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MOURNING ELIZABETH II

'GO FORTH UPON THY JOURNEY'

After historic procession, Queen lowered into Windsor Castle's Royal Vault as King Charles III's reign begins in earnest



Queen Elizabeth II AP PHOTO



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King Charles III, Camilla, the Queen Consort and members of the Royal family follow behind the coffin of Queen Elizabeth II, draped in the Royal Standard with the Imperial State Crown and the Sovereign's orb and sceptre, as it is carried out of Westminster Abbey after her State Funeral in London. The Queen, who died at 96 on Sept. 8, will be buried at Windsor alongside her late husband, Prince Philip, who died last year.

By Danica Kirka, Mike Corder and Samya Kullab
 The Associated Press

LONDON » The United Kingdom and the world bade farewell to Queen Elizabeth II on Monday with a state funeral that drew presidents and kings, princes and prime ministers — and crowds in the streets of London and at Windsor Castle — to honor a monarch whose 70-year reign defined an age.

In a country known for pomp and pageantry, the first state funeral since Winston Churchill's was filled with spectacle: Before the service, a bell tolled 96 times — once a minute for each year of Elizabeth's life. Then, 142 Royal Navy sailors used ropes to

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FRANK AUGSTEIN — THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, POOL

Britain's King Charles III, left, and Camilla, the Queen Consort follow the coffin of Queen Elizabeth II as it is carried out of Westminster Abbey.

Biden, other VIPs lie low as spotlight stays on late Queen

By Darlene Superville
 The Associated Press

LONDON » American presidents usually make a splash when they travel abroad, holding the spotlight and quickly becoming the center of attention.

Not this time. For U.S. President Joe Biden and other presidents, prime ministers and dignitaries, there were no red-carpet arrivals, no big speeches and no news conferences as they gathered for Monday's state fu-

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OAKLAND COUNTY

Panel to study gun violence prevention

Prosecutor McDonald names commission

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County Prosecutor Karen McDonald announced a new commission formed to study gun violence. "Since Nov. 30 in almost every aspect of my job, I have four names on my mind: Hana, Madisyn, Tate and Justin," she said Monday, referring to the four students killed at Oxford High School. "I think I can speak for every assistant prosecutor in this office: We never forget about them."

Since Nov. 30, she said, "not one week has gone by without four major shooting incidents."

McDonald said she formed the commission after the Uvalde incident, because while she's been studying gun violence and mass shooting more intensely since the Nov. 30 Oxford shooting, "we need to look at every facet and we need to rely on data."

The commission includes local and national representatives, including assistant prosecutors, a Sheriff's deputy, members of educational and mental health organizations, County Commissioners Mike Spisz, R-Oxford and Charlie Cavell, D-Ferndale, as well Nicole Hockley, co-founder and CEO of Sandy Hook Promise Foundation, whose son Dylan was killed in that shooting. Parents, teachers and other members of the community will be invited to join the commission, which met for the first item on Monday, McDonald said.

Among the topics they'll study is a threat assessment model, hard and soft prevention measures, training for adults and children on ways to take meaningful action, she said.

"For every person killed in a mass shooting in 2020, another 85 died from other forms of gun violence," McDonald said. "Pontiac is facing an unprecedented spike in gun violence. In March, a 7-year-old child was killed in a drive-by shooting."

McDonald wants the commission to produce what she called "data-driven trauma informed recommendations" to reduce gun violence. She expects the report in about eight months.

Gun access is a critical issue, McDonald said, but it's not the only issue. Others include metal detectors and other law enforcement

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CORONAVIRUS IN OAKLAND COUNTY

Clinic offering COVID booster, flu vaccines this week

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The Oakland County Health Division is offering the new COVID-19 bivalent booster vaccine and flu shots for Oakland County residents.

Residents 12 years and older are eligible for the new booster two months following the completion of their COVID-19 vaccine primary series or booster.

The updated COVID-19 vaccine boosters include compo-

nents of the original virus strain and the omicron variant; this is called a bivalent vaccine. The updated COVID-19 vaccine boosters are designed to give you broad protection against COVID-19, including the omicron variants.

Appointments are recommended and walk-ins accepted at community clinics and the Health Division's Pontiac office, 1200 North Telegraph Road, Bldg. 34E, and the Southfield office, 27725 Greenfield Road.

Visit www.oakgov.com/health/register or contact Nurse on Call at 800-848-5533 to make an appointment.

Community vaccination clinics will occur on:

- Today from 1-6 p.m. at Older Persons' Commission, 650 Leticia Drive, Rochester.
- Wednesday, Sept. 21, from 2-6 p.m. at Wixom Community Center, 49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixom
- Thursday, Sept. 22 from 1-6 p.m. at Robert Bowens Senior

Center, 52 Bagley St., Pontiac

For those eligible, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends people 18 years and older get the new single dose Moderna or Pfizer COVID-19 booster vaccine, but 12-17-year-olds get the new single dose Pfizer bivalent COVID-19 booster vaccine.

At this time, the bivalent vaccine is considered only a booster, not a means of primary vaccination. Any adult starting a CO-

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AP FILE PHOTO

Pictured is a closeup of the Pfizer vaccine.