

## Hartland man charged

■ Faces arson, malicious destruction of property in Livingston County

By Sharon Stone



Michael Nester

Michael Paul Nester, 33, of Hartland Township, was arraigned Sept. 24 at Livingston County 53rd District Court on charges of third-degree arson and malicious destruction of property.

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## Competency evaluation ordered

■ Springfield Township man remains behind bars after admitting to shooting girlfriend

By Sharon Stone

Vincent Merrill, 50, of Springfield Township, was denied bond and remains in the Oakland County Jail. He was arraigned Sept. 6 on one count of first-degree homicide and one count of felony firearm.

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Dan Brisson (right), director of Public Works for Fenton, talks with David Lossing, chair of the Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition while employees with HyFi install a sensor over the river. Photo: Hannah Ball

## Sensors installed along the Shiawassee

■ Group will record water level data that will help with flood warnings, predict trends

By Hannah Ball

**Fenton** — The Shiawassee River now has sensors that will report the water level in real time.

HyFi, a water level reporting agency based out of Ann Arbor, has been installing these sensors along the Shiawassee River this past week. When the technology is fully set up, people will be able to see the real-time water level online.

On Thursday, Sept. 24, two employees of HyFi installed a sensor over the river at the S. LeRoy Street bridge.

“Folks want to know — is the river too high? Can I get under this bridge? Or is the river too low? That’s essentially what the technology is here for,” said Niklas Krantz, deployment coordinator at HyFi.

The sensors use ultrasonic sensors, which are similar to the sensors used in automatic doors. It reports the data as a sea level measurement and it’s exact to a millimeter.

David Lossing, chair of the Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition, said they’re partnering with HyFi on this project. Lossing gave information on 60 locations along the river where sensors

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## Potential ALDI project encounters issue

■ Business owners seek money from sale of 3.6-acre property

By Hannah Ball

The development that’s anticipated to be built in between Fenton Area Public Schools athletic fields and the Target complex off Owen Road hit a snag.

At the Thursday, Sept. 24 Fenton Planning Commission meeting, Carmine Avantini, the city’s planning consultant with CIB Planning, gave an update on the project.

The 3.6 acres of land, located between the football field and the Speedway on Owen Road, was on the market starting June 2018. Fenton Area Public Schools wanted to sell the property and use the money to pay for security upgrades at Fenton AGS Middle School.

The school district sold the property for \$1.3 million to Keystone Realty of Farmington Hills, which has indicated that

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“OK, Fenton City officials. In case you haven’t noticed, the Street Experience on Thursdays and Friday’s is a total flop.

And I don’t know about everybody else but I’m getting tired of being stuck in the traffic jams it causes. End this nonsense already.”



“Kudos to Sharon Stone for the great feature section about

the fall season. She authored every article. A lot of work and research went in to putting this together.”



“Are you still talking about the clock at the old fire station? We get it; you’re obsessed about it not work-

ing. Come up with a solution or get over it.”



## CHARGED

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The charges stem from a suspicious fire and property damage that occurred Sept. 8 in Hartland Township. He is lodged at the Livingston County Jail and has received a \$100,000 cash surety bond for the charges. He was previously being detained for a probation violation as a result of the fire and has a \$100,000 cash surety bond also set for the probation violation.

On Sept. 8 at approximately 7:30 a.m., the Livingston County Sheriff's

Office responded to the 11000 block of Clyde Road in Hartland Township for a structure fire and a report of vandalism.

Responding deputies reported that a barn at the location was fully engulfed in flames and that a vehicle on scene had fresh damage that was not related to the fire. The property owner also reported that a boat on the property had recently been intentionally damaged.

A person of interest was identified, Nester, for the incident and was taken into custody on a probation violation.

The Livingston County Sheriff's

Office was assisted by the Hartland Area Fire Department, the Brighton Area Fire Department and the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

The fire remains under investigation by the Livingston County Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau and the Hartland Area Fire Department.

According to the Michigan Department of Corrections, Nester has been convicted on numerous charges since 2015, including larceny in a building, breaking and entering, fleeing and eluding police, auto theft and receiving and concealing stolen property.

## Fenton Ladies Night Out is back on

■ One-night event planned for Nov. 13

By Hannah Ball

Fenton Ladies Night Out is back on.

On Friday, Nov. 13 from 4 to 9 p.m., attendees will be able to walk around Fenton and shop at local stores, while enjoying the start of the holiday shopping season.

The Times reported a few weeks ago that local municipalities canceled their fall Ladies Night events due to the pandemic. Holly has an event planned for Friday, Nov. 13 and Saturday, Nov. 14, and now Fenton does, too.

The event is planned by Karen Piacentini, owner of Fenton's Open Book, and Brenda Hasse, local author. They received city approval last week.

"I think most (business owners) are on board because we can't afford not to hold it. Everyone really wants to do Ladies Night, and it's just a big day for everyone," Piacentini said.

Piacentini said attendees can expect the same features as a usual Ladies Night Out, except for a few exceptions. The event will not have punch cards. People will have to follow guidelines about wearing face masks inside, and Piacentini said they will encourage people to not linger around inside stores when they're crowded.

"If your friend is waiting to pay for something, we'll ask you to wait outside instead of inside," she said. "Store owners are thinking of creative ways to do drinks and snacks. Everyone has such different and unique stores."

Piacentini and Hasse are working to get promotional amenities ready. They're also planning Witches Night Out for Friday, Oct. 9 at 4 p.m.

"We just want people to have a good time. We want to try to make life normal again and just support all the local businesses that are in each town," she said.

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# Fenton High School has new leadership

■ Laura Lemke promoted to FHS principal, Grand Blanc's Zachary Bradley hired as new assistant principal

By Sharon Stone

Fenton High School is under the direction of new leadership.

After the retirement of longtime principal Mark Suchowski in May, assistant principal Laura Lemke was appointed to principal and began her new role July 1.

Zachary Bradley was hired as the new assistant principal.

Superintendent Adam Hartley said Bradley came highly recommended from the Grand Blanc school district, where he served as the dean of students. He added that Bradley has already made an impact on the staff with his eagerness to work on building relationships and support the staff and students in this difficult time.

"Having served FHS as the assistant principal for the last 16 years, Mrs. Lemke went through a rigorous interview process and showed she is the leader we need to take FHS to the next level," Hartley said. "Her passion for education, collaboration and effective communication is evident and she is an advocate for our learners."



Fenton High School Assistant Principal Zachary Bradley and Principal Laura Lemke are settling into their new leadership roles and are excited to continue the tradition of excellence at Fenton Area Public Schools. Photo: Sharon Stone

Lemke said, "I am honored to lead a school with such a rich tradition of excellence, to continue working with its dedicated staff, and to further the legacy of success established by retiring Principal Mark Suchowski."

She said this next year promises to be an exciting one as they plan for

a post-COVID return along with the introduction of the Positivity Project and a multi-tiered system of support.

Lemke has more than 30 years of experience in education and is a license secondary certified teacher. "I received my bachelor's degree with

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# Sharin' the spotlight Making memories in Michigan

By Editor Sharon Stone

This time of year is always bittersweet for me. As much as I love fall in Michigan, with the beautiful colors all around us and college football, I know I'm going to miss summer and pontoon rides.

Michigan is such a beautiful state and I enjoy the entire Pure Michigan initiative and reading about different events and small towns across the state. Every season has its own benefits.

As my husband and I were taking out our dock this weekend, I started reminiscing about all the fun we had this summer on the lake. I also started reminiscing about many of our weekend trips at various towns in Michigan over the years.

Camping with a pop-up camper as a kid rolled over to us buying one when our own kids were little. We plotted out which campgrounds we'd go to. Every trip was an opportunity to make memories with our family and friends.



The north or south campgrounds at Higgins Lake were favorites of ours. The lake water was crystal clear – enough that I found three one-dollar bills that I had dropped in the lake the day before.

While camping, you always see interesting people. A funny thing we'd do with the kids was position them just right so that we could sneak a photo of a fellow camper doing something we thought was funny. The kids loved being part of our photo shoots.

The campground at Tawas Point also brings back great memories. We took a tour of the lighthouse and walked to the top use the spiral staircase. There was so much sand at that campground.

Camping in Muskegon allowed us to explore Lake Michigan and Bear Lake with our boat. I remember my husband and me getting sick with a fever on our last day and the rest of our family members took turns watching our kids. We can laugh about it now.

One camping trip up north involved our son's entire hockey team taking

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Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter — Question asked to Tri-County Times' Facebook followers

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"Venison stew and homemade bread."

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# Walk. Give. Change the world.

## ■Fenton/Lake Fenton/ Linden/Holly Crop Hunger Walk 2020 is this Sunday

By Sharon Stone

Organizers of this year's Crop Hunger Walk believe in ending hunger. And in 2020, they will continue to fight against the new challenges of disease and disaster that leave people hungry. The public can join them in raising funds to help neighbors near and far get the meals they need this year.

Gail Morgan of Linden United Methodist Church said the 2020 Crop Hunger Walk will still be happening, but not at Bush Park as in the past due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Those interested can register at one

of the following churches the day of the walk, which is this Sunday, Oct. 4. Attendees will walk around Linden and Fenton.

- Linden United Methodist Church
- Fenton United Methodist Church
- St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Fenton
- Fenton First Presbyterian Church
- Linden Presbyterian Church
- Tyrone Community Presbyterian Church

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## ALDI

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it wishes to bring in a grocer, which is ALDI, and a few other retailers.

When the Target project was initially approved, the plans included an access driveway to the school property. The driveway was never built.

"Unfortunately, the developer did not submit the access easement for city review, as required by ordinance, or we would have caught that the school access easement was not included. The easement extends from Owen Road all the way down to the Tractor Supply Company," Avantini said.

The plans for the development now must include another easement driveway. The city and FAPS had worked out agreements with businesses in that complex to put an easement driveway off the two-way road that passes Speedway, when entering and exiting the complex, that would lead to the 3.6-acre property.

However, Avantini said there's a new issue. Some of the business owners want money from the sale of the 3.6-acre property. Mega Coney Island and the Shoppes of

Fenton tenants, which include Famous Footwear, Ulta, Maurices, Kay Jewelers and T-Mobile, indicated to Avantini and FAPS that they wanted to be reassured that no direct competitors would be brought in, and that they wanted to be paid a certain amount.

When asked how much money they were asking for, Avantini said one was "substantial" and the other was "really really substantial."

"It would cut into the funds the school would use to make improvements," Avantini said. "These owners are forcing the city and school to look at different ideas."

They're working on a different plan, which could include putting the easement driveway to the new complex directly off Owen Road and not using the shared driveway by Speedway.

Avantini said he hopes they reach an agreement soon, because he knows ALDI won't wait "too much longer." He also doesn't want the city to lose a project or the school to miss out on this opportunity.

No action was taken at this meeting.

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part in a hockey camp. The coach's parents had a home on Platt Lake and the hockey families enjoyed a fun day tubing down the Platt River all the way to the Lake Michigan.

A couple of years ago, a large group of us friends camped in Traverse City. While there, we did the bike, kayak and brewery event. Of course, we picked a weekend when it was 97 degrees. We told ourselves to just embrace the sweat.

This same group of ours has traveled to Caseville at the top of the thumb a few times. Caseville is where we discovered how good a dab of peanut butter is on a burger. One time we kayaked over to the Turnip Rock enjoying the beautiful lake and homes along the shoreline.

For us, making memories with our family and friends all across Michigan is priceless. So, as we head into fall and winter, I anticipate the smell of campfires, college football playing on the TV and the coziness of sweaters.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

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honors from Michigan State University and spent several years teaching middle and high school students before earning both a master's of education and educational specialist degree and becoming a school administrator.

Lemke is a native of Queens, New York, a first-generation college graduate, the product of two proud marines, and the parent of two children. "As such, I fully understand the challenges and rewards you face every day as you work to ensure your child has the best educa-

tional experience possible and I want to partner with you to make that happen," she said. "One of the most important aspects of my work here at Fenton High School will be continuing to build strong relationships with students, teachers and families. As COVID permits, you'll find me in the hallways, cafeteria, classrooms, sporting events, and at special activities."

Bradley said he is excited to join FAPS' administrative team for the 2020-2021 school year. He and his wife, Angela, and daughter, Cecilia, are overwhelmed by the welcome they have received from the community, and are looking forward to all that Fenton has to offer.

Bradley said he is an avid sports fan and loves rooting for his local teams, even the Detroit Lions. "I also enjoy cooking and baking, and make the best chocolate chip cookies east of the Mississippi River," he said.

"Our family loves visiting my hometown of Elk Rapids and frequenting Lake Michigan beaches in the summer."

At Grand Blanc, Bradley taught social studies and then transitioned to student advisor.

"I hope to use my experiences to contribute to the district strategic plan, and to collaborate with its visionaries," he said.

With the lessons learned from distant learning brought on by COVID-19, Bradley hopes to continue building district capacity with technology and online resources. Continual training and professional development has to be a priority for us all in an ever-changing, interconnected world.

"I look forward to hitting the ground running this fall and working with you all," he said.

## COMPETENCY

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On Sept. 14, during his probable cause conference in 52-2 District Court, the judge ordered a competency evaluation to determine if Merrill is competent to stand trial.

His next court hearing is Nov. 9.

Merrill's case goes back to Thursday, Sept. 3 at 5:52 p.m., when the Oakland County Operations Center received a 911 call from a caller, later identified as Merrill, who stated, "I just killed my girlfriend" and then hung up the phone.

The victim was identified as Vicki Diane Fortin, 60, of Springfield Township.

Oakland County Undersheriff Mike McCabe said deputies responded to the scene in Springfield Township and found a 50-year-old man, Merrill, standing in the driveway outside the residence. Merrill told the responding deputy, "I shot her. I killed her."

Deputies entered the residence and found Fortin lying on the floor with no sign of life. She was believed to be the suspect's live-in girlfriend. Fortin had sustained multiple gunshot wounds. An ER doctor at McLaren Oakland Hospital in Pontiac pronounced her deceased.

A .380 semi-automatic handgun, which is believed to be the weapon used in the homicide, was found on a table in the basement.



Vincent Merrill



Vicki Diane Fortin



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However, there are occasions when a judge finds that he or she can't preside over a particular case and the law of "Judicial Disqualification" applies. All states and the federal courts have disqualification laws.

Michigan has a court rule M.C.R. 2.003, and the Code of Judicial Conduct, which governs what happens in these situations.

The court rule, which is in part based on the Code, provides for a number of different nonexclusive grounds when a judge should be disqualified.

These include being biased or prejudiced for or against a party or attorney, having personal knowledge of the evidentiary facts, is a party, lawyer or witness in the proceedings, or has a financial interest in the outcome of the case.

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## POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

### FIRE AT DAUNER HAUS APARTMENT

On Sunday, Sept. 27 at 8:24 a.m., the Fenton Fire Department responded to a kitchen fire in an apartment in the 400 building of Dauner Haus. Chief Bob Cairnduff said when firefighters arrived on scene, the occupant of the apartment was already outside. The building fire alarm alerted occupants of other apartments and everyone evacuated. There was significant damage only to the kitchen area of the apartment where the fire started. The fire department used its positive pressure ventilation fans to clear the remaining light smoke in the common hallways. Cairnduff said they determined the cause to be accidental. The Red Cross assisted the resident with temporary housing. There were no injuries.

### POSSIBLE ARSON OF SHED IN HOLLY

On Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 2:16 p.m., Holly police officers were dispatched to a small shed on fire off N. Holly Road. Officers and the Holly Fire Department discovered the metal shed had been accessed and papers inside the building were intentionally set on fire. Firefighters extinguished the flames. A police officer interviewed people in the area and was advised they saw two male teens running from the area. Officers have identified the teens and are investigating with arson investigators.

### FRAUD ATTEMPTED WITH HOLLY MAN'S PAYPAL ACCOUNT

On Thursday, Sept. 24, at 11:48 a.m., a 27-year-old Holly man reported to Holly police that someone had attempted to use his PayPal account to make online purchases at several locations. The suspect used the victim's identity but changed the email account to their own to hide the transactions. The victim was able to alert PayPal who halted the transactions. Police are investigating.

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could be installed. So far, they've installed approximately 23. They also installed some sensors in Ohio and New York on different waterways.

"It's telling you how far the surface that is catching is from the sensor itself," Krantz said. "Then we take measurements using survey tools and that'll tell us exactly where it is in terms of altitude. Our hope is to fill in as many locations as we can given the grant we have. It's basically a trial period that's being supported by the Great Lakes Protection Fund."

The data can be used for flood warnings, recreational purposes and more. After the two-year trial period is over, they will evaluate the data and see how useful the sensors were.

Joshua Riley, a sensor technician/data analyzer who installed the sensor with Krantz, said the technology and water level will be monitored in real time, and it will allow them to notice trends and make predictions.

The goal is to present the data in a user-friendly format by spring.

"I think this is a great partnership between the water trial coalition and HyFi so that we'll have maybe 30 sensors installed along the river from

## JUDGE

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motion filed within 14 days of the discovery of the grounds together with an affidavit setting forth the reasons for disqualification.

In trial courts and the Court of Appeals, if the motion is not granted, it is then referred to the chief judge for a decision. If it is a Supreme Court Justice being challenged, the entire court then decides.

Disqualification of a judge or justice also can be waived if all parties agree.

Socrates was unquestionably correct when he described what a judge's traits should be and which allows justice to be provided to all concerned. Our judicial disqualification laws are but one example how this concept works in practice.

Holly to Chesaning," Lossing said. "We'll be able to gauge throughout the year if the river is actually paddleable."

May can be too rainy to the point where it becomes unsafe, and August is very dry.

"Recreational folks and people who fish will know if it's a good time to go in the river or not," he said.

HyFi received approval from Fenton City and has a permit from the Michigan Department of Transportation to install the sensor on the S. LeRoy bridge.

According to the Great Lakes Protection Fund, "The HyFi team proposes a radical improvement in water data collection and watershed-scale information tools. The team will deploy county-scale water information systems in three Great Lakes counties; one each in New York, Ohio, and Michigan. Each county-wide network will contain 40 to 50 sensors across water bodies and built infrastructure, each of which will report water level data continuously.

"This network will provide data at the spatial and temporal scales that stormwater, watershed, and emergency managers need to manage and respond to changing weather patterns and extreme events. Its coverage will greatly exceed that provided by the 8,000 stream gauges maintained by the U.S. Geological Survey across the U.S. that measure water levels, on average, every 15 minutes. (Since there are over 3,000 counties in the U.S. most have few, if any, measurements of water flow or water quality.)"

## TOWNSHIP OF HOLLY NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the November 3, 2020 General Election has been scheduled for Friday, October 2, 2020 at 12:00 PM at the Karl Richter Community Center Gymnasium 300 East Street, Holly, MI 48442

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the electronic tabulating equipment will accurately count the votes cast in the manner prescribed by Michigan Election Law.

Karin S. Winchester  
Holly Township Clerk

## NEWS BRIEFS

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### Applicants needed for boards and commissions in Genesee County

The Genesee County Board of Commissioners is seeking applicants for several current vacancies on boards and commissions. This is an opportunity for citizens to become involved in local government.

The following vacancies include:

- Bishop Airport Authority (3-year term) — one vacancy
- County Family Independence Agency (3-year term) — two vacancies
- Economic Development Corporation of Genesee County (6-year term) — two vacancies
- Genesee County Board of Health (3-year term) — two vacancies
- Genesee County Road Commission (6-year term) — one vacancy

For a description of each board and commission, go to [gc4me.com](http://gc4me.com) and search "Appointments by the Board of Commissioners." Submittal of a letter of interest and a current resume to the Board of County.

The requested documents may be emailed to [Applicant@co.genesee.mi.us](mailto:Applicant@co.genesee.mi.us) by Oct. 8 at 3 p.m. Each commission or board may have its own set of eligibility requirements, but all require candidates to be residents of Genesee County.





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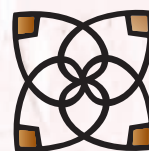


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**Genesys Hurley Cancer Institute**  
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If the physician determines a mammogram is needed, the mammogram will be scheduled at a later date and will be free of charge for those without health insurance.

No appointment or registration is necessary.

Walk-in between the hours of 5 to 7 pm.

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If you would like more information  
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# Funds raised to benefit area women in need

## ■ To cover cost of 3-D mammogram screening for 150 eligible women in Genesee County

McLaren Flint's Free Mammogram Program not only promotes breast cancer awareness, but this year also will provide 3-D mammogram screenings for 150 uninsured, at-risk, low-income women throughout Genesee County.

Funding is made possible by the partnership between the McLaren Flint Foundation and the Flint Firebirds, and the generous sponsors who support the annual "Pink out the Rink for Mamms" hockey game held each October.

October is nationally recognized as breast cancer awareness month. This year, it is more important than ever to remind women of the importance of getting their annual mammogram.

Too many people are foregoing their annual health check-ups and screenings due to the ongoing pandemic. These annual appointments are vital in catching health concerns early. When it comes to cancer, the earlier it is detected, the better the outcomes. If detected early, the five-year survival rate for breast cancer is 98 percent.

Patients can be assured health care providers are offering safe care. McLaren is proud to offer all women the newest technology in 3-D breast imaging.

"With this 3-D technology, we can see breast tissue much more clearly and detect cancers that are much smaller and at an earlier stage," said Linda Lawrence, MD, board-certified radiologist and medical director of the McLaren Imaging Center. "Earlier detection of breast cancer means greater survival rates for patients."

## To qualify for the McLaren Flint Free Mammogram Program, women must be:

- Uninsured
- 40 years or older — physician order not required for screening mammogram
- Under 40 years of age with high risk factors
- Resident of Genesee County with proof of address and a Social Security number
- Have a family physician to receive mammogram results.

Patients without a primary care physician can establish one at the McLaren Family Medicine Residency center by calling (810) 342-5656.

Those who qualify may schedule their 3-D mammogram by calling the McLaren Flint Imaging Center at (810) 342-4800.

Although circumstances will not make a "Pink Out the Rink for Mamms" fundraiser possible this year, the community can still support the program. Donations can be made by calling the McLaren Flint Foundation at (810) 342-4087, or online at [mclaren.org/flintfoundation](http://mclaren.org/flintfoundation).

## HOLLY TOWNSHIP ANNUAL FALL CLEAN-UP AND DOCUMENT SHREDDING

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SATURDAY, October 3, 2020

8 A.M. – 2 P.M.

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All barrels and fuel oil tanks must be open-ended. No stumps, brush, leaves or concrete will be accepted. Paint cans must be empty or filled with sand or kitty litter. There is a \$5.00 per item charge for regular tires and a \$7.00 per item charge for tractor tires. All appliances will be taken.

Additional information may be obtained by calling George Kullis, Holly Township Supervisor at (248) 634-9331 Ext. 304.

## Free breast cancer screenings offered by Genesys Hurley Cancer Institute

Genesys Hurley Cancer Institute (GHCI) will conduct free breast cancer screenings Thursday, Oct. 15 from 5 to 7 p.m. at GHCI, located at 302 Kensington Ave., Flint.

The screenings are open to women and men age 18 and older.

No appointment or registration is necessary. Simply walk in between the hours of 5 and 7 p.m., and you will see a physician who will conduct the exam.

If the physician determines a mammogram is needed, it will be scheduled for a later date and provided free of charge to those without health insurance.

GHCI adheres to CDC recommendations to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

For more information about the breast screenings, call Genesys Hurley Cancer Institute at (810) 762-8226.

Breast cancer can't be prevented, but you can take steps to help detect it in its early stages. In addition to taking advantage of the free screenings offered at GHCI, women of all ages are encouraged to perform breast self-exams at least once a month. Breast self-exams will help women become familiar with how their breasts look and feel so they can alert their physician if you identify any changes.

When breast cancer is detected early, it can be treated more successfully, increasing the chances for survival.

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Visit [ghci.org](http://ghci.org) for more information.

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### United for Kids 2020

Three counties, three sheriffs — one purpose. The community is invited to take part in the United for Kids 2020 charity golf outing, which is Saturday, Oct. 17 at Willowbrook Golf Club, at 311 W. Maple St., Byron. Sponsorships also are available. With this event, the sheriff from Livingston, Genesee and Shiawassee counties, as well as the golf course, selected a different charity to support. Proceeds will be divided and given to the charity. Cost is \$400 per golf team, which includes 18 holes with a cart, lunch at the turn, dinner, raffles, contests and door prizes. Tee times are every 10 minutes in order to keep congregating to a minimum. Charities benefitting from this event include Voices for Children, Whaley Children's Center, The Arc and Midcourse Correction. For sponsorship opportunities, call (810) 266-4660.





# Eagles' offense turns ball over too many times, falls to Dragons

By David Troppens

**Linden** Life on a high school football team can change pretty dramatically.

The Linden varsity football team learned that lesson Friday.

A week after posting an impressive 35-21 victory, with the offense

never turning the ball over, the Eagles turned the ball over five times at home against Swartz Creek on Friday, resulting in a 14-7 loss.

"We just made too many mistakes," Linden varsity football coach Denny Hopkins said. "We played so well week one and then

today we were off.

"(Our practices this week) were not good. They were still pretty much into themselves. That first week was a pretty big win for us and we didn't respect (Swartz Creek). I don't think we respected them."

Linden did something you may see once every five or six years twice in the same game. The Eagles had what looked like could be touchdown drives end with fumbles through the end zone resulting in touchbacks for Swartz Creek.

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Linden's Seth Schuyler caught this touchdown pass in the Eagles' 14-7 loss to Swartz Creek. Photo: Mark Bolen

## Sports Times

### Blue Devils collect second straight blowout victory

By David Troppens

**Lake Fenton** — It was hard to make many predictions about the Lake Fenton varsity football team's season entering this fall.

Last year's squad went 3-6 and lost each of its last four games of the season. That didn't seem to be a positive entering the year.

But two games into this season, the Blue Devils have shown that they are certainly a team that can't be taken lightly.

The Blue Devils posted their second impressive blowout victory of the year in what was their last regular season home game of the year, crushing Owosso 45-6. That improves the Blue Dev-

ils' record to 2-0 this season by a combined score of 99-14. Last year's team also beat both of these squads, but did so by a much tighter 56-53 combined score.

Owosso tried to compete with the Blue Devils early on. The Trojans drove to the Lake Fenton 20 and faced a third-and-one play on the opening possession of the game. However, the third-down play was stopped for no gain, and after an Owosso penalty, the squad failed to convert on fourth down when Lake Fenton's Jack Conley tackled Owosso ball carrier Tim Felver after just a two-yard gain. The Blue Devils took over possession and just eight plays later capped a 71-



Lake Fenton's Dalton Decker (right) runs downfield in the Blue Devils' victory against Owosso. Photo: David Troppens

yard drive with a 28-yard TD run by Mason Skyner around the left side of the line. A two-point pass was completed from Reid Shu-

maker to Collin Wade, giving the Blue Devils an 8-0 lead with 3:30 left in the first quarter.

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### Tigers sting Hornets, 50-14

By David Troppens

Every year it seems there is a team that is placed on a pedestal. Suddenly that team is supposed to be the up-and-coming squad to contend for a league title.

For a couple of seasons, the Kearsley Hornets have been the team people have selected during the Flint Metro League football season.

On Friday night, the Fenton Tigers slammed Kearsley back to reality.

The Tigers jumped to a 21-0 lead in the first quarter and the game never was competitive after that, resulting in Fenton's 50-14 victory against the Kearsley Hornets.

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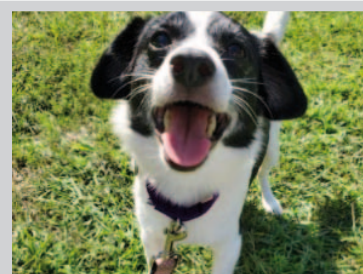
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## Bronchos fall to Raiders

By David Troppens

For the second straight season, the Holly Bronchos had a tough Friday night against one of their Flint Metro League Stripe Division foes.

There was some progress, however. After losing to the Fenton Tigers 46-0 during the opening game of the season, the Bronchos did improve in their second game losing to the Flushing Raiders 42-13.

Flushing jumped to a 21-0 lead and were unable to get back in the contest, resulting in the loss.

However, the Bronchos were able to score twice. The first time came on a nine-yard reception from Jacob Hild to Jacob Cherson late in the first half.

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## Linden soccer maintains lead in Metro, beats Raiders

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity boys soccer team remains perfect.

The Eagles, coming off an impressive 4-2 victory against area rivals Fenton, remained undefeated in Metro League play

(and overall) by beating Flushing 3-0.

The Eagles (7-0 overall and 6-0 in Flint Metro League action) had a second straight keeper performance by a different goalie. Against Fenton, Luke

Haney led the squad to the victory. Against the Raiders, it was the team's starting keeper, Ian Downarowicz, who sparked the win. He made seven saves en route to the clean sheet victory.

Offensively, Brendan Shin-

gleton played a part in all three goals. He scored two of them and assisted the third. The third goal was provided by Brandon Johnson. Hunter Hall and Bishop Lawrence assisted Shingleton's two goals.

### EAGLES'

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It happened in each half. There was another fumble on a punt catch attempt in the second half that also hurt a potential comeback. And even when the Eagles drove to possibly tie the game in the final seconds, two potential TD receptions were dropped in the end zone. A pair of field goals also were missed in the first half with one being blocked.

Swartz Creek scored the game's first TD in the second quarter on a nine-yard run, and a two-point conversion made it an 8-0 lead. That was the lead entering the second half.

Linden (1-1) had the second fumble that went through the end zone happen on its first possession of the second half when quarterback Wildeman fumbled the ball trying to go into the end zone. The game's second TD was set up when Swartz Creek forced the Eagles to start a possession at their own 1. Linden was eventually forced to punt from its own 16, but the Dragons started their next possession at their own 44. A 56-yard TD run by Noah Kalakay and a failed two-point conversion resulted in a Dragons' 14-0 lead with 7:11 left in the third quarter.

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Luke Gorkiewicz (left) tries to break some tackles in the Eagles' 14-7 loss against Swartz Creek. Photo: Mark Bolen

## Linden remains atop Metro, beats Flushing Raiders

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## Tigers defeat Holly with strong second half, 6-0

What was a close and tight game in the first half, turned into a decisive Fenton victory in soccer action against Holly.

The Tigers scored five second-half

goals and earned a 6-0 victory. The win kept the Tigers just a loss behind the Metro League's undefeated teams.

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## Fenton XC competes in dual with WL Northern

Weekend cross country meets are few and far between this fall, so the Fenton Tigers did the next best thing Saturday.

The Tigers competed in a dual meet with Walled Lake Northern.

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### PREP REPORT

#### GIRLS GOLF

► **Fenton 167, Linden 191:** Brook Herbstreit shot a one-under-par 35 to earn medalist honors while Olivia Herbert shot a 43. Jilian Roberts carded a 44 while Victoria Carnell and Katelyn Burkett each had 45s.

Linden was led by Cate Draper's 44, her best nine-hole score ever. Kaitlyn

Straub carded a 46 while Emma Lurvey shot a 49. Hanna Baldwin carded a 52.

► **Flushing 192, Holly 214:** Makena McGee led Holly with a 51 while Kendall Stilwell shot a 53. Claire Bednarczyk shot a 54 and Libby Boehm shot a 56.



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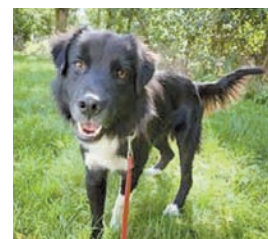
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**MICHIGAN, WE HAVE** a governor and administration that believe most of us are nonessential. Please sign the petition to recall her and vote for Republicans in November.

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**LAKE FENTON HIGH** School has a beautiful setting with the pond at the corner of Lahring and Jennings roads, but the pond looks neglected. A generous family provided funds to landscape the area and plant dozens of nice spruce trees. Hopefully, some attention can be given to fixing the site.

## Obituaries

### Susan Joan (Squier) Curle

1956 – 2020

Susan Joan (Squier) Curle – age 64, of Linden, passed away Wednesday, September 23, 2020 in Brighton. Born March 12, 1956 Susan graduated from Linden



husband Jeffrey Curle; brother, John Squier; and parents, Joan and Larry Squier. Private visitation and graveside memorial is planned at Tyrone

High School in 1974, and married Jeffrey Curle in 1989. She is survived by her daughter, Anne Curle; and siblings, Cynthia (Bob Schiebold), Carolyn (Joe Corey), Paul Squier, and Marie Squier. Some of Susan's favorite past times were getting together with high school friends, visiting past co-workers at Lafontaine Automotive Group and planning weekend trips with her friends and family. She is preceded in death by her

Memorial Gardens. However, a celebration of Susan's life will be scheduled at a later date. Please send personal condolences in care of The Curle Family 1341 Shire Ct. Howell, Mi 48843. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may contribute to Carriage Town Ministries 605 Garland St. Flint, Mi 48503(carriagetown.org) or the American Cancer Society. Please visit the family's online guest book at [www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com](http://www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com).

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Midweek Crossword

ACROSS

1 Former fresh-  
men

6 Squid squirt

9 Doctrine

12 Construction  
piece

13 Cattle call

14 IRS employee

15 1492 ship

16 SAT takers'  
equipment

18 Pet rodent,  
often

20 Warmth

21 Second per-  
son

23 More, to  
Manuel

24 Portion of a  
repair bill

25 Great Lake

27 Amulet

29 "Where the  
Wild Things  
Are" author

31 "Nighthawks"  
painter

35 Edition

37 Genesis  
maker

38 Sings like Ella

41 Apprehend

43 Promptly

44 Sea eagle

45 Downy ducks

47 Necklace  
ornament

49 "Psycho" star

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

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21 22 23 24

25 26 27 28

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35 36 37

38 39 40 41 42 43

44 45 46

47 48 49 50 51

52 53 54

55 56 57

52 Commotion

53 Tall tale

54 Rod of tennis  
lore

55 Actress Myrna

56 Toss in

57 Tools for  
duels

DOWN

1 Taste the tea

2 Japanese sash

3 Gotham City  
super-villain

4 Detest

5 Unctuous flat-  
tery

6 Mischievous

7 Yule refrain

8 " — -Tiki"

9 Less friendly

10 Pie-in-the-  
face sound

11 Sail supports

17 Winners

19 Supports

21 "Certainly"

22 Mined find

24 Expert

26 Rewrote,  
maybe

28 Winning

30 Fool

32 Musingly

33 Swelled head

34 Uncooked

36 One

38 Calyx compo-  
nent

39 Guiding prin-  
ciple

40 Bother

42 Ball VIP

45 Oklahoma city

46 Harvest

48 Carte lead-in

50 "Golly!"

51 Storefront  
sign abbr.

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

Midweek Jumble

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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Will my lines disappear?  
You'll look like a teenager again. Trust me, I'm the best there is.

THE PLASTIC SURGEON WHO WAS KNOWN FOR LEAVING NO SCARS WAS A ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Horoscopes

For the week of  
September 28 2020

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

A debate is growing inside of you, Aries. You do not know whether you should lean toward practical decisions or have a little fun. Why not do both?

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, maintaining balance will be challenging this week. There's a conflict for which you can't seem to find a resolution. Give things a little more time.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

You may be daydreaming a bit too much lately, Gemini. It's time to get your head out of the clouds and focus on some practical matters that need to be addressed.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, when you are in charge of a situation, you have to keep in mind others' feelings before offering a critique. Take a moment before you give commentary.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

Try to keep your emotions in check this week, Leo. This is not the time to let your feelings seep into a work environment. You have to remain focused and firm.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, even if something rubs you the wrong way this week, don't let others know. Surround yourself with people and activities you love so you can boost your mood.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, your artistic side is ready to get a little attention. Maybe you will redecorate a room or design a website. Channel those creative urges purposefully.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

What was moving along so smoothly just yesterday may hit a snag now, Scorpio. Don't let this sidetrack you. You just may have to put forth a little extra effort.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

The pace of your life is bound to slow down a bit in the days to come, Sagittarius. This will be a welcomed change from the hustle and bustle that has been the norm lately.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, something keeps pulling your focus away from the task at hand. This may be the universe telling you that this project needs to be delayed for a bit.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Don't stress about making hard decisions or commitments, Aquarius. You already have the next few months planned out, as you like to be two steps ahead all the time.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

While someone may be pushing you to take action, it is even better if the motivation comes from you. Take a step in the right direction.



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