

# MDHHS issues three-week epidemic order

■ To save lives, protect frontline heroes as COVID-19 cases increase

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) issued a new emergency order Sunday, Nov. 15,

that enacts a three-week pause targeting indoor social gatherings and other group activities in an effort to curb rapidly rising COVID-19 infection rates.

Under this order, indoor residential gatherings are limited to two households at any one time. However, MDHHS strongly urges families

to pick a single other household to interact with over the next three weeks, consistent with new guidance released by the department.

The order is aimed at limiting residential and non-residential gatherings where COVID-19 spreads rapidly.

Bars and restaurants will be open for outdoor dining, carry-out and delivery only. Gyms will remain open for individual exercise with strict safety measures in place.

Casinos, movie theaters and group exercise classes will be closed.

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**DRIVE-THRU  
LIGHTING CEREMONY  
PLANNED FOR  
SYMPHONY  
RESIDENTS**



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## COVID-19 to blame

■ Republic Services issues statement and apology for yard waste not picked up as scheduled

By Sharon Stone

Some customers of Republic Services noticed a lapse in service last week. Officials with Holly and Fenton fielded calls from frustrated residents who complained that some of their yard waste or trash had not been picked up.

The Times received a response from Republic Services to explain the situation. “Republic Services is experiencing temporary delays in yard waste collections. There are two reasons for these delays. First, there has been a tremendous

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Fenton Ladies  
Night Out

Brenda Hasse (left), local author and one of the organizers of Fenton Ladies Night Out, puts a book in a bag for a customer during the annual event on Friday, Nov. 13. Customers and employees wore face masks. See story on page 6. Photo: Hannah Ball

## Beer Fest in a Bag this Saturday

■ Fundraiser benefits Fenton Area Resources and Referral Network, Inc. (FARR)

Bottles, Brews & News Beer Fest in a Bag is set for 3 to 8 p.m. this Saturday, Nov. 21.

The drive-thru event held in the parking lot of John’s Pizzeria will feature a contact-less delivery method and organizers will follow all of the most-recent orders and recommendations from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

For just \$30, ticket holders will receive a reusable souvenir bag filled with a variety six pack

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“Some people need to be reminded that arguments are never settled over Facebook.

The amount of biased political coverage and misinformation is mind-boggling. It was so much nicer when we didn’t know how our relatives and friends felt on things.”

“Moderna just announced Monday morning that they have a COVID-19 vaccine nearly 95 percent effective in trial. With this one and the vaccine by Pfizer, let’s get the vulnerable vaccinated as quickly as possible so all of our lives can get back to normal.”



“I’m very happy to hear that the beer and wine event is still on in Fenton. Last year was a blast. Glad they were able to find a way to make it happen this year.”





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# Group plans drive-thru lighting ceremony for Symphony residents

■Linden Pay It Forward requesting public’s help and support in getting donations, supplies

By Hannah Ball

Linden Pay It Forward is asking for the public’s help to bring some cheer to the residents of Symphony Linden, which used to be called Caretel Inns of Linden.

Pay It Forward and Symphony are partnering to set up a drive-through holiday light display at the facility in Linden.

Stephanie Johnson, Linden Pay It Forward project manager, came up with the idea after she found out that the holiday parade and fireworks were canceled. She said Symphony was looking for help decorating the grounds for the residents.

“We wanted to do this because this has been a hard, ugly, and sad year for many of us. It has been especially hard on the residents at Symphony. Many

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The link to make donations is available with this article at myfenton.com.



Linden Pay It Forward is asking for the public's help in decorating Symphony Linden, formerly called Caretel Inns of Linden, to bring Christmas cheer to the residents, who are members of our community. Submitted photo

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## Building Brands

## Burnout busters during COVID-19

**A**s much as I promised myself I would not let the election stress me out, I blew it. After working out twice on election day I was still filled with nervous energy. So, I filled myself with hot wings and cold beer. It was a temporary fix and not one I recommend.

But it's not just the election, we are living in extremely stressful times. Add in the time change, cooler weather and oh boy do we have a recipe for burnout.

A cnbc.com article on work stress and the pandemic included some interesting information. For one, the definition of burnout has been updated by the World Health Organization. It is now defined as "a syndrome conceptualized as resulting from chronic workplace stress that has not been successfully managed." The article adds that "It is characterized by three symptoms: feelings of energy depletion or exhaustion; increased mental distance from one's job or negative feelings toward one's career; and reduced professional efficacy."

Even if you've never experienced burnout before, COVID-19 may have changed that. The article

quotes Dr. Patrick Porter, founder of Brain Tap Technologies on how the pandemic has effected many workers. Porter said, "Increased stress and anxiety surrounding COVID-19 has understandably caused work

productivity to plummet because your emotional state is directly connected to your ability to focus."

From the article, "Porter says stress, anxiety and fear elevate cortisol levels in the brain, which interfere with memory, making it impossible to concentrate on your work. Not only is this bad for employees — it is also bad for businesses,

as the decrease in productivity significantly impacts a company's bottom line."

So, if you care at all about your personal brand and the company you work for, you can't allow burnout to get the better of you.

The cnbc.com article has some tips to help:

- Exercise
- Get more sleep
- Unplug
- Give back
- Find moments of joy

I fully agree with this list. In addition, here are a few things I've

found that have helped me keep calm and work on.

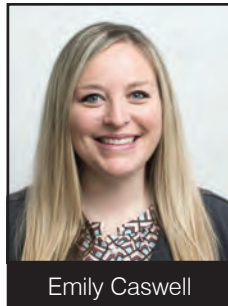
**Drink water** — A quick online search proves that the benefits of staying hydrated are massive. It's one simple thing we can do that benefits both the inside and outside of our bodies. Hydration keeps muscles and joints working better and makes skin appear more supple and radiant, so even if you're feeling blah inside, at least you'll good on your next video call.

**Get outside** — Speaking of water, if you live anywhere near it, go to it. Research has shown that being near water can lower stress and anxiety and increase an overall state of well-being and happiness.

**Focus on the positive** — Years ago, I spent the month of November writing down something I was thankful for each day. If there was ever a time to bring back that tradition it's 2020. I'll start now, today I am thankful for you, my reader. If I didn't have to write a column this week, I wouldn't have forced myself to think about what I've been doing to avoid burnout and in turn, remind myself to keep doing those things.

What are you doing to avoid burnout? Email me at [ecaswell@mihomepaper.com](mailto:ecaswell@mihomepaper.com).

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Emily Caswell

## Hotlines

Submit Hot lines online at [myfenton.com](http://myfenton.com)  
or text to 507-777-5295

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**CONRAD, NOVEMBER 19** comes on a Thursday this year. It's been four years since your friends and neighbors lost you on a cool Saturday morning. We have not forgotten what happened.

■■■  
**HOW DO WE** get these people to properly wear a face mask? I see tons of people and store clerks with their nose not covered. Come on people, use them the correct way.

■■■  
**VERY INTERESTING. IN** every local municipality, the in-person votes vastly supported Trump in this election. The mail-in votes many times went against Trump in some jurisdictions. I can't help but wonder why.

■■■  
**TRUMP'S 2017 TAX** Cuts and Jobs Act will raise the taxes of everyone making less than \$75,000 next year. Thanks, Trump.

■■■  
**WHEN INCREASE TAXING** at \$400,000 level isn't enough and it never is, they will come for the \$300,000 level. Then the \$200,000 level, then, eventually you. Words are cheap. Your taxes won't be.

■■■  
**IS THE RECALL** Whitmer petition still going around? Does someone local have it so my wife and I can sign it?

Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter — Question asked to Tri-County Times' Facebook followers

## What are your thoughts on the latest three-week emergency order? | streettalk



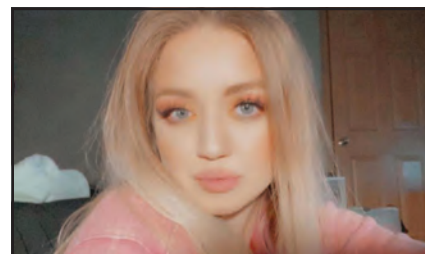
"Sadly, with all the amazing people out there tipping on carry outs, there are 70 percent of people who still don't tip on carry outs. They said to me the last time, it's good you are still getting a paycheck. Well, some of the girls are not getting minimum wage. The restaurant owners cannot afford to pay more with this shutdown. They will have to close! These are crazy times!"

**Tracy Brewis, Hell, Michigan**



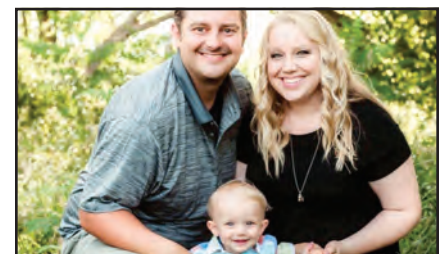
"I honestly am at a loss, being self employed — it's a disaster for the economy. As a moral human being — it's to help prevent more lives being taken."

**Brigitte Ramberg**  
Swartz Creek



"It's definitely a difficult time for everyone. My heart goes out to all the parents who are working and taking the time to educate their children. I understand why the order was put in place to keep us safe but most importantly so our hospitals do not get overpopulated with COVID patients. I also want to say thank you to all of our health care workers who have been working this whole pandemic."

**Dakota Braun, Gaines Township**



"It is convenient, no... but those in healthcare understand, hospitals are filling up, people don't wear a mask for the greater good. Selfishness has put us back here. If you're sick, stay home. Common sense. It's only three weeks, everyone needs to take a deep breath and relax and be grateful for their health."

**Caitlin Vowell**  
Fenton Township



## Fenton superintendent sends letter to parents

■ Fenton schools has had 30 positive COVID-19 cases since Oct. 1

Compiled by Hannah Ball

Michigan high school students are not allowed to learn in-person starting Wednesday, Nov. 18, due to the latest emergency order by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). This is due to the rise in COVID-19 cases.

Fenton Area Public Schools Superintendent Adam Hartley wrote a letter to parents after the announcement was made. Fenton high school and middle school students will learn remotely starting Wednesday, Nov. 18, and Young 5s and K-5 students will begin a remote schedule Monday, Nov. 23.

“Our target date for a return to face-to-face instruction is Jan. 19, 2021 (Beginning of second semester),” Hartley said.

In his letter, Hartley said they’ve been working with the Genesee County Health Department, and the Fenton Board of Education has been evaluating certain factors as they pertain to providing safe, in-person schooling.

“The increasing cases of COVID-19 within our area continue to have a detrimental effect on the factors above at each of our school buildings,” Hartley said. “Along with face-to-face instruction, the restrictions communicated by MDHHS include all after school activities, clubs and athletics be suspended as well. The MHSAA communicated their restrictions last night and Mike Bakker, FAPS athletic director, sent out a letter to our student athletes and their families.”

### Appropriate K-12 staffing

“The last few weeks have become difficult to staff classrooms appropriately. As more teachers and support staff are quarantined, and guest teachers are becoming less and less available, we have had to transition a number of K-5 classrooms to a virtual setting. Our elective teachers have been covering classrooms, which means our students are not receiving Art, Music or P.E. as they should. At the secondary level, teachers have

to cover rooms during their prep time, which takes away their time to prep for their own courses.”

### Community spread and the impact on the school community

“A good example of the connection between community spread and how it impacted the school setting is what occurred over the Halloween weekend. The uptick of cases outside the school community led to a number of staff and students being quarantined by the health department. We expect the same trend for Thanksgiving and the December holiday season.”



**Adam Hartley**  
Fenton Area  
Public Schools  
superintendent

### Contact tracing

“We continue to experience a lag in contact tracing due to the number of cases increasing throughout the county. This has directly impacted our ability as school leaders to know who has tested positive or who was exposed to a positive case in a timely manner. Our administrative team

continues to spend an enormous amount of time helping the health department to contact trace within the school setting and communicating with families that are impacted by a positive COVID-19 case. The lag in contact tracing could place our staff and students in an unsafe environment if people are attending face-to-face instruction before they are notified of the possible exposure by the county.”

### Expected trends

“Both the state models and the expected trends by the county show an increase of cases throughout the next few months. While these trends may change, we, along with many other Genesee County school districts, know that cases will rise with indoor gatherings and the holiday season upon us. As cases rise, the factors listed here grow as barriers to face to face instruction.”

### Mitigating the circle of exposure

“We have had over 30 positive cases within our school district since October 1st, and over 650 staff and students quarantined by the health department. As we follow the protocols of the COVID-19 Schoolkit, we have

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## Consumers Energy crews restore power

■ Numerous reports of downed trees and low hanging wires due to high winds



Having restored more than 62,000 customers who had power knocked out by damaging high winds Sunday, Nov. 15, Consumers Energy crews worked continuously to restore electric service. More than 85,000 Consumers Energy customers lost power since Sunday morning during a prolonged windstorm with gusts exceeding 50 mph. As of 11 a.m. Monday, approximately 23,000 customers remained without power. By Tuesday afternoon, power was restored to nearly all customers.

“Our dedicated crews and contractors are continuing to work extended hours around the clock to

There were numerous reports of downed trees from high winds beginning Sunday, Nov. 15. Often-times, downed trees will pull down wires, causing power outages.

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restore power to customers affected by Sunday’s windstorm,” said Guy Packard, Consumers Energy vice president of electric operations. “We are asking everyone to keep safety

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## BEER FEST

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Those wanting to add a to-go food order to their Beer Fest in a Bag can call John's Pizzeria at (810) 629-5060 to place a carryout order in advance.

"We are committed to making this a safe event. All volunteers will wear masks and gloves and we'll place your Beer Fest in a Bag into your vehicle for you," said View Newspaper Group Brand Manager Emily Caswell. View Newspaper Group publishes the Tri-County

times along with 14 other community newspapers and is host of Bottles, Brews & News.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the nonprofit agency, Fenton Area Resources and Referral Network, Inc. (FARR). The organization works with residents in crisis to assist with basic needs. Last year's Bottles, Brews & News raised \$6,000 for the nonprofit.

Sponsors include Genisys Credit Union, Sawyer Jewelers, Dort Financial Credit Union, Sharp Funeral Homes, Fischer, Franklin & Ford, Construction Solutions, Legacy Realty Professionals, ELGA Credit Union, J.P. O'Sullivan and John's Pizzeria.

Tickets must be purchased in advance and are on sale now at [www.myfenton.com](http://www.myfenton.com), the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce, Tri-County Times and John's Pizzeria. For more information, contact Emily Caswell at (810) 513-8501.

## Fenton Ladies Night Out attended by hundreds in masks

■ Annual event had lower turnout, store owners enforce mask wearing

By Hannah Ball

Fenton Ladies Night was held Friday, Nov. 13, and while fewer people attended most likely due to the COVID-19 pandemic, organizers are happy with the turnout.

Karen Piacentini, owner of Fenton's Open Book, and local author, Brenda Hasse, organized the event. Piacentini estimated a few hundred people attended.

Piacentini said it wasn't overwhelming and there was a decrease in participation this year, but it was what she expected. There were shorter lines because they didn't have punch cards this year, so the people that went into the stores did so with the purpose to shop.

"Some stores weren't open all night. I thought it was what I thought it would be. I didn't really have expectations of this being like it's been in the past," she said. "We didn't give out as many free books, which is fine."

Usually, stores will serve warm, alcoholic drinks, but Fenton's Open Book did not so people would keep their masks on in the store. The bookstore gave out free books and surprise prizes, and local author Jodie Eckleberry signed books and talked with customers.

"I'd rather be safe. Everyone came in with a mask and everyone was fine with it. There wasn't an issue," Piacentini said. "I was happy with the result, and I hope everyone else was too. I look forward to the next couple weeks of holiday shopping."

Fewer stores participated compared to previous years. Stores offered discounted items, deals and more, and employees and customers wore face masks.

Store owners said they anticipated a drop in participation this year as COVID-19 cases are on the rise, and



Marjie's Gluten Free Pantry in Fenton had discounts for Ladies Night Out. Store owners said they had a good number of customers, but that it never got too busy. Photo: Hannah Ball

they expressed concern over keeping customers and employees safe. Many stores have signs about requiring face masks and using hand sanitizer.

Terina Greenway, owner of Luna's, said it's been sparse but that she wouldn't let it get crowded. The majority of customers wear masks and don't cause any issues.

"We didn't have any problems during Witches Night except for one lady that turned around and left when I told her to wear her mask properly," she said.

Greenway put out disposable masks in case customers did not have one.

"It makes doing these events a little bit more doable and a little

bit more safe," she said.

Kevin Begola, owner of Bridge Street Exchange, said, "We're really open minded about it. So let's be open and let's have a little bit of fun and try to scale things back a little bit, which we did ... the expectation was to kick off the holiday season and hopefully people come down to shop."

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We are taking preorders for THANKSGIVING for pickup the day before. Our hope is that everyone stays healthy during this difficult time. Thanks for being loyal Beale St. Smokehouse BBQ customers!



**Mark McCabe**

67th District Court

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**judge**

### When the Electoral College doesn't decide the winner of the presidential election

Nov. 3 has come and gone with the unofficial winner of the election for president being former Vice-President Joe Biden. This is being disputed by President Trump with the filing of a number of so far mostly unsuccessful lawsuits.

In the meantime, each state's election officials have or are continuing to canvass and certify their results.

Canvassing is determining the validity of each ballot. Certification is the process by which the results of an election are made official.

Every state has its own certification filing deadline. When all the results are in, the members of the Electoral College from each state cast their ballots on Dec. 14 for their state's winning candidate. When we voted for president, we were actually voting for these electors to conduct this additional election. There are 538 electoral voters, with Michigan having 16.

Under the 12th Amendment, the winning candidate must receive a majority of the electoral votes cast.

But what happens when no candidate receives a majority vote?

The answer is also found in the 12th Amendment, which provides that the House of Representatives will then choose the president by majority vote with each state having one vote.

Historically this has happened in three different presidential elections — 1800, 1824 and 1876.

In 1800, Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr received the same number of Electoral College votes. It took 36 votes for Jefferson to be declared president.

The 1824 election had four candidates: Secretary of State John Quincy Adams, House Speaker Henry Clay, Treasury Secretary William Crawford and Senator Andrew Jackson. Each failed to win a majority in the Electoral College.

In what has been called "The Corrupt Bargain" supporters of Clay voted for Adams in exchange for a promise to appoint Clay as Secretary of State.

Adams won and then appointed Clay.

Finally, in 1876, there were two candidates, New York Governor Samuel Tilden and Ohio Governor Rutherford B. Hayes. Because of voter intimidation and fraud, even though Tilden won the popular vote, 20 electoral votes were questioned and he was one vote short of a majority. Ultimately the House voted for Hayes.

Although it appears that this year's Electoral College vote will result in a winning candidate being declared, if it doesn't, we know that our Constitution is there to provide the solution.

## NEWS BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

### FENTON CITY HALL CLOSED TO PUBLIC

Beginning Monday, Nov. 16, at 5 p.m., Fenton City Hall will be closed to the public and open by appointment only until further notice. Contact city hall at (810) 629-2261 or visit [cityoffenton.org](http://cityoffenton.org).

## LETTER

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had a number of staff and students, not listed on our dashboard, that have been isolated due to COVID-19 symptoms or due to needing to mitigate the potential spread of COVID-19 in a classroom, hallways or building."

Hartley said, "As I stated in previous communications, we as a school community have worked together to return to school, experience in-person instruction and enjoy what we all want for our learners. Unfortunately, COVID-19 does not care what we want or what model of instruction we prefer. We will continue to evaluate the key metrics within the county, assess the key factors listed above and work together in order to return once again to in-person teaching and learning by our target date of Jan. 19, 2021."

More information and links are available at [fentonschools.org](http://fentonschools.org).

## POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

### PURSE STOLEN IN HOLLY

On Friday, Nov. 13, at 4:55 p.m., Holly police were called to take a report of a stolen purse from a resident living on Grange Hall Road. Officers are waiting for additional information to investigate.

### TEENS CAUSE DISTURBANCE AT STORE

On Sunday, Nov. 15, at 4:42 p.m., Holly police officers were dispatched to a N. Holly Road business for a report of a group of teens causing a disturbance outside the store. An adult male advised the teens to be wearing masks to enter the store and they became verbally unruly. The teens left when the police were called.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**I'M SORRY PEOPLE.** Nobody stole this election from Trump. He simply did not get enough votes. Losers go home.

**ANYONE ELSE WONDER** how everyone staying home for four to six weeks, forgiven college loans, \$15 minimum wage, healthcare for all, free this, free that gets paid for? Hang on to your wallets. Praying for the first liberal to cry to me about it. Our grandkids will be paying for this.

**WHAT IS THE** penalty for violating the Michigan Constitution?

**GO TRUMP (PLEASE,** dear God...we still need him).

**ONE THING ON** COVID-19. People must make sure they are wearing a mask that actually gives them protection from the virus.

**JUST READ THAT** Rep. Matt Maddock in Oakland County said he and a growing list of Michigan legislators will be calling for impeachment hearings against Gretchen Whitmer after the new restrictions were announced Sunday night. This is necessary.



## POWER

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a top concern and to be aware that wires brought down by high winds could still pose a danger.”

From lineworkers to dispatchers and customer service representatives, more than 700 Consumers Energy employees and contractors were engaged in the restoration effort. Consumers Energy expects storm restoration work will continue through late Tuesday.

Customers can report an outage, check the status of an outage and get

useful tips what to do after a storm by visiting [ConsumersEnergy.com/OutageCenter](http://ConsumersEnergy.com/OutageCenter).

Customers also can sign up to get outage alerts and restoration times sent to a phone, email or text message, Text ‘REG’ to 232273 or visit [ConsumersEnergy.com/alerts](http://ConsumersEnergy.com/alerts).

Packard urged customers and the public to stay at least 25 feet away from downed wires, keep children or pets away, and report the issue by calling 911 and Consumers Energy at 800-477-5050.

Consumers Energy crews take extra health and safety precautions because of the COVID-19 situation and ask the public to keep at least 6 feet of distance from its crews.

### Other important safety tips:

Be alert to crews working along roads. Drivers should slow down or stop and wait for oncoming traffic to clear so they safely can go past workers on roadsides.

With firearm deer season underway, hunters are asked to pay special attention

to their surroundings for storm damage and Consumers Energy crews in fields.

Call 2-1-1 if you are looking for help connecting to temporary shelter or other resources that offer assistance in your community. 2-1-1 is a free statewide service.

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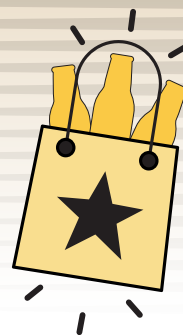
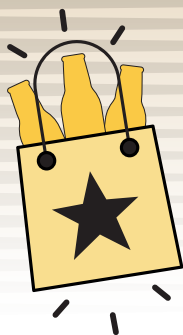
### DOG BITE ON APOLLO CIRCLE

On Monday, Nov. 2, at 1:19 p.m., Holly police responded to a report of a dog bite on Apollo Circle. The 26-year-old female caller told police that a stray black and brown Labrador type dog approached her in her yard. The dog then bit her on her hand. The officer determined the bite was serious enough to request medical responders to the scene who transported her to a medical facility for treatment. The officer searched the area for the dog but could not locate it. The victim said she has not familiar with this dog to this area.

### CUSTOMER ATTEMPTS TO PASS BAD CHECKS

On Thursday, Nov. 5, at 1:18 p.m., Holly police were called to a financial institution on N. Holly Road to take a report of check fraud. Employees reported that a customer had attempted to pass checks in large amounts that were not valid. The bank retained one of the checks, the person passing them has been identified and officers are investigating the incident.

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## CEREMONY

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are lonely and depressed. The staff is stressed out and saddened by the current circumstances. Symphony's residents are a part of our community and as a community we need to come together and help them. We need to help lift their spirits this holiday season and frankly, many of our own. We can do that by coming together to help spread joy and happiness to Symphony, to our kiddos, and to each other," Johnson said.

Also working on the project is Denise Marks, founder of Pay It Forward, Wendy Wagner of Pay It Forward, and Aimee Noye from Symphony.

Johnson said it will be "amazing" but they need everyone's help to accomplish it on time. They're in need of LED lights and monetary donations. They're also looking for volunteers for set up days.

They're setting up the lights this coming weekend, on Saturday, Nov. 21 and Sunday, Nov. 22. A lighting ceremony is planned for Dec. 5.

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To donate these items, reach out to Stephanie Johnson at [johnson@johnsondreamhome.com](mailto:johnson@johnsondreamhome.com) and/or Wendy Wagner by private message on Facebook or at 810-333-0850.

## YARD WASTE

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increase in the volume of yard waste at the curb over the last few weeks. Two weeks of overnight freezing temperatures caused leaves to fall, and then residents took advantage of two warm weekends to clean up all those leaves, leading to significantly more yard waste than usual.

"At the same time, Republic has had a number of drivers out of work due to COVID positive tests or quarantines. Replacement drivers from out of the area are helping fill in, but they are new to the routes in our area and aren't able to complete them as quickly.

"Republic is working to get caught up on yard waste collections as quickly as possible and expects to be delayed for about a week and a half. We ask



Yard waste and garbage collection was interrupted by multiple employees of Republic Services either positive for COVID-19 or in quarantine. Submitted photo

that residents leave their yard waste at the curb, as collections may be on a day other than the regular service day. We also have added a Saturday collection to help get caught up.

"Republic Services apologizes for the inconvenience and thanks residents for their understanding."

## POLICE & FIRE REPORT

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### DOG BITE AT SORENSON PARK

On Tuesday, Nov. 3, at 4:54 p.m., a 59-year-old Davisburg resident called Holly police to report she was at Sorenson Park for a walk when she was approached by two large grey dogs that were not leashed. She didn't know the breed. She stated one of the dogs circled her in a friendly manner when the other dog growled and bit her on her right side. The victim reported the dog's owner was on the scene, and left with the dogs without speaking to the victim. The investigating officer was able to locate the owner of the dogs who stated she was not aware of the bite, that the dogs are up to date with shots and are licensed. The victim had a very minor injury and refused medical treatment. Animal control was advised of the incident for record keeping.

### WOMAN REPORTS SOMEONE ENTERED HER HOME

On Friday, Nov. 6, at 5:35 p.m., a 42-year-old resident living on Grange Hall Road called Holly police to report she left her home and when she returned, believed someone had broken into her home. The caller told the officer she recently changed the locks. When she left, she locked the door, and when she returned, the door was unlocked. She said nothing was missing and the officer found no signs of forced entry. She said no one has keys but her. The officer was aware that the woman had reported several similar reports in recent days with no evidence of entry or loss. Officers interviewed neighbors, who had not witnessed anyone near the home. The officer suggested the homeowner install cameras to assist in proof of entry and activity.



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## EPIDEMIC ORDER

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Professional and college sports meeting extraordinary standards for risk mitigation may continue without spectators, however all other organized sports must stop.

Colleges and high schools may proceed with remote learning, but must end in-person classes.

"In the spring, we listened to public health experts, stomped the curve, and saved thousands of lives together. Now, we must channel that same energy and join forces again to protect our families, frontline workers and small businesses," said Gov. Gretchen Whitmer in her press statement Sunday evening. "Right now, there are thousands of cases a day and hundreds of deaths a week in

Michigan and the number is growing. If we don't act now, thousands more will die, and our hospitals will continue to be overwhelmed. We can get through this together by listening to health experts once again and taking action right now to slow the spread of this deadly virus."

"Indoor gatherings are the greatest source of spread, and sharply limiting them is our focus," said MDHHS Director Robert Gordon. "The order is targeted and temporary, but a terrible loss of life will be forever unless we act. By coming together today, we can save thousands of lives."

Sunday's order, which takes effect Wednesday, Nov. 18, is not a blanket stay-home action like in the spring. The order leaves open work that cannot be performed from home, including for

manufacturing, construction and health occupations. Outdoor gatherings, outdoor dining and parks remain open. Individualized activities with distancing and face masks are still allowed: retail shopping; public transit; restaurant takeout; personal-care services such as haircuts, by appointment; and individualized exercise at a gym, with extra spacing between machines.

Michigan has seen fewer outbreaks associated with elementary and middle schools, and younger children are most in need of in-person instruction. In-person K-8 schooling may continue if it can be done with strong mitigation, including mask requirements, based on discussion between local health and school officials. Childcare also remains open to support working parents. Throughout this crisis, Michigan's teachers and childcare workers have served on the front lines ensuring support for working parents and educating our children.

### Federal lawsuit filed

The Michigan Restaurant and Lodging Association (MRLA) filed a lawsuit Nov. 17, against Robert Gordon, in his capacity as the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) director, to block the ban on dine-in service. They're seeking an emergency preliminary injunction to resume on-premise indoor food and beverage consumption.

### Michigan Licensed Beverage Association (MLBA) responds

"Our number one priority has been the safety of servers and patrons. We have been following all the rules. We've been wearing masks, social distancing and sanitizing relentlessly," said MLBA Executive Director Scott Ellis. "We have to figure out a way to operate."

According to data collected by the MLBA in a recent survey, one-third of bars are currently on the verge of closing permanently. In another one to three months, another 29 percent will be in the same situation.

"The hospitality industry went from being shutdown, to operating at 50 percent, and now we're back to closing our doors again. Our industry has been devastated and this is just another nail in the coffin for many businesses," Ellis said. "As the governor said, we're at a precipice and there is a need for action. If we're being told to sit back, be patient and not act, we expect our leaders to have a plan. We expect our legislature and governor to be taking the steps necessary to ensure that our industry survives."

"Our state is about to see a massive spike in unemployment with Thanksgiving and Christmas right around the corner. Our business owners and their staff will be financially devastated going into the holidays."

The full order can be read here online with this story.

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If, prior to the meeting, members of the public have certain questions or wish to provide input on any business that will be addressed at the meeting then such persons may contact the Planning Commissioners through David Plewes, Zoning Administrator, by email to [zoningadm@rosetownship.com](mailto:zoningadm@rosetownship.com), or by mail at: 9080 Mason Street, Holly MI 48442.

A copy of the aforementioned application is available for inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. at the Township Clerk's office, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan until and including the day of the hearing or on the web page [rosetownship.com](http://rosetownship.com). Handicapped persons needing assistance to attend the meeting should contact the Rose Township Clerk at (248) 634-8701 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.


David Plewes  
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\*See Social Gathering Guidance.  
\*\*Includes a limited number of NCAA sports.

For more information about the order, visit [Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](http://Michigan.gov/Coronavirus).  
Questions or concerns can be emailed to [COVID19@michigan.gov](mailto:COVID19@michigan.gov).







# MHSAA: Prep sports on hold for next three weeks

By David Troppens

Brian VanBuren understands that the COVID-19 pandemic is a serious issue. He understands that to curtail the number of cases, hospitalizations and deaths in the state means sometimes taking se-

rious action.

He and his Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team, however, probably wishes when these actions have to take place, they didn't seemingly impact their program as they have both times.

On Sunday, the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) suspended its fall tournaments and the start of the winter season's practices and competitions for 21 days as per the

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Fenton's girls swim team will have to wait to compete in a Division 2 state swim meet. It was originally scheduled for Saturday.

## Sports Times

# Linden football playoff run ends in district title game

By David Troppens

**Linden** — There were challenges all season long.

Due to injuries, illness and various other factors, the Linden varsity football team never had its complete starting lineup on the field together for any one game this fall. There was a time when the Eagles held a 1-2 record three weeks through the season, and yet the Eagles were able to win three straight games, finish the regular season with a 4-2 mark overall and earn a No. 1 seed in their Division 3 district entering the playoffs.

Linden opened the playoffs with a bye and then defeated Bay City Western 24-13, earning a spot in a district championship game against the Kearsley Hornets on Friday. Considering the Eagles had already defeated the Hornets 43-22 earlier in the year, it appeared Linden were the favorites as they prepared to host

Kearsley for the district championship contest.

However, the Eagles ended up having to deal with another curveball, this one courtesy of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Two Linden starters became physically unable to play on Wednesday due to COVID-19 protocol, helping spark the Eagles 36-28 loss to the Kearsley Hornets Friday night at Linden High School. It was the second straight week a tri-county area football team's chances of advancing in the playoffs was hurt by COVID-10 protocol. During the second week of the playoffs, the Fenton Tigers had many people out as well, helping push the Tigers to a 44-28 loss to North Farmington.

"We had two days to prepare without our starting quarterback and our star wide receiver and

defensive back," Linden senior Griffin Michael said. "I thought Brandon (Green, who was forced to start at quarterback) stepped up and played a pretty good game. I'm proud of him."

"We haven't had a game with everybody the whole year," Linden varsity football coach Denny Hopkins said. "It's been an up-and-down season, but overall it's been a great year. I'm proud of them."

Early on it looked like the Eagles were going to get blown out. Linden was unable to muster much of an offense and the Hornets' potent quarterback Braylon Silvas had Kearsley moving the ball effectively.

Kearsley had the ball to start the game, and faced a fourth-and-3 play from the Linden 26 when Bryce Eliuk stopped Kearsley, forcing

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Linden's Brandon Green started at quarterback during the Eagles' 36-28 loss to the Kearsley Hornets. Photo: Mark Bolen

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Linden's varsity boys basketball team celebrates during a time out during their D1 District tournament game against Holly in March. The Eagles won the game but were unable to play again due to suspension and eventual cancellation of the rest of the 2019-20 school year's athletic season due to the COVID-19 pandemic. **Photo: Mark Bolen**

## MHSAA

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emergency order established by Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer to limit the spread of COVID-19.

The Lake Fenton girls basketball team was one of many programs impacted. Girls basketball teams around the state of Michigan were about to start their second week of practice this week. In fact, the Lake Fenton girls were at practice when they found out about the order. Of course, the pandemic forced the cancellation of the remainder of the 2019-20 winter sports season and the cancellation of the entire 2020 spring sports season when the COVID-19 pandemic first hit Michigan. One of the teams most adversely impacted were the Blue Devils. The squad had just won a regional semifinal contest and were expected to play in a regional championship game a day after the cancellation of the rest of the academic's sports season happened on March 12.

"I think it's the right call," VanBuren said. "I'm hopeful the numbers go down a bit and that most people abide by the ruling. Maybe by the time we get to Christmas we have the same mask up response and we are able to get back by January."

"We had a practice on Sunday and I told the girls when we got started that by the time we were out here we may have some sort of announcement. ... By the time we were done I had a couple of texts from parents asking, 'Hey, what's going on? Are we going to have practice tomorrow?' At that point I told the girls we may have had our last practice for awhile. A couple of them were bummed out because they were excited to finish what we started last year and now that was all going to change."

Most fall sports seasons have been completed, but there are a few exceptions. The football playoffs just completed the district championship round and the volleyball tournaments were expected to be completed by Sat-

urday. Another sport expected to host its state meets on Saturday is varsity girls swimming and the Fenton Tigers were poised to have an exciting day while competing. Three-time individual event state champion Gracie Olsen was favored to win another two individual state crowns, and Fenton's relays were expected to do well. Now the Tigers will have to wait to finish their season.

"(Fenton varsity girls swim coach) Brad Jones and I have talked and I have also talked with a couple of the girls," Fenton athletic director Mike Bakker said. "We are very optimistic that this will be a very short pause and that we can get back in the pool as early as Dec. 9 and still hold a state meet for our state qualifiers. I knew that in working with most of the MHSAA staff for so many years, that if given a window of opportunity, they will find a way to complete this season for the swimmers and for those teams play volleyball and football."

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The Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team saw its season end after a regional semifinal victory last March due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The squad was hit by Sunday's most recent 21-day suspension of the fall and winter sports seasons this year as well. Most are optimistic the season will return sometime during the winter, maybe as early as Dec. 9. **Photo: Mark Bolen**



## LINDEN

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a Silvas run to no gain. However, Linden was unable to move the ball and Kearsley started its second possession at the Linden 45. Seven plays later, Kearsley's Jack Porter scored on a three-yard TD run. Kearsley led 6-0 with 2:59 left in the first quarter.

The lead grew to 14-0 on Kearsley's next possession. It started after the Eagles were forced to punt just four plays later, giving the Hornets the ball at the 33. Thirteen plays later, Kearsley was scoring on a five-yard TD pass to Jace Chapman. The two-point conversion was converted and the Hornets led 14-0 with 7:11 left in the first half.

Before the half was over, the Hornets increased their lead with a 55-yard TD reception from Silvas to Tyler Czintyan, giving Kearsley a 20-0 lead with just 2:56 left in the first half. The Eagles' chances of victory were looking bleak. But the ensuing kickoff gave the Eagles life when Garrett Wagner returned it 79 yards to the Kearsley 10. Four plays later, Green completed a two-yard TD pass to Ethan Gomez. Carson Kelly kicked the extra-point and suddenly the Eagles trailed just 20-7 with 55.8 seconds left in the half. That was the halftime score.

"It was just like how we practice it," Wagner said about the kickoff return. "We had this blocking formation, and if there was a hole I was supposed to break as fast as I could through it and that's what I did. I thought I was home free when I passed the kicker, but No. 14 (Kearsley's Landon Watters) was faster than I thought (and got the tackle)."

The Eagles started the second half receiving the kickoff and that's when

Wagner created some more fireworks, taking that kickoff 86 yards for Linden's second TD of the contest. Kelly converted the extra-point and the Eagles trailed just 20-14, 12 seconds into the third quarter.

"It was about the same thing (as the first big kickoff return) except one of my teammates after the first one told me if I went to the left I would be home free, so that's what I did that time," Wagner said. "Sure enough, I was home free."

The second Linden TD inspired the Eagles. On the following Kearsley possession, the Eagles' defense forced a punt in three plays. Kearsley suffered a bad snap on the punt attempt and the Kearsley punter was swarmed by Linden players, preventing him from recovering the fumble. Instead, Michael was able to get the ball and run about 10 yards for the game-tying touchdown. Kelley followed with the extra-point, and suddenly off the strength of three big plays on special teams, the Eagles led 21-20 with 10:00 in the third quarter.

"I knew we had to make a play and I saw the bad snap and ran over there," Michael said. "My teammates were on him and they made some great plays, too. It was a free touchdown."

"We knew we had to do something. Whatever we did in the first half, just wasn't working. Garrett Wagner stepped up as well and had both of those returns as well. They were unbelievable."

Kearsley retook the lead for good on its next possession. The Hornets drove 75 yards on 12 plays on a one-yard TD run by Silvas. During the drive, Kearsley converted a fourth-and-5 play with



(Immediate left) Linden's Austin Jawarski made this catch in the Eagles' loss to Kearsley Friday night. (Bottom far left) Ethan Gomez caught this touchdown pass during the contest. (Bottom immediate left) Bryce Eliuk runs for a large gain.

Photo: Mark Bolen

a 21-yard completion. Just two plays later, the Hornets scored the touchdown. Kearsley also converted the two-point conversion and the Hornets led 28-21.

Linden moved the ball to the Kearsley 21 on its next possession, but

a sack and an incomplete pass set up a fourth-and-17 at the Kearsley 28. Green completed a pass to Monte Keener on fourth down, but it only went for 12 yards, giving Kearsley the ball back.

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# Obituaries

## Grace Wardie

1921 – 2020

Grace Wardie – age 99, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Friday, November 13, 2020. She passed away peacefully from complications of pneumonia after a recent fall at her home. Private services will be held at Linden United Methodist Church. Grace's nephew, Reverend Grant Lobb will officiate. Public visitation will be held 3 – 5 PM and 6 – 8 PM Friday, November 20, 2020 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. Face masks will be required, but the family respects the fact



that some people may not feel comfortable attending an indoor gathering due to health concerns during the current virus situation. Grace Leone (Lobb) Wardie was born on

May 13, 1921 in Saginaw to Wilfred S. & Zada (Ostrander) Lobb. She graduated in 1939 from Linden High School, and then attended Detroit Business Institute in Pontiac. Grace worked at R.P. Lewis Co. in Flint until her marriage to Joseph D. Wardie on September 20, 1941 in Akron. Grace was raised in a Christian family and accepted Jesus as her Savior at age seven. Her grandparents, Reverend and Mrs. U.G. Ostrander, served as ministers at the Linden United Methodist Church for several years. One of Grace's brothers, Richard Lobb, and his son, Grant Lobb, both became Methodist ministers. Grace and Joe attended the Fenton Methodist Church for many years, where she taught the 6th grade girls' Sunday School class and belonged to WSCS. Later, she and Joe attended Hidden Springs Church in Howell,

where Joe served as pianist. Grace was a dedicated prayer warrior for her family, friends and anyone who needed prayer support. In recent years she enjoyed the friendship of two very special care givers, Cathy Tyrna and Cindy McCloskey, who never failed to give her hugs and play Skip Bo (her favorite pastime) with her. Grace is survived by two sons, Joseph L. (Mary) Wardie of Fenton, and Ron (Janeen) Wardie of Kalkaska; and daughter, Gloria Weaver of Alpena; also sister, Myrna Winer of Pontiac; brother, Donald Lobb of Livonia; sister-in-law, Marion Wardie of Linden; and many dearly loved nieces and nephews. Grace has seven grandchildren, Amy (Matt) Rechsteiner, Joseph M. (Dorie) Wardie, Benjamin (Amy) Weaver, Daniel (Monica) Weaver, Chad (Missy) Wardie, Cameron (Becky) Wardie, and Joshua (Danielle) Marsh. She

also has 23 great grandchildren, Jonathan, Jacob, Joseph, Joshua, Jack, Nathan, Reagan, Quinn (Drew), Shane, Miles, Kalicia, Emily, Claire, Kate, Clayton, Abbigale, Grace, Magdalyn, Cecelia, Ashlynn, Mackenna, Olivia, and Sophie. Grace was preceded in death by her stillborn son, Rickie Dale Wardie, and husband of 63 years, Joseph D. Wardie; two brothers and their wives, Wilfred J. & Catherine Lobb and Richard & Lola Lobb; brother-in-law, Calvin "Bud" Wardie; son-in-law, Harold "Skip" Weaver; sister-in-law, Marcelene Lobb; and grandson, Zechariah Marsh. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to Heartland Hospice, 6211 Taylor Dr, Flint, MI 48507, www.heartlandhomehealth.com. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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ACROSS

1 Flourish

6 "Rabbit, Run" author

12 Tearjerker

13 Construction piece

14 "Anna Christie" playwright

15 Coats

16 Lima's place

17 Father of Thor

19 Away from WSW

20 Style

22 LummoX

24 Most Wanted List org.

27 Elite alterna-tive

29 Bart's sister

32 Lincoln's election year

35 Region

36 Location

37 Storm center

38 Inseparable

40 Osso buco base

42 A cont.

44 Level

46 Apiece

50 Boardroom props

52 Prophet

54 Half a story-book duo

55 "My heav-ens!"

12

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42

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56 Clothing

57 Unlike a roll-ing stone?

DOWN

1 Part of N.B.

2 Lecherous look

3 Poppy drug

4 Lubricate

5 Tunes

6 Wrinkly fruit

7 Challenge for Laurel and Hardy in "The Music Box"

8 Saharan

9 Obsession

10 "Show Boat"

11 Gaelic

12 Doo- — music

17 Fool

21 Make a choice, with "for"

23 "The Greatest"

24 Shriner's cha-peau

25 Life story, for short

26 Unknowing

28 Waiting area

30 Pigpen

31 Nay canceler

33 Coop denizen

34 Multitude

39 Old anesthet-ic

41 Starts

42 Turkish poten-tate

43 "Animal House" group

45 Capri or Wight

47 Dogfight par-ticipants

48 23-Down's old name

49 The lady

51 Sixth letter after 53-Down

53 See 51-Down

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging

♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

Midweek Jumble

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SURE LOCK HOMES

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Horoscopes

For the week of

November 16, 2020

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, creative energies may be high this week. You will have to find a way to channel them into something productive at work. Many ideas will come your way.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

The week ahead certainly will not be boring, Gemini. The adventurous side of you wants to take some risks and try something that is normally off-limits. Move ahead slowly.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Emotionally you should be feeling quite well this week, Taurus. It could be a perfect time for spending moments with a sweet-heart or relaxing with the kids.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

It is important to let others have their moments to shine, Cancer. This week, give others their due time, and do not interrupt when someone is offering his or her opinion.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, at some point this week you may find yourself involved in a project that has piqued your interest for some time. As long as it doesn't consume all of your energy, it can be productive.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Use extra care with your words, Virgo. Some people may not pick up on your sense of humor. There's a possibility that people may take things personally.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, this week you may find yourself in the perfect position to meet the right person. This person can be a love interest or a new friend. Invite him or her in with open arms.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

The planets may activate your subconscious mind which could play out in your dreams. Try to pay attention to your dreams this week and log the important details.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

Restlessness might be consuming you, Sagittarius. You may be tempted to get outside more often or plan a getaway, but unfortunately tasks at home and at work dominate.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Of course you may want to get everything correct on the first attempt, Capricorn. But that does not always happen. Keep trying because practice makes perfect.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

You may be feeling a little blue, Aquarius. Make a few minor changes to shake things up. A little change may be all you need to get over the blues.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Increased pressures at work may strain your nerves a bit, Pisces. Time with your spouse, children and/or friends can help.

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