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Safely shopping during pandemic

■ Owners, employees step up to make your shopping experience worry free and convenient

By Sharon Stone

Sometimes you just have to get creative when you are faced with a challenge.

With the holiday shopping season starting to ramp up, the COVID-19 pandemic and all the concerns that come that are affecting the way we shop.

Small business owners have the entrepreneur spirit already, so when the pandemic took over our lives earlier this year, these creative folks scrambled to keep their livelihoods going while keeping themselves, their staff and their customers safe.

Chip Belinck, owner of Sawyer Jewelers, which is in the Cornerstone building in downtown Fenton, said he and his staff take great pride in how clean the jewelry store is. Compared with big box stores, the number of people who enter the shop is quite limited. “It’s sterile, there are very few people, we all wear masks, we clean pens and bathrooms constantly,” he said.

As a small business owner in a town he loves, Belinck said he worries that fear of the virus is sending people to the internet to do their shopping. A self-admitted sentimentalist, he has deep concerns that

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Nicole Medich promotes merchandise she has available at Eclections in Fenton by going live on Facebook. Similar to most shops, she offers in-store shopping, as well as online orders and contactless pickup. Submitted photo



Sawyer Jewelers has a “Thankful” tree on display in the showroom. Submitted photo

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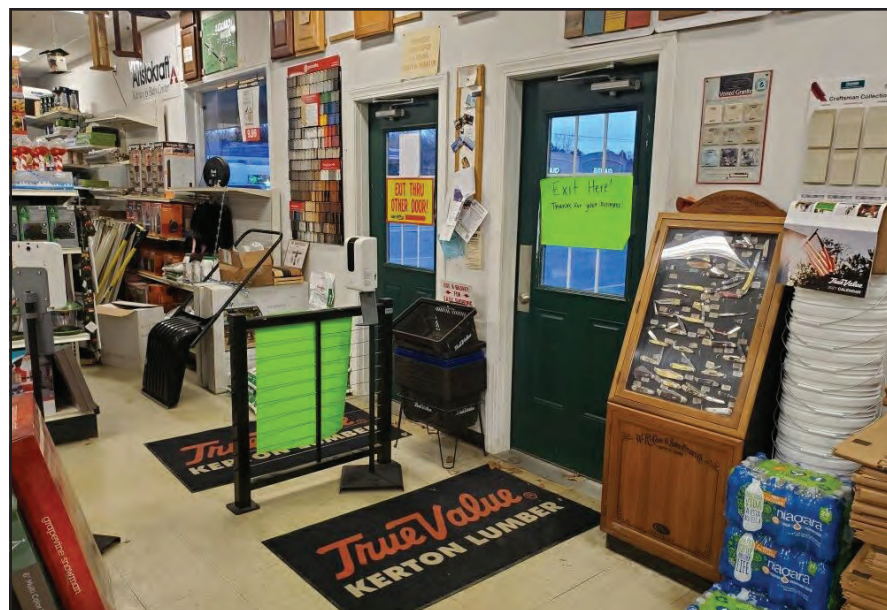
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people will lose that personal shopping experience of selecting something out for the love of your life.

Especially with fine jewelry, scrolling through items on Amazon and clicking on something to put in your virtual cart prevents a person from creating an experience and memory. "In my business, how do you buy jewelry online?" he said. "How will you get it serviced?"

Beltinck said for those truly sentimental and truly in love, they have to touch and feel a jewelry piece to know if it's right. Even during this pandemic, Beltinck said his customers should be reassured with the amount of cleaning and safety protocols he and his staff use. "Business owners that I know are aching to do the right thing," he said. "Take the time. Fenton is a beautiful

bubble. If you can't find it here, then go



Kerton Lumber in Holly maintains a clean and sterilized shop for in-store shopping. Nicole Ryan, secretary/office manager says numerous customers also call in their orders and schedule a pickup because of the pandemic. **Submitted photo**

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online in your search," he said. "I love this town, the people and everything about it."

Beltinck wants to see all of the small businesses to survive and suggests that if everyone could stop by and shop at every local store even just once a year, they would all survive.

Nicole Medich, owner of Elections and Nick + Crew in Fenton, has stayed open the entire time. She became more active on the store's Facebook page and she films herself showing off her products during live Facebook videos.

Very early on when disinfecting products were hard to come by, Medich put up a large board with clips attached outside her front door to hold onto purchases for pickup. She'd watch from inside as her customers drove by and grabbed their purchase from the clip board.

The store is open to the public and face coverings are required. Customers are allowed to try on clothing, however, items not purchased are sanitized with steam before being put back on the rack. Half of the dressing rooms are closed and employees disinfect the rooms in between customers.

Medich said they still offer free home delivery, curbside service or completely

contactless service when customers open their vehicle trunk. She added that "everything in the store is available on our website."

Kerton Lumber in Holly has adjusted their store and procedures to help all of their customers.

Nicole Ryan, secretary and office manager at Kerton Lumber, said they have signs on the door to show one entry door and one exit door. They have signage throughout the store, 6-foot spacing marks on the floor and have hand sanitizer available.

A large Plexiglass divider at the main checkout counter separates employees from customers. If someone would prefer not to enter the store, Ryan said customers are welcome to call the store to place their order. They do ask to be given notice on phone orders so that they have time to process the order. An employee will carry your order out and put it in your vehicle once you call the store to let them know you are there.

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David's Dabblings

Some thoughts about sports and others not dealing with sports at all



A FEW POSITIVES THROUGH COVID-19 ERA

Augh, this pandemic has been awful for everyone.

Certainly families have been devastated and lives have been lost. Those are the primary tragedies involved with COVID-19. No one will ever want to compare other issues created by the virus by comparing them side to side with those two. However, that said, we have all been inconvenienced and prep sports has been dramatically hurt. It's one of the areas I understand from a personal standpoint since about 90 percent of my job (that's a conservative guess) involves prep athletics.

But while a full spring sports season was canceled last year and the end of the winter sports season was also canceled, there have been a few positives that prep sports and the MHSAA have learned during the COVID era. With Thanksgiving right around the corner, maybe this is the right time to reflect on a few of the positives.

It's time to change the prep football playoff format

Talking to coaches there are a lot of people that think maybe the ninth week of the regular prep football season should be the opening week of the playoffs, which would then open up the state tournament to just about every prep football squad in the state of Michigan. It's something I've wanted to see happen for years as well. This season, due to COVID-19, that happened. Due to the shortened season, the seventh week became a playoff week for every team in the state, and it worked really well.

Giving every team a shot at the

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Area Powers swimmers earn spots in D3 state swim meet

By David Troppens

Whenever the Division 3 Girls State Swimming and Diving Championship is played out, there will be two tri-county competing at the event.

Powers swimmers Lara Wujciak and Lauren Taylor will be competing at the meet.

Currently the diving portion of the meet is tentatively scheduled for Dec. 22 and the swim portion for Dec. 23 if the current COVID-19 lockdown ends

on Dec. 9 at Lake Orion High School.

Wujciak and Taylor will be on the Chargers' 200 medley relay team while Taylor is a member of the squad's 200 free relay team. Taylor will compete on the 400 freestyle relay. Individually, Wujciak will compete individually in the 100 butterfly and the 100 backstroke while Taylor will compete in the 200 individual medley and the 100 butterfly.

Wujciak is a senior and was an all-state swimmer a year ago.

"Last year, I was very sick," Wujciak said. "However, I knew that it was my duty to show up and represent my school, family and team. This year, I would like to do the same, but hopefully feel good in the water and know that I used every ounce of energy I had to perform to the best of my ability."

"This is my third year competing in two relays and two individual events," Taylor said.

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Sports Times

Fenton swimmers host their own final meet

Actual state meet could happen near Christmas

By David Troppens

Brad Jones has horrible memories of last March when the COVID-19 pandemic created Michigan's first lockdown.

His varsity boys swim team was preparing to leave to go the Division 2 state meet when Jones, the coach, got some bad news that the meet was being suspended (eventually canceled) due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

It happened again to him on Sunday. Less than a week before his Fenton varsity girls swim team was going to head to Grand Rapids for the Division 2 girls state meet, the news came from Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer that another lockdown was starting on Wednesday. The Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) followed suit by suspending all athletic activities for three weeks, until Dec. 9.

The Fenton varsity girls state qualifying swimmers are the only fall team among tri-county high school athletes impacted by the lockdown. All other fall sports teams have completed their seasons. All winter sports have already or were expected to start practices during the three-week period.

"Reliving that moment on Sunday was certainly rough for all of us coaches and it was definitely a difficult meeting with girls Monday morning," Jones said.

"We met at the pool and walked our way through it. These are things are out of our control regardless of our preparation and our dedication to the proto-

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(Left) Some of the Fenton varsity girls swim team huddles up before a relay event begins Tuesday. The Tigers had their own version of a state meet after the actual D2 state meet was suspended and won't happen until at least Dec. 22 and 23. (Below) Halee Alexander was one of Tuesday's competitors.



Fenton swimmers have high hopes for state swim meet

By David Troppens

Whenever the Division 2 Girls State Swimming and Diving Championships occur, Gracie Olsen and the rest of the Fenton varsity swim team understands there will be some differences.

However, one thing won't change. The person that won the two events a year ago will be the favorite to win both events again this season at Grand Rapids Northview High School. The most current potential date for the state meet is Dec. 22 for the diving competition and Dec. 23 for the swimming portion of the competition.

There are other changes that will be made to the state meet. Each event will consist of one swim by each competitor in each event. Also, at this time no spectators are expected to be in the audience. Teammates won't be allowed

to stay on the dock.

Olsen will have plenty of teammates with her at the meet. Also qualified for events are Rose Haney, Halee Alexander, Sophie Stefanac, Delaney Fries, Abigail Dolliver and Maddie Kazmierski.

"I think the no spectators may bring the energy down a little bit but that just means we'll have to bring ours up," Olsen said. "So it could be good or it could be bad. I just don't think it will be bad. We will be able to bring the energy. Even though there won't be anyone in the stands we'll be able to make it up by ourselves."

"I think that I'd rather have two swims because I'm a swimmer that needs a lot of warm-up so having that pre-lim trial swim is nice to see where I'm at (during the preliminary). I get to think about it and what can I do better the next day. Now I'm going to have to think about in the past

and apply everything I need to add for that one race."

The Tigers also have an opportunity to do some great damage in all three relays. Last year's 400 freestyle relay team placed third in the event. This year the squad of Olsen, Stefanac, Fries and Dolliver hope to at least match that, if not contend for the event state championship.

"Our 400 placed third and this year I think we can make it first," Olsen said. "We were only a few seconds off our state time at the Livonia meet so I think once we are tapered and ready I think we are going to go a really great time."

The Tigers will have two other relays at the state meet. Olsen, Dolliver, Alexander and Fries will make up the 200 medley relay squad and Stefanac, Fries, Haney and Dolliver will make up the 200 freestyle relay.



Fenton's state qualifiers for the Division 2 for the girls state swim team are (from left starting with the front row) Gracie Olsen, Rose Haney, Halee Alexander, Sophie Stefanac, Delaney Fries, Abigail Dolliver and Maddie Kazmierski. Photo: David Troppens

Individually, Stefanac will compete in the 100 freestyle and the 100 back stroke while Dolliver will compete in the 100 breaststroke. Haney qualified in the 200 individual medley while Car-rigan will compete in the 100 backstroke. Sana Saab is scheduled to compete in the 50 freestyle.

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playoffs will help coaches with programs off to slow starts to have a true carrot they can still chase — 'If we improve, we can still do some damage in the playoffs.' All games will matter due to playoff seedings and every school will have seven teams they know they can start scouting from the first week of the season in preparation for possible playoff foes. It's time. Put every team in the football playoffs.

The addition of a pre-region cross country round

This was something added this year that was a big plus. Currently the MHSAA hosts regionals of about 16 teams with only three of those squads qualifying for the state meet. Most teams enter the event knowing there's not much chance of qualifying. This year the MHSAA hosted pre-regional rounds where four of eight teams advanced to the actual regional round, creating a system where teams could enjoy success at one round in order to advance to

the regional round. Only three teams advanced to state from the regional meet still, but it gave teams more chances to have sense success in an earlier round more obtainable. For example, Lake Fenton's girls cross country team advanced to the regional round by placing fourth in its pre-regional. That created a moment the team could celebrate and use as motivation to advance further next season. It adds another step of success that is a more realistic leap in an earlier round than just one week trying to be the top three in a group of 16 teams. More chances at success is always a plus.

The importance of being a part of a team

Teams understood that any moment it all could be taken away from them. This probably created a sense of more pride for every team on a day-to-day basis as they understood they should embrace the days they have because any given day CO-VID-19 could strip it away. Athletes treasured their time with teams, and that's never a bad thing.

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Fenton's Sana Saab competed in the 50 freestyle during the Tigers' personal team meet held on Tuesday to replace the state meet that was suspended at least until Dec. 22 and Dec. 23. Photo: David Troppens

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cols were supposed to follow. The hardest thing is we followed the rules we were told to do so we could provide a safe environment for the athletes and coaches. To have it canceled this close to the finish line is heartbreaking."

It's heartbreaking now, but all is not lost. First off, the Tigers made the best situation out of a bad one they possibly could by hosting their own personal "state" meet Tuesday at Fenton High School. In it, the state qualifiers competed in their events and tried to break personal and pool records. Second, the state swim meet will probably happen sometime this school year, maybe as early as Dec. 23.

The Representative Council of the MHSAA approved today an adjusted schedule to restart and conclude fall tournaments in football, girls volleyball and girls swimming and diving, and also to resume winter sports after the three-week "pause" in activity ordered by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services scheduled to end Dec. 9. All three Lower Peninsula swim finals will be conducted Dec. 22 for diving and

Dec. 23 for swimming. This would allow a two-week practice window of all participating swimmers who have met the qualified times in swimming events and all the regional divers who qualified for the state meet.

"It's not supposed to be over, but it's supposed to be a pause," Jones said. "It's not exactly the way we wanted to see the season end, but ... that's what was talked about Sunday night is having three weeks off and then have the swim meet."

Tuesday's event was a great way to honor the squad at least until the official state swim meet probably ends up happening sometime this school year.

Three pool records were recorded at Tuesday's meet. The first came in the first event and the third one came in the final event. The 200 medley relay team of Gracie Olsen, Abigail Dolliver, Halee Alexander and Delaney Fries posted a time of 1:49.30. That time would've earned the fifth-place position at the state meet a year ago, the same spot the Tigers held in the event last year with a time of 1:49.02. The 400 freestyle relay team of Olsen, Sophie Stefanac, Rose Haney and Abigail Dolliver posted a

time of 3:36.79. That time also would've landed them a fifth-place finish at last year's state meet, the same position Fenton held last year with a time of 3:36.21.

Olsen broke the pool record in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:50.14. The D2 defending state champion in the event posted a time of 1:48.98 at state a year ago. Her time on Tuesday would've earned her the state championship last season as well. She crushed the field by more than two seconds in the event last year. Olsen also swam a time of 56.21 seconds in the 100 butterfly, the event she won her other state title last year.

In other swims the 200 freestyle relay team of Stefanac, Fries, Haney and Dolliver had a time of 1:41.07. Maddie Kazmierski had personal-best performances with times of 1:00.06 in the 100 butterfly and a 5:22.14 in the 500 freestyle. Stefanac also had personal-best times in the 100 freestyle (54.03) and the 100 backstroke (1:00.03). Haney posted a time of 2:18.65 in the 200 individual medley while Abby Carrigan had a time of 1:03.94 in the 100 backstroke. Finally, Sana Saab had a time of 26.08 in the 50 freestyle and Dolliver had a time of 1:09.11 in the 100 breaststroke.

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Not everyone eats turkey on Thanksgiving. If your family goes in a different direction on the big day, you're not alone. According to the National Turkey Federation, 88 percent of Americans chow down on Thanksgiving turkey. The rest may be vegetarian or vegan, or just taking a stand against a protein that, let's face it, doesn't show up much the rest of the year for a reason.

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Compiled by Sharon Stone

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Colonists and Native Americans may not have had turkey at their feast. While most of us enjoy turkey as the centerpiece of our table, no one can say for sure whether it was on the menu in 1621. However, they did indulge in other foods like lobster, seal, and swan. The Wampanoag tribe also reportedly brought five deer to the celebration.

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letters in the circles. You'll find you can put them in
order so that they make your funny answer.

Print Answer Here

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Wouldn't it be
fun to blast off
into space?

I don't think
we'd fit in
the rocket.

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WOULD THEY GO?

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Answer: HIT
FOOT
LONG
MOVE

Answer: THE "MOOOON"

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Smart
STATUE

Empty
INARD

Close
BRANEY

Berate
CLODS

TODAY'S WORD

"Well, if you're such a good driver, how
come Joe's Auto Body Shop gives you a
_____?"

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Weekend Sudoku

FUN BY THE NUMBERS

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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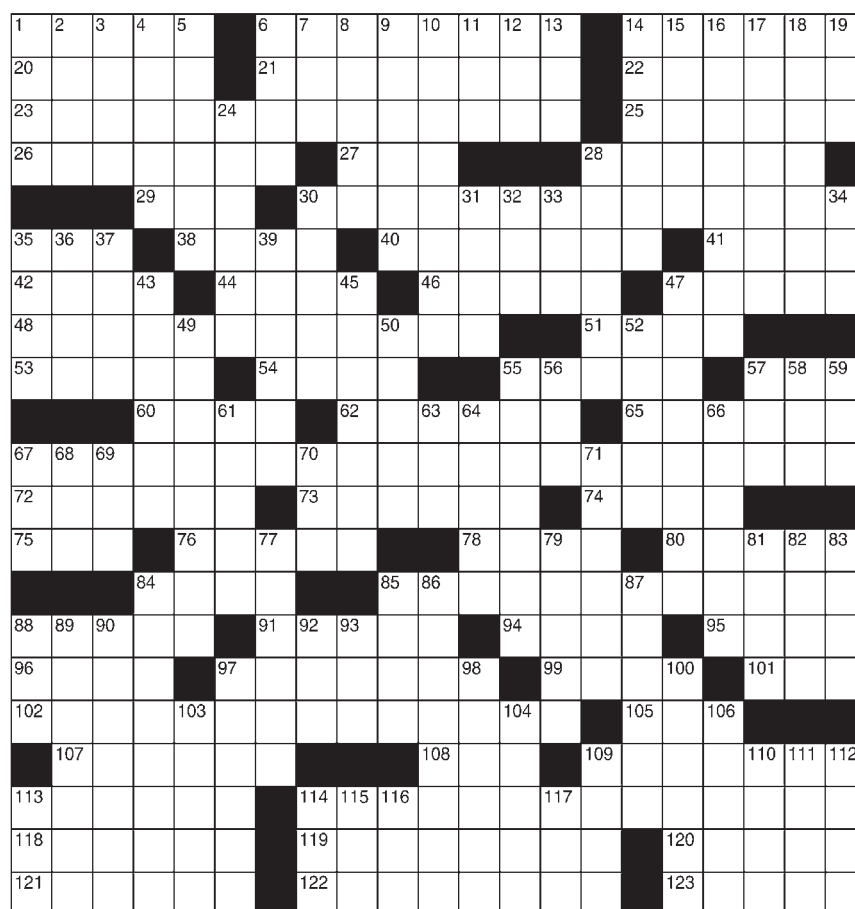
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Weekend Crossword

PUZZLE CLUE:
POMES FOR BEGINNERS

ACROSS

- 1 No-frills
6 Very cloying things
14 "Li'l Abner" drawer
20 Fast Amtrak choice
21 Industry of a merchant marine
22 Not as fatty
23 1987 Steven Spielberg war film
25 Rubble on "The Flintstones"
26 Hangs on to
27 Start to doze
28 Herb that tastes like anise
29 Pixel, e.g.
30 1930s coalition between Italy and Germany
35 Suffix with Method
38 — Major (Great Bear)
40 Called off the relationship
41 Cacklers with clutches
42 Neophyte, in modern slang
- 44 — Harbor (Guam port)
46 Longtime name in restaurant guides
47 Mooch
48 Racecar track near a Japanese mountain
51 Has begun, as a TV show
53 Suffix with method
54 Ontario tribe
55 Put on one's big-boy pants
57 Rock's Reed
60 — Spumante (Italian wine)
62 "— lizards!"
65 Specialists in stone
67 What you do when you read the first words of 23-, 30-, 48-, 85-, 102- and 114-Across?
72 Like gluttons
73 "That so?"
74 Bruins' sch.
75 I, to Kant
76 Metric "thousand"
78 Lie dormant
80 Rub clean
- 84 Venue
85 Festive affair
88 Japanese noodles
91 Half of a 45
94 — avis
95 Whirlpool
96 Had a debt
97 Mosque turret
99 Fire: Prefix
101 Drivers' org.
102 Gratifying wry twist
105 Brand of TVs
107 Pago Pago islander
108 Aussie jumper
109 Things worth saving
113 Dearies
114 Composer of the musical "Rent"
118 "Encore" rapper
119 Invitation for radio call-ins
120 Mafioso Frank
121 Longtime Nissan
122 It helps pay for roads and schools
123 Lie dormant
DOWN
1 Boxer Max
- 2 Vertex
3 30-day mo.
4 24-book epic
5 Actor Len
6 General — chicken
7 Arena arbiter
8 "Jack Sprat could — fat"
9 In the house
10 Legless sideboard
11 — Vegas
12 Univ. URL ender
13 VIP in D.C.
14 Even though
15 "Big Deal" singer Rimes
16 "The A-Team" director Joe
17 Appended
18 Stripping off
19 Nose about
24 Snare
28 Enter like a butterfly
30 Less usual
31 Time to wear a conical party hat, for short
32 Brain wave test: Abbr.
33 Nutrition std.
34 Vancouver-to-Seattle dir.
- 35 Facts, briefly
36 Inner self
37 Magic charm
39 Coin money
43 Galoot
45 Long Island university
47 Do some dickering in court
49 Net message board operator
50 Tearful
52 Rash-causing plant
55 Perceive in error aurally
56 Kitchen pest
57 IM chuckle
58 Two halved
59 Navy vessel inits.
61 "Give this a shot"
63 Bristol beer
64 Oyster find
66 Not crowded
67 Hi-tech special FX
68 Tolkien menace
69 "Ho-hum"
70 Yahoo! rival
71 Big public protest
77 Tissue injury
- 79 Lathered up
81 Verdi's slave
82 Bar mixer
83 "River" New Age artist
84 Delta deposit
85 Halliwell of pop music
86 Not normal
87 Library stall
88 Reel partner
89 Fantastic
90 Skin colorer
92 Shiba — (spitz breed)
93 "— Boot"
97 Foul vapor
98 Play on a fife
100 Briny bodies
103 More bashful
104 Pitch-perfect?
106 30-day month
109 Construction toy brand
110 Villa d'—
111 Learning by memorizing
112 Short cut
113 "— So Fine" (Louisa May Alcott novel)
115 Decide (to)
116 Tchr.'s union
117 Santa — winds



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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.

MIDWEEK SUDOKU ANSWERS

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MIDWEEK JUMBLE ANSWERS:
FLOOD, LUCKY, SLOWLY, KITTEN
Answer: To get more customers, the locksmith set up a — **"KEY-OSK"**

WEEKEND SUDOKU ANSWERS

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WEEKEND SCRAMBLE ANSWERS:
ASTUTE, DRAIN, NEARBY, SCOLD
Answer: **DISCOUNT**

MIDWEEK CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Solution Time: 24 min.

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WEEKEND CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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WEEKEND WORD SEARCH ANSWERS

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MASK

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walking to or from a store. I guess that makes it readily available when you have to put it on. I've seen other people put it down under their chin so they can put it on properly in the blink of an eye.

I like it when I go out to a meeting or event and I have my mask on and people who I know walk right by me and don't recognize me. One person

said, "I'm having to learn how to identify people by their eyes."

Admittedly, I've found myself uncertain about the identity of people when I see them masked. I've walked right by people I knew because they were wearing a face covering and I didn't recognize them – only to have them call out my name when I pass by.

"Didn't you see me?" I've been asked.

"Didn't know it was you!" I've replied, then pointing to my face. "It must be the mask."

It also works if you're trying to avoid someone.

Masks are also good if you want to mumble something under your breath about other people, but you don't want them to read your lips. I find it's also good if I want to talk to myself in public or sing-along with the store soundtrack.

While we may have adapted to many of the changes brought about by COVID-19 I, for one, will be glad when the day comes that we no longer have to practice wearing face-coverings and social distancing. In the meantime, at least, we'll continue to adjust and make the best out of the curve balls the pandemic throws at us.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

DR. ROGER HODKINSON, a pathologist, told officials in the province of Alberta that the covid virus is the greatest hoax ever perpetrated on an unsuspecting public. He said nothing can be done to stop the spread besides protecting older more vulnerable people. He said masks and social distancing don't work.

■■■■
WHO DOESN'T CRINGE when you hear that Gov. Whitmer is going to be holding a press conference to talk about her latest news? Sure wish she had more confidence in the adults in this state to make their own decisions based on their own health. She's like nails on a chalkboard.

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I WAS WONDERING why doctors and nurses wear surgical masks in the operating room. Do they feel that this is against their 'individual rights'? Is there any scientific reason or logic involved in this or is this just the right thing to do?

■■■■
THE MODERNA and Pfizer vaccines are good news. But it will be months before they are available for the masses. The vaccination requires two injections three to four weeks apart, and another week or so for the immune system to respond. May is realistically the soonest we might get back to normal.

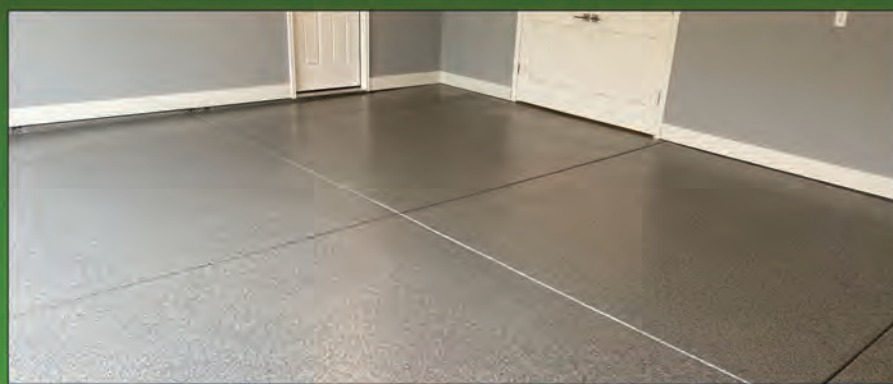
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BIDEN HAS MADE many promises in the last several months. Come Jan. 21, 2021, I wonder how many of those promises he will keep. The sad thing is when he conveniently 'forgets' most of those promises there is nothing the people can do except remember for the next election.

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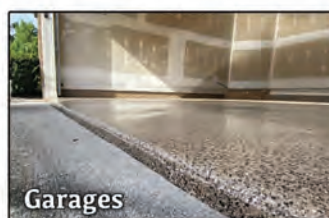


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Carol McKay

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Gordon Hopson III

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Derwin T. Jones

Derwin T. Jones - age 87, died November 16, 2020. Temrowski Family Funeral Home


George W. Marshall

1926 - 2020

George W. Marshall - age 94, of Linden, passed away Sunday, November 15, 2020. No services will be held. George was born February 22, 1926 in Flint, the son of Dayton and Margaret Marshall. He is survived by his children, Georgia Berry, JoAnne Hitchcock, Pat Marshall, George Marshall and Neil Marshall; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sisters, Jean Guyer and Florence Vorce. He was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia and his daughter, Mary Carol. George is finally free to go fishing and play Euchre with his wife. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Donald D. Durbin

Donald D. Durbin - age 73, died November 17, 2020. Temrowski Family Funeral Home


Janet L. Moss

Janet L. Moss - age 84, died November 15, 2020. Temrowski Family Funeral Home


Terri Ann Winter

1943 - 2020

Terri Ann Winter - age 77, of Linden, died Friday, November 13, 2020. No services will be held at this time. Terri was born July 30, 1943 in Greenville, the daughter of David and Shirley (Shields) Leathley. She married Alfred John Winter on October 3, 1964. Terri worked in Administration for Lake Fenton High School, The Valley School and Hensler & Associates. She enjoyed spending time on Lake Ponemah. Surviving are, husband, Alfred Winter of Linden; two sons, Cory M. (Kristen) Winter of Pinckney and Brent G. (Rebecca) Winter of Livonia; three grandchildren, Emma Winter, Jordan and Seth Winter; sister-in-law, Suzanne Leathley; nephew, Ryan Leathley; niece, Meaghan Tieri. She was preceded in death by her parents; and her brother, David Leahley, Jr. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Olive E. Evans

Olive E. Evans - age 84, died November 12, 2020. Temrowski Family Funeral Home



Obituaries

Times



Eric C. Averill

1986 - 2020

Eric C. Averill – age 34, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 in New Orleans, LA. He was born July 16, 1986 in Flint, the son of Doug and Sally (Kuppelweiser) Averill. He graduated from Fenton High School in 2005 and received an associate degree in Marketing from Lansing Community College in 2008. He went on to open several successful restaurants in Louisville, North Hollywood, and Los Angeles. Most recently, he relocated to New Orleans to pursue additional experience in the restaurant business. He is survived by his parents formerly of Fenton; two sisters, Lisa Averill-Frasure (Kyle) of New Orleans and Ann Marie Averill of Los Angeles; and paternal grandmother, Beverly Averill-Wennin (Bob). He leaves to cherish his memory friends Josh, Chris W, Matt, Kyle, Evan, and Chris A. Eric will be remembered for his kindness, generosity, and good humor. Private services will be held due to COVID. Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choosing.

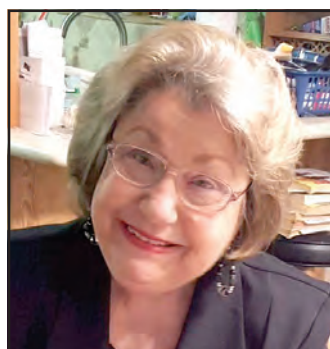


Tina Rickman

Tina Rickman - age 47,
died November 18, 2020.
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1938 - 2020



Shirley Jo
Book - age 82,
died Monday,
November 16,
2020. Private
funeral services
will be held 1
PM Saturday,
November
21, 2020 at
Sharp Funeral
Homes, Fenton
Chapel, 1000
Silver Lake

road, Fenton. Live streaming of the service will be available November 21, 2020 at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com. Public visitation will be held at the funeral home Saturday, November 21, 2020 from 11 AM – 1 PM. Those desiring may make contributions to the Whaley Children's Center. Shirley was born October 1, 1938 in Jonesboro, AR, the daughter of Myers Lee Fisher and Druella Smith. She was a 1956 graduate of Jonesboro High School Jonesboro, AR and she received a Masters Degree from Arkansas State University. She retired from Flint Community Schools; and she had also taught for Fenton

Community Schools. She had resided in Fenton since 1970. Shirley enjoyed sports, baking, crafts, tennis, ice skating, but most of all she loved her grandchildren. Surviving are son, Tony Book

(Jennifer) of Fenton; daughter, Elizabeth Book (Eric Camp) of Rochester Hills; grandchildren, Leighanne and Remington Book both of Fenton; brothers, Albert Fisher (Selma) of AR, and Bobby Dunn of AL; sister-in-law, Nancy Dunn of AL; cousins, Norma Zimmerman (Bill) of Clinton, Jerry Taylor (Pat) of AR, and Donna Williams of AR; and several nieces; nephews; and other cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents; and brother, Bill Dunn. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com



Helen McCarney

Helen McCarney - age 92,
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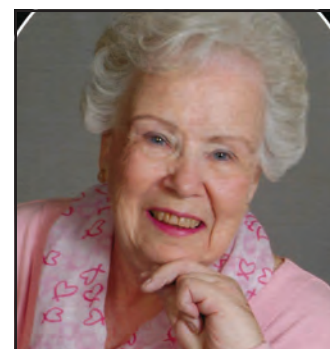
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Joanne Delores Porter

1930 – 2020



Joanne Delores Porter - age 90, of Fenton, died Thursday, November 12, 2020. Due to Covid-19 restrictions a memorial service will be held at a later date. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to Adopt-A-Pet, Fenton (www.adoptapetfenton.com). Joanne was born February 13, 1930 in Crystal, the daughter of Otho John and Ruth Irene (Ogreen) Orcutt and was a graduate of Fenton High School, Class of 1948. She married Bryan McKinley Porter on November 25, 1950 and he preceded her in death on January 6, 2005. Joanne was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Fenton, Order of Eastern Stars #248, American Legion Auxiliary # 38, the Child's Study Club and was in the Hand Bell Choir at her church in FL. She was an accomplished seamstress and an avid crafter. Surviving are

eight children, Milton Porter of Fenton, John Porter of Sterling Heights, Timothy Porter of Fenton, Robin (Tom) Vacca of Swartz Creek, Ruthanne (Eugene) Reid of Fenton.

Colleen (Richard) West of Milton, FL, Bryan Porter of Fenton, Tami (Dan) Spiece of Brighton; two daughters-in-law, Rose Porter of Fenton and Teresa Byers of Flushing; 22 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; sister, Frances Moore of Linden. She was also preceded in death by her parents; husband, Bryan; son, Terry; and grandson, Michael. Arrangements provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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