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Secretary Benson announces new era of improved customer service operations

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson announced today the Michigan Department of State (MDOS) has entered a new service-driven era of operations that is more convenient and efficient for customers. She noted that the majority of

transactions can now be carried out from home or at a grocery store, and residents who are required to visit a Secretary of State Office are typically in and out in 20 minutes.

"Michiganders can now complete most of their transac-

tions online, by mail or at one of our new self-service stations located at their local grocery store," Benson said. "And the remaining in-person transactions are carried out by appointment, ensuring the vast majority of customers have little to no wait time."

More than 60 percent of transactions are already conducted outside of branch offices — up from 30 percent in 2019 — and this year more than 1 million people have already visited department offices. Benson noted that since MDOS began operating by appointment in June of last year, its ratings on Google have doubled — from two to four stars on a five-star scale — and are higher than they have ever been. Many Michiganders have asked for the department to continue operating by appointment, and Benson said their wish is coming true.

"We're going to listen to the people on this," said Benson. "It's clear they do not want us

to go backwards to the old way of doing things, where on any given day you could spend hours waiting for a basic transaction in any given branch office. The branch office by appointment model is working and yes, it is a new way of doing things. But it's a better way of doing things."

Benson acknowledged that the system still needs to be improved, as some customers find it challenging to book appointments. To help remedy that, she announced MDOS is increasing its offering of appointments by at least 10 percent, or 35,000 appointments per month, and in the coming weeks will dedicate call cen-

ter staff to booking online appointments for residents with internet limitations.

Benson also announced her Service Driven Legislative Agenda, and called on legislative leaders to implement reforms that would enable customers to interact less frequently and more efficiently with the department. She called on the state Legislature to allow remote driver's license testing, stop requiring veterans with the military equivalent of a commercial driver's license to retrain and retest for a civilian CDL, and provide funding and authority for the department to develop innovative public-private part-

nerships to improve operations.

"We need lawmakers to join us as innovators in furthering a vision for the people of Michigan and pass needed reforms that will help us improve customer convenience and satisfaction," said Benson. "That means pushing forward and implementing modern, best practices and available technology along with innovative ideas that support Michiganders in ways that work best for them."

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Groundbreaking on Jackson's first dog park

Tails are wagging across Jackson with the start of construction at Betty's Dog Park! The City's first-ever public dog park was celebrated last week with a groundbreaking event attended by City officials, residents, and four-legged furry friends.

When work is complete later this summer, the park will be fully fenced, with separate areas for big and small dogs to roam free, including sidewalks, benches and picnic tables. This pooch paradise at the intersection of N. Blackstone and Van Buren streets makes use of space in Beech Tree Park, a public park that's been without

a use since its award-winning beech tree was removed due to a lightning strike.

The dog-friendly digs will be free to use and open to the public when it's complete. Downtown Jackson has seen a housing boom in recent years, with hundreds of new apartment units added to the area. Located within a short walk from downtown, Betty's Dog Park will be useful for downtown apartment dwellers and their pets to have ample space for play time.

The park is named after Betty Dahlem Desbiens, a long-time Jackson resident who donated funds to make the park

possible. Desbiens attended the groundbreaking and spoke about what the park means to her. "Thank you to everyone for helping make a dream of mine come true," Desbiens said.

Mayor Derek Dobies attended the groundbreaking with his dog, a pug named Sir Woof. He said this will be a great place for Sir Woof and other Jackson dogs to romp around. "Having a dog park placed centrally in the City makes a lot of sense of our downtown residents and people all over Jackson," Dobies said. "I thank Betty for helping make this dog park possible."

Is your home at risk for an electrical fire?

(StatePoint) Springtime is peak home-buying and building season. And it's critical to protect one of the largest investments you'll make in a lifetime — as well as your loved ones.

May, National Electrical Safety Month, is a good time to brush up on potential electrical hazards and learn more about Arc Fault Circuit Interrupter (AFCI) circuit breaker technology, an important life and fire safety device for any new or newly-renovated home — and a National Electrical Code requirement.

"Ensuring your home is outfitted with life-saving technology like Arc Fault Circuit Interrupters is critical," says Ashley Bryant, National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) Low Voltage Distribution Equipment AFCI Task Force co-chair. "AFCIs are smart devices proven to detect dangerous arcing in damaged wiring behind walls, as well as in damaged electrical cords under furniture or connected to unsafe appliances, preventing deadly electrical fires from occurring."

According to the National Association of Certified Home Inspectors (NACHI), some of the top things to look for in a home are: insufficient electrical service, inadequate overcurrent protection, and danger-

ous, damaged or noncompliant wiring and wiring connections. To help you ensure the home you're buying or building is protected from future electrical problems, consider these additional tips:

- Hire a certified and licensed home inspector. A professional home inspector can tell you a lot about the safety of a home's electrical system and what may need to be repaired and updated. To ensure you're hiring someone qualified, visit the NACHI website at nachi.org/certified-inspectors.

- Meet National Electrical Code requirements. Make sure your home's electrical system meets National Electrical Code requirements, including AFCI circuit breaker installation, which offers key areas of the home protection from electrical fires. While there's a common misconception that this technology is unaffordable and hard to find, the average cost to protect a new 2,000 square foot, four-bedroom home is only \$300, and AFCI circuit breakers are available at electrical supply houses, home improvement stores and online, according to NEMA.

- Rooms where water is present, like kitchens, bathrooms, laundry rooms and outdoor areas, should be equipped with Dual Function AFCI/GFCI cir-

cuit breakers. GFCI stands for Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters and work with AFCI technology to help prevent possible shock and electrocution. If the home doesn't have this protection, be prepared to ask the owner or builder to make updates in accordance with your state electrical and building codes, or be ready to hire a licensed electrical professional to install these life- and property-saving devices once you move in. A great resource for more information is www.afcisafety.org.

- Practice safety at home. A few simple steps can be taken around the house that will help protect your home from electrical fires and keep your family safe. Check to see that light bulbs are the correct wattage and tight in the socket. Make sure no furniture is placed on appliance cords or up against plugged-in receptacles. Protect valuable electronics by installing surge-protective devices and prevent circuit breaker tripping by not overloading any circuit.

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Cercei

was just a young girl herself. She is a tiny, petite kitty who weighs just 5 lbs, but she has huge green eyes. Despite life's difficult start, Cercei is super friendly, loves attention and affection.

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Kizmet is a 4-year old female pit bull. She is an absolute sweetheart and very playful. She is a resilient girl - she unfortunately had a

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Kizmet

rough life before she found her way to us. She was found abandoned, emaciated, and had open wounds. But that doesn't stop her from loving humans! She also loves her treats and toys, but would very much enjoy just snuggling up with you on the couch. Kizmet is positive for Heartworm disease, and she will need to go through our foster-to-adopt program as she undergoes treatment at CHS. Kizmet is spayed, microchipped, and up to date on all her vaccines. If you're looking for a loyal and loving dog, please consider meeting sweet Kizmet!

Wrangler is another 4 year-old in our care. Unlike Kizmet, he is having a harder time adjusting to his new surroundings at CHS. While very sweet, he is incredibly shy and prefers to hide under the bed in his playroom. He came to us because his owner was moving and could not take him along. As welcoming,

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Wrangler

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If interested in Kizmet or Wrangler please call or come see us at Cascades Humane Society, 1515 Carmen Drive in Jackson, MI.,

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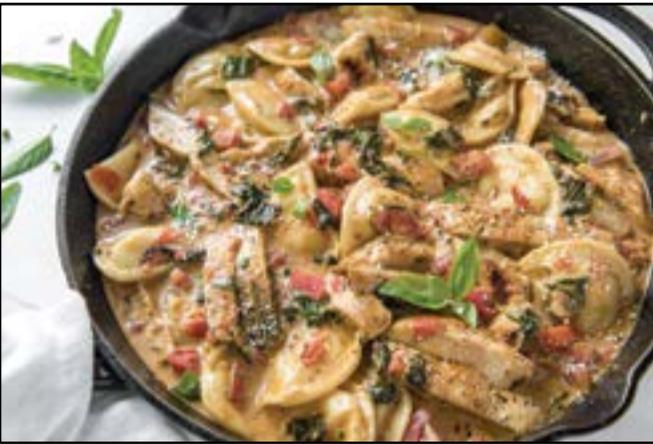
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Celebrate all-star moms with a simple, delicious meal



(Family Features) From big things like juggling a career and family priorities to little things like writing lunchtime love notes, there are so many ways moms lift up their families and the people they love every day. In today's world, where multi-tasking has taken on a whole new meaning, it's clear moms deserve to be celebrated. One of the easiest ways to do something special for the all-star mom in your life is to make her a homemade meal and enjoy some quality time together around the dinner table.

For those in need of inspiration, consider a delicious option like this Tuscan Chicken Pierogy Skillet for an easy, elevated, sure-to-impress dish that comes together in 45 minutes. The key ingredient: Mrs. T's Pierogies, which are pasta pockets stuffed with creamy mashed potatoes, cheesy goodness and other big, bold flavors. Found in the frozen food aisle and available in 13 flavors, in full and mini size varieties, they can be boiled, baked, sauteed, fried or grilled. They are easy to prepare, which means less time in the kitchen and

more time together. Visit mrstspierogies.com to find more recipe inspiration to celebrate mom.

Tuscan Chicken Pierogy Skillet

Prep time: 10 minutes
Total time: 45 minutes
Servings: 4

- 1 box Mrs. T's Pierogies 4 Cheese Medley
 - 3 tablespoons olive oil, divided
 - 2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, pounded to even thickness
 - kosher salt, to taste
 - ground black pepper, to taste
 - 4 cloves garlic, minced
 - 1 bag (5 ounces) fresh baby spinach
 - 2 cups diced tomatoes
 - 1 teaspoon dried Italian seasoning
 - 1/4 cup chicken broth
 - 1/2 cup heavy cream
 - 3/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese, plus additional, for garnish
 - 1 tablespoon cold water
 - 1/2 tablespoon cornstarch
 - fresh basil, for garnish
 - crushed red pepper flakes
- Boil pierogies according to package directions. Drain then toss pierogies with 1 table-

spoon olive oil to keep from sticking.

In 12-inch skillet over medium-high heat, heat 1 tablespoon oil. Season chicken with salt and pepper, to taste, and cook 8-10 minutes per side, until golden brown and cooked through. Transfer to plate, cover and allow to rest 5-8 minutes. Slice thin.

While chicken rests, lower heat to medium-low and add remaining oil to same skillet. Add garlic, spinach and tomatoes; saute 1-2 minutes until garlic is fragrant. Season with Italian seasoning and salt and pepper, to taste.

Stir in chicken broth, heavy cream and 3/4 cup Parmesan. In small bowl, whisk cold water and cornstarch then stir into pan. Simmer 4-5 minutes until thickened and creamy.

Return chicken and pierogies to skillet and toss to combine. If desired, top with additional seasonings, to taste. Garnish with fresh basil, Parmesan and red pepper flakes, if desired.

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Source: Mrs. T's Pierogies

A memory-making mousse for Mother's Day



(Culinary.net) Some of the best memories throughout life stick with you forever as you play them over and over in your head and smile, thinking fondly of those times. This Dreamy Chocolate Mousse can make those special memories just a little bit sweeter. It's rich, decadent and full of scrumptious chocolate flavor. Topped with whipped cream

and shaved chocolate, it's the perfect addition to almost any special occasion.

It works as a dessert after a meal or just a special treat. It can be served at a big event or simply a Sunday afternoon at home.

To start, add chocolate, marshmallows and heavy cream to a mixing bowl. Microwave until melted, about 2

minutes. Let cool for 1 hour.

Pour additional heavy cream into a mixer and whip until soft peaks form. Take 1/2 cup of whipped cream and refrigerate for later.

Fold half of the soft whipped cream mixture into the cooled chocolate. Once combined, add the rest of the whipped cream.

Spoon the mousse into serving bowls or ramekins and refrigerate at least 2 hours. Once chilled, add toppings or reserved whipped cream and shaved chocolate, if desired.

It's easy and requires minimal ingredients, and the results are something smooth, rich and luscious.

Find more sweet treat recipes at Culinary.net.

Dreamy Chocolate Mousse

Serves: 4-8
8 ounces bittersweet chocolate, chopped, plus chocolate shavings (optional)

- 40 large marshmallows
- 2 1/4 cups heavy cream, divided

In large bowl, combine chopped chocolate, marshmallows and 1/2 cup heavy cream. Microwave 2 minutes on high, or until marshmallows are melted. Let mixture cool 1 hour.

Using mixer, whip 1 3/4 cups heavy cream until soft peaks form. Reserve and refrigerate 1/2 cup whipped cream for topping.

In cooled chocolate mixture, fold in 2 cups whipped cream until combined. Add remaining whipped cream and mix until combined.

Spoon mousse into ramekins. Refrigerate at least 2 hours.

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Michigan beekeepers can sign up to receive email alerts before aerial pesticide applications

LANSING, Mich. – Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Director Gary McDowell and Senator Rick Outman (R-Six Lakes) announced recently that the state's beekeepers can now self-subscribe to receive email alerts during public health emergencies, such as outbreaks of Eastern Equine Encephalitis or West Nile Virus, requiring aerial pesticide applications.

Michigan law requires pesticide applicators making community-wide or right-of-way applications to notify people in the target area prior to the application. However, during a declared public health emergency the notification requirement is waived to not hinder critical response efforts.

"MDARD and Senator Outman's office worked together on a solution to provide a direct line of communication to our beekeeping community to

protect their hive, but not slow response efforts during public health emergencies," said McDowell. "Through partnership with the Senator, the department can leverage existing technology, which means no additional funding was needed. I appreciate his support to ensure the viability of Michigan's important bee population."

In 2019 and 2020, Michigan saw a EEE outbreak of in several areas of the state. The virus is spread by mosquitos and has a 33 percent fatality rate. To protect public health, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services contracted with licensed businesses to conduct emergency pesticide applications.

"I introduced Senate Bill 136 after speaking with some beekeepers back home in my district who were unhappy about the current notification system

for emergency aerial pesticide spraying," said Rick Outman, R-Six Lakes. "The idea is to give folks an official alert that tells them if they are in an area that will be treated and roughly when the application will occur. I want to thank the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

for working with me to create an alert system to send email messages to those who wish to receive them before an application occurs."

Beekeepers can subscribe to receive email notifications by visiting MDARD's website and clicking on the "Emergency Notification for Beekeepers"

link. After entering a valid email address, subscribers will receive an email notification whenever an emergency pesticide application is required.

For more information on MDARD's Pesticide and Plant Pesticide Management Division, visit Michigan.gov/MDARD.

Sentinel Project to protect nursing facility residents

LANSING – A new initiative will focus on protecting vulnerable adults residing in nursing facilities, Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel announced last week.

The Sentinel Project, which Nessel discussed in a video announcement, will use specially trained staff to examine long-term care facilities for evidence of abuse or neglect through unannounced visits, which will be determined by performance metrics, complaints and other data.

and addressing any neglect or abuse of loved ones residing in long-term care facilities. Instances of substandard care must be eliminated, and The Sentinel Project will help accomplish that goal."

By the year 2060, the senior population in the United States is projected to be over 94 million. At an increase of almost 70%, many of these individuals will require assistance in nursing facilities. This influx, often referred to as the Silver Tsunami, will significantly impact long-term care facilities.

The Sentinel Project will help the state prepare for this future wave and also demand better care for current residents.

If you or someone you know is being abused or neglected in a nursing facility, please let us know by contacting the Michigan Attorney General's Health Care Fraud Hotline at (800) 24-ABUSE (2-2873) or file a complaint online through the Michigan Attorney General Patient Abuse Complaint Form.

While The Sentinel Project is a law enforcement effort strictly within the Attorney General's Office, the project will continue to work collaboratively with the industry and

regulatory partners to achieve the best results for Michigan citizens.

The Sentinel Project is housed within the Health Care Fraud Division of the Department of Attorney General. The Health Care Fraud Division receives 75 percent of its funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under a grant award totaling \$5,025,536 for federal fiscal year 2021. The remaining 25 percent, totaling \$1,675,177, is funded by the State of Michigan.

Troubles with turkeys? Try these tips

Turkeys live in Michigan year-round, and while wild turkeys hang around through the winter, you might see more activity this spring as they enter breeding season.

If turkeys in your neighborhood are becoming bothersome, try hazing – or scaring – them as well as removing any wildlife feeders that may be out.

"This team from my Health Care Fraud Division has been established to further protect Michigan's vulnerable and elderly population," Nessel said. "We are dedicated to detecting

"While many people might feed turkeys because they enjoy seeing them, especially in the winter months, fed turkeys can become comfortable around people and may start to be unwelcome," said Hannah Schauer, DNR wildlife communications coordinator.

You also want to establish your dominance by using some hazing techniques to scare them when they come around, like making loud noises and waving your arms. Don't be shy – you want to maintain turkeys' natural fear of humans. It's important for the animals' safety and helps keep them from becoming a nuisance to people.

"If you are in an area where hunting is allowed, you can take advantage of turkey hunting opportunities," said Schauer. "Hunting plays an important role in managing turkeys by regulating their numbers."

"If you do have feeders out, make sure they are inaccessible to the turkeys or you may

need to remove them altogether."

Male turkeys, especially during breeding season, become territorial toward other male turkeys – including their own reflection. Songbirds such as robins or cardinals also peck at their own reflection in a window. Cover or disguise your windows to help keep the birds from seeing their re-

flexion. You may also want to park vehicles inside or cover them to prevent damage if a turkey finds its reflection in the paint or shiny hubcaps.

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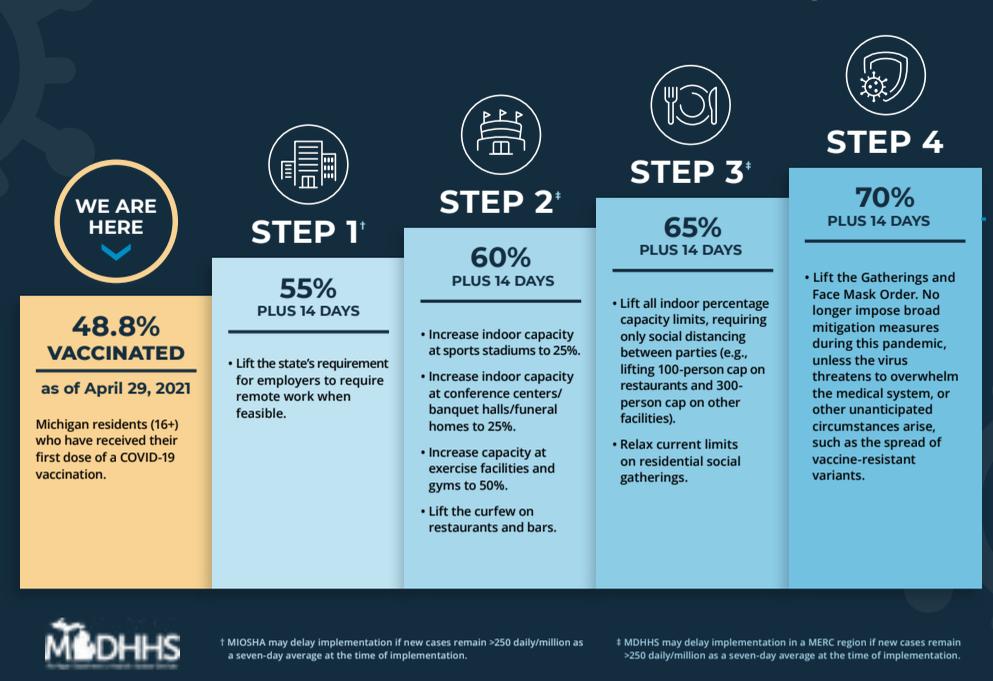
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- Lifts all indoor % capacity limits, requiring only social distancing between parties.
- Further relaxes limits on residential social gatherings.
- 70% of Michiganders** - (5,667,842 residents), plus two weeks
- Lifts the Gatherings and Face Masks Order such that MDHHS will no longer employ broad mitigation measures unless unanticipated circumstances arise, such as the spread of vaccine-resistant variants.

The governor said in her remarks MDHHS estimates 55% of Michiganders may have received the first dose by the end of next week which would trigger the first phase, reopening offices and other in-person work two weeks later. The information was presented by the governor Thursday morning at a 9:30 a.m. press conference.

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Michigan's COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard shows the current levels and we are currently at 48.8% of eligible Michiganders (ages 16+) who have received the first dose. Go to the "coverage" tab the dashboard opens to and change the "dose" dial to "initiation" instead of "completion" to see the latest percent-

May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness month. Many motorcycle advocacy groups around the world use the slogan, "Look Twice - Save a Life. Motorcycles Are Everywhere." ABATE of Michigan, Inc. is a non-profit advocacy organization dedicated to preserving motorcyclist's rights and promoting safe operating practices of all Michigan motorcyclists. ABATE has been fighting for motorcyclists' rights in Michigan since 1975. In 2016, ABATE worked with Michigan legislators to pass a bill that increased fees and penalties for operating a motorcycle without the proper endorsement. Yet unendorsed motorcyclists continue to be a real problem in Michigan. Public Act 115 states, "The Secretary of State, shall disburse

money from the Motorcycle Safety Awareness Fund for educating, maintaining, and promoting the "LOOK TWICE - SAVE A LIFE" campaign that was created for motorcycle awareness, safety, and education. The MSAF Fund was passed and signed in July 2017. ABATE viewed a user fee increase as a benefit to motorcyclists. The Motorcycle Safety Fund has provided low-cost hands-on training for riders in Michigan since 1984. "Motorcyclists pay for both rider education and motorcycle awareness. No state funds support either program," stated Vince Consiglio, ABATE president. Michigan State Police, Office of Highway Safety Planning has worked with ABATE

and motorcyclists to reduce the number of unendorsed motorcyclists that represent a high percentage of Michigan motorcycle fatalities every year. From 2015 to 2019 within Michigan there have been more than 7,000 motorcycle-automobile crashes. The fact that over 80% of these accidents happen with automobile drivers violating a motorcyclist's right of way, by making a left turn in front of the rider. Knowing the statistics and the fact that most of the crashes happen when making a left turn within an automobile; ABATE has been working with The Office of Secretary of State on motorcycle awareness and is the reason for the "LOOK TWICE - SAVE A LIFE" campaign. "ABATE of Michigan has supported the Riders Education program

since 1979 with the Metro Detroit Program having taught over 100,000 students alone since then," stated the Legislative Officer of ABATE of Michigan, Jim Rhoades. May 1, 2021 ABATE Regional groups will be in your local area with awareness signs for you and speaking on awareness. Check with your ABATE region to see where they will be located or how to become an ABATE member. For more information check out the ABATE of Michigan website: <https://www.abateofmichigan.org>. ABATE has partnered with public schools and private drivers' schools to teach more than 90,000 new drivers about motorcycle awareness, using resources donated by ABATE members.

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Jackson YMCA secures four city properties; Acquisitions expand existing Y campus for planned new downtown facility



JACKSON, Mich., April 26, 2021 – The Jackson YMCA has secured four properties, all adjacent to the existing YMCA facility and parking lot. The property closings give the YMCA the additional square footage it needs to build a new facility on the expanded footprint.

The YMCA's new facility will be constructed on the northeast end of the current Y parking lot. The current facility will be razed upon completion of the new Y and that footprint will be repurposed for parking. The property acquisitions extend the Y campus to 3.5 acres on the edge of residential and downtown Jackson. The Y has raised close to \$22 million toward the construction of a downtown YMCA and healthy living campus. The Y's leadership anticipates breaking ground this summer.

Jackson YMCA CEO Shawna Tello praised the Jackson families and organizations involved in the transactions for supporting the Y's mission and seeing the potential in its capital project. "When we met with our neighbors, they were very supportive of our plans to expand our impact and work collaboratively," said Tello. "Each property owner, once we shared our vision with them, embraced the idea and made the transactions as smooth as possible."

The current Y facility is located on southwest end of the

YMCA property. As outlined in the image, the expanded Y property is encompassed within the broken white line. The current facility is outlined by a white dashed line. Corresponding to the letters on the parcel map, the YMCA has acquired:

A: 121 W. Wesley St: A portion of the current parking lot previously owned by Trinity Lutheran Church. The church has owned space since the 1970s. The Congregation at a recent special Voter's Meeting agreed to sell for a nominal amount a small parcel of land to complete the footprint needed for the new Y building. The Congregation overwhelmingly approved the project and said it "looks forward to having a front-row seat while the new YMCA facility is being built. The impact on downtown Jackson will be significant, and we anticipate increased interactions with all our neighbors as well as the workers and contractors who will be on the job site."

Trinity Lutheran Church Council President Steve Lazaro said Trinity and the Y share many values including strengthening the community through collaboration with others, and they look forward to immediate improvements in the neighborhood and partnering in the future to enhance

downtown.

Along with continuing the positive momentum of downtown's makeover, the congregation members indicated they are "excited and honored to be a part of this new facility which future generations will enjoy."

B: 116 W. Franklin St.: Ruben Marquez purchased the four-unit apartment building nearly four decades ago in 1981. Born and raised in Jackson and now, currently residing in Spring Arbor, Ruben said he has built many memories in the apartment building. "I raised my kids there until my daughter was in sixth grade," said Ruben, a licensed builder and certified inspector. "We occupied two of the units, so we had three bedrooms and quite a lot of space."

"I understand the goal of the Y is to help people in need. I really believe in that, because I was one of those people whose family didn't have a lot of money," he said. "I believe in giving people an opportunity, and the Y does that. I have rented to people who were down on their luck and could not find someone who would rent to them. Most of them have been great tenants for me -they just needed someone to give them a chance."

After the completion of the sale, Ruben donated \$20,000 to the Y to support the capital

campaign.

C: 105 W. Wesley St.: The building was donated to the YMCA by Alfred Bruey. Alfred owned the building for 25 years and, until recently, also owned another building on nearby Mechanic St. Alfred, who still lives in Jackson, raised his family here. His son Don said that, once they understood the scope of the Y project, making the decision to donate the property was easy.

"We are all aware of the Y's contribution to the community. Contributing our property was a great way to help the Y continue and expand the good work they do," Don said.

D: 400 S. Mechanic St., located on the corner of W. Wesley St. The property was donated by Ron and Jane (McCauley) Hamara, with the building donated by Tom Leonard. Said Jane, whose family has many ties to Jackson, "Donating the land to the YMCA was one way we could give back to a community that has been so good to our family."

The Y plans to begin demolition of the structures in June. The YMCA's volunteer and staff leadership continue to work with the campaign's major donors and partners, seeking additional financial support to close the project's funding gap. For more information, visit www.JacksonYMCA.org.

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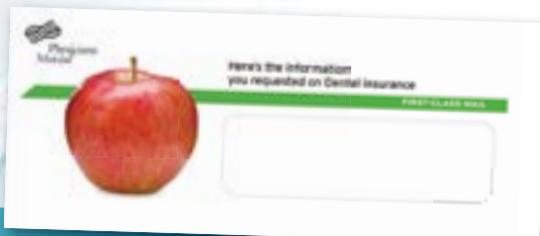
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Best practices to minimize risk of rabies after four bats test positive in Michigan

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan departments of Health and Human Services, Agriculture and Rural Development and Natural Resources are urging Michiganders to adopt practices to protect their families and animals from rabies. Four bats have tested positive for rabies in Clinton, Ingham, Kent, and Midland counties in 2021.

Spring is typically when rabies cases start appearing. Generally, bats and skunks are a primary source of the disease. Michigan local health departments experience an increase in calls from citizens about bat encounters between May and September when bats are most active. In 2020, there were 56 cases of rabies in Michigan animals including 52 rabid bats and four rabid skunks.

"With warm weather coming, it is possible for Michiganders to unintentionally come into contact with a potentially infected animal," said Dr. Jo-neigh Khaldun, MDHHS chief medical executive and chief deputy for health. "If you come into physical contact with a

wild animal or are bitten or scratched, it is important that you seek medical care quickly to keep a treatable situation from becoming potentially life-threatening."

Rabies is a viral disease of mammals and is transmitted through the bite or scratch of an infected animal. Exposures can take place in a variety of settings, including when bats are found in the bedroom of a sleeping person or a child comes into contact with an infected animal. It is important to seek medical care to determine the need for post-exposure treatment.

Rabies is fatal to humans if proper treatment is not received before symptoms begin. Preventive treatment is given to people who are exposed to a potentially rabid animal. Treatment is not necessary for people if the animal can be tested and tests negative for rabies.

To protect your family and your animals from rabies, there are some very important tips to follow.

People:
People should leave wild and

stray animals alone, including baby animals. Animals could be carrying rabies and not appear sick. Do not try to nurse sick wildlife or stray animals to health. Report ill wildlife to the Department of Natural Resources. Contact your local animal control agency with concerns about stray animals.

If you are bitten or scratched by an animal, promptly seek medical care and notify your local health department about the bite.

If a person may have been asleep in the same room as a bat, or a young child or person with an impairment may have been alone with a bat, safely confine or collect the bat if possible and contact your local health department to determine if it should be tested for rabies. If the bat escapes or is released, contact your local health department to discuss the situation and determine if treatment of people potentially exposed to the bat is necessary.

Animals:
Talk to your veterinarian about vaccinating pets and live-

stock. Even indoor pets that never go outside can encounter a bat that gets inside the home. Rabies is fatal in animals, and there is no treatment. Therefore, vaccination is important to protect your pets and livestock from rabies.

If your animal is bitten, scratched or may have been unsupervised with a wild or stray animal, contact your veterinarian as soon as possible. Even if your animal is currently vaccinated against rabies, additional actions may need to be taken to prevent the spread of the virus. If possible, safely confine or capture the wild or stray animal without touching the animal. Then, contact your local animal control agency or a veterinarian, as the animal may need to be tested for rabies.

Keep your pet on a leash and under your control as this can reduce the chances of having contact with wild and stray animals.

More information about rabies and a map of rabies positive animals in Michigan can be found at Michigan.gov/rabies.

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Chair Alexander, House Ag Committee advance plan to support equine industry in Michigan

State Rep. Julie Alexander, chair of the House Agriculture Committee, led the committee in approving her bipartisan plan to support Michigan's equine industry.

"Horses roam throughout Michigan's countryside," said Alexander, of Hanover. "On the farm, at the county fair, and at the racetrack, Michigan's equine industry provides economic benefits, recreation, and entertainment for our state. Funds are already set aside by law to support Michigan's horse breeders, owners, and other hard-working stakeholders, and this plan will

help the equine industry grow as available funds continue to increase."

The Agriculture Equine Industry Development Fund is funded exclusively by revenues from simulcast horse-race wagers, online gaming, and sports betting. House Bills 4599 and 4600, introduced respectively by Alexander and state Rep. John Cherry, would increase incentives for breeding and raising horses in Michigan, using existing dollars from the AEIDF. No taxes would be raised, and no general fund dollars would be expended.

Among other adjustments, the plan would increase the annual maximum allotment for horse-racing facility improvements at county fairs from \$4,000 to \$12,000. The bills would also allow the AEIDF to support up to 90 percent of the purses for horse races at fairs or licensed race-tracks, decreasing the burden on race entrants; the current maximum is 75 percent. Additionally, the legislation would incentivize racehorse breeding and siring in Michigan.

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HISTORICAL NOTEBOOK

by Frank Passic
Albion Historian



FORMER BANK BUILDING WAS JESSE CROWELL MILL

Recently Albion College announced that the building they now own at 207 S. Superior St will become the home of the Albion College Community Collaborative. Renovation will begin soon, and the building will be open to the public this fall. Please see recent news

announcements for details about this collaborative.

This building was erected in 1845 by Jesse Crowell (1797-1872) "Albion's Greatest Benefactor," whose "Albion Company" laid the plat for Albion in 1836 and donated the land for Albion College. Crowell also was

Albion's first postmaster. Called the Stone Mill, construction of this 4-story building began in 1845, and the massive stones you see today were obtained from a quarry on the west side of Newburg Road east of town, later known as the Murdock farm.

The mill ceased operations in the early 1910s, and was sold in 1916 to the Commercial and Savings Bank. In that year the bank renovated the building into its new headquarters. The top 4th floor of the structure was removed, and a textured red brick addition was built onto the back to allow for more space for the banking needs of those times. The bank moved from its original location at the corner of E. Erie and S. Superior Streets, and opened at its new 207 S. Superior St. location on January 1, 1917.

During the renovation process in 1916, the original datestone stating "ALBION MILLS 1845" that had stood above the front doorway was removed.



A new date, "1916" was sculpted into the modern design above the doorway and remains there today. The Albion Mills datestone was moved to the newly designated Crowell Park on N. Superior St. near the water standpipe, where it remains today in front of our water tower.

During the time this building served as a bank, it was known as the Commercial & Savings Bank; next, City Bank and Trust Company; next, Citizen's Bank; next, First Merit Bank, and finally, Huntington Bank

which closed on January 8, 2019. The time-temperature sign out front was a landmark for many years and has been greatly missed.

From our Historical Notebook this week we present a photograph of the

Albion Mills 1845 datestone as it sits today in Crowell Park. It is easily seen when you are driving past it on N. Superior St. by the water tower. How many of our readers have stopped to walk in Crowell Park?

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