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## Bring on the festive holiday lights and décor

■Twinkling, sparkling and colorful decorations can bring smiles and holiday cheer to our neighborhoods

#### By Sharon Stone

With the Hallmark Channel starting to air its new Countdown to Christmas movies today, Sunday, Nov. 1, it's also time to start thinking and planning how we will decorate our homes and businesses for the holidays.

With the coronavirus pandemic burdening so many families, it might be the perfect year to go all out with festive lights and decorations to bring cheer to our neighborhoods.

Even if you don't plan to turn on your exterior holiday lights until after we celebrate Thanksgiving on Thursday, Nov. 26, homeowners might want to take advantage of the mild temperatures now to string the lights outside. Then, with a flip of a switch, families can brighten their neighborhood on the day they choose.







Take an afternoon to pull out all of your Thanksgiving and Christmas decorations. Plug in all of the lights and take inventory of what still works. Some people have found that it is helpful to take a photo of the outside of your home with a smartphone. This will help you visualize what you already have that will work and what you need to buy. Make an estimate of how many feet of lighting you'll need.

#### Pick a theme

Department stores, such as The Home Depot, Target and Walmart, have numerous indoor and outdoor Christmas lights available in their stores and on their websites. Small locally owned shops from Argentine Township, Fenton to Holly offer unique items that could be added to your décor collection.

From traditional bulbs, to cascading or meteor shower strands to globes and illuminated wreathes, there is something for every budget and theme.

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According to decoratorswarehouse. com, the top theme this year uses Pantone's color for 2020 — classic blue. This color has had a significant influence on the home décor industry, as you see it in furniture, accessories, paint, and even Christmas décor. Navy pairs nicely with so many colors, including white and/ or silver, gold, platinum/champagne, blush, and even red. If you have navy accents in your home, consider bringing navy into your holiday décor.

#### Other trends for 2020

**Platinum** has taken over the industry as the neutral of choice. This tone falls between silver and gold and tends to be a little softer. An elegant accent, it can be paired with virtually any color — red, navy, blush, taupe, black, and so on.

Metal is a fun element to add in your holiday cheer. Think large oversized jingle bells, tabletop pieces, and tin ornaments. Not feeling brave enough to add some large-scale pieces to your tree? Consider doing a mixed metal theme and focus on golds, silvers, and platinum.

**Buffalo check** isn't exactly new, since buffalo check plaid is just a good, solid choice around the holidays. You can find items in both red and black or white and black. For a new take, pair some burlap





with your white and black buffalo check.

Gingerbread men and houses are a classic when it comes to Christmas, but this year you will see a resurgence of playful pastels and fun colors, which is a new take on an old favorite. Think cupcakes, ice cream cones, marshmallows, and all the tasty treats that will make your Christmas decor that much sweeter.

Nutcracker remains a favorite trend in Christmas decor ideas for 2020. The nutcracker theme takes on a whimsical elegance, as it incorporates fun colors of red, green, gold, and navy. Consider placing nutcrackers into the body of your tree or bringing in a playful plaid or nutcracker ribbon.

Neutral color palettes are all the rage. With trends in home decor being inclusive of soft gray tones, white and greige, it makes sense that neutral color schemes would have a place in Christmas decor.

#### **Outdoor lighting ideas**

Looking for a unique alternative to the traditional icicle string lights? Meteor shower lights look like falling stars cascading from trees (or wherever else you hang them from). In addition to classic white, you should be able to find cool blue or purple.

For more inspiration, check out the Tri-County Times' featured section "Fa la la local" in this weekend's paper.

## So you think this election is nasty?

## Trump and Biden have nothing on these guys

- COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN -

On Tuesday, Nov. 3, voters who have not yet voted early or absentee will go to the polls to decide whether they want to give Republican Donald J. Trump another four years in office, or give the job to Democrat Joe Biden. There is no doubt this has been one of the nastiest races ever. Families are divided with some siblings looking at each other as though they have a third eye on their foreheads because of their political beliefs. But this election is not the worst ever. The following are among the many ugly presidential elections in history:



#### Jefferson vs. Adams 1800

This is the only election in history where a vice president ran against the president he was currently serving under. Things were a little tense in the White House in the months leading up to the election. Jefferson hired a writer to pen insults rather than dirty his own hands (at least at first). One of his most creative lines said that Adams was a "hideous hermaphroditical character which has neither the force and firmness of a man, nor the gentleness and sensibility of a woman." Adams' Federalists carried things even further, asking voters, "Are you prepared to see your dwellings in flames... female chastity violated...  $children\,writhing\,on\,the\,pike? \cite{Great}\,God\,of$ compassion and justice, shield my country from destruction."



#### Lincoln vs. Douglas 1860

Although it's normal for candidates to stump across the country in any little small town that will have them, but in 1860 it was considered a little tacky. Stephen Douglas chose this tactic anyway, but claimed that he was really just taking a leisurely train ride from D.C. to New York to visit his mom. Lincoln and his supporters took note of the fact that it took him over a month to get there and even put out a "Lost Child" handbill that said he "Left Washington, D.C. sometime in July, to go home to his mother... who is very anxious about him. Seen in Philadelphia, New York City, Hartford, Conn., and at a clambake in Rhode Island. Answers to the name Little Giant. Talks a great deal, very loud, always about himself." 'Little Giant' was a potshot at Douglas' height (he was only 5-feet, 4-inches tall). He also was said to be about the same in diameter the other way." Douglas took aim at Lincoln, too, saying he was a "horrid-looking wretch, sooty and scoundrelly in aspect, a cross between the nutmeg dealer, the horse-swapper and the nightman."



#### Cleveland vs. Blaine 1884

Grover Cleveland could be considered the Bill Clinton of his time.

During his campaign, stories of his lecherousness were plentiful. One was verified, though. Cleveland, while still a bachelor, had fathered a child with a widow named Maria Halpin. The Republican party, which supported candidate James Blaine, took this and ran with it. They made up the chant, "Ma! Ma! Where's my pa?" and used it to taunt Cleveland.

Blaine was no innocent, though. He was accused of shady dealings with the railroad, which was confirmed when a letter was found in which Blaine pretty much confirmed that he knew he was involved in corrupt business. He signed the letter, "My regards to Mrs. Fisher. Burn this letter!" Cleveland's Democrats made up their own chant based on his writings, "Burn this letter! Burn this letter!"



## Hoover vs Smith 1928

Democrat Al Smith lost badly to Republican Herbert Hoover, largely due to one reason: his religion. At the time of the election, the Holland Tunnel in New York was just being completed. Republicans told everyone that the Catholic Smith had commissioned a secret tunnel 3,500 miles long, from the Holland Tunnel to the Vatican in Rome, and that the Pope would have say in all presidential matters should Smith be elected. It probably didn't help matters that Babe Ruth was a staunch Smith supporter. You think it would work in his favor, but the Babe would show up at events wearing only his undershirt with a mug of beer in one hand.

If people opposed his viewpoint, Ruth would simply say, "The hell with you," and be done with them.

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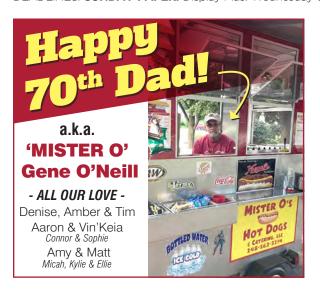


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#### Puzzle Answers

Midweek Sudoku, Crossword Puzzle and Jumbles are located in the last Midweek's issue. All other puzzles are located throughout this edition of the Tri-County Times.

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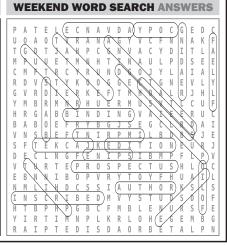
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Answer: **DESSERT** 









# Obituaries

#### **Times**

#### **Barbara Louise Blackmer**

1925 - 2020

Barbara Louise Blackmer - age 95, of Linden. passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 25, 2020. No public services will be held at this time. Those desiring may make

contributions to the Linden Presbyterian Church. Barbara was born February 6. 1925 in Linden, the daughter of Lawrence and Deda (Adams) Clark. She was married to LaVern Marvin "Blackie" Blackmer on August 21, 1943 in Flint. Mrs. Blackmer worked as an Executive Secretary at Chevrolet Manufacturing for 26 years, before retiring in 1980. She was a member of Linden Presbyterian Church, where she served as Elder. Deacon and Choir Director for more than 40 years. She



had also been a member of Spring Meadows Country Club, IBG Girls Association and Chevrolet Girls Club. She loved flowers, especially roses, and gardening. She adored her family. She

is survived by her daughter, Sheila (Dennis) Blank; granddaughters, Jennifer L. Calder, Jill S. (Tim) Hiscock. Katherine J. Simeoni; greatgrandchildren, Logan, Grady, Beckett, Madeline, Emma. Nathan, Nicholas, Jacob and Tessa. She was preceded in death by her husband; grandson. Matthew Calder: sister. Jovce Francisco: niece, Raeline Niles. Tributes may be shared at www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Andrea "Andy" Bidwell**

Andrea "Andy" Bidwell age 49, died October 22, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Arthur "AJ" Smith**

Arthur "AJ" Smith - age 78, died October 28, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Bernice Yax**

Bernice Yax - age 76, died October 23, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Carol Hasenohrl**

Carol Hasenohrl - age 92, died October 25, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Lon S. Lizotte**

Lon S. Lizotte - age 64, died October 26, 2020. www. temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.



#### Priscilla R. **Quinones-Palmer**

Priscilla R. Quinones-Palmer - age 71, died October 24, 2020. www. temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.



#### Rita M. Shoop

Rita M. Shoop - age 90, died October 26, 2020. www. temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.



#### **Debbie Sikes**

Debbie Sikes - age 60, died October 23, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Diane Brier**

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#### **Dianne Rolland**

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#### **Doris Church**

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#### **Edward Smith**

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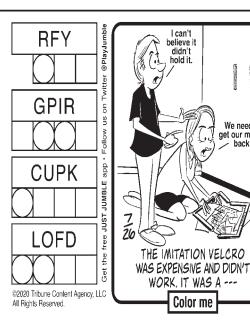
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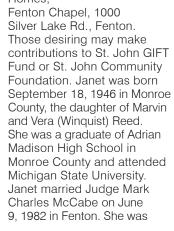
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#### **Janet Eileen McCabe**

1946 - 2020

Janet Eileen McCabe - age 74, passed away at her residence on Tuesday, October 27, 2020. Services will be held privately due to Covid-19 restrictions. Arrangements provided by Sharp Funeral Homes,





a certified professional legal secretary (NALS) and a past president of the Genesee Legal Secretaries Association. Janet retired as a legal secretary and paralegal in 1983. Surviving are her husband

of 38 years, Honorable
Mark McCabe; daughter,
Heather Adams and husband
Brian of Woodbridge, VA;
granddaughter, Hailey Adams
of Woodbridge, VA; niece, Julie
Germano; and two nephews,
Tom and Mark Nixon. She
was preceded in death by her
parents; and sister, Patricia
Nixon. Tributes may be shared
at www.sharpfuneralhomes.



#### Doris Lucille Johnson

1936 - 2020

Doris Lucille Johnson - age 84, died Tuesday, October 27, 2020. Private services will be held. Doris was born March 15, 1936 in Flint, the daughter of Clare and Margaret (Smith) Cottrell. She is survived by son, Craig Johnson of Fenton; daughter, Jeanine Johnson of Davison. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel., 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### Chester "Chet" Gosciniak

Chester "Chet" Gosciniak - age 92, died October 27, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### Margaret "Peggy" Cochran

Margaret "Peggy" Cochran - age 96, died October 27, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.





## Charles W. III "Chuck" Ford

1965 - 2020 Charles W. III "Chuck" Ford - age 55, Of Davison, died Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at his residence. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Charles was born in Flint on July 29, 1965 the son of Charles and Karen (Burns) Ford. Chuck enjoyed the outdoors and his hobbies included hunting and fishing. Above all else, he especially loved his children. Surviving are wife. Chervl of Grand Blanc: children. Garrett and Emma: parents, Chuck and Karen of

#### Frederick Borath, III

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Mercer and Laurie Ford of GA.

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Frederick Borath, III - age 31, died October 21, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### James Burk

James Burk - age 53, died October 22, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **James Reese**

James Reese - age 72, died October 24, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Jason Kendrick**

Jason Kendrick - age 49, died October 21, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **June Camp**

June Camp - age 82, died October 25, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Marilyn Fisher**

Marilyn Fisher - age 75, died October 26, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Marilyn Makrouer**

Marilyn Makrouer - age 90, died October 25, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Ouida Tambling**

Ouida Tambling - age 75, died October 23, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Pearl Peters**

Pearl Peters - age 58, died October 24, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Phyllis Bullock-Zaruba**

Phyllis Bullock-Zaruba - age 91, died October 23, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Phyllis Simpson**

Phyllis Simpson - age 86, died October 23, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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## Obituaries >

#### **Reuel Goodaker**

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#### **Robert Nierescher**

Robert Nierescher - age 93, died October 24, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Robert Pruitt**

Robert Pruitt - age 52, died October 26, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Theodore Bickerstaff**

Theodore Bickerstaff - age 73, died October 20, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### William "Bill" Salbenblatt

William "Bill" Salbenblatt - age 67, died October 28, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.





#### **Randall Fox**

Randal Fox - age 57, died October 28, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Dallas "Jerry" Perry**

Dallas "Jerry" Perry - age 93, died October 28, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Gerald Bila**

Gerald Bila - age 80, died October 29, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



# 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 Thursday, Oct. 22.

### Authorize electronic notarizations during epidemic

House Bill 6297 received in the Senate on Oct. 21. To permit notary publics to provide notarizations through the end of 2020 using a "two-way real-time audiovisual technology that allows direct interaction between the individual seeking the notary's services, any witnesses, and the notary," as specified in the bill.

#### Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate

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





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