Celebrating Valentine’s Day in a pandemic

Share creative, relaxing and fun activities with your loved ones

Compiled By Sharon Stone

Even with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic restricting some of our activity options this year, it’s easy to make this Feb. 14 a day to remember with the help of some of these fun, unique activities.

Top Valentine’s Day gifts typically include jewelry, chocolate, wine, massage oils, framed photos, flowers, sweaters, scarves, pajamas, and more.

The experts at Good Housekeeping have put together a list of activities to make Valentine’s Day this year extra special.

Breakfast in bed
Start the day off right by serving a romantic Valentine’s Day breakfast, then enjoying it together while lounging around all morning. Don’t forget the champagne or mimosas.

Go for a hike
Looking to venture into the outdoors this year? Take a scenic hike together and enjoy all the beautiful sights and the fresh air — it’s a great way to bond while getting some much-needed time to unplug, too.

Exchange letters
Is there anything more romantic than writing a love letter to your sweetheart? Make Valentine’s Day even more special by putting in writing why your partner means so much to you. Maybe turn this into an annual event.

Have a game day
For those with a competitive streak (or those who just like some good, old-fashioned fun), an exciting evening of board games is the perfect way to make Valentine’s Day memorable. Involve the kids too!

Make some crafts
Get creative and enjoy a special Valentine’s Day craft day complete with refreshments, snacks and plenty of fun. You can make each other a DIY Valentine’s Day gift, or even compete to see who can make the better (or more creative) craft!

Plan a movie marathon
For some quality relaxation time with your significant other get cozy on the couch and binge-watch all your favorite romantic comedies. It’s the perfect way to get in the mood for some Valentine’s romance!

Cook together
They say that food is the way to heart, so why not spend quality time preparing a romantic Valentine’s Day dinner together? You can even try out a virtual cooking class — it’s a great way to ditch the traditional dinner date for something more hands-on.

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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.**

**Midweek Sudoku Answers:**

1. 5
2. 6
3. 7
4. 8
5. 1
6. 2
7. 3
8. 4
9. 5

**Weekend Sudoku Answers:**

1. 1
2. 2
3. 3
4. 4
5. 5
6. 6
7. 7
8. 8
9. 9

**Midweek Crossword Answers:**

1. Actor Ralph having reached a saloon's counter? 2. Renowned
3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100. 101. 102. 103. 104. 105. 106. 107. 108. 109. 110. 111. 112. 113. 114. 115. 116. 117. 118. 119. 120. 121. 122. 123. 124. 125. 126. 127. 128. 129.

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**Weekend Scramble Answers:**

GARGLER, VECTORS, VILLAIN, ANKLE

**Read then Recycle**
Longtime Holly resident Anna Dean celebrates milestone with family and friends

Longtime Holly resident Anna Dean celebrated her 100th birthday Saturday, Feb. 13. She has been living at Brookdale senior living in Holly for two years and celebrated her 98th and 99th birthdays there with family and friends.

Anna was born Anna G. Greavu in 1921 in Indiana Harbor, Indiana. She was the youngest of five children to Cornel and Mary Greavu. She had two older sisters, Mary and Helen and a younger sister, Virginia. The eldest sibling was her brother Cornel.

Anna graduated from Adelphian Academy in Holly. There, she met Myrle Dean, a local farmer who also graduated from Adelphian Academy in 1937. They wed Nov. 23, 1939 in Detroit. Together they farmed 160 acres for 32 years, had 30 dairy cows plus calves, a garden and fruit trees.

Anna and Myrle had one child, Peggy, who was born in 1942. She attended Holly SDA Elementary School and graduated from Adelphian Academy in 1961. She earned her master’s degree in curriculum and instruction. She married Ed Hoffmeyer in 1971 and they taught in several SDA elementary schools.

Rosemary joined the Dean family as a foster child at age 9. She attended the Holly SDA Elementary School and continued her education at Adelphian Academy for her high school years. There she met Don Ward. They had four children, Wendy, April, Jeff and Jimmy. Rosemary went through the nursing program and she is now retired and living in Fenton.

The Dean family was always active in Sabbath School and Church offices.

The Deans cared for Myrle’s mother and his aunt for several years. Anna’s husband, Myrle, passed away in December 2006.

Happy 100th birthday

VALENTINE’S DAY
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Have a Valentine’s Day bake-off

Have a friendly competition in the kitchen to see who can make the best (and most festive) Valentine’s Day desserts — extra points for anything heart-shaped, of course.

Have an indoor picnic

The winter weather doesn’t have to stop you from planning the most romantic date of all — a picnic meal. Break out a checkered tablecloth and your best Valentine’s Day recipes for a sweet indoor picnic date your S.O. won’t forget.

Share romantic night under the stars

You can go camping, or just set up for a few hours at night, in a location where the stars are visible. A cozy campfire and blankets will likely be needed.

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**WHAT DO HAMBURGERS GIVE THEIR VALENTINES ON FEBRUARY 14TH?**

- FLOODS ___ FOLDS ___ ALERTS ___ LEAST
- ATHENS ___ HATES ___ RAISED ___ DARES
- SERBIA ___ BARES ___ KNEELS ___ LEEKS
- STORES ___ RESTS ___ RAGING ___ GRAIN
- ENTERS ___ STEER ___ BASSET ___ BEAST

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**Puzzles4Kids Answer**

**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.

**SUDOKU PUZZLE**

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Obituaries

Carole Kaye (Cohee) Soyka
1942 - 2021

Carole Kaye (Cohee) Soyka – age 79 of Holly, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, February 7, 2021. Preceded in death by her husband, Rudolph Joseph Soyka; and baby boy Soyka; her parents, Otis and Vera Cohee; brothers and sisters Paul, Bob, Harold, Jack, and George Cohee, Shirley (Cohee) Schulze, Evelyn (Cohee) Disbrow and Geraldine (Cohee) Smith. Survived by her loving sister, Delores (Cohee) Frownfelter; children, Brenda (Tom) Soyka-Clark, Wendy Soyka Waring, Jill (Ken) Ball, Jamie Waring, Haley Ball, Alexsis Ball, Lacey Ball, Laney Soyka, Isabella Soyka; great-grandchildren, Sunday dinners, gardening her flowers, watching the birds and loved sleepovers with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, February 20, 2021, 1 PM, at the Rose Center Cemetery with Brad Teague officiating. Dinner to follow at The Carpenter’s House Apostolic Church. In lieu of flowers, a memorial donation can be made to St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital or Genesys Hospice. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

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Funeral Etiquette

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP LATER?

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

Source: Thefuneralsource.org

Word Search


GET COOKING

ADJUST, BREAKFAST, CHOPPED, COOKING, CULINARY, DESSERT, DINNER, FOOD, GARNISH, HOLIDAY, INGREDIENTS, KITCHEN, LUNCH, MEALS, MEASURE, MIXING, PLANNING, POT, PRESENTATION, RECIPE, SEASONINGS, SLOW, SNACK, TASTE

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Stanley Goch


Terence Lantz

Obituaries

Nancy Phylis (Crane) Stack
1943 – 2021

Nancy Phylis (Crane) Stack, age 77, died Saturday, January 30th, 2021 at Woodland Hospice House after battling lung cancer. She was born July 22, 1943 to the late Philip Oscar Crane and Ruby Ellen (Daniels) Crane Crego of Fenton, in Flint. Nancy was a 1961 graduate of Fenton High School. She worked as a cashier at Don’s Drugs and Taylor Hardware of Fenton and Rite Aid and The Prescription Shoppe of Gladwin. She also worked as a nurse’s aide at Fenton Extended Care of Fenton and Smith Adult Foster Care of Gladwin among others. She was active in Parents Without Partners and Compassionate Care and was a lifetime member of the V.F.W. auxiliary post #3243. She enjoyed true crime shows, a good puzzle and scratch off tickets. She was an accomplished bowler. She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Stack; her sister, Sarah (Anderson); and her brothers, Allen and Philip Crane. She is survived by her son, Ronald (Rebecca); her grandchildren, Brody (17) and Sanibel (13); her brother, Mark (Evelyn) Crane; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her family, Nancy is survived by her lifelong friends, Norma Bidelman and Mary Ann Patton; and many other Fenton and Gladwin area friends who appreciated her willingness to always lend a hand. Her last words were, “I’m coming, mom... I’m getting my shoes on...” When conditions allow, the family will plan a gathering. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Deacon’s Fund at Fenton First Presbyterian Church, 503 S. Leroy St., Fenton, MI 48430. Bruce was born November 13, 1947 in Flint, the son of Harold A. and Ruby (Schwartz) Fowler. He was a 1966 graduate of Fenton High School where he was on the football, wrestling and weightlifting teams. Bruce served in the United States Army from 1970-1973. During his service he worked as a laboratory technician at Fort Ord, CA and was also a lab tech and medic at a drug testing facility for three months in Vietnam. He married Peggy Wagner on January 22, 1977 and in 2021 celebrated 44 years of marriage. He was a graduate of University of Michigan and retired from the State of Michigan as a Registered Nurse in the Health Screening Department. Bruce also served as an EMT in Flint, served on the National Ski Patrol and was active in the Boy Scouts of America program. Throughout all of Bruce’s life, he was always concerned with helping others in their time of need. Surviving are wife, Peggy; brother, Harold “Bob” Fowler and wife, Debbie; brother-in-law, Paul Wagner and wife, Kelly; nieces and nephews, Steven (Robin) Fowler, Karen Fowler, Ben (Erica) Wagner, Rebecca Wagner, and Sam Wagner. He was preceded in death by his parents. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com. Arrangements entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton.

Beverly Matheny
Beverly Matheny - age 78, died February 7, 2021.

Everett Pokorney
Everett Pokorney - age 56, died February 8, 2021.

Fred Darland
Fred Darland - age 71, died February 8, 2021.

June Estep

William Weller
William Weller - age 81, died February 6, 2021.

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Raymond Francis Kohlman
1956 – 2021
Raymond Francis Kohlman - age 64, born 1956, of Denver, CO, formerly of Fenton, son of Wallace and Virginia (Schlickenmeyer) passed away on Wednesday, January 27, 2021. Raymond was a journeyman ironworker in Detroit Local 25 and in his spare time, a jack of all trades. He took great pride in his enlistment in the US Navy four days before his 35th birthday. He is survived by his son, Ian Nicholas; brothers, Wallace, Lawrence, Thomas; sisters, Maria, Cecylia, Nancy; numerous cousins; nieces; and nephews. He will always be remembered as a fun-loving, hard-working man and will be greatly missed by all those that loved him and by the lives he touched with his ever present humor, laughter and optimism.

Gloretta “Greta” Bourne

Pamela “Bunny” Martin

1947 – 2021

Bruce Allen Fowler
Bruce Allen Fowler - age 73, of Fenton, died Wednesday, February 10, 2021. A private graveside service will be held at Oakwood Cemetery, Fenton. Bruce also served as an EMT in Flint, served on the National Ski Patrol and was active in the Boy Scouts of America program. Throughout all of Bruce’s life, he was always concerned with helping others in their time of need. Surviving are wife, Peggy; brother, Harold “Bob” Fowler and wife, Debbie; brother-in-law, Paul Wagner and wife, Kelly; nieces and nephews, Steven (Robin) Fowler, Karen Fowler, Ben (Erica) Wagner, Rebecca Wagner, and Sam Wagner. He was preceded in death by his parents. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com. Arrangements entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton.
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