.

"The court got this ruling right," said State Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Fenton Township) on Tuesday, Oct. 6. "The people of Michigan deserve a voice, and the legislature is their voice. A one-size-fits-all response has hurt too many people and jeopardized many futures."

"This ruling was not about the validity of the virus. It was about protecting the constitution to preserve the balance of power between the three branches of government. Our system of government was not intended to be governed by one person regardless of party."

"This ruling will create more transparency in the decisions moving forward. The order does not mean this pandemic is over. This decision ensures the government will work together to move Michigan forward safely and reasonably."

Tractors on display this weekend

■ Young and not so young invited to climb up to see the big wheels and working parts

By Sharon Stone

At Mueller's Orchard and Cider Mill in Fenton Township, everyone who works there likes to see how things work. That is according to Wendy Mueller, who owns the business with her husband Charles and their family.

This weekend, they are hosting a free tractor show. Visitors of any age are invited to come out and see the dozen or so tractors and see how they work and the importance of their work in farming.

The Muellers have hosted tractor shows on and off in the past and started celebrating tractors again last year when they bought a John Deer 70.

Wendy Mueller said she wasn't sure of the exact number of tractors that will be on site, however, last year they had more than a dozen.

Mueller said Roger Ashley will have tractors on display this weekend. She



Former Argentine Township Supervisor Bob Cole shows a mother and young girl the workings of this John Deere tractor at last year's show. *Times file photo*

said he has driven some of them across the Mackinac Bridge in an annual event. She said former Argentine Township Supervisor Bob Cole also will have tractors on site. Cole will share information on how important tractors and farming

equipment are.

Glen Lacey of Dash-Hound Coney, who services the orchard on weekends is trying to get his 1947 John Deere tractor restoration far enough along to

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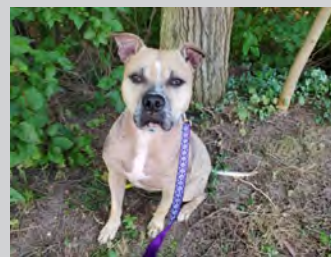
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Good news from the golf course

Here's something I thought I'd never say: "Thank God for golf."

It's not that I dislike golf, it's just that I've been golfing for about eight years and I'm horrible. Golf may be the only thing you can do for nearly a decade and seemingly get worse.

Still, I enjoy being at the golf course. The scenery is great. I love to be outside, plus, let's be honest, I'll take any excuse to enjoy an adult beverage before noon while riding around in a golf cart.

Golf meant more than ever this spring and summer for so many because it was one of the few activities allowed during the COVID-19 pandemic. Once stay-at-home orders were lifted, a round of golf provided a sense of normal in a year that is anything but. Turns out a lot of people needed that sense of normal.

An article at golf.com cited a 14-percent increase in rounds played in June year-over-year, according to Golf Datatech's report. From the article,

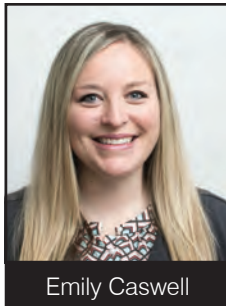
"Because people tend to play a *lot* of golf in June in any year, this translated to 7-8 million more total rounds in 2020 than in 2019. When combined with a slight uptick of rounds in May (+6.2 percent), a strong June turned

forecasters more bullish about total rounds for the year. Based on current trends, 2020 could actually see about the same number — or even slightly more — total rounds than 2019, despite the coronavirus."

Perhaps more importantly, what golf also did this year was allow nonprofits to raise much-needed funds. While most fundraising activities were canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions, thanks to the nature of golf (it takes place outside in wide open spaces) golf outing fundraisers were able to continue.

Of course, there were tweaks made here and there to keep everyone safe, but for the most part, golfers could play a round, enjoy a day on the course and raise funds for a favorite cause.

That was the case for the View Lady



Emily Caswell

Classic, an all-women's golf outing presented by McLaren Lapeer Region, which celebrated its fourth year on Aug. 13. Two weeks ago our team proudly presented LACADA (Lapeer Area Citizens Against Domestic Assault) with a check for over \$15,000, which was raised at the event. Since the outing began, it has raised more than \$63,000 for LACADA.

Tri-County Times editor Sharon Stone shared a similar success story in this paper regarding the annual Brad Stone Summer Classic golf outing at Fenton Farms Golf Club. Started in 2000 in honor of her late son, this year's event profited \$12,000 and has generated two separate scholarships totaling \$225,800 for students throughout its 20 years.

In a year when event organizers could have easily said, "let's just skip it," that didn't happen. Instead, people got to work to find a way to make it work on the golf course. That paid off big time for a lot of nonprofits. Those are wins to be celebrated.

Also to be celebrated? Any time I can use "win" and "golf" in the same sentence.

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NOW WE SEE if our state Republican leaders have any backbone to properly discipline Whitmer.

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OUR DEMOCRAT POLITICIANS could not resist politicizing our president testing positive for COVID-19. People on Facebook wished for his death. I am saddened to live in a country where so many ignorant people have so much hate. I will pray for our President and I will pray for you as well.

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IT'S TIME FOR a reckoning.

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Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

Question asked to Tri-County Times' Facebook followers

Would you wear a mask in public if it wasn't legally mandated?

street talk



"Yes. The life it saves could be mine or a loved one. Or anybody else."

Sharon McWhorter Jaeger
Hartland



"Yes, wearing a mask is about protecting others first and foremost. In times like these we need to help each other and stand together!"

Meghan Hill
Holly



"Yes, I absolutely will continue to wear a mask when in public and either indoors or near others outdoors. (The "Plandemic" was completely discredited by multiple credible experts and other trustworthy sources almost immediately after it was spread on social media.)"

Jim Lyles
Holly



"I don't like wearing a mask but I will because healthcare providers, front line workers grocery store workers and anyone who comes in contact with the public have to wear them. They are doing their part...I can do mine."

Sam Anne
Linden



"If a business requested one yes, otherwise in establishments where I can stay away from other people or be outside, no. I actually feel more germier after wearing one. I have also had issues with nearly fainting and headaches from using them so I stay home most of the time."

Shannon Lowe Elenbaas
Fenton

Mosquito services under budget for 2020 season

■ One type of mosquito in township is 'primary vector' for West Nile Virus; no cases reported locally

By Hannah Ball

As the weather cools and mosquito season ends, APM Mosquito Control has submitted its yearly report to the Fenton Township Board of Trustees.

The 2020 Mosquito Control Program total costs through Sept. 29 is \$138,411.42, which is \$11,088 under budget.

"Residential calls reflect a somewhat quiet second half of the summer, with 119 calls received from July 15 through Sept. 29. Our office fielded a total of 353 calls from residents in Fenton Township throughout the season," said Charles Mullins, general manager of APM, in a letter to Thomas Broecker, operations manager/deputy clerk.

Broecker said they did not get a lot of complaints this year, and they're fortunate to work with a company that only charges the township for the services provided.

APM crews applied a total of 2,154 pounds of VectoBac G by ground and 2,420 pounds by air this season. Adult spring mosquitoes emerged in early June, which is later than usual.

"A total of 1,143.58 miles of roadways were sprayed throughout the 2020 season. A total of 286 residential



Residents in the Fenton Township area typically see this yellow plane low flying each April. APM Mosquito Control uses it to drop a granular compound that kills mosquito larvae. Photo: advancedmosquito.com

yards were treated this season via barrier backpack applications. We treated 1,210 catch basins with Natular XR and operated 20 CDC traps," according to Mullins.

The summer season saw new mosquitos hatching with a heavy population. APM received more than 150 calls through June and an additional 91 calls through July.

One concern in July was an increase in Culex species mosquito, which is the primary vector for the West Nile Virus. APM believed these mosquitos were originating from one residential property.

"Fortunately, this mosquito is not

an aggressive people biter, preferring birds, however, they are biters of opportunity. The lack of nuisance mosquito calls verify this," according to the report. "Even though this mosquito prefers birds and animals, they will bite

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people also."

In July, they applied 96 barriers, sprayed 422 miles, and set 16 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) traps.

August was a "relatively quiet" month with 36 calls. All the samples APM collected tested negative for the West Nile Virus. They applied 33 barriers and sprayed 339 miles in this month.

"Temperatures in the evening have been cool for this time of the year. Mid-September warmed up a bit and a slight increase in adult activity followed. This will keep adult mosquito activity at a minimum moving forward. Regular route fogging has stopped; however, trucks are available to spray through October 1st if needed," according to Mullins.

Snow removal contract awarded

■ Fall is here; municipalities start discussing winter plans

By Hannah Ball

The Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved a contract for snow removal at the Monday, Oct. 5 meeting, which took place via conference call.

The contract was awarded to Fenton Groundskeeper to remove snow at Fenton Township buildings and facilities. Three proposals were received, according to Thomas Broecker, operations manager/deputy clerk. Fenton Groundskeeper proposal came in at \$7,032.

"Based on the cost analysis, I recommend awarding the snow removal contract to the Fenton Groundskeeper. The Fenton Groundskeeper has been providing snow removal services for the past several years and does a fine job," Broecker wrote to the Board.

These buildings include the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, the two Fenton Township fire stations, the Gage Cemetery, and the Podunk House.

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There's a haunted trail in Fenton called The Howling Haunted Trail for anyone who likes haunted attractions. They are open Oct. 9, 10, 16 and 17, from 7 to 11 p.m. It's outdoors with precautions in place. Organizers say it's scary, however, it's still a lot of fun. This is not recommended for children or those who scare easily. Upon successful completion of the trail, a refreshment tent is available at extra charge. Proceeds benefit Adopt-A-Pet of Fenton. For prices and details, go to thehowlinghauntedtrail.com.

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

HOLLY TOWNSHIP MAN ARRESTED FOR FLEEING AND ELUDING, OWI

On Saturday, Oct. 3, at 2 a.m., a Holly police officer on patrol observed a 2009 Jeep driver commit a traffic violation and erratic driving while westbound on Grange Hall Road. The officer attempted a stop on the vehicle. The driver increased speed and attempted to flee the officer. Moments later, the driver hit a vehicle stopped at a red light at Fish Lake Road. The 24-year-old male driver of the fleeing vehicle sustained injuries and was transported to a medical facility. The occupants of the struck vehicle were checked by medical responders for minor injuries. Alcohol is a factor in the crash. Charges are being sought on the Holly Township man for fleeing an officer and operating while intoxicated.

STOLEN TRUCK LOCATED

On Saturday, Oct. 3, at 3:23 a.m., a 25-year-old Holly man called Holly police to report his vehicle has been recently stolen. The responding officer was advised by the owner that his truck was in the driveway at midnight. The owner went outside and discovered it missing. The keys were left in the unlocked vehicle. No cameras or suspects at the time of the report. The officer entered the vehicle in the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) as stolen and checked numerous subdivisions and public parking areas. The vehicle was located and recovered by a Holly police officer later that day. The Holly Police Department is investigating the theft.

LARCENIES FROM VEHICLES REPORTED IN HOLLY

On Saturday, Oct. 3, at 3:45 a.m., a Winifred man reported to Holly police that he just arrived home and found the door of another vehicle in his driveway ajar. He checked the vehicle and discovered it have been searched and property stolen from the vehicle. No suspects at this time. Holly officers are investigating this and other larcenies from vehicles in the area.

HOLLY SENIOR CITIZEN SCAMMED OUT OF MONEY OVER PHONE

On Saturday, Oct. 3, at 12:40 a.m., a Grange Hall Road resident called police to report a phone utility fraud. The 71-year-old victim stated he received a phone call from a man with a heavy accent stating he did not pay his Detroit Edison bill and if he did not make an immediate payment, his power would be shut off. The caller sent a bar code to the victim's cell phone and instructed the man to make a cash payment using the code. The victim made the payment but became suspicious and called Holly police. The call and the payment were fraudulent and the money cannot be retrieved. Police Chief Jerry Narsh said this is a very common scam going on for several years. Holly police caution everyone that all utility calls for immediate payment by this method are fraudulent and to simply hang up. Please verify late or suspected missing payments by checking your utility bill and calling the number on the bill, not the number the caller provides.

Shooting suspect in custody

■ Homicide took place in parking lot of popular Haunted House in Pontiac

By Sharon Stone

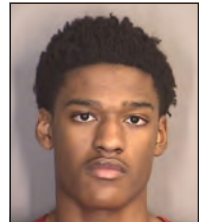
On Oct. 3, Damon Parker Terrelle, the suspect in the Erebus Haunted House homicide in Pontiac, was apprehended by the Oakland County fugitive Apprehension Team and the United States Marshals Service in Michigan near the Indiana border.

Terrelle, 17, of Detroit, was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Oakland County Jail. He was arraigned Oct. 3. Bond was denied. He was charged with first-degree murder, possession of a firearm during a felony and felony firearms.

At 12:30 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 27, Douglas Reese, 29, of Detroit, was fatally shot near the Erebus Haunted Attraction. Sheriff's deputies and Star EMS responded to the venue on the report of a shooting. The caller reported the victim was in the parking lot, laying on the concrete. The victim and his girlfriend had been waiting in line to enter Erebus Haunted House when a man in line ahead of them would not move. The victim and the suspect exchanged words as the suspect thought the victim had cut in line ahead of him. The victim said to his girlfriend that he was going to his vehicle. The suspect and victim went separately to the parking lot. Witnesses reported hearing shots fired. The victim was struck in the side, neck, and chest.

Star EMS transported the victim to McLaren Oakland Hospital where a physician pronounced him deceased.

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office had issued a warning that they were searching for suspect, identified as Terrelle, who they deemed to be armed and dangerous.



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issued an Emergency Order under MCL 333.2253 restricting gathering sizes, requiring face coverings in public spaces and places limitations on bars and other venues.

This order is effective immediately and remains in effect through Friday, Oct. 30.

The order follows the Michigan Supreme Court decision Friday, Oct 2, that invalidated COVID-19 related executive orders. Monday's order relies on authorities that were first enacted after the Spanish Flu of 1918, and that were not at issue in the Michigan Supreme Court's decision.

"When it comes to fighting COVID-19, we are all in this together. We need Michiganders everywhere to do their part by wearing masks and practicing safe physical distancing so we can keep our schools and small businesses open and protect the brave men and women serving on the front lines of this crisis," said Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. "The epidemic order that Director Gordon issued today is an important step to protect Michiganders across the state from the spread of COVID-19. Let's all mask up and stay safe."

Under the order, if the MDHHS director determines that control of an epidemic is necessary to protect the public health, the director by emergency order may prohibit the gathering of people for any purpose and may establish procedures to be followed during the epidemic to insure continuation of essential public health services and enforcement of health laws.

Gordon shared more about the reasoning behind the order in a recent column.

Violations of this order are punishable by a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six months or a fine of not more than \$200, or both. Violations of this order are also punishable by a civil fine of fine of up to \$1,000.

"Michigan was hit hard by COVID-19 early in the pandemic," Gordon said. "Strict preventive measures and the cooperation of Michiganders drove those numbers down dramatically, greatly reducing the loss of life. As we head into flu season, this order is necessary to protect vulnerable individuals, ensure the health care system can provide care for all health issues, keep

schools open, and maintain economic recovery."

Monday's orders largely reinstate, under the department's authority, three major aspects of prior emergency orders:

- Requirements to wear masks at indoor and outdoor gatherings: The order requires individuals to wear masks when in gatherings, defined as any occurrence where persons from multiple households are present in a shared space in a group of two or more, and requires businesses and government offices to enforce those requirements for gatherings on their premises. The order also requires the wearing of masks at schools, except for in Michigan Economic Recovery Council Region 6.

- Limitations on the size of gatherings: The order reinstates limitations on gathering sizes that mirror the requirements that Governor Whitmer had previously put in place. These include indoor gatherings of more than 10 and up to 500 people occurring at a non-residential venue are permitted within the following limits:

- In venues with fixed seating, limit attendance to 20 percent of normal capacity. However, gatherings up to 25 percent of normal capacity are permitted in Michigan Economic Recovery Council Region 6.

- In venues without fixed seating, limit attendance to 20 persons per 1,000 square feet in each occupied room. However, gatherings of up to 25 persons per 1,000 square feet are permitted in Michigan Economic Recovery Council Region 6.

- Non-residential outdoor gatherings of between 100 and 1,000 persons at venues with fixed seating are permitted at up to 30 percent of normal capacity and at 30 persons per 1,000 square feet at venues without fixed seating.

- Limitations on certain establishments: Although the order does not close bars, it requires them to close indoor common areas where people can congregate, dance or otherwise mingle. Indoor gatherings are prohibited anywhere alcoholic beverages are sold except for table services where parties are separated from one another by at least 6 feet.

In addition, athletes training or practicing for or competing in an organized sport must wear a facial covering, except when swimming, or consistently

maintain 6 feet of social distance.

Pursuant to MCL 333.2235(1), local health departments are authorized to carry out and enforce the terms of this order. Law enforcement officers, as defined in the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards Act, 1965 Public Act 203, MCL 28.602(f), are deemed to be "department representatives" for purposes of enforcing this order, and are specifically authorized to investigate potential violations of this order. They may coordinate as necessary with the appropriate regulatory entity and enforce this order within their jurisdiction.

Individuals with suggestions and concerns are invited to submit comments via email to COVID19@michigan.gov.

ALDI CLARIFICATION

In the Wednesday, Sept. 30 Midweek edition, the Times stated that the property between Fenton Area Public Schools and the Target complex was sold to Keystone Realty for \$1.3 million. The sale will not be finalized until all of the agreements with businesses and the city of Fenton are fulfilled.

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PLANNING COMMISSION CITY OF FENTON GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR

Thursday, October 22, 2020

Notice is hereby given that the City of Fenton Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on Thursday, October 22, 2020 for the purpose of considering a Special Land Use for a pavilion at 715 Torrey Road (Tax I.D. 53-26-100-019). The public hearing will be held via Zoom Meeting pursuant to Executive Order 2020-154 at the following link:

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There is no access code/password. The purpose of the public hearing is to hear public comment on the Special Land Use for a pavilion at 715 Torrey Rd. All interested parties are welcome to attend and present their comments.

A copy of the Special Land Use request is available for public inspection at the City of Fenton offices, 301 South Leroy Street, during regular business hours. Written comments concerning the special land use may be submitted to the City of Fenton, 301 S. Leroy Street, prior to the hearing and will be made part of the official record. All minutes of meetings are available at the City Clerk's office or on the city's web site.

Comments and questions may be directed to the City of Fenton Deputy Zoning and Building Administrator, Jason Payne, at 810-629-2261.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

I DON'T CONSIDER myself to be a very smart man, I barely made it through high school, but I'm smart enough to know that it's a terrible idea to put COVID-19 positive people in with old sick people in nursing homes. Do you think Whitmer is stupid? I don't.

SINCE SHE 'VEHEMENTLY' disagrees, I guess the Michigan Supreme Court should reconsider its rejection of Whitmer's dictatorial State of Emergency. Had she simply disagreed, then that would be OK. But vehement disagreement; that changes everything.

IF YOU DON'T like Trump's tax return, take it up with the Democrats who created that stinky mess in 1913 in closed meetings.

NOW THAT THE Michigan Supreme Court confirmed what anyone with two brain cells already knew (and so did she.) Whitmer's edicts were unconstitutional. My question is, when does the impeachment process begin? And don't even get me started on nursing homes but that should be decided in a criminal court.

**Mark McCabe**

67th District Court

Ask the

judge**Expungements of criminal convictions — Part I**

Whenever a defendant is convicted of a crime, there are "consequences" which are contained in the court's Judgment of Sentence. Typically, these include a fine and/or incarceration and other penalties as required by law.

For the vast majority of defendants, the sentence is served or satisfied and the file is closed.

However, the fact remains that these defendants still have a criminal record and must face what are called the "collateral consequences" of their convictions.

Depending on the type of

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conviction, these can include the loss of the right to possess a firearm, loss of government benefits, and difficulty in securing employment and/or housing. In some cases, these consequences can last a lifetime no matter how much a person has turned their life around.

Recognizing that people in such situations should be given an opportunity to regain eligibility for these privileges and benefits and have a clean record, almost all states have what are called "expungement" laws which allow eligible defendants to request the convicting court to expunge or set aside their convictions as if they had never happened.

Michigan has had such a law since 1965. The statute has been amended over the years, with the last amendment being in 2016.

Currently the statute provides that a defendant may apply for an expungement five years after the sentence was imposed or completed, whichever event occurs last.

Only specified offenses can be expunged and there are a number of exclusions including convictions for criminal sexual conduct, felonies, which carry life imprisonment, and traffic offenses.

To have a conviction set aside, the defendant must show that they have earned the right to this relief by their good behavior, with no other convictions, and under their particular circumstances.

A defendant who has been convicted of not more than one felony and not more than two misdemeanors may have the felony expunged. If they have only been convicted of not more than two misdemeanors, they may have one or both expunged.

According to the Alliance for Safety and Justice, only 6.5 percent of eligible defendants actually receive expungements because of the cost and complexity.

This has caused criminal justice reform advocates to call for further changes to the laws.

Next week - Part II - Automatic Expungements



Kids of all ages are invited to check out how tractors work at this weekend's tractor show at Mueller's Orchard and Cider Mill in Fenton Township.

Times file photo

TRACTORS

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bring it out this weekend. If the restoration work keeps him from showing it this weekend, he told Mueller that he would have photos of it at his coney stand and that he would bring it to a future show.

"We here at Mueller's know how interesting it is to see how things work," Mueller said. "We have large windows outside the doughnut shop so that the doughnut making process can be watched in detail."

The tractors will start arriving Thursday.

"Young and young at heart are welcome to climb up on the tractor and to look at the big wheels and parts that make the tractor work," Mueller said. "Tractors are down to earth and fun to be around. Come see us this weekend."



Linden farmer Roger Ashley stands with his tractors at Mueller's Orchard Tractor Show in October 2019. He will have tractors at this year's show as well. Times file photo

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LF boys cross country wins second Metro Stars Division jamboree

By David Troppens

During the first Metro League Stars Division jamboree, the Lake Fenton varsity boys cross country team finished in third place, eight points behind Clio and 11 points behind event-winner Goodrich.

On Saturday, the Blue Devils made some impressive strides of improvement to say the least.

Lake Fenton improved its team score

by 22 points and won the second jamboree with 34 points. Goodrich was second with 42 points while Clio finished third with 59 points. Lake Fenton's girls repeated their first meet performance, taking third.

"As a team we are very happy with our performances from Saturday," Lake Fenton runner Joseph Gilbert said. "There were a lot of season records and a couple

of personal records as well. We just had Colton Dietrich and Logan Whitticar return these last few weeks and we are happy to have them back in action."

The difference between the two meets for the Blue Devils involved their fifth runner. In the first meet, the fifth runner finished in 23rd place. This time, Matt Fletcher was Lake Fenton's fifth runner,

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Sports Times

Lake Fenton's
Joseph Gilbert



Tigers fourth-quarter comeback leads to exciting win vs. Linden

By David Troppens

Linden — Entering Friday night's 2020 version of the Fenton-Linden football rivalry, the Tigers have dominated recent contests, winning each of the last seven games.

However, among those seven contests, the Tigers had their share of outstanding battles with the Linden Eagles, with four of those games being decided by no more than seven points. In fact, since 2008, eight of 12 games have been decided by seven points or less.

We can make that nine of 13 now. The Linden Eagles gave an outstanding resistance against the favored Flint Metro League champions, leading for a large chunk of the game. However, trailing by a 17-7 score entering the fourth quarter, the Tigers rebounded and were able to earn a thrilling 20-17 victory.

"It's everything," Fenton senior Eddie Briand IV said. "Our coach always tells us (the rivalry) means more when you lose so we weren't going to let that happen today."

"It's our game of the year," Fenton senior Dylan Davidson said. "It's close every year. No matter where the teams may fall in the league, it's always a good

game and always a good battle."

Friday night was a perfect representation of one of those close games. Linden led 17-7 entering the fourth quarter, but that's when the Tigers upped their game. Linden actually looked poised to possibly extend its lead early in the fourth quarter. Starting a possession at its own 45 with 2:44 left in the third quarter, the Eagles used a 10-yard completion to Seth Schuyler and a 12-yard completion to Luke Gorkiewicz, eventually setting up a first down at Fenton's 14. However, the Eagles wouldn't score. Linden quarterback Gavin Wildeman was sacked for a 16-yard loss by Seth Logan. A fumbled snap resulted in five more lost yards on second down and a three-yard gain on third down gave the Eagles fourth-and-long at Linden's 42, resulting in a Linden punt.

The Tigers took over on offense at the Eagles' 31 and the offense had its best possession of the game, marching 69 yards in six plays for a score. Davidson completed two passes and had rushes for 16 and 28 yards, setting up Logan Angel's four-yard TD rush to the left sideline. Nick Temple converted the ex-

tra-point, cutting Linden's lead to 17-14 with 7:53 remaining.

The Eagles' next possession started fine. A 27-yard completion from Wildeman to Gorkiewicz gave Linden the ball on Fenton's side of the field, but that was the end of the Eagles' momentum. Three plays later, while engaged in a block Fenton's Briand IV fought off the block and intercepted a screen pass giving the Tigers the ball at their own 39 with 4:28 left.

"I was just doing my job," Briand IV said.

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Linden's Bryce Eliuk (above photo) stretches toward the goal line Friday night in the Fenton Tigers' 20-17 victory against the Linden Eagles. (Left photo) Fenton's Logan Angel tries to break a tackle to score a touchdown in the same contest.

Photos: Mark Bolen



Lake Fenton's Reid Shumaker completed 13-of-27 passes for 150 yards in the Blue Devils' 42-27 loss to the Goodrich Martians on Friday night.

Photo: David Troppens

Devils push Goodrich but fall to Martians, 42-27

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity football team did a lot of good things against the Goodrich Martians on Friday night.

The Blue Devils (2-1) scored 27 points, ran 13 more plays than the Martians and also gained more yards (381-360) than Goodrich. Lake Fenton's ground game was particularly effective, collecting 231 rushing yards on 40 attempts.

There was one thing the Blue Devils couldn't do enough throughout the game. They weren't able to contain Tyson Davis. Davis caught seven passes for 148 yards and four touchdowns helping the Martians to earn a 42-27 victory.

"Our kids played really hard," Lake Fenton varsity football coach Marty Borski said. "I don't know if the scoreboard tells the

whole story. There were times I felt we dominated the game, but we gave up four or five massive plays on defense and Tyson Davis burned us for three. He hurt us. We threw the kitchen sink at him, but he made some big plays. That's the name of the game, but I thought we carried the play for most of the game."

Lake Fenton had two quick first-quarter leads. Lake Fenton took just six plays to drive 75 yards and to score on a five-yard TD run by Andrew Heron. Kyle Wright had runs of 14, 13 and 27 yards during the drive.

Goodrich took its first lead on its second offensive possession of the game. Starting at its own 41, Goodrich took just four plays to score on Davis's 45-yard reception from Aidan Rubio. Goodrich made

the extra point and led 7-6 with 7:37 left in the opening quarter.

Lake Fenton responded on its next possession, driving 69 yards on six plays, scoring on Walker Ridgeway's 14-yard TD run. Reid Shumaker completed a two-point conversion pass to Dalton Decker, giving the Blue Devils a 14-7 lead with 5:11 left in the opening quarter.

Amazingly, there would still be two more TDs in the first quarter, but both earned by the Martians. One came on a 49-yard reception to Gavin Hart from Rubio and the other on a 22-yard run by Rubio. Lake Fenton trailed 21-14 entering halftime.

The Martians opened the second half with another TD. Davis scored on a 37-yard TD reception, collecting a 35-14 lead.

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Fenton XC teams jump to head of Metro League Stripes Division at meet

By David Troppens

Two Metro jamborees into the cross country season, and the Fenton varsity cross country programs are still undefeated. Both teams are four-time Flint Metro League champions, and now they are both halfway through the path for their fifth title.

The Fenton girls had a thriller, beating the Linden Eagles by two points 41-43. Meanwhile, the Fenton boys had a little more comfortable margin of victory, beating second-place Linden 38-49. With those results, the Fenton girls are in a strong position to win their fifth straight title. Because Flushing was second in the first jamboree, all the Tigers need to do in the final Metro Meet on Oct. 17 is finish second and they'll earn the league crown outright. The boys have less room for error. A second-place finish will assure them at least a co-title (and that would only happen if Linden took first). If both teams win those meets as they have the first two events, then they'll clinch Flint Metro League titles.

"One thing sports has taught us coaches, is that anything can happen on any given day," Fenton varsity boys and girls



Fenton's Taylor Huntoon won the second Flint Metro League Stripes Division jamboree on Saturday. Photo: David Troppens

cross country coach Kelley Miller said. "Fenton cross country will keep doing what we have been doing since August. As coaches, we stress the importance of teamwork, running in a pack and move up during the race. This will continue to be our focus the rest of the season."

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Linden's Stella Martin (left) and Nicole Palmer run during the first Flint Metro League Stripes Division jamboree. The Linden girls cross country placed second at Saturday's second jamboree. Photo: David Troppens

Linden XC teams take second; Holly squads place fourth

By David Troppens

Not much changed for the Linden and Holly varsity boys cross country teams at the second Metro League Stripes Division jamboree.

The Linden boys finished in second place for the second straight event while Holly finished fourth again.

In the girls' event Linden improved to second from third while the Holly girls repeated finishing in fourth.

The Linden boys scored 49 points while Fenton won with 38 points. The Eagles can still tie the Tigers for a co-championship if Linden wins the last meet and Fenton finishes in second. If Linden wins the last meet and Fenton finishes worse than second, then the Eagles can still win it outright.

Linden didn't have one of the elite runners, but did have its top five finish in between

fifth and 16th place in the boys' race. River Meckstroth took fifth (17:04.24) while Kyle Eberhard took seventh (17:34.21), Jacob Monaghan took 10th (18:04.72), Hayden Bradfield took 11th (18:07.94) and Ryan Blackwood took 16th (18:23.41).

Casey Cohen took 29th (19:23.11) and Ian Martin placed 32nd (19:52.98), rounding off the Eagles' top seven runners.

The Linden girls are in a tough spot if the Eagles want a league crown. They'll have to win the third race and hope Fenton drops to third place. However, on Saturday the Eagles showed that they could contend with the Tigers, finishing just two points behind Fenton 41-43.

Alexis Mawhinney led the Eagles by placing second in 20:26.50, 1.3 seconds behind Fenton's Taylor Huntoon.

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Holly splits matches at weekend event

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity volleyball team has dominated its Flint Metro League competition, but has had a tougher time with its non-league schedule.

That changed a bit last weekend when the Bronchos defeated Livonia Stevenson in three sets and lost a tight three-set match to Dakota.

Holly beat Stevenson by a pretty convincing 25-11, 25-23, 25-17 score.

In that match, Holly's offense was explosive with three players collecting at least 12 kills and all three hitting at higher than a 40 percent hitting percentage. Kennedy Hogan had 13 kills with a 64.7 hitting percentage while Paige Weeder and Sarah Jewell collected 12 kills each. Nicole Jewell set the offense, recording 37 assists. Maggie Boehm had five assists.

Defensively Sarah Jewell had 11 digs while Nicole Jewell collected nine digs and Weeder had seven digs.

The Bronchos lost to Dakota by a 25-11, 18-25, 25-23 score.

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Holly football falls to Flushing Raiders

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity football team has yet to win a game, but the squad is improving.

The Bronchos had their best offensive night in terms of scoring, losing a 51-22 road contest at Kearsley Friday night.

The Bronchos had an early lead and only trailed 30-15 at halftime. Holly had 212 passing yards and 78 rushing yards while collecting 15 first downs. How-

ever, Kearsley's offense scored the most points the Hornets have scored all year as well, keeping the Bronchos from being able to compete for the victory in the second half.

Holly scored on its first possession, taking seven plays to drive 60 yards, scoring on a Jacob Hild pass completion to Alecander Lewis from 34 yards out.

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placing 13th in 18:29.99.

At the top, nothing changed. Joseph Gilbert (16:53.57) remained undefeated in races this fall by winning. Finishing second was teammate Kevin Lewis (16:57.31). Lewis finished sixth in the first race.

"I went out a little quicker than normal with (Goodrich's) Gabe Trudeau through the first mile then once we reached the halfway point I noticed he started to fall off a bit which allowed Kevin Lewis to catch him," Gilbert said. "When we entered the woods for the second time I was able to help pull my teammate through to

the finish which led him to a sub-17 PR. All in all, I am glad we got the job done and it was nice being able to finish first and second with my best friend on my home course for the last time."

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BOYS SOCCER

► Linden 3, Waterford Kettering 0:

Ian Downarowicz recorded a shutout while the Eagles collected another win, improving to 10-0-0. Bishop Lawrence, Brendan Johnson and Aiden Miller had a goal each while Hunter Hall had two assists. Alex Smith had an assist.

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Groveland Township.

There is something new at every turn with more than eight Haunting Scenes and unique and unnerving characters filling the lanes. Organizers say you will never look at the Village of Hollygrove the same.

The Festival has joined forces with a national lighting company, Fantasee Lighting, to transform the Festival Village into "A Haunting in Hollygrove – Phantasm of Lights." Prepare for a Halloween Show the likes of which organizers say you have never seen.

This family friendly Haunted Village will leave you with that eerie Halloween feeling that you have been waiting for. Tickets are limited to 40 people per time slot. Adult Tickets are \$25 each and Children Tickets (5-12 Years Old) are \$17.95 each.

Masks and social distancing will be observed. Tickets and more information is available at HalloweeninHolly.com. Event Dates are Thursday – Sunday, Oct. 15 - 31. Rain or Shine.

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members-only beach on the north side of the road and along Lake Fenton.

Concerns of limited site distance at the crosswalk due to overgrown trees, which are located on the association beach property were mentioned.

A lighted crosswalk sign system similar to the one used on S. LeRoy Street in downtown Fenton was discussed for this location. Replacement road signs were also discussed.

As proposed, this project which would have included a lighted crosswalk signal system with push button activation would have cost \$8,340, with additional signs and power supply costs of \$6,235.

The City Council did not think it would be appropriate to spend taxpayer funds on a crossing that would serve only those going to a private beach. They believed it should be the responsibility of the owners of the private beach.

World Sight Day launches bedtime stories

■ Listen to celebrities, athletes, authors and more as they read stories this Thursday at 8 p.m.

By Sharon Stone

On World Sight Day, Thursday, Oct. 8, numerous celebrities, athletes and authors will read bedtime stories to children globally to launch the free digital children's book, "Through the Looking Glasses: Stories About Seeing Clearly."

Leading global vision organizations OneSight, Clearly and International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) partnered to introduce the book in order to shine a light on the more than 230 million children worldwide who need eyeglasses, but don't have access to get them.

The book features 30 children's stories and illustrations about seeing clearly by authors and artists from 17 countries.

Billie Jean King, Ethan Herisse, Jo Frost, Michelle Yeoh, Princess Alia Al Hussein, Clark Gregg and more will read stories from the book on World Sight Day starting at bedtime in numerous countries, including Australia, Hong Kong, India, Rwanda and South Africa, Canada, the United States and Jamaica.

U.S. Bedtime Stories details

Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. in each of these time zones: ET, CT, MT and PT.

To participate in Bedtime Stories and download the free book, visit www.onesight.org/worldsightday.

"Giving children the clear sight they need to thrive has a huge impact on their future — and ours," said K-T Overbey, president and executive director at OneSight. "We're proud to partner with Clearly and IAPB to launch Through the Looking Glasses and Bedtime Stories, and hope it allows us to reach millions of parents and kids to raise awareness of the importance of vision needs for kids."



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YOU COMPLAIN ABOUT a temporary mandate for wearing masks is a violation of your rights. Where was your concern for smokers when a permanent law went into effect banning smoking from buildings?

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WHY IS THE Rock allowed to broadcast its soccer and church gatherings without respect to their surrounding residential freedom to peaceful weekends?

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TO ALL YOU whining about President Trump recovering from the coronavirus. Shame on you. It's very telling on your character.


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MICHIGAN VOTES

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

— Compiled by Sharon Stone —

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, Sept. 25.

Senate Bill 757: Permit early counting of absentee ballots - To permit clerks in larger communities (above 25,000) to begin opening and processing absentee ballots the day before an election, under rules prescribed by the bill.

Passed 35 to 2 in the Senate

Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14) **YES**
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15) **YES**
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22) **NO**
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) **Did Not Vote**
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) **YES**

House Bill 4982: Authorize marijuana offense expungements and more - To allow a person to petition to have a past marijuana offense that would be legal under current law expunged from his or her record, and require courts to grant it. This is part of bill package now on its way to the governor that expands and eases

the criteria for getting less serious crimes removed from an individual's record.
Passed 35 to 2 in the Senate
Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14) **YES**
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15) **YES**
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22) **YES**
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) **YES**
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) **YES**

House Bill 5396: State budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year - To approve a state government budget for the fiscal year that begins on Oct. 1, 2020 (the education budget is in Senate Bill 927). This bill authorizes \$42.109 billion in total (non-education) spending, of which \$21.336 billion comes from state taxpayers, and \$20.773 from federal taxpayers (and lenders). Altogether, the two "omnibus" spending bills authorize \$61.565 billion in total spending for the coming fiscal year. This is an increase from \$57.784 billion in fiscal year 2018-19, before the coronavirus epidemic.

Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate

Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14) **YES**
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15) **YES**
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22) **YES**
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) **YES**
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) **YES**

Passed 101 to 4 in the House

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

Senate Bill 927: State education budget for 2020-2021 - To approve a state education budget for the fiscal year that begins on Oct. 1, 2020. This authorizes spending a total of \$17.651 billion, of which \$15.718 billion comes

from state taxpayers, and \$1.933 from the federal government. Public schools would get \$15.525 billion, state universities \$1.700 billion, and community colleges \$426 million.

Passed 36 to 1 in the Senate

Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14) **YES**
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15) **YES**
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22) **YES**
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) **YES**
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) **YES**

Passed 103 to 2 in the House

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

House Bill 5854: Repeal minimum sentences in various laws - To repeal a mandatory five-day sentence for driving drunk or drugged, and to allow "specialty" courts that can mandate various treatment options to manage subsequent offenses rather than ordering mandatory jail time.

This is part of a legislative package that repeals mandatory minimum sentences in other laws, and part of a larger sentencing reform project aimed at not incarcerating individuals for petty or less serious crimes.

Passed 106 to 0 in the House

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

Senate Bill 385: Repeal ticket scalping ban, restrict ticket resale websites - To repeal a state law that bans ticket "scalping" at sports and entertainment events, and prohibit the sale or use of software primarily designed to interfere with an event sponsor's internet ticket sale operation, or with a website that is designed to ensure an

equitable ticket allocation process.

Passed 91 to 14 in the House
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) **YES**
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) **NO**

House Bill 6032: Coronavirus response bills – employee lawsuits -

To authorize employee lawsuits against an employer who takes an "adverse employment action" or "retaliates" against a worker who is absent during the declared coronavirus epidemic emergency because the individual is "self-isolating or self-quarantining" in response to an elevated risk or diagnosis. Also, to require employees who test positive for the disease or have symptoms to self-quarantine and not go to work, as specified in the bill.

Passed 83 to 23 in the House
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) **YES**
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) **YES**

House Bill 6030: Coronavirus liability exemptions for business and facilities - To establish that a business, facility owner and others are not liable for a claim that arises from exposure of an individual to COVID-19 on the premises unless it was a deliberate act intended to cause harm, and as long as the facility was operated in compliance with federal and state laws, regulations, executive orders, etc. This would also apply to any person in the distribution chain of personal protective equipment, medical devices, drugs and more used to treat or prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Passed 57 to 49 in the House
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) **YES**
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) **YES**

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ACROSS

1 Off

6 Handed out hands

11 Drunk (Sl.)

12 Wickerwork willows

14 WWI president

15 "The Compleat Angler" writer

16 Furthermore

17 Farewell

19 Coloration

20 Requirement

22 Right angle

23 California wine region

24 Contribute

26 Got rid of the bumps

28 Tummy muscles

30 Morning moisture

31 Not as prevalent

35 Bar legally

39 Frilly, in a way

40 Minor worker

42 Bygone times

43 Inseparable

44 Baby-sitters, often

46 Dead heat

47 IBM computer that won on "Jeopardy!"

49 Trumpeter Marsalis

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51 Most cunning

52 Prepares to propose

53 Dispatches

54 ESPN datum

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1 Straightened

2 Gave shape to

3 "Monty Python" opener

4 Old promenade

5 Device for testing physical conditions

6 Fastened with pegs

7 Birthright barker

8 Have a bug

9 Deadly

10 Theatrical company

11 Master, on safari

13 Golf's "Slammin' Sammy"

18 Well, — be!"

21 Blog, basically

23 Full of info

25 Jimmy Fallon's network

27 Churchill's gesture

29 Cosines' reciprocals

31 Decelerates

32 Venice's thoroughfares

33 Vinegar radical

34 Director

36 Howard

37 Stagger

37 Baltimore athlete

38 Hammerhead parts

41 Stares stupidly

44 Asking too many questions

45 Agreement

48 Red or Black

50 "The Matrix" role

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♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging

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Horoscopes

For the week of
October 5, 2020

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, whether your mind is buzzing out of control or not, you have to find a way to get everything under control. There is much you need to accomplish this week.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

Difficulties will eventually dissipate as your week progresses, Gemini. You will find you get some relief from what ails you as the days pass by.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, mornings usually aren't your best time of day. Put off making tough decisions until afternoon or later when you have given yourself ample time to charge the brain.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

Heavy emotional baggage doesn't line up with your free spirit, Cancer. Try to avoid conflict at all costs over the week and you'll find you are much happier for having done so.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

Prepare for surprises this week, Leo. They may come from you or someone else. This is an opportunity to play and have fun. Enjoy it for as long as it lasts.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, things seem to be going well for you in many different areas. Clear thinking and contained emotions are the keys to your success in all of this. Keep up the good work.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

It may take you a little while to get started this week Libra. You may feel like you're trying to turn over an engine on a cold morning. But eventually you will find your groove.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you want to tackle all of your goals, but you simply take on too much as is your nature. Step back and prioritize your tasks so you can more easily achieve your goals.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

Tempers may flare when someone criticizes someone you love, Sagittarius. You may want to be a hero, but step back and let things cool down.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Find a blend of rational and impulsive behavior, Aquarius. When the scales tip in one direction, you will find it is much easier to tackle what you need to do.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Let your dreams linger a bit longer before getting out of bed this week, Capricorn. It's okay to indulge in some fantasies. They may inspire future endeavors.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, sometimes it is best to follow your emotions instead of your head as you make plans for the day. Figure out what works best for you.



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