Fire departments hold contests

Home Escape Plan Contest, Facebook contest replace in-person open houses due to COVID-19 guidelines

By Sharon Stone

This year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign, “Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!” works to educate everyone about the simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves, and those around them, safe in the kitchen.

Did you know?

Cooking is the No. 1 cause of home fires and home fire injuries. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of fires in the kitchen.

About Fire Prevention Week

Since 1922, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has sponsored the public observance of Fire Prevention Week. In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed Fire Prevention Week a national observance, making it the longest-running public health observance in our country.

During Fire Prevention Week, children, adults, and teachers learn how to stay safe in case of a fire. Firefighters provide lifesaving public education in an effort to drastically decrease casualties caused by fires.

Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of October 9 in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871, and caused devastating damage. This horrific conflagration killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres of land.

Fenton City

The Fenton Fire Department is helping families to stay safe by presenting a Home Escape Plan Contest through October with prizes that include gift cards to Gamestop, Cancun Mexican Restaurant, Fenton’s Open Book and others.

“Having a home escape plan is an important aspect of fire safety, especially for families with children,” said Sean Caldwell, a fire prevention specialist at the Fenton Fire Department. “Thousands of people in the United States die in fires every year. Making a home escape plan could save your life and the lives of your loved ones.”

To make a home escape plan, use a piece of paper and draw a top down view of your home. Make sure to include doors and windows. Talk to your family about two ways out of every room and draw lines to get out of rooms and the home. Then choose a meeting spot outside where everyone will meet in case of fire and include it on your plan. Finally, make sure to write, “get out — stay out” to remind everyone.

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to stay out of the house once you’re outside. Never go back in for phones, toys, pets or anything else.

To enter the contest, take a picture of your Home Escape Plan and email it to contest@cityoffentonfire.org. Winners will be chosen at random and each winner receives one gift card to a local Fenton business.

You will find a video showing how to make a Home Escape Plan at YouTube by searching “Every second counts in a home fire!”

NOCFA

Acknowledging the COVID-19 concerns, the North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) also is holding a contest in place of an in-person open house.

Lt. Scott Blaska, a NOCFA fire prevention officer, firefighter, engineer and EMT said NOCFA is reaching out to the community with a pre-recording of a virtual open house that will be posted at its Facebook page.

“We are holding a contest to have people comment on our video on what they do to Serve Up Fire Safety in the kitchen,” Blaska said. “After one week, we will have a Facebook live video where Sparky the fire dog will draw six names from those comments.”

NOCFA will have one grand prize $50 gift card winner and five winners will receive a gift bag full of fire prevention goodies.

Fenton Township

Because of COVID-19, Fenton Township Fire Chief Ryan Volz said they are keeping the public out of the stations for their safety and for the safety of the residents.

“We just ask that all of our residence check the batteries in their carbon monoxide and smoke detectors,” he said.

If residents have an extinguisher, make sure it is at 100-percent charge. If anyone has a wood burning fireplace and it hasn’t been cleaned or inspected to have that done.

“Doing a lot of these things don’t only keep them safe, it saves us from having to make an unneeded response to their home for a false alarm,” Volz said.

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Obituaries

Loretta Haake

Annette Hungerford

Margery Erma Baughman
Margery Erma Baughman - age 89 peacefully entered the arms of Jesus on Sunday, October 4, 2020 surrounded by her family in her apartment in Novi. A graveside memorial service will be held in the spring.

Betty Barkey

Geneva McGrady

Betty Stack

Maryanna Hycko

Robert Phillips

Margery was born in Flint on October 19, 1930 the daughter of William and LaVon Bradley. She grew up in Holly and was a graduate of Holly High School. Along with raising three children, she worked for Holly Schools as a secretary at Mable Bensett Junior High and at Ben Sherman Middle School where she retired and moved to Comins with her husband William. They enjoyed a variety of activities “up north” including wildlife watching, gardening, basket weaving, The Eagles Club, and the Mio UMC. She leaves behind her three children, Bradley Addis (Barbara) of Vicksburg, Rebecca Donohue (Kevin) of Commerce Township, and Bill Baughman (June) of Ellsworth. She leaves behind five grandchildren, A.J. (Jennifer), Andy (Kerry), Brett (Kim), Nicole (Jordan), and Bradley. She also leaves behind 18 great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to a hospice or church of your choice. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

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Donald Edward Miller
1935 – 2020

Donald Edward Miller - age 85, of Linden, died Monday, October 5, 2020. Cremation has taken place and a service will be held at a later date. Those desiring may make contributions to First Baptist Church of Fenton, 860 Leroy St, Fenton. Donald was born January 30, 1935 in Detroit, the son of Lewis Henry and Lottie Caroline (Brooks) Miller. He was a 1953 graduate of Cooley High School in Detroit. He married Marjorie Lee Wells April 1, 1956 in Hannibal, MO. He has resided in Linden for the past 22 years, coming from Byron. Donald retired in 1987 from GM Chevrolet in Livonia after 32 years of service. He was an active member of First Baptist Church of Fenton.

Maxine Sharpe

Michael Mayfield

Donald Lee Teggerdine
1934 – 2020

Donald Lee Teggerdine - age 86, of Fenton, died Wednesday, October 7, 2020. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Monday, October 12, 2020 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Pastor John Vannest and Pastor Tom Hoose officiating. Burial in Tyrone Memory Gardens, Fenton. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Sunday, October 11 from 1 - 4 and 6 - 8 PM. Those desiring may make contributions to the American Cancer Society. Donald was born June 16, 1934 in Clarkston, the son of Kerton Edgar and Rose Ada (Peet) Teggerdine. He was a 1952 graduate of Hartland High School. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He married Dorothy Elaine Green November 21, 1953 in Fenton. Donald had resided in Fenton since 1941. He was a life long farmer. He retired from GM Proving Grounds in Milford after 32 years of service. He also had worked with County Conservation. Surviving are his wife of 66 years, Elaine; daughter, Julie Teggerdine; son, Jeffrey Teggerdine; grandchildren, Katie (Brent) Wentworth, Ashley (Dave) DeForest, Joshua Teggerdine, Nicholas Teggerdine, Chris Teggerdine, and Marie Garcia; great-grandchildren, Colin, Mason, Jacob, and Jolene; brothers, David (Shirley) Teggerdine and Wayne (Betty) Teggerdine; sister, Jean Previl; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Edgar and Rose Teggerdine, and Marie Garcia; great-grandchildren, Colin, Mason, Jacob, and Jolene; brothers, David (Shirley) Teggerdine and Wayne (Betty) Teggerdine; sister, Jean Previl; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Etiquette

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP LATER?

In the days and months to come, the family will continue to need your support. Try to write or call on a regular basis. Continue to include them in your social plans, they will let you know when they are ready to participate. It is also nice to remember the family on special occasions during the first year following the death. Don’t worry about bringing up the pain and emotion of the loss, they are well aware of that. By remembering such occasions as wedding anniversaries and birthdays, you are not remembering the death, but reaffirming that a life was lived.

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