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 Albion

J.D. Bartley, 88, of Albion, Michigan left his wife and family to be with his Lord and Savior, March 13, 2021. J.D. was born in Penny, Pike County, Kentucky., Feb. 4, 1933, the son of Kennis and Alafair (Newsome) Bartley. He worked in the coal mines in Kentucky and at Atlas Drop Forge in Lansing. J.D. was a proud member at the Little Vineyard Church in Eaton Rapids, loved to walk, listen to Blue Grass music, play the guitar, fish and coon hunt.

He is survived by his wife, Easter (Shepherd) Bartley; daughters, Lou Cinda Bartley of Albion, Cathy (Melvin "Jake") Stone of Bellevue; 13 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; 15 great-great grandchildren. J.D. was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Barbara Jane; daughter, Patrisha Ann Rolison; grandson, Brandy Shannon Rolison; and 14 brothers and sisters. Funeral services were held Friday, March 19, 2021 at the Little Vineyard Church, 1687 S. Royston Rd. Eaton Rapids with ministers, Estill Hamilton, Zach Collins and Sean Hicks of-



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Lucky is an all white boxer mix who was surrendered by his owner. He is just one year old and an active guy. His brother Diesel is here with him also, they may be adopted separately or together. He has a big bark but is a happy boy.



Lucky

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Crosby

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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS: TRUST ESTATE

The Notice is by the Successor Trustee of the John M. Newby and Rebecca J. Newby Revocable Living Trust UDA March 21, 1995, created by John M. Newby and Rebecca J. Newby, deceased, as Grantors

### TO ALL CREDITORS:

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** The decedent Rebecca J. Newby, who lived at 1990 S. Dearing Rd., Spring Arbor, Michigan, died on 2/22/2021. John M. Newby and Rebecca J. Newby created the John M. Newby and Rebecca J. Newby Revocable Living Trust UDA 3/21/1995.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against John M. Newby and Rebecca J. Newby Revocable Living Trust UDA 3/21/1995 will be forever barred unless presented to Becky Holton, Successor Trustee of the John M. Newby and Rebecca J. Newby Revocable Living Trust UDA 3/21/1995, 1990 S. Dearing Rd., Spring Arbor, Michigan within 4 months after the date of the publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the person entitled to it.

## Summary of Henrietta Township Board Meeting March 10, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Henrietta Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. Members present: Faist, Keene, Grimes, McDonald, Kasprzycki. The following motions were supported and approved by roll call vote. Approve minutes of regular meeting held February 10, 2021 and budget hearing held February 17, 2021 as presented and reviewed. Appoint T. Kinch to planning commission. Approve contract with Jackson County for assessing services for a period of 5 years, pending approval by township attorney. Adopt Resolution of Drinking water System at My Place at Pleasant Lake LLC as presented and reviewed. Pay bills as submitted and reviewed. Adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned 8:01 p.m.

S. Keene, Clerk

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### Auctions

**AUCTION BID SALES.** Center Self Storage, 3255 Page Ave, Jackson, MI. #50- Andrew Mazur: Child size drum set, printer, totes and bags. Sealed bids and inspection of unit 11am-1pm, Wednesday, March 24, 2021. Sale of contents 1pm Thursday, March 25, 2021.

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# HISTORICAL NOTEBOOK

by Frank Passic  
Albion Historian



## WASHINGTON GARDNER HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETED IN 1928, Part 5

We continue with our series about the history of the Washington Gardner High School building. During the construction of the new east wing of Central School, plans were significantly changed when on December 30, 1926, a fire was discovered in the main 1906-built Central School portion. Fire had apparently broken out in the basement under the auditorium, where construction workers had been welding pipes for the new

grade school and where the school janitor had been storing paper and trash. The fire caused \$16,500 in damage, but the school was fully insured.

The next week the school board voted to abandon the 1906-built Central structure and replace it with a new one. On January 12, 1927 the board requested \$100,000 in bonds for the construction of a new Central portion. This was subsequently approved by voters. Thus, the third

step of the building evolution commenced. The new Central portion was designed to match the appearance of the 1922 west wing and of the new east wing. The architect of the building was Warren S. Holmes, and the general contractor was the local Schumacher Construction Company.

As part of the project, the third story of the original 1885/1893 west wing, which sat behind the auditorium, was removed, leaving only the school library and the maintenance area. This section is all that remains today of the old Central School and can be easily viewed from the back of the building.

On February 2, 1927, the school board voted to rename the entire news school building after the Hon. Washington Gardner (1845-1928): Albion's most distinguished citizen.



Gardner served as a Michigan Secretary of State, a U.S. Congressman, and a U.S. Commissioner of Pensions. A Civil War veteran, Gardner was a Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Civil War veterans association. He also was a professor at Albion College and served as a pastor of the local Methodist Episcopal Church here.

The name "Washington Gardner High School" was placed prominently on the new front tower façade of the structure, and remains there today. The new section opened for classes in early 1928. When Washington Gardner High School was dedicated on February 8, 1928, Gardner, who lived just two blocks away, was unfortunately unable to attend because of his poor physical

condition. Gardner died several weeks later on March 31, 1928.

From our Historical Notebook this week we present an unusual "head-on" photograph of the school which takes up the frontage of the entire block between Huron and Berrien Streets. How many of our readers attended Washington Gardner High School?

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# Millions of dollars available to pay winter bills

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“No one should go without warmth or comfort in their own home when they can have access to so many dollars here in Michigan, starting with a single phone call to 2-1-1,” Nessel said. “We know February’s brutal cold is leaving our friends and neighbors with high energy bills, but

they should know they can take action now that can make a huge difference.”

“Consumers Energy is working right now to help many Michiganders who could use support due to the twin challenges of the pandemic and the cold snap,” said Lauren Youngdahl Snyder, Consumers Energy’s vice president of customer experience. “The new federal stimulus and other sources are making tens of millions of dollars available to help with energy bills.”

Nessel and Consumers are teaming up after two weeks of especially cold temperatures in February caused furnaces

to run more often than usual. The cost of that heat may hit customers hard and both Nessel and Consumers want to make sure people know there is funding available to help pay those bills.

Consumers Energy and the attorney general are both reaching out to the public, promoting resources to help Michiganders. People who are struggling with energy bills should call 2-1-1, a free service that connects people with non-profit agencies in communities across the state. They can also go to the 2-1-1 website.

Other ways to get help include:

- Apply for State Emergency Relief (SER) on the MI Bridges webpage.

- Contact Consumers Energy at 800-477-5050 to make payment arrangements.

- Apply for a Home Heating Credit via the Michigan Department of Treasury’s website.

Consumers Energy alone has provided \$15 million since last fall to help customers pay bills. In all, the company and its charitable foundation have provided more than \$21 million to support customers and communities with needs related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

# Michigan residents encouraged to take steps to prevent poisonings during National Poison Prevention Week

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Poison Center at Wayne State University School of Medicine responded to nearly 61,000 calls in 2020 related to potential poisonings; more than 32,000 involved children ages 0 to 19. To raise awareness of the dangers of potentially poisonous medicines and chemicals, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is joining the Michigan Poison Center in recognizing March 21-27 as National Poison Prevention Week.

More than 2 million poisonings are reported each year to the nation’s poison centers. According to the American Association of Poison Control Centers, approximately 90% of poisonings happen at home. Over 83% of exposures involve swallowing a substance (49% of those exposures involve medications and pharmaceu-

ticals).

“By educating Michiganders about preventative steps they can take in the home and in their lives, I believe we can make serious progress in keeping our loved ones safe,” said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health at MDHHS. “It is vital that people learn about basic information on poison prevention in the home, such as keeping chemicals out of the reach of children and carefully reading the labels and dosages on all products. Everyone should also know the national poison center number – it is an important resource for managing accidental exposures.”

Last year in Michigan, 58 percent of adult Poison Control Center calls were managed at home without requiring medical intervention and 80 percent of pediatric calls were

kept out of the emergency department.

MDHHS recommends the following measures to reduce the risk of poisonings:

- Keep all chemicals, including medications, out of the reach of children and keep them in their original containers.

- Carefully read the labels and dosages on all products before using.

- Keep products in their original containers.

- Do not mix chemicals.

- Have a working carbon monoxide detector in your home.

- Program the National Poison Control number in your phone: 800-222-1222.

To learn more about ways to keep people of all ages safe and help prevent poisonings, visit the Poison Help Website at Poison Help. To view materials in Spanish, visit Poison

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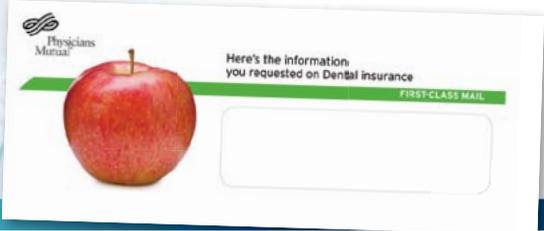
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# Rep. Alexander invites residents to attend virtual office hour

State Rep. Julie Alexander, of Hanover, announced an opportunity for local residents to participate in her virtual office hour.

The informal meeting is scheduled to take place Monday, March 22 from 4 to 5 p.m.

on Zoom. Rep. Alexander also announced she will be joined by Stephanie Glidden, Legislative Liaison at the Michigan Unemployment Insurance Agency.

"This is an opportunity for Jackson residents to get an-

swers from to questions my office receives daily asking for help regarding UIA issues," Alexander said. "People are struggling during these challenging times and they are in need of assistance to help them navigate this overwhelmed

system." Those who are unable to participate in the meeting but would still like to offer insight or share a concern can contact Rep. Alexander's office at (517) 373-1795 or JulieAlexander@House.MI.gov.

# EARTH TALK

Questions & Answers About Our Environment

From the Editors of E/The Environmental Magazine

## Dear EarthTalk: How are bee population numbers doing these days?

—B. Turner, via e-mail

Whether you've noticed it or not, there are far fewer bees around nowadays. One-quarter of the world's 20,000 bee species are in precipitous decline or have already gone extinct since 1990. A range of causes are to blame, including indiscriminate overuse of pesticides, loss of plants, and habitat destruction from human encroachment. But the latest and greatest threat is now cli-

mate change, which is warping the bees' environments (blooming seasons, plant diversity, etc.) at a faster rate than they are able to adapt.

Today in the U.S. only eight bee species are afforded protection under the Endangered Species Act. Seven are found only in Hawaii while the other, the Rusty patched bumble bee, occupies the tallgrass prairie of the Upper Midwest, most of which has been lost to farmland, strip malls and housing developments. Rusty patched bee populations have fallen off by 87 percent as a result.)

In February 2021, conservation groups petitioned the Biden administration to grant the American bumblebee endangered species protection as well. Once the most common type of bee from coast-to-coast, this iconic bee has declined by some 89 percent in just the last two decades alone. Conservationists are worried about the implications for bee-pollinated plants and the animals (like us) that depend on

them.

While the bees' decline worldwide is unquestionably due to human activity, the silver lining is that human activity can also help bring them back. A new map of global bee distribution and density created by researchers from the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the University of Georgia aims to help conservationists track the health of various bee populations across the U.S. and around the globe.

As for what readers can do to help bees, plant some native plants that attract them to your backyard. Regardless, if you happen to see bees nearby, snap some photos of them with your phone and upload them to iNaturalist so researchers can use your sighting to help track population dynamics. For more ideas on how you can help bees rebound locally, check out the website of the Bee Conservancy, a U.S.-based non-profit that is coordinating efforts to save bee populations around

the world.

The good news is that bee populations in the U.S. and globally have seen a slight increase during the course of the COVID pandemic, due to reduced human activity. But the problem is hardly solved—especially as we all get back to business as usual.

They may be small, but if we do not care for bees, we lose natural pollinators for the vast majority of cultivated crops and wild plants. If we can't save bees now, fresh fruits and vegetables could be scarce worldwide, which could in turn lead to massive social upheaval, even wars. It seems well worth our time, money and effort at this point to protect bees now, if not for their own sake, then for ours.

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# What you can do to prevent conflicts with coyotes

Coyotes can be found everywhere — forests, fields, farmlands, backyards, neighborhoods and cities. They may be more visible from January until March, as this is their breeding season and when they are caring for their pups during the spring and summer months.

Coyotes may become comfortable living near people, particularly if there are food sources available. Smaller mammals,

like mice and rabbits, are a coyote's main source of food.

- Prevent conflicts by removing food sources and use hazing techniques

- Remove potential attractants such as trash bins, bird feeders and pet food.

- NEVER intentionally feed or try to tame coyotes.

- Fence off gardens and fruit trees.

- Clear out wood and brush

- Accompany pets outdoors, and do not allow them to roam free.

- Take advantage of a coyote's natural fear of humans and scare them off if you see them.

Coyote hunting is open year-round, and Michigan residents need a valid base license to hunt for them. See the current-year Fur Harvester Digest

for coyote hunting and trapping regulations.

On private property where coyotes are doing or about to do damage, a property owner or designee can take coyotes year-round; a license or written permit is not needed.

A permitted nuisance control business may be able to assist in the safe removal of problem animals in urban or residential areas.

Additional tips and information on how to handle conflicts with wildlife are available at [Michigan.gov/Wildlife](http://Michigan.gov/Wildlife) or by contacting the DNR Wildlife Division at 517-284-9453.

# Spring brings fire danger; be careful when burning near dry grass, brush or leaves

The ground may look damp and muddy, but grass and brush are dry in spring even if the ground is wet. That means fire can spread fast.

"Everybody wants to get out and clean up their yard, but it's important check conditions before burning and to understand how dry these fuels on the ground are," said Paul Rogers, fire prevention specialist with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Debris burning is the No. 1 cause of wildfires in Michigan, and some fires already have scorched Lower Michigan landscapes, including a 432-acre fire in the state's Thumb region.

Open burning is allowed where the ground is still snow-

covered. Otherwise, a free burn permit is required. Burn permits in the southern Lower Peninsula are issued by local fire departments and government offices. In the northern Lower Peninsula and the Upper Peninsula, residents can check the map at [Michigan.gov/BurnPermit](http://Michigan.gov/BurnPermit) to see if debris/open burning is permitted in their counties.

Rogers urged people to be careful when burning yard debris, enjoying campfires or doing other outdoor activities, especially those that include heat or gas-powered engines. Among the DNR's recommendations:

- Place your charcoal grill on a hard surface such as a concrete driveway rather than

on the lawn, where a spark or loose coal could ignite dry grass.

- Keep an eye out while using chainsaws and lawn mowers, because a spark from the blade could start a fire.

- Be careful when using all-terrain vehicles, lawn mowers or other outdoor machinery. Heat from a lawn mower or the exhaust pipe of an ATV can ignite dry grass. A trailer chain dragging on pavement also can create sparks that ignite grass.

- Never leave any fire unattended, even for a moment. Make sure all debris and campfires are fully extinguished before leaving the area.

Learn more about specific fire danger by region or find fire prevention tips.

# MDARD outlines the safe and effective use of pesticides for gardening and landscaping

LANSING, MI — As warmer weather approaches, the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development is reminding the public to safely use pesticides when gardening and landscaping. A pesticide is any substance intended to prevent, destroy, repel, or mitigate a pest. Insecticides, herbicides, fungicides, rodenticides, and disinfectants are pesticides.

"When used correctly, pesticides are an effective tool to help control, destroy, and repel destructive pests such as insects, weeds, rodents, germs, and plant disease," said Brian Verhoughstraete, MDARD's

Pesticide Section Manager. "If applying pesticides, always read and follow the label directions and use the recommended personal protective equipment."

If hiring an applicator, choose a firm licensed by MDARD. Licensed firms meet the required financial and experience requirements and employ certified pesticide applicators who have passed MDARD's proficiency examinations. Their training and experience will help prevent accidental pesticide misuse as well as help prevent harm from occurring to humans,

pets, livestock, and the environment.

"Be aware of online advertisements and social media posts promoting the sale of unregistered pesticides, particularly those that claim to be 100% safe or all natural," added Verhoughstraete. "Unregistered pesticides are not proven to be safe or effective and are unlikely to meet MDARD's or the Environmental Protection Agency's requirements."

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# A Brunch Spread Fit for Spring

## FAMILY FEATURES

From tasty small bites to a filling feast and even dessert for breakfast, brunch options are nearly endless. Take your spring brunch to the next level with recipes that appease appetites of all kinds.

First, start with portioned pastry cups perfect for appetizers. Bring out the protein-packed breakfast burritos for the main course then, for a final touch of sweet deliciousness, offer up lemony doughnuts to cap off the feast.

Find more brunch recipes at Culinary.net.

## Bite-Sized Breakfast

Appetizer-sized portions and small bites of all sorts are ideal for breakfast spreads, and these Pastry Brunch Cups are perfect for starting a morning meal with loved ones. Or, if a busy schedule looms, try baking a batch and separating into appropriate serving sizes for a simple way to meal prep heading into a new week.

Find more breakfast recipes at Culinary.net.

## Pastry Brunch Cups

Servings: 18

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1 cup shredded Swiss cheese
- 2 sheets puff pastry
- 18 eggs
- 2 cups diced ham
- chopped fresh green onions

Heat oven 375 F.

In small saucepan, melt butter. Whisk flour with butter. Gradually pour in milk, whisking each time. Bring to simmer, whisking until mixture starts to thicken. Remove from heat; stir in Swiss cheese. Set aside.

Use rolling pin to thin out puff pastries. Cut each into nine squares. Line pastry squares in muffin cups, pressing bottoms down firmly and moving pastries up sides for edges to come up just over muffin tins. Fill each cup with 1 teaspoon cheese sauce. Crack one egg into each cup and sprinkle each with diced ham.

Bake 10-15 minutes until eggs set. Sprinkle with chopped green onions.



## Power Brunch with a Protein-Packed Burrito

A well-rounded brunch calls for a multitude of dishes and beverages, but it wouldn't be complete without a protein-packed recipe to get the day started.

This delicious Breakfast Burrito is loaded with colorful veggies and Silver Fern Farms 100% grass-fed strip steak. Hailing from New Zealand, home to some of the world's most natural tasting beef and lamb, this premium cut of beef is aged 21 days and minimally processed with no added growth hormones or antibiotics. The animals are grass-fed year-round and allowed to roam and graze freely, so the beef offers a lean, flavorful texture that tastes just as nature intended.

Visit [silverfernfarms.com](http://silverfernfarms.com) to find more at-home brunch inspiration.

## Breakfast Burrito

- 1 Silver Fern Farms New Zealand 100% Grass-Fed New York Strip Steak (10 ounces)
- oil
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 1/2 onion, finely chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, sliced lengthwise
- 4 large mushrooms, sliced
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2-1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 tomato, finely chopped
- 8 eggs

- 1/2 cup milk
- 4 large tortillas
- 1 cup spinach
- 1 1/2 ounces feta cheese, crumbled
- 1/4 cup cilantro
- 1 avocado
- lime wedges (optional)
- hot sauce (optional)

Remove steak from packaging and set aside 10 minutes. Once steak reaches room temperature, heat pan over medium-high heat.

Rub steak with oil and season with salt and pepper, to taste. Cook until medium-rare, approximately 3-4 minutes each side. Remove from pan and cover loosely with tinfoil to rest 5 minutes.

Reduce heat to medium and add splash of oil. Add onion; cook 1 minute. Add red bell pepper and mushrooms; cook 1 minute.

Add cumin, paprika and chili powder; stir through. When veggies are tender (about 2 minutes), add tomato and cook until soft. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.

In large bowl, whisk eggs, milk and salt and pepper, to taste. Heat pan to medium heat and add splash of oil. Pour egg mixture into pan and cook, lifting and folding eggs until thickened and no visible liquid egg remains. Do not stir constantly.

Lay tortillas on flat surface or plate. In center of tortilla, add cooked veggies and top with thinly sliced beef. Add handful of spinach, scrambled eggs, crumbled feta, cilantro and avocado. Fold bottom of tortilla and roll. Serve with lime wedges and hot sauce, if desired.

## Dine on Deliciously Sweet Doughnuts

Brunch is never complete without something sweet to cap off the morning feast, and doughnuts are often the perfect complement to an array of main courses.

These Lemon Ricotta Doughnuts pair the bite-sized morsels with lemon curd (if that suits your style) for a sweet-tart combination. They're made using Domino Golden Sugar, which is made from pure cane sugar and is less processed than white granulated sugar, as one you can always trust in your favorite recipes. It works cup-for-cup just like white sugar but with a golden color and distinct hint of molasses flavor.

Visit [dominosugar.com](http://dominosugar.com) to find recipes perfect for entertaining and celebrating throughout the year.

## Lemon Ricotta Doughnuts

Prep time: 20 minutes

Cook time: 7 minutes

### Doughnuts:

- Vegetable oil, for frying
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 3/4 cups Domino Golden Sugar, divided
- 2 tablespoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons lemon zest
- 5 large eggs
- 1 3/4 cups ricotta cheese

- 1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract

### Lemon Curd (optional):

- 1 stick unsalted butter, softened
- 1 1/2 cups Domino Golden Sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 2 egg yolks
- 4 lemons, zest and juice only
- 1/8 teaspoon salt

To make doughnuts: In large saucepan, preheat oil to 350 F. Prepare cookie sheet with paper towel to drain doughnuts once out of hot oil.

In bowl, mix flour, 3/4 cup sugar, baking powder and salt. Add lemon zest, eggs, ricotta cheese and vanilla extract; mix until well combined.

Use ice cream scoop to scoop small amounts dough into oil, 4-5 pieces at a time. Fry each batch until golden brown, about 7 minutes. Keep oil at or near 350 F; if oil is too hot, doughnuts will turn golden brown but centers may still be raw. Remove from oil and drain in paper towel. Repeat with remaining dough.

While still hot, toss doughnuts with remaining sugar.

To make lemon curd, if desired: In large bowl of stand mixer, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs and egg yolks, one at a time. Add lemon zest, lemon juice and salt.

Transfer mixture to saucepan and cook at low-medium heat until thick and creamy, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and let cool before serving with doughnuts.





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## MDHHS receives reports of scammers seeking personal information

LANSING – Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel today warned Michiganders again to beware of scammers claiming to be from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services as well as local public health departments, calling residents to offer anything from medication and at-home COVID-19 tests to grants from the government while demanding personally identifiable information.

The latest reports focus on MDHHS in Bay County where a scammer said they were from the department and were calling to give out a \$14,000 grant. The scammer then demanded that the "winner" provide their Social Security Number, date of birth and address to claim the funds.

Previous reports focused on the Ionia County Health Department and the Benzie Leelanau Public Health Department. As a result of continued attempts to gain the personal information of Michiganders,

the Attorney General's office reissued a consumer alert making residents aware of the situation earlier today.

"Scammers remain focused on taking advantage of the ongoing pandemic to gain access to your personal information. I cannot reiterate this enough: do not fall for these attempts. State and local health departments will never call you with threats or unrealistic demands that include you having to hand over information like your Social Security Number, birthdate or address," said Nessel. "It is important to stay on high alert for these scams and I urge all Michiganders to utilize the resources our Consumer Protection Team has to offer as we are just one call or click away."

To seem more official, scammers often use a process known as "spoofing" – when a call appears to be coming from a legitimate government phone number. The caller may also sound professional and be very persuasive.

Anyone who receives a phone call they suspect to be a scam should hang up the phone. No one should give out personal information to an unsolicited caller.

Residents should also be aware of online coronavirus vaccine scams. These attempts to obtain the personal information of consumers may include phone calls, text messages, emails or online posts pitching early access or other bogus promotions for a fee. Attorney General Nessel recently echoed the Federal Trade Commission's tips on how to avoid these vaccine scams.

The latest information on the response to COVID-19 is always available by visiting Michigan's Coronavirus website or by visiting the CDC's website.

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## Don't believe these common bankruptcy myths

PHOENIX – (March 9, 2021) – For consumers weighed down by debt, bankruptcy may sound like the perfect solution. But while it may seem like an easy fix, the repercussions can be steep. Add in the numerous myths about bankruptcy, and it can be challenging to know whether it's the right move.

"Bankruptcy should always be the last resort for people under financial stress," said Michael Sullivan, a personal financial consultant with Take Charge America, a national nonprofit credit and debt management agency. "But if you've exhausted alternatives and are considering bankruptcy, it's important to fully understand how the process works so you know what to expect."

Sullivan breaks down seven common bankruptcy myths:

- Bankruptcy offers a fresh start. Many people believe bankruptcy will cure their financial problems and eliminate all their debts. The truth

- isn't as rosy. Several debts cannot be discharged through bankruptcy including student loans, child support and alimony, criminal restitution and fraud debts. Additionally, a Chapter 13 filing requires some repayment. Bankruptcy also isn't cheap, costing upwards of a few thousand dollars. You also must go through bankruptcy counseling before and after you file.

- I'll lose everything – even my job. Bankruptcy laws vary by state, but each one includes exemptions for assets like homes, vehicles, household goods and retirement savings. Additionally, federal law prohibits termination of employment because of bankruptcy.

- Spouses must file, too. Depending on whose name is on the debt, spouses usually do not have to file together. However, if married couples have joint credit cards or debts, they will need to file together.

- Your credit is ruined forever. Although bankruptcy fil-

ings stay on your credit report for seven years under Chapter 13 and 10 years under Chapter 7, effects on your credit diminish over time before falling off your report.

- I don't have enough debt to file. Bankruptcy doesn't require a minimum amount of debt. It is a consideration for people who can't pay their debts under normal circumstances with their existing income. Due to filing costs, however, low-debt individuals may not see any benefit.

- Creditors will continue to harass me. Federal law bans debtors from contacting you once you've filed bankruptcy.

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