

Single dad in ‘horrific motorcycle accident’

■Lake Fenton grad has long road ahead after losing leg, arm, and sustaining multiple fractures

By Sharon Stone

The aunt of Gary McNamara has created a Gofundme called “Horrific Motorcycle Accident #Double Amputation” to help raise funds for his

medical care following a motorcycle crash. As of Tuesday, Aug. 31, more than \$13,500 of the \$50,000 goal has been raised.

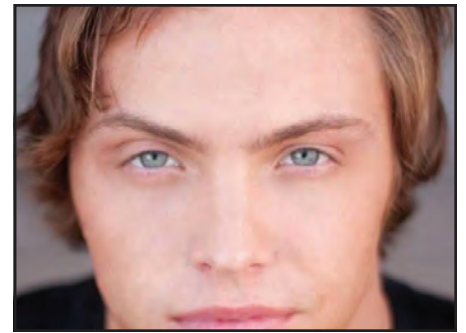
McNamara’s aunt, Iva Harrison, said the crash happened during the late night hours of Aug. 19 at the roundabout on Bristol Road, near the General Motors plant in Flint Township. He’s being

treated at Hurley Medical Center’s intensive care unit.

“He’s in excruciating pain,” Harrison said.

McNamara, 30, of Swartz Creek and a Lake Fenton High School graduate, lost his left leg, right arm

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Gary McNamara



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Football League
practices begin
week of Sept. 13
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Veteran/First Responder event connects vets to resources

■Linden City and U.S. Congressman Dan Kildee’s office host local event

By Hannah Ball

Linden — Despite the heat, the Veterans and First Responders Recreation Day in Linden on Aug. 28 was well attended.

The event was organized by U.S. Congressman Dan Kildee and the city of Linden to give information about the benefits of recreation to veterans and first responders. These two groups of people are more likely to experience post-traumatic stress disorder compared to the general

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GO TIGERS
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The Fenton varsity football team opened its 2021 football season with a contest against Midland Dow Friday at Michigan Stadium. The Tigers lost the contest. Photo: David Troppens

Township extends mosquito contract

■Board will put mosquito control on August 2022 ballot

By Hannah Ball

The Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved a one-year extension for a mosquito control contract on Monday, Aug. 30.

The cost is \$149,500.

In 2017, the board awarded a contract to APM Mosquito Control for 2018-2021. The funds come from a special assessment approved by voters.

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“They’re doing everything they can. This is just a horrible year.”

Thomas Broecker

Fenton Township operations manager and deputy clerk



“If you have a flagpole outside your home or business

and didn’t lower it to half-staff for the 13 fallen soldiers, shame on you.”



“My wife and I would like to thank the person who paid for our lunch at the Mega Coney

restaurant last Tuesday. It was appreciated and it brightened our day. Again, thank you and God bless.”



“I wish everybody had a neighbor like the one I have in Rusty Smith. What an awesome, awesome man.”



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Township to use federal money on sewer upgrades

■ Costs for three projects is more than \$800,000; township expects to use American Rescue Plan funds

By Hannah Ball

Fenton Township will use American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to upgrade parts of the sewer system. Plans are subject to receiving the funds from the federal government.

At the Monday, Aug. 30 meeting, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees voted 6-0 to approve using the money to alleviate the sanitary sewer capacity at Torrey Road, buy generators for pump stations and buy new monitoring equipment. Clerk Robert Krug was absent.

The total estimated cost for all three projects is \$822,609, which is approximately 50% of the township's ARPA funding allocation. Supervisor Vince Lorraine asked the township's engineers,

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Holly Area Youth Assistance

■ Strengthening families through community involvement

By Sharon Stone

Holly Area Youth Assistance (HAYA) is a community-based prevention organization developed by volunteers who live and/or work in the greater Holly Area Schools (HAS) district. HAYA is cosponsored by HAS, the townships of Groveland, Holly, Rose and Springfield as well as Oakland County Circuit Court-Family Division. Additional funding is obtained through grant and local fundraising efforts.

The Holly Chamber of Commerce recently held a breakfast that honored the 10 young people from Holly who were and are exemplary in various ways and serve as a role model to their peers.

Recognized were a sixth grader from Davisburg Elementary, a fourth grader from Davisburg Elementary, two eighth graders from Holly Middle School, four seniors from Holly High School and one junior from Holly High School.

Tena Alvarado, HAYA president, said, "They all have done some pretty amazing things in the last year. All the adults in attendance were truly in awe of what these young people have accomplished."

Alvarado said the below services below go with HAYA's mission of strengthening youth and families and preventing and reducing delinquency, neglect and abuse through community involvement.

HAYA SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

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Casework Services provide confidential, short-term voluntary counseling for youth and their families who reside within the Holly School District. Please call the HAYA office for a referral form or for more information.

Mentors Plus

Adult HAYA volunteers are matched with a student ages 5 - 17 on a one-to-one basis with the purpose of providing a positive role model. volunteers are asked to commit 1 - 2 hours per week with their match for 1 year.

Camp

Camp scholarships are provided to youth residing within the Holly Area Schools district who are interested in a day camp, overnight camp or a specialty camp experience. Scholarships are for qualifying youth ages 5 – 16.

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Sharin' the spotlight

Fortunate to have Flint Bishop Airport so convenient, close to home

By Editor Sharon Stone

I was away last week on a much-needed vacation. We had a trip to Florida planned for months and counting down the days until we flew there was exciting. My husband and I traveled to New Smyrna Beach with two other couples that we have been dear friends with for decades. Our son, who lives in Miami, drove up to join us for several days. This made our trip even more special.

We flew out of Flint Bishop Airport and landed at the Sanford airport outside of Orlando. We were so glad there were flights out of Flint, rather than Detroit. I don't have anything bad to say about Detroit's airport, but Flint's airport is much more convenient for anyone in this area. It's just 15 minutes north of here. If you have someone drop you off, it's not too inconvenient for them. If you leave your car at the long-term parking lot, it's not too expensive. Either way, you're ready to check your bags in less than a half hour.

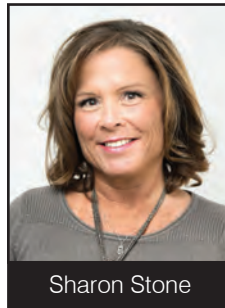
Of course, we arrived too early and had to wait for employees at the

Allegiant counter. When you are excited about a trip, you don't mind arriving too early. We saw a few fellow passengers with their dogs and cats. They too were excited to travel. The only thing we were nervous about was if our luggage was over the weight limit. I always pack too much. We weighed them at home, but you never know how accurate the home scale is. We checked in, rode the escalator up to the security area and went through with no issues. Security inspectors were very thorough.

We then went and grabbed a quick lunch near the gates and enjoyed a pre-flight cocktail. Vacation had officially begun.

I felt so comfortable at Bishop. Everything was clean and the employees were friendly and professional.

While our traveling companions boarded first and sat closer to the front of the plane, we sat farther back with the others who didn't want to pay extra for a self-chosen seat. Seating was tight but everyone was respectful of the constraints. Everyone works masks. Our flight attendants



Sharon Stone

were nice and overall, the two-and-one-half-hour flight was pleasant.

The Ford Expedition we rented was ready and waiting for us. This was a relief since we heard stories about people not having vehicles to rent. There was one humorous moment when we opened the back door. We all let

out a small gasp and wondered how we would get six grown adults, six full size suitcases and travel bags into that vehicle. I thought there was no way. Thanks to our creative packers, everyone and everything made it in for the ride over to New Smyrna.

Coming back home, our flight out of the Sanford airport was delayed for nearly two hours. We weren't officially told why, but we figured it had to do with the storms up here. Our flight included more turbulence, but it too went pretty smoothly.

All of our luggage showed up in Flint and again, the employees at Bishop were very busy, friendly and helpful.

I think it's time to start planning our next trip and hopefully, we can fly out of Flint.

Hotlines

Submit Hot lines online at myfenton.com or text to 810-771-8398

All submissions, if approved for publication, must be 50 words or less and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Tri-County Times. We reserve the right to edit for clarity, length and liability.

THE POPULATION STUDY is a way of justifying the increase in all these new subdivisions coming to Fenton Township. More people results in the need for bigger roads, bigger schools, more police, more teachers and that equals more millages. Get ready to open your wallets again.

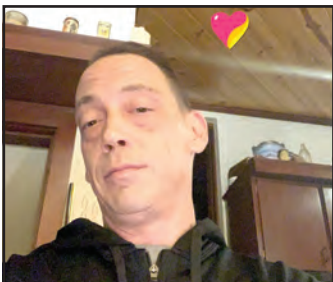
ATTENTION GENESEE COUNTY Parks and Rec and city of Linden. Clover Beach's handicap path to the beach has a dangerous, slimy, slippery area that has taken down many people. Water oozes constantly, causing a covering of slime. One went down today, hard. Please do something before someone is seriously hurt.

NOCFA MEMBERS UNION-IZING may just be its undoing since 1,200 calls a year just does not justify it.

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

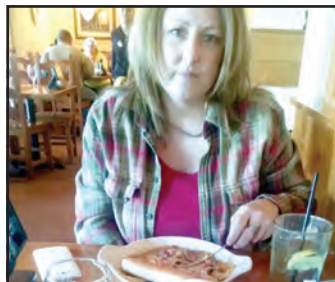
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streettalk



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Amy Michaels
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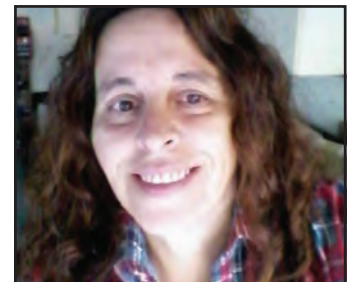
"BBQ sauce with cheese and jalapeños."

Brian Frederick
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"Yellow mustard and home-made sauerkraut!"

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"Ketchup then chili on top of that then lots of onions!"

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Ask the
judge**Double jeopardy**

Consider the following hypothetical. Defendant John is charged with murder. He has a jury trial and is found not guilty primarily because there are no eyewitnesses.

A year after his acquittal, an eyewitness comes forward willing to testify that John did it.

Can he be tried a second time?

The answer of course is no because of what is known as “double jeopardy.”

This protection is found in the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution and provides that “no person shall be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb.”

Michigan’s Constitution has a similar provision.

Although this phrase is generally well known, there are a number of other aspects of double jeopardy that many people may not be familiar with. What follows is a brief primer.

Double jeopardy is one of the oldest legal concepts in Western civilization and comes to us from the English common law.

It protects in three different situations:

- a prosecution for the same offense after an acquittal;
- a prosecution for the same offense after a conviction and;
- more than one punishment for the same offense.

The standard that is used to determine if a crime is the same offense is known as the Blockburger Test. This test has deep historical roots and focuses on the statutory elements of the offenses. If each offense requires proof of a fact that the other does not then double jeopardy doesn’t apply. If the elements are identical then a new prosecution is prohibited.

Double jeopardy doesn’t apply in cases when the jury can’t reach a verdict; the federal government prosecutes a defendant after a state court acquittal or vice versa, (this is known as the “Separate Sovereigns Doctrine”); and a mistrial being declared for a legitimate legal reason.

However, if a mistrial is declared due to prosecutorial misconduct, dou-



Gary McNamara poses for a fun photo with his daughter, Esme in this undated photo.

ACCIDENT

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and he suffered multiple fractures to his face in this accident. Harrison said Tuesday that his right leg became infected and will have to be removed this week.

He is a single father to his 7-year-old daughter, Esme.

The family was told by doctors that he has a long road ahead of him with more surgeries and months of rehab. His aunt posted on the gofundme page that her nephew needs the community’s help to move forward with necessities. She said there is no insurance for the medical bills, electric wheelchair, ramp into house, bed and bathroom modifications or any skilled help needed to care for McNamara.

Harrison said the family is also asking for any information on charities, grants or resources to help amputees.

ble jeopardy prohibits a new trial.

Jeopardy “attaches” when the jury is empaneled or, in a nonjury trial, when the first witness is sworn in.

Finally, when a defendant is convicted at the same trial of two offenses with the same elements, the judge may only impose one sentence.

The double jeopardy clause has served as an effective shield to successive prosecutions since 1791. It will continue to do so.

The Cheese Lady to offer beer and wine

■ Requests liquor license transfer and new beer and wine tasting permit

By Sharon Stone

During its Monday, Aug. 23 meeting, Fenton City Council approved a liquor license transfer request made by the owners of The Cheese Lady, a small shop in downtown Fenton that offers cheese, meat and assorted grocery and gift items.

Fenton Police Chief Jason Slater told council members that JC Alliance, LLC requested to transfer ownership of an escrowed SDM licensed business with a new beer and wine tasting permit.

JC Alliance, LLC, which consists of Jean Ruffini of Fenton and her husband, Jeffrey Ruffini, operates The Cheese Lady, 121 First St.

The Cheese Lady is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Private

wine pairing classes are available Sunday and Monday from 12 to 10 p.m. and Tuesday through Friday from 6 to 10 p.m.

This SDM license will allow The Cheese Lady to sell packaged beer and wine to go. The newly requested wine/beer tasting permit will allow for limited consumption on the licensed premises in accordance with the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) guidelines.

Slater said he received notice of this proposed transfer request via a letter from MLCC dated July 15, the same day the MLCC approved a conditional liquor license for this establishment. The conditional license allows for the sale of alcohol during the transfer process, with a final review by the MLCC.

The MLCC considers the opinions of the local residents, local legislative body and local law enforcement to help determine whether an applicant may be issued a license or permit.

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Networking at the Tri-County Times



The Tri-County Times was proud to sponsor an after-hours networking event Thursday, Aug. 26. Presented by the Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce, the event included food, drinks, giveaways and a great chance for business people to connect. (Above left) Shelly Day, executive director of the Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce, Catrina Kraus, executive resident director at Vicinia Gardens Senior Living, Megan Rheingans of Comfort Care and Kathy Henson from Chad Hopkins Custom Doors pose for a photo during Thursday's after-hours networking event sponsored by the Tri-County Times. **Photo: Emily Caswell** (Above right) View Newspaper Group Brand Manager Emily Caswell announces the Oct. 23 date for the third annual Bottles Brews and News event. Caswell encouraged the attendees to get their tickets early as the first two events sold out. **Photo: Hannah Ball**

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■■■
SO, THOSE THAT are still pushing for mask mandates, shutdowns, and forced changes in schooling are blaming the unvaccinated for this continued push. Stop the deflection. Take responsibility for your own actions and hysteria.

■■■
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■■■
IF YOU BELIEVE masks and vaccines work then get them, then it doesn't matter what others do. Control your own life, not mine.

MOSQUITO

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Thomas Broecker, operations manager and deputy clerk, wrote to the board that due to new legislation discussed last year regarding special assessments, the township did not place a renewal proposal for mosquito control on the ballot in 2020. The board will put forth a new ballot proposal to voters in August 2022.

However, the previous contract expires at the end of 2021, and if the vote passes in August 2022, that contract would begin in 2023. This creates a gap in mosquito control for 2022.

Broecker wrote to the board that they have "sufficient reserves" in the mosquito control fund to extend the contract one year without assessing residents.

APM Mosquito Control also offered the one-year extension. A letter from APM states that the current contract will remain in place and the company only invoices for work performed.

Treasurer John Tucker said this is the first year the mosquito population is "out of control."

"I talk to Mr. (Chuck) Mullins every week and he said any night that it's not too windy or raining, they are spraying," he said. "They're doing everything they can. This is just a horrible year."

ASSISTANCE

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Student Enrichment/Skill Building

HAYA provides scholarships for qualifying youth who would benefit from a learning experience outside of school. Programs often include sports, music, art and recreational activities.

School Supplies

School supplies are provided to qualifying students that are specific to the student's grade level and school attended. Students are also able to select a backpack from those provided by HAYA.

Musical Instruments

Musical instruments are loaned free of charge to qualifying students in order that they may join the middle school or high school band program. The students are to return the instrument once they graduate or are no longer in band class.

Jacobson-Quinn Toy Project

Dick Jacobson (a former HAS teacher) and Doug Quinn (a former HAYA caseworker) began this program back in 1982 in order to ensure that every child within the Holly community would receive a gift at Christmas. The program is funded by individuals, businesses, churches, and civic organizations that donate toys and/or money to this project.

Family Education

HAYA offers a variety of programs aimed at improving communication between parents and their children, understanding, child development, and enhancing parenting skills.

Bob Warner Scholarship

Each year graduating Holly High School seniors have the opportunity to apply for the two Bob Warner scholarships. Applications are available at the high school counseling offices as well as the HAYA office.

Youth Recognition

Young people are recognized for making volunteer contributions to their community. Nominations come from schools, churches, and community members who have been helped by a youth. The youth are presented with a special award signed by local dignitaries. To nominate a youth, please contact their office.

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The Desert Angels were one of the booths at the Veterans and First Responder Recreation Day in Linden on Saturday, Aug. 28. The group sends care packages to troops overseas. **Photo: Hannah Ball**



Linden resident Dan Starrs (middle) talks to a friend while visiting at the Genesee County Department of Veteran Services booth at the Linden event. **Photo: Hannah Ball**

VETS

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population, according to a study conducted by physicians at McLean Hospital.

This is the fifth year for the event.

Kildee said the turnout was “amazing.” They held it in conjunction with Sen. Ken Horn and State Rep. Mike Mueller.

“This is the biggest we’ve had and with the most community support that we’ve seen. A lot of people came through. It’s just really nice. We want to thank veterans,” Kildee said. “We want to thank police and fire and other first responders because they do so much for us. They put their lives at risk and sometimes they’re under appreciated. Also, we want to connect them to recreation.”

He said research shows that higher stress jobs are made easier when people go outside and exercise.

Vendors included the Genesee County Department of Veteran Services, Fisher House Michigan, Michigan Works, Desert Angels, Michigan Trout

Unlimited and CycleFit.

Horn said he’s seen many families out taking their kids fishing and kayaking.

“This has really been a spectacular day for families,” he said. “But really the bottom line is we’ve got veterans who just learned this week how dangerous it is to be in that part of the military, to be a service member. These veterans, they put their lives on the line, too,” Horn said. “We owe them a debt of gratitude. We’re trying to pay that off a little bit here, give them some recognition.”

In reference to the approaching 9/11 anniversary, Horn said first responders “were all of our heroes. They still are today. They take the hits...in terms of public relations and sometimes the morale. But these are moments when we can lift up those spirits and that’s what

this is all about.”

Kildee said the anniversary “makes you stop and think.” He remembers those images of when everyone was running out of the buildings, the firefighters were running into them.

“Many of them gave the ultimate sacrifice. My grandfather was a firefighter so I naturally feel that connection,” Kildee said.

William Palmer, director of the Genesee County Department of Veteran Services, said they encouraged veterans to sign up with the department even if they aren’t actively seeking services or are experiencing adverse health effects. After they sign up, the process will be easier when they request help in the future.

“The VA isn’t always quick, but we aim to help when we can,” he said.

He told veterans about the Soldiers

“It was very pleasant and something that could grow a little more. I wish all communities had something like that.”

William Palmer
Genesee County Department of
Veteran Services director

Relief Commission, the Veterans Trust Fund, the importance of filing a claim and more. Find more information at gc4me.com/departments/veterans.

Palmer and Shannon Garrett, administrator of the GCDVS, took down dozens of names.

Both said the event was helpful.

“It was very pleasant and something that could grow a little more. I wish all communities had something like that,” Palmer said. “It gives a chance for the community to come down and to thank them and get to know them.”

“Whatever city is hosting, we’ll be there again,” Garrett said.

Dan Starrs of Linden attended the event and said there was a lot of information. He was looking for information from the Genesee County Department of Veteran Services about disability services.

“Despite the warm weather, we had a great turn out. I hope those who attended see the benefit and need for recreation to help them cope with the stress of what they go through,” said Mayor Danielle Cusson.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THANK YOU, HOLLY police, for your transparency by posting your police blotter week after week. Makes you wonder what the other communities are hiding. This is valuable information on crime trends for the greater good. Public safety first.

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Above is a hand-colored photo of Lakeside Cemetery on the shores of Bush Lake in Holly, circa 1908. Photo: Holly Historical Society

Learn about the 'early settlers of Holly'

■Holly Historical Society Cemetery Walk is Sept. 12

By Sharon Stone

The Holly Historical Society will feature "Early Settlers of Holly" at Holly's Lakeside Cemetery on Sunday, Sept. 12, from 1-4 p.m.

The self-guided tour will include 20 different stations or markers of local pioneering families and their contributions to the community as well as the civil war memorial. The time period will be the 19th century.

Walkers will be able to view the markers from pavement and it is handicapped accessible. Golf carts will be available for those needing assistance and society members will be there to direct you.

Tickets are \$5 and water will be available. The cemetery is at 860 Thomas St., east of Park Avenue and north off E. Maple Street.

For further information, visit hollyhistorical.org, where advance ticket sales are offered.

UPGRADES

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Lawrence Engineering, to identify the top three maintenance projects they would like to see done.

"We tried to look at the system as a whole and where we had our most problems," said Alan Lawrence.

Torrey Road

The Torrey Road arm of the sanitary sewer system is at full capacity, according to Thomas Broecker, operations manager and deputy clerk, in a letter to the board.

"While the 'stated' capacity may differ from actual capacity, it is clear that action is needed to reduce flows in the Torrey Road arm, especially if additional development is anticipated along Thompson Road," he said.

Currently, all sewer flow from Thompson Road runs through pump station #12, then south along Main Road, then west along N. Long Lake Road. From there, it connects to the Torrey Road main sewer line. It continues south, connecting to three more pump stations along the way, and it reaches the county interceptor on S. Long Lake Road.

"When the system is at peak flow, the 15-inch pipes along Torrey Road are flowing more than full from Golden Shore Drive to the Grove Park pump station. From a design standpoint, this is unacceptable. From a practical standpoint, it requires close monitoring of the sewer lines and pump stations during any significant rain event to avoid overflows or backups into homes," Broecker said.

Lawrence Engineering recommends redirecting the Thompson Road flow to the Fenton Road arm, which has the needed capacity.

"That was the cheapest, easiest way to do it and it gave us approximately 45% more capacity in that line than what we have," Lawrence said.

The project would include the construction of approximately 1,700 lineal feet of 8-inch forcemain along N. Long Lake Road, connecting to

the existing gravity sewer line near the Wiggins Road intersection, which ultimately flows to Fenton Road, according to meeting minutes.

The estimated cost is \$323,344.

Sewer pump generators

The township has 57 pump stations in the sanitary sewer system, and 11 have a permanent automatic starting generator to keep them running during power outages. Forty-six pump stations do not have a generator.

"During large-scale power outages and/or outages lasting more than a few hours, the task of rotating generators to keep all stations pumped down and avoid overflows/backups is a very time critical, time consuming and costly process," Broecker wrote.

Lawrence said during the early August storm, 27 stations were without power and they were "running around" and using portable generators to keep them going. Lawrence Engineering recommended buying seven additional permanent generators. This will reduce the number of pump stations that rely on portable generators during outages.

The estimated cost is \$362,500.

Sewer pump station monitoring upgrades

For the past two years, the township has been working on replacing the analog auto-dialer alarm systems at pump stations with newer Omnisite monitoring systems, which use cellular technology. Currently, 31 of the 57 pump stations have the Omnisite technology.

Lawrence Engineering recommended equipping the remaining 26 stations with the same Omnisite systems. Lawrence said this technology tells them the problem at the stations in real time. They provide more detailed information and it makes it safer for the engineers.

The estimated cost is \$136,769.

The total estimated cost for all three projects is \$822,609, which is approximately 50% of the township's ARPA funding allocation.

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Eagles struggle in opener vs. Notre Dame Prep, 34-8

By David Troppens

Flint — What was supposed to be a memorable game against a challenging team at Flint's Atwood Stadium Friday night, ended up being a night of mistakes.

The Linden Eagles faced a talented Notre Dame Prepsquad, and the squad's inexperience showed as mistakes and penalties helped lead the Irish to a 34-8 victory against the Eagles.

"We still have a lot of times we only

have one or two seniors out there at a time," Linden varsity coach Denny Hopkins said. "We are pretty young out there. At one time, we were four sophomores, six juniors and a senior on the floor.

"At halftime, we had nine plays that we misread the band (misread the plays), and what that causes is people running the wrong routes so Brandon (Green, Linden's quarterback) is running for his life. And we missed

block assignments."

Notre Dame Prep jumped to a quick 20-0 lead with three first-quarter touchdowns. The first came on the Irish's first possession. The Irish went 70 yards on 16 plays, scoring the first TD on a Jacob Tuttle 24-yard reception to William Newman. Linden's Bryce Eliuk blocked the extra-point attempt and Notre Dame led 6-0 with 7:36 remaining in the opening quarter.

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Sports Times

Tigers fall to Dow at the Big House, 43-14

By David Troppens

Ann Arbor — Playing at Michigan Stadium would be a thrill for any prep football player, and for Seth Logan, it was as well.

However, Fenton's senior quarterback wishes the results of his first time playing at the "Big House" was a little bit memorable than what they ended up being.

The Fenton Tigers played a very talented Midland Dow team and ended up losing a 43-14 verdict at Michigan Stadium Friday afternoon in hot and humid conditions.

Fenton's offense managed 155 yards total offense and turned the ball over three times while Dow collected 261 yards total offense and had a kickoff returned for a touchdown, leading the Chargers to the victory.

"It's awesome," Logan said about playing at Michigan Stadium. "It was really fun playing here and having the opportunity. It was fun.

"We really have to toughen up. We really didn't play Fenton football today. We weren't as gritty or as tough as we have been. We just have to respond next week and come off firing."

"We are young," Fenton varsity football coach Jeff Setzke said. "We have a lot of young kids and even our kids that are older are inexperienced.



Photo: David Troppens

You hope that it won't show up and hope you overcome some things, but unfortunately, we didn't. We are much faster than we played, but when it looks like we are that slow, that's when the kids are thinking. When you are thinking, your feet aren't moving, and it's always been that way. Our ceiling is very high. One game doesn't make a season. We have to keep on grinding."

The contest started out just fine for the Tigers. Fenton's defense stopped Dow's offense on the first possession of the

game and a bad snap on a punt attempt gave the Tigers the ball at the Dow 10. Two plays later, Logan connected with Sam Claborn for a nine-yard TD pass. Adam Barcome's extra-point put the Tigers up 7-0. The lead didn't last long. Specifically, the game was knotted back up at 7-all just 12 seconds later after Zack Parker took the ensuing kickoff 84 yards for a touchdown. Landon Miller made the extra-point kick, tying the game at 7-all.

See **TIGERS** on 12

Blue Devils make long trip worth it, defeat Gaylord 27-7

By David Troppens

It's always nice to start the football season with a victory.

And that's what the Lake Fenton varsity football team did Friday night.

The Blue Devils traveled all the way to Gaylord, but made the trip worth it by earning a 27-7 victory.

"It was great to get a win. We needed that," Lake Fenton varsity football coach Marty Borski said. "With the way our schedule sets up I don't want to say it was a must-win, but it was as close as you can get to one in a first game.

"We were pretty sloppy at times. We had a lot of penalties. We put the ball on the ground three times, but got all of them back. The good news is we have a lot of room to grow. It's nice to learn with a win than a loss."

The Blue Devils began the game strong. The Blue Devils' defense stopped Gaylord after just one first down, and then the offense took over. It drove 60 yards in just five plays, scoring on a Reid Shumaker TD pass to Dalton Decker. Ashton Hunter made the extra-point and the Blue Devils led 7-0.

The defense held Gaylord's offense in its next two possessions,

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Holly football loses defensive struggle

By David Troppens

Two years ago, the Holly varsity football team opened its season with a tough defensive minded 12-3 victory against the Fraser Ramblers.

The rematch was equally defensive minded as both squads combined for only 23 points. However, this time Fraser won the home contest, defeating the Holly Bronchos 16-7 on Thursday.

Fraser scored first on a 61-yard TD run by Eddie Williams. However, the Bronchos responded right back, scoring a TD of their

own before the first quarter was over. It was provided by Bryce Goings' eight-yard run with 7:22 left in the first quarter. The teams went into the half tied at 7-all.

However, Fraser was able to muster a little more offense, scoring on a 27-yard field goal by Briheem Rabhi in the third quarter, giving the home squad a 10-7 lead, and the lead for good. Fraser scored six points in the final quarter to earn the victory.

Holly had its chances but four turnovers and eight penalties ended up hurting their chances at victory.

Holly hosts Avondale Thursday.



SLPR Flag Football League practices begin week of Sept. 13

By David Troppens

Prep football from the freshman to varsity level is a tradition at Fenton High School's Ivan Williams Field.

But there's another tradition on Saturdays. That tradition would be the Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation's Flag Football League.

The Flag Football League for athletes from kindergarten to eighth-grade of either gender.

"We are hoping to get 250 kids," said SLPR Recreation and Athletic Programmer Paul Stark. "We've had up to 350 before. Most of our students are from the second through fourth grade and second is kindergarten and first-graders. It's a great way to get out there, do some exercising and do so in what is not a high pressure situation."

People can register students online at slpr.net. The cost is \$135 for residents and \$155 for non-residents. Practices start the week of Sept. 13, and usually consist of one to two practices a week. The teams have a six- to eight-game schedule, which ends Oct. 23.

The games are at Fenton High School. The practices are wherever the coaches can find some green space. Some go

to Fenton High School, the elementary schools or maybe to Lake Fenton schools or Linden schools."

The field is broken down into two football fields for each contest. They are about 40 yards long and the games take about an hour to play. The teams field seven players at a time with people rotating to different positions during the contest. Games are scheduled from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

"The kids have a lot of fun playing and when they get in game situations, it's a lot more fun and safer than tackle football. A lot of times kids get the passion for it and move on to tackle football. They learn to love the game without all the brutality (of tackle football)," Stark said.

The sport is good for learning other values.

"They learn sportsmanship," Stark said. "They learn about the basics of football. They are learning how to work on a team and are learning a lot of different positions as well."

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Blue Devils' cross country teams place fifth

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity cross country program opened its season at the South Lyon Invitational with both varsity teams placing fifth.

The Lake Fenton boys scored 114 points while the girls recorded 137 points.

The Lake Fenton girls recorded two top-10 finishes. Seniors Claire Hunt (21:45.9) and Marielle Hatfield (21:54.2) finished sixth and seventh, respectively, at the event. Meanwhile, the boys had one top-10 finish, senior Colton Dietrich. Dietrich placed ninth in 18:38.9.

The rest of the Lake Fenton boys' scoring five were Matt Fletcher in 22nd (19:26.7), Brady Smith in 28th (20:02.9), Jamison Chenett in 32nd (20:17.3), and Nick Learman in 34th (20:24.2).

The Lake Fenton girls cross country team's other scoring five were Marcella Jenio in 36th (24:45.2), Kaitlyn Hatfield in 42nd (25:11.8) and Grace Roy in 48th (25:39.9).

The Blue Devils return to action at the first Flint Metro League Jamboree at Linden High School on Wednesday.

Fenton swimmers place third at own Tiger Relays

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity girls swimming and diving team has reason to be excited about this fall's season.

Some of those reasons to be excited showed up at the Fenton Tiger Relays Saturday.

The Tigers placed third at their own event, but had two disqualifications that kept them from finishing at least second place.

The Tigers earned firsts in two events. The 850 crescendo relay team of Abby Carrigan, Tess Heavner, Sophie Stefanac and Gracie Olsen earned the initial Fenton first with a time of 8:42.07. The second one was earned in the 200 medley relay with Stefanac, Heavner, Olsen and Saab with a time of 1:50.34.

The Tigers had three seconds. The first second was earned by Stefanac,

Heavner, Olsen and Rose Haney (3:58.15), while the team of Molly Blanchard, Julia Blanchard, Julia Jensen and Alexis Lemanstky earned a second (9:42.71). The third was earned by Haney, Sana Saab, Addison Dolliver and Lilah Falvo in the 200 freestyle (3:56.98).

The Tigers also had two thirds. The 200 backstroke team of Carrigan, Halee Alexander, Molly Blanchard and Eleigh

Stafford earned a third (2:06.11) while The 8X50 Spees sprint relay team of Olsen, Stefanac, Saab, Alexander, Heavner, Falvo, Haney and Dolliver also earned a third (3:30.07).

Holly also competed and finished sixth out of eight teams. The Bronchos' top team was the 800 freestyle relay team of Ella Athaver, Emma Coggins, Trinity Klemp and Caelie MacDougall placed fourth (10:55.46).

Eagles' cross country teams place second, eighth at meet

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity cross country program opened its season at the End of Summer/Fall preview meet held at Huron Meadows Metropark Thursday.

The Linden boys had its top five finish within the top 26, helping lead the Eagles to a second-place finish with 73 points. Chelsea won with 32 points while Saginaw Heritage earned third with 120 points. The Linden girls earned eighth place with 199 points.

The Linden boys had two runners finish with top-five finishes. Kyle Eberhard led the Eagles with a fourth-place finish (16:48.30) while River Meckstroth placed fifth (16:54.30).

The winning time was 16:23.80 by Chelsea's Connell Alford.

The rest of the Eagles that finished in the top 50 at the meet were Hayden Bradfield in 20th (18:13.00), Ryan Blackwood in 23rd (18:18.10), Clayton Akerman in 26th (18:29.90) and Ian Martin in 49th (19:21.40).

The Eagles were led by Colleen Blackwell, who finished 19th in 22:01.60. The rest of the women's top five scorers were Stellah Strauss in 47th (23:44.20), Ava Fahrenkoph in 51st (24:09.80), Madelyn Strauss in 60th (25:08.80) and Karyn Taylor in 61st (25:19.20).

The Eagles return to action when they host the first Flint Metro League Jamboree at Linden High School.

BLUE DEVILS

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but Lake Fenton had a couple of issues on offense, keeping them from scoring. However, with 20 seconds left in the half, the Blue Devils scored their second touchdown on a six-yard pass from Shumaker to Mason Skyner. The extra-point was blocked, but the Blue Devils still had a 13-0 lead at halftime.

Gaylord cut the deficit to 13-7 with a 60-yard drive on its first possession of the second half, but the Blue Devils quickly responded. Zack Hall had a kickoff return to the 50. Six plays later, Skyner scored on a nine-yard run. The PAT made it a 20-7 Lake Fenton lead.

On the ensuing kickoff, Josh Wright hit the ball carrier, forced a fumble and

it was recovered by Nolan Schroeder. The Blue Devils capitalized with a fourth-down one-yard TD run, making it a 27-7 lead. From there, the Blue Devils had the ball one more time and killed the clock.

"We stopped them on two fourth-down attempts while they were driving and we scored on two fourth-goal attempts," Borski said. "That was the difference in the ball game. I'm proud of how the kids responded in big situations."

Lucas Storm led the Blue Devils' ground game with 81 yards on 13 attempts. Skyner had 26 in five chances. Shumaker completed 8-of-10 passes for 133 yards and two touchdowns, while Decker caught three passes for 66 yards.

Holly boys tennis defeats Heritage, loses to Gibraltar Carlson

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity boys tennis team competed in duals against Saginaw Heritage and Gibraltar Carlson and earned a split between the two squads.

Holly defeated Heritage 6-2 while Gibraltar Carlson won 5-3.

Against Heritage, the Bronchos won all four singles flights. Only one flight went beyond two sets. Jacob Denman (No. 2 singles) defeated Travis Vasold 6-4, 2-6, 10-4 in the three-set match. The other singles winners were Walker Glass at No. 1 singles 6-1, 6-2; Adam Booher at No. 3 singles 6-3, 6-0; and Jake Distel at No. 4 singles 6-0, 6-2.

The Bronchos had two doubles flights wins. They were earned by the No. 3 team of Andrew VanHese and Drake Setera 6-2, 6-2; and the No. 4 team of Ryan Tiell and Eric Ranck 3-6, 6-3, 10-7.

Holly's No. 2 doubles team of Nate Costigan and Wyatt Randall lost a tight 7-5, 6-4 verdict while Ethan Tillier and Ben Kittle lost 6-3, 6-1 at No. 1 doubles.

Against Gibraltar Carlson, the Bronchos recorded three singles flight victories. Glass won at No. 1 singles 6-4, 4-6, 10-5 while Adam Booher won at No. 3 singles 6-3, 4-6, 10-6. Jake Ditsel earned a No. 4 singles victory as well 6-2, 6-1.



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The Irish's second score came on their second possession. Notre Dame had to drive 35 yards on six plays, scoring on Colin Weiss's three-yard TD run. Luke Babich kicked the extra-point and Notre Dame Prep led 13-0 with 4:15 left in the first quarter.

Notre Dame's next score came on a punt attempt by Linden. It was blocked and returned by Christopher Galle for a 25-yard TD punt block return. Notre Dame led 20-0 with 2:58 left in the opening quarter.

Linden looked ready to score its first

touchdown of the season on its next possession. Starting at their own 18, Green completed passes of 28 yards to Garrett Wagner, 20 yards to Eliuk and 28 yards to Bryson Phillips, helping set up a first down at Notre Dame's 12. However, three plays later John Dreer intercepted Green, ending that drive. But the pick did set up the Eagles' first score. Starting their next possession deep in their own end, Tuttle was sacked by Montgomery Keener and Wyatt Gocha for a safety. Linden trailed 20-2. However, Notre Dame scored the final TD of the first half on Tuttle's five-yard TD pass to John Dreer. Notre Dame Prep led 27-2 at halftime.

It grew to 34-2 on a 23-yard TD run

by Evan McGhee with 9:55 left in the third quarter, making a mercy rule game a reality. However, the Eagles stiffened the rest of the contest and never allowed the Irish to score another point. Meanwhile, the Eagles did get their first TD of the season on a 50-yard TD pass to Eliuk 3:46 remaining in the third quarter. Neither team score again over the last 15 minutes.

Green completed 13 of 26 passes for 237 yards, but was picked off twice. The Eagles were unable to get a ground game going, collecting just nine yards on 24 carries. Notre Dame Prep had 365 yards total offense and had no turnovers.

Linden returns to action Thursday with a road contest against Goodrich.

TIGERS

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Another bad snap on a punt attempt by Dow gave the Tigers another outstanding chance to score again in the first quarter. However, Fenton lost the ball on a fumble and Dow's Daniel Kowalczyk recovered the ball at the Dow 26. Three straight big play gains by Dow set up their go-ahead 23-yard TD run by quarterback Jack Bakus. Fenton's Donovan Miller blocked the extra-point, but the Tigers trailed 13-7 and never led again.

Dow scored on its next two possessions as well. The next score was a Backus six-yard completion to Carter Kohtz. The pair combined for the two-point conversion as well, and Fenton trailed 21-7 with 7:18 left in the half. A Dow interception set up its next score, a 44-yard TD run by Caden Chritz. Another two-point conversion raised the Dow lead to 29-7 with 4:25 left in the half.

The Tigers did come up with one break in the second quarter. R.J. Horning recovered a fumble and six plays later, Claborn caught a 13-yard TD pass from Logan, cutting the deficit to 29-14 after Barcome's extra point with 25 seconds left in the first half.

However, that play was just about the last highlight the Tigers had in the contest, as Dow controlled the second half with two third-quarter TDs. The first came on an 18-yard run by Kohtz, and the other on a one-yard run by Bakus.

Logan completed 10-of-19 passes for 100 yards.

"I knocked the dust off for game mode," Logan said. "Seven-on-sevens, practices and scrimmages are way different than games and it was a challenge.

"I'm confident we are going to get better. We didn't execute today. Like I said, we will get back to Fenton football and we'll get back to winning."

"We have to make sure we have people in the right spots and I'm not convinced that we do," Setzke said. "They are a good team. I certainly am not going to take anything away from Midland Dow, but I certainly thought we'd play better than we did. ... But our kids are resilient. They are going to be okay. We have some work to do. There will be some tough sledding for a time."

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Times

Harold E. Berry

1937 – 2021

Harold E. Berry - age 84, of Linden, died Saturday, August 28, 2021. A funeral service was held 11 AM Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery in Linden.



time on Byram Lake with his family and grandchildren. Surviving are daughter, Lynn (Mike) Daniel of Saginaw, TX; son, Hal (Michelle) Berry of Fort Mill, SC; daughter-in-law, Christine Berry of Virginia Beach, VA; five grandchildren,

Visitation was held 4 - 8 PM Monday, August 30 at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society.

Harold was born February 24, 1937 in Flint, the son of Cleatus and Nellie (Dunlay) Berry. He married Joann Webb on October 4, 1957 in Little Rock, AR and she preceded him in death on August 15, 2004.

Harold was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and retired from General Motors in 1998. He loved spending

Mary Jo (Larry) Hestilow, Brandon Stephens, Jessica (Ricky) Hargraves, Katelyn (Tommy Alkire, Darla Berry and Tina Daniel; five great-grandchildren, Natalie, Gabriel, Harbor, Ronan, Ezra, and Anthony "K.C." Ciera. He was preceded in death by wife, Joann; and son, Glenn Berry. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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ACROSS

1 Wee dollop

4 "I smell —!"

8 Lose it

12 Single

13 Only

14 Chantilly, e.g.

15 Vitamin stat

16 Frost

17 "—
Misbehavin'"

18 Improbable,
unexpected
wonders

21 Existed

22 Squid squirt

23 Song of
praise

26 Frequently

27 "Lion" actor
Patel

30 Intends

31 Dinner for
Dobbin

32 Seethe

33 Sample

34 "Shoo!"

35 Crazy Horse,
for one

36 Mountain
pass

37 Hot tub

38 Insignificant
sum

45 Car

46 "Who —?"

47 Ultimate

48 Leisurely

49 Fashion mag-
azine

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53

50 Multipurpose truck

51 Bottom lines?

52 Lushes

53 Melancholy

10 Teen's woe

11 Favorites

12 They give a hoot

20 Busy insect

23 Bit of butter

24 Knightly address

25 Actress Adams

26 Feedbag morsel

27 Pair with an air

28 Outback bird

29 Irritate

31 Many Woodstock

32 Edict

34 Guy's date

35 Sudden bursts

36 Radiates

37 Long-legged shorebird

38 Obi

39 Stubborn beast

40 Molecule part

41 Norway's capital

42 Burden

43 Jazz singer James

44 Molt

attendees

DOWN

1 Campus digs

2 "The King —"

3 Noggin

4 Hindu retreat

5 Hotel units

6 Jai —

7 Fill with intense fear

8 Not taut

9 Hammer target

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

Midweek Jumble

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

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Horoscopes

For the week of
August 30, 2021

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, this week will challenge your flexibility. It's possible you will have to change plans on the fly to accommodate developments at work or at home.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, rather than trying to figure out why everyone is acting as they are, accept things and go with the flow. You will be much happier for it.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

You are capable of dealing with intense emotional energy most of the time, Gemini. So when someone needs a friend to confide in, you are the right person for the job.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, normally you are an easygoing person. But something this week has you rattled and you may be all fired up about it. Redirect that energy to some projects around the house.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, try to stay away from conflict this week; otherwise, you may be pulled in one direction or another. It is important to remain neutral, especially at work.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, don't worry too much about what other people consider to be right and wrong. Stick to your ideals and you won't be guided off course. You will find someone in your corner.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

This is a great week to bring your mind into focus and set a firm plan for the next several months, Libra. Now is the time to make an important decision.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, if your emotions suddenly seem more intense, you may need to change your social circle and find one that aligns better with your point of view.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

Strong forces may be working against you, Sagittarius. But you won't let them derail your plans. Stay the course and things will work out just fine.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, keep conversations light and away from any controversial topics as you meet new people in the days ahead. Let them take the lead in conversation.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

There is a great deal of opportunity and potential to follow through on some major projects this week, Aquarius. It's up to you whether you're looking for work or fun.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, this may be an eventful week marked by some disruptions to your normal routine. Stay calm in the face of conflict.

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