

Storm knocks out power across state

Thousands across tri-county area lose power as falling trees snap power lines

By Sharon Stone

As of 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2,052 Consumers Energy customers were without power across Michigan following an intense line

of thunderstorms that made its way across the state Monday evening.

Consumers Energy crews worked through the night to restore nearly 40,000 customers after Monday's storms knocked down trees, limbs, and power lines in 37 counties in the state's lower peninsula. The energy provider has more than 350 crews

working Tuesday to restore electric service, and Tuesday's dry and hazard free weather conditions are favorable for restoration efforts.

The energy provider expects a majority of customers to be restored by Wednesday.

"Our crews worked incredibly See **STORM** on 10



Power lines are smoldering at this home on White Lake Road east of U.S. 23 in Tyrone Township after falling trees knocked out power from Monday evening's storm. Photo: Sharon Stone



Late drive leads Gaylord past Lake Fenton
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Holly man charged with false bomb threats

Police chief says threats terrorized community, expended thousands of dollars in resources

A 39-year-old Holly man was arraigned Wednesday, Aug. 24 on three counts of false report or threat of terrorism.

Robert Edward Nelson Jr. was arrested Aug. 20 at his Holly residence.

See **BOMB THREAT** on 5



Robert Nelson Jr.



View Lady Classic starts with a bang

The first-ever View Lady Classic in Fenton took place on Monday, Aug. 29 at Fenton Farms Golf Club. Hosted by Tri-County Times/View Newspaper Group, the all-women's golf outing featured celeb caddies like Noah Morgan from Acorn Wealth Management, who were auctioned off to raise money for the beneficiary of the event, Delivering Hope.

See story on page 15. Photo: Hannah Ball

Festival raises more than \$18,000 for human trafficking survivors

Prism Project spreads awareness about how human trafficking works

By Hannah Ball

The Free to Dream Festival raised more than \$18,000 on Friday, Aug. 26 at the Freedom Center Church in Fenton to help human trafficking survivors.

The Prism Project, a 501(c)3, organized the event. Their goal is to educate the public about human trafficking and to support survivors. The \$18,305 raised will help them open a safe house for survivors called Mis-

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Networking After Hours at the Tri-County Times

The team at the Tri-County Times was proud to host the Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce Networking After Hours event Thursday, Aug. 25. The event took place in the parking lot of the Tri-County Times office and along with networking included beverages and food. Tri-County Times/View Newspaper Group Brand Manager Emily Caswell welcomed the crowd and shared more about the upcoming Bottles, Brews & News event set for 3 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24 in downtown Fenton's Rackham Park. To date, the craft beer and wine tasting event has raised more than \$16,000 for Fenton Area Resources & Referral Network, Inc. (FARR). Tickets are just \$30 and include a souvenir glass and five tasting tickets. The 21 and older only event also includes live music, snacks and more. Tickets are on sale now at myfenton.com. **Photos: Hannah Ball**



Township hires firefighter

■ Fire department
continues to grow

By Hannah Ball

The Fenton Township Board of Trustees hired another new firefighter during the Tuesday, Aug. 23 meeting.

Over the past few months, the Fenton Township Fire Department has welcomed four new firefighters as Fire Chief Ryan Volz works to expand the department.

The board unanimously approved the hiring of Ruben Salgado Jr. on

Tuesday. Volz said he met Salgado at a local store and asked him if he lived in the area. When he said yes, Volz asked if he ever thought about joining the fire department. Salgado said "absolutely."

He hasn't attended training yet.

Salgado, along with two other recently hired firefighters, Andrew Cox and Jeremy Driggett, were sworn in.

During the Tuesday meeting, the township also accepted the resignation of another firefighter who had to move away. Volz hopes he will move back and join the department again.

'Fenton's Ambassador of Joy'

■ Fenton man aims to bring smiles to motorists on LeRoy

By Hannah Ball

Fenton — Another birthday, another day spent waving at Fenton drivers on N. LeRoy Street on Friday, Aug. 26.

For approximately the last six years, Jason Pellett, 48, of Fenton, has celebrated his birthday sitting near the N. LeRoy Street and Dauner Road intersection, waving to motorists and hoping to bring joy to the community.

His waving constantly inspires smiles, and occasionally honks, from drivers.

In 2020, the Knights of Columbus brought Pellett a certificate of merit and thanked him for making people smile.

One of his friends called him "Fenton's Ambassador of Joy." He said it was a good title for what he's trying to promote.

"This is what I like to do on my birthday. I like having my friends here," he said. His goal is for people to set up lawn chairs along LeRoy and wave to people like he does on his birthday every year. Pellett is out there a few days a week. Sometimes his family and friends, or people he



Jason Pellett, 48, is accompanied by friends as he waves to motorists as they pass by on N. LeRoy Street on Friday, Aug. 26. **Photos: Hannah Ball**

doesn't know, stop and chat with him. His friends Cliff and Kathy Kedzierski joined him on Friday.

"Mostly people are waving. It's caught on that I'm here to wave with joy and I'm not just a crazy old guy in an Amigo," he said. "It's a good thing that people are responding to what I'm doing."

It started approximately seven to eight years ago when students being dropped off by a bus near his apartment would wave at him.

"All the kids on the bus waved at me day after day and the Holy Spirit just spoke to me and told me, 'go up to

LeRoy and share it with everyone. So that's what I did. It's worked out real well," he said.

When Pellett was 16, he was involved in a fight at Fenton High School that resulted in him falling and hitting his head on concrete. He was in a coma for two months and sustained brain damage. He occasionally has memory issues. In a previous Times story, Pellett said faith and Jesus has helped him through tough times.

"Someone's always got life tougher than you. So find that person that's got life tougher than you and you can be a light in their life," he said.

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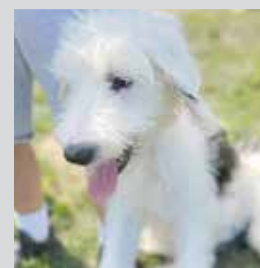
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Building Brands

Quitting loud and proud could be good for your brand

When I decided to leave my last job, my former boss and I agreed to meet at a local diner to talk through the transition. When I'd asked for the meeting the night before via text, she called me immediately, worried I might be leaving. I told her that was in fact what I wanted to meet about. We both cried.

The next day we sat eating eggs with tears in our eyes figuring out what the transition would look like. Leaving that position was not an easy decision, but it was the right career move. I remain close to that former boss. We continue to help each other out when we can professionally and cheer each other on personally. I greatly admire what she's built, and I know she is proud of me. Proof is that she put me on the cover of the women's magazine she owned during my last week on the job. The story was all about my new job working side-by-side with my dad (View Newspaper Group publisher Wes Smith).

My former boss is a good example of what a great boss looks like. I was reminded of that time in my life just

last week as I read the exciting news that a new police chief has been hired for the city of Lapeer, home to Tri-County Times sister paper The County Press.



Emily Caswell

As the beloved city of Lapeer Police Chief David Frisch looks to retirement, I knew a search was on and was thankful to learn the new chief is a local person with many ties to the community.

In fact, the soon-to-be chief is the current undersheriff in Lapeer County — Jeremy Howe. In reading that news, I bet a lot of people wondered what his current boss — Lapeer County Sheriff Scott McKenna — thought about Howe's new position. The story one of our reporters, Krystal Moralee, wrote about the new chief quickly answered that question.

From that piece: "I wanted to make sure he got (the job) before I let my mind start thinking about it," said Sheriff Scott McKenna. "I will probably move slowly on replacing him so that I do what's best for the office and the community ... It's definitely tough but I'm super proud and happy for him and his family, and that's what's most important,"

McKenna said. "Jeremy was such an important part of our department and our family. You truly can't replace someone like him, but we are so blessed to still continue to work with him in our community, so that's a huge win for both of us. He has worked so hard in his career and deserves every bit of this, and Lapeer City and the residents as so blessed to have him as their new chief."

If you're wondering what a great boss should say when a great employee leaves his or her position for a great opportunity, see above. The transition will no doubt mean more work for McKenna, but he doesn't see it like that. He's proud of his team member and, more than that, he's happy for him.

Some of you may have heard about the new trend of "Quiet Quitting." Basically, it means employees are pushing back on companies asking them to do work outside of what they believe they're paid to do by simply not doing the work.

I really hate this trend. It's bad for everyone's brand. A note to employees who are doing this. You may think you're "sticking it to the man" by Quietly Quitting, but you are more likely sticking it to your direct

See **BRANDS** on 7

Hotlines

Submit Hot lines online at tctimes.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.

LAST NIGHT AT the varsity football game before they took the field, they all got down on a knee and they said a prayer. That was just amazing. I'm glad to see that. It gave me goose bumps. Thank you, coaches.

APPRECIATE SEEING THE lights on in the parking lot at Loose Center last Tuesday night. On Wednesday, I had delicious pork for lunch at Loose. Us seniors appreciate what Carl and his team do for so many seniors. Makes me wonder why anyone would go any other place. Keep up the good work.

JUST WANTED TO say thanks again to the young lady, a Linden High School student, who carried my chair into the soccer game Thursday night while I am on a knee walker. Didn't get your name but your parents raised you right. Thank you.

THE COMPANY THAT resurfaced Linden Road north of Thompson Road should be held to task. There remains still all kinds of holes, cracks and imperfections.

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

What would you ask as a Street Talk question? | streettalk



"What is your favorite kind of soup? Really says a lot about someone."

Adeline Rae



"What do you wish Fenton had that it currently doesn't?"

Tracy Belanger
Fenton



"In what way has inflation affected your everyday life?"

Chris Hogan
Holly



"What is your favorite color?"

Hannah Meriel Hajciar
Fenton

BOMB THREAT

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Holly Police Chief Jerry Narsh reported that Nelson made a series of false 911 phone calls reporting bomb threats in an attempt to implicate someone else due to grievances.

According to Narsh's press release, Holly police officers began investigating a series of false 911 phone calls in May of 2022 that reported crimes and other serious emergencies to a specific neighborhood.

"The caller used a cellular 911-only telephone that made the identity of the caller difficult. Several calls were made from May through July. Evidence was obtained that led to a person of interest who lived in the neighborhood," according to police.

After police interviewed the suspect, he moved away from the area and police could not locate him. A 911-only cellular phone does not have a phone service carrier/provider, and it is only able to transmit a cellular signal to call 911.

On Wednesday, Aug. 17, the same male caller reported a bomb threat to a residence and threatened to kill the occupants.

On Thursday, Aug. 18, a second bomb threat was made to a neighboring home that threatened to kill a family. Officers discovered indicators that the home may have been broken into, which led them to evacuate a portion of the area and request the Michigan State Police K9 and Bomb Squad to search the home. Holly officers were assisted at the scene by the MSP, and agents from the FBI and ATF to establish that no device was inside the home, according to the press release.

Additional 911 calls of bomb threats were made to the home Saturday, Aug. 20.

"A Holly Police Department investigator being assisted by the Oakland County Sheriff's Office dispatch center was able to determine the caller was still on location and the initial suspect was in another county when the call was made from a location near the home," the release stated.

Holly officers interviewed the male homeowner, who was initially the victim of the bomb threats. During questioning, he admitted to making the threats with the intent to falsely implicate the initial

suspect due to previous grievances he had with him.

Nelson was arrested and lodged at the Oakland County Jail on multiple counts of false report or threat of terrorism. He was arraigned Wednesday, Aug. 24, before 52/2 District Court Magistrate Thomas Raguso, in Clarkston on three counts of false report or threat of terrorism, each a 20-year felony.

He was released on \$10,000 bond with conditions.

Nelson is scheduled for a probable cause conference Sept. 2, 2022 at

8:30 a.m. before 52/2 District Judge Kelly Kostin. A preliminary exam is scheduled for Sept. 9 at 8:30 a.m.

Narsh said, "I wish to thank the Holly PD investigating team and our law enforcement partners at the Michigan State Police, FBI, Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) and the Oakland County Sheriff's Office 911 Center for their assistance. These threats terrorized a community and expended thousands of dollars in law enforcement resources and diverted hundreds of hours of investigative work."

HOT LINE CONTINUED

REALLY ENJOYED RUNNING at the Linden County Park yesterday but had a hard time following the walking trail. Is it possible to put trail markers on the path?

■■■

TO THE HOT-LINER about the amount of salt the local restaurants use. We agree totally. By the time we get home, our hands and feet are puffy from all that sodium. Chefs, please dial it back a bit.

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Davison	Irish Rd. and Lippincott Blvd. intersection	Detour posted	August 8 - November 8	Atherton, Atlas, Lippincott, M-15, I-69, Irish	Intersection widening
Flint	Flushing Rd. between El Dorado Dr. to N. Ballenger Hwy.	One lane open in each direction	July 11 - September 9	none	Rehabilitation; Diet to 3 lanes
Grand Blanc	Baldwin Rd. between South Dort Hwy. and Holly Rd.	Detour posted	June 6 - September 2	Fenton to Cook to Holly	Widening to 3 lanes
Grand Blanc	Holly Rd. between Baldwin Rd. and I-75	Two-way traffic maintained	August 24 - September 7	none	Resurfacing



Mark McCabe
67th District Court

Ask the
judge

THE FINAL WORD ON THE USE OF ZOOM IN THE COURTROOM

The purpose of the Michigan Court Rules is to ensure that there are uniform rules and procedures for all levels of Michigan's court system.

The rules come to us from the Michigan Supreme Court and are constantly being reviewed for when amendments or new rules are necessary

Since the court rules were first enacted in 1935, one of the biggest issues that the Supreme Court has ever faced is the COVID-19 pandemic and how to keep Michigan's courts open and safe for all concerned.

In the spring of 2020, an Administrative Order was issued requiring judges to "make a good faith effort to conduct proceedings remotely." The use of Zoom technology turned out to be the preferred method for conducting remote court proceedings and has been used on an interim basis pending final word from the Supreme Court as to what will ultimately happen.

The wait is now over and, based on

the input of over 2,000 stakeholders, Zoom is here to stay with the court amending five court rules and creating a new one all to be effective Sept. 9, 2022.

Since there are so many changes, I will only present some general highlights.

In civil cases, the use of Zoom shall be presumed in most preliminary and scheduling matters and for most motions.

It will not be used in bench or jury trials or any proceedings, which require the testimony of witnesses or the presentation of evidence. This is subject to change at the discretion of the court.

In criminal cases, the use of Zoom will be the preferred mode for conducting arraignments and probable cause conferences for in-custody defendants.

For all other criminal proceedings the in-person appearance of parties, witnesses, and other participants is presumed. This also applies to bench trials, jury trials, or any proceeding wherein the testimony of witnesses or presentation of evidence is necessary, subject again to modification by the individual judge.

Since March 2020, judges, magistrates and referees have presided over six million hours of online court proceedings broadcast to the public. These broadcasts have been

accessed more than 560,000 times with YouTube court channels having almost 220,000 subscribers.

Quoting Chief Justice Bridget

McCormack from her opinion endorsing these changes: "Michiganders are participating in their justice system like never before." I wholeheartedly agree.

63-unit subdivision approved

Homes will be built on southeast corner of Linden and Lahring roads

By Hannah Ball

The proposed 63-unit subdivision on the southeast corner of Linden and Lahring roads received final site approval from the Fenton Township Planning Commission on Thursday, Aug. 25.

Fairways of Spring Meadows is owned by the Empyrean Group. Sections of the development front the Spring Meadows Country Club golf course in Linden.

The plan was approved with the condition that sidewalks be built along Linden Road and that they provide the necessary buffer plantings along Linden Road, said Michael Deem, zoning administrators.

The property, zoned residential-3, is 80 acres and 22% of the area will remain open space. Lots will be a minimum of 12,000 square feet. Plans include one entrance on Lahring Road.

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

CANTON MAN CRASHES PICKUP ON NORTH ROAD

On Aug. 27 at 1:20 a.m., a Genesee County Sheriff's deputy responded to the area of North Road and Ponemah Drive in Fenton Township for a minor personal injury crash. A driver suspected of being intoxicated had crashed a silver Dodge pickup truck and was injured. The deputy observed the truck off the west side of North Road after it had crashed into a tree alongside the concrete bridge over the Shiawassee River. The driver had exited the truck and spoke with the deputy. The driver, identified as a Canton resident, admitted to consuming three or four drinks at a friend's house. The driver failed field sobriety tests and was more than twice the legal limit of alcohol to drive. He was arrested for OWI. The pickup truck was impounded and towed to Fenton Express Towing. The driver was medically cleared at Hurley Medical Center and later issued a court appearance ticket.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

ALDI: DO I get a vote? If so, I vote no. We have enough shopping and eating places in town. Bowling is a much better idea.

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ALL THE MEMBERS of my family went without things in order to pay off our student loans. Now Joe Biden forces us as taxpayers to pay off someone else's student loans. Thanks for nothing, Joe.

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Doggy daycare approved

■ Applicant approved to have up to 30 dogs initially

By Hannah Ball

A doggy daycare and spa getaway is approved to be built on Thompson Road.

On Thursday, Aug. 25, the Fenton Township Planning Commission approved a special land use permit for Ruffy Ranch Retreat at 3095 Thompson Rd., which will be a doggy daycare, kennel, boarding, training facility and spa getaway.

Township resident Allore Sharp, who owns the retreat, is required to have the permit reviewed after three years. She's also limited to accepting 30 dogs initially. If the business is growing and needs to increase the number of dogs allowed, the applicant can request the review to occur earlier, said Michael Zeem zoning administrator.

"I think they were very pleased," Sharp said. "I had a good feeling about it this time because the zoning was already commercial. There was no residential property nearby, as well as the past business that was there created noise and traffic and mine wasn't going to create as much."

Sharp also had the ground tested to ensure there wasn't contamination because the building was previously used as an oil change facility.

She's hoping to begin renovations in

the next few weeks and have a grand opening this fall or winter. She added that she has a list of clients waiting for her to open so she's doing her best to open this year.

"The whole décor will be very luxurious," she said.

The 1.5-acre property is zoned commercial-3 (C-3) and light industrial (M-2).

The Thompson Road Corridor plan classifies this area as Highway Service District. This area would accommodate auto-oriented and light industrial uses around the interchange, according to the zoning administrator's report. A commercial kennel is consistent with this classification.

The applicant is required to provide one parking space per 1,000 square foot usable floor area, plus one per employee on the largest working shift. The plan includes eight parking spaces and three stacking spaces.

The grass yard will be fenced in with a privacy fence and a setback of 25 feet from the front property line.

The commission will require sidewalks along Thompson Road. The Thompson Road Corridor Plan calls for a 10-foot pathway along the south side. The building owners will be required to put in sidewalks after the road is widened, Sharp said.

The Thompson Road Corridor Subarea Plan proposes to expand this portion of the road to five lanes.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on motion of the Fenton Township Board, as authorized by Michigan Public Act 188 of 1954, (MCL 41.721), as amended, the Fenton Township Board has tentatively declared its intent to initiate a drainage system maintenance project in the Stony Brook and West Winds condominium subdivisions, and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of the costs thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the District within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be constructed and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as follows:

**Units 1-102 of the Stony Brook Condominium Subdivision
Units 1-197 of the West Winds Condominium Subdivision,
(currently parent parcel 06-18-200-007)**

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has received preliminary plans showing the improvements and an estimate of the costs of such maintenance, contingencies and related services in the approximate amount of \$14,950 per year, has placed the same on file with the Township Clerk, and has passed a Resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make such improvement and to create the special assessment district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said plans, estimates of cost and proposed special assessment district may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours of regular business days from the date of this Notice through the date of the public hearing and may be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing upon such plans, district and estimate of costs will be held at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan, commencing at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday September 6, 2022.

At the hearing, the board will also consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters filed with the board at or before the hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments or changes to said plans, estimates, costs or special assessment district.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the hearing and to submit any comments they may have.

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BRANDS

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supervisor and coworkers, who I bet you like.

If you are being asked to do things you feel are outside of your paid responsibilities, the last thing you should do is be quiet about it. Tell your supervisor why you won't do something. Be open, be honest, ask for a raise, ask for help, find a new job while still giving 100% to your current job. It is not good for your personal brand to simply fade away. Quiet Quitting is a load of passive-aggressive crap. (As you can see, I clearly have heated

feelings on the topic, which is why I have to stop writing about it for now).

I will say one last thing. Quiet Quitting says as much about the employee as it does the leadership in an organization. A great employee with great leadership will quit loud and proud and be celebrated on the way out. I'm proof of that. As is Lapeer's new police chief.

What do you think about Quiet Quitting? Email me at ecaswell@mihomepaper.com.

Emily Caswell is the brand manager at VIEW Group, the branding division of View Newspaper Group.



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Bayer launches new hub for 'sustainable agriculture' to connect to carbon markets

GOODLAND TWP. — Bayer announced a new ForGround digital platform Monday, aiming to make it easier for farms of all size to transition to “sustainable agriculture practices” — and potentially get paid for doing it.

ForGround offers growers access to tools, resources, discounts, as well as and the potential to earn revenue through the Bayer Carbon Program for the adoption of regenerative practices. Bayer said the platform will also help to connect farmers with businesses looking to advance their sustainability and carbon goals.

“We know that better harvests and a better future start with healthy soils and investing in farmers’ success — and believe that the ForGround platform will help them make the transition to more sustainable practices — and ensure agriculture is part of the climate solution,” said Leo Bastos, head of global commercial ecosystems at Bayer CropScience.

Through ForGround, Bayer will assist enrolled farmers to implement and manage practices that can help provide benefits to their land such as improved soil health, increased water availability, fewer inputs, increased weather resilience, and less soil erosion.

The available benefits at launch are:

- Practice transition support with agronomic support, evidence-based field studies and trials, curated content and events, and a like-minded community and trusted network of leading experts.
- Connection to potential new revenue streams for adopting these new practices.
- Reduced transition cost barriers, including incentives and rewards such as a free subscription to Climate FieldView Plus.

“This platform enables farmers to participate in this increasingly transparent supply chain where consumers are interested in knowing how their food is produced,” Bayer wrote in a press statement.

The ForGround digital platform is now live and available for farmers and companies in the United States and will be globally expanded in the near future.

Source: Farm News Media, Michigan Farm News

USDA invests \$121M in Michigan infrastructure to address climate change

LANSING — The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture will invest \$121 million into critical infrastructure to address climate change across rural America, including 13 projects in Michigan.

Some Michigan ag producers are receiving funding to add solar systems and replace grain dryers.

“Rural America is on the front lines of climate change, and our communities deserve investments that will strengthen all of our resilience,” Deputy Ag Secretary Dr. Jewel Bronaugh said in a statement.

“The Biden-Harris Administration has created a roadmap for how we can tackle the climate crisis and expand access to renewable energy infrastructure. The investments we’re announcing today and those that will be made possible by historic funding from President Biden’s Inflation Reduction Act will strengthen our energy security, create good-paying jobs and save Americans money on their energy costs.”

The investments include \$111 million for 289 projects to help people living in socially vulnerable communities.

The funding will help people in 49 states, Guam and Puerto Rico.

Previously, passage of the Inflation Reduction Act allocated \$14 billion in funding for USDA programs that support the expansion of biofuels and help rural businesses.

Source: Farm News Media, Michigan Farm News

Farm Bureau Insurance sponsors America & Me Essay Contest

LANSING — Farm Bureau Insurance of Michigan is once again sponsoring its annual America & Me Essay Contest.

Now celebrating its 54th year, more than 500,000 eighth graders from hundreds of Michigan schools have entered the patriotic writing contest, which encourages Michigan’s youth to write about their Michigan heroes, especially those individuals who have made a difference in their lives.

This year’s contest, held September through Nov. 11, will again ask students to write while considering the topic “My Personal Michigan Hero.”

• **Eligibility:** Rules to sign up for this year’s essay contest will be sent to schools throughout Michigan in late August. The contest is open to any eighth-grade student in Michigan enrolled in a public or private school, and offers a variety of awards on the local and statewide levels. Each school can submit up to 10 essays and the student essays must be submitted by a school.

• **Awards:** The first-place entry from each school will be entered into the statewide competition from which the top 10 essays in the state will be chosen. Each top ten statewide winner will receive a \$1,000 cash award, another \$1,000 for the school they attend, and another \$500 for their school if the school is sponsored by a Farm Bureau Insurance agent.

A special day will be planned to celebrate the top 10 winners in May 2023.

As sponsor of the contest, Farm Bureau Insurance has earned 11 national awards from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

To learn more, visit new.michfb.com/about/community-involvement/america-me-essay-contest or contact Lisa Fedewa at 517-679-5411 or lfedewa@fbinsmi.com. Essays must be submitted by Nov. 11 at 4:59 p.m.

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STORM

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hard last night and made significant progress, restoring service to about one-quarter of all impacted customers," said Greg Salisbury, one of Consumers Energy's officers in charge for the storm

event. "Our all-hands-on-deck effort will continue as we work to restore power for all 160,000 customers impacted by yesterday's 70 mph winds and thunderstorms."

Restoration times can vary depending on the extent of the damage. Customers can report an outage and check the status of

outage by visiting www.ConsumersEnergy.com/OutageCenter. They can also sign up to get outage alerts and restoration times sent to a phone, email or text message, Text 'REG' to 232273 or visit www.ConsumersEnergy.com/alerts.

From this same storm, DTE was reporting more than 240,000 customers were without power due to Monday's storm and 70 mph winds. DTE crews were out Tuesday morning securing more than 3,300 downed power lines, assessing damage and beginning restoration.

Pockets of areas across the tri-county area were without power Tuesday. Numerous traffic lights were affected and motorists are reminded to treat those intersections as a four-way stop.



Reported wind gusts of nearly 70 mph swept through Michigan on Monday, Aug. 29, leaving behind significant damage. Submitted photo



An intense line of thunderstorms made its way across the tri-county area Monday, Aug. 29 beginning at approximately 5:30 p.m. Here are storm clouds rolling over Squaw Lake in Fenton Township. Photo: Sharon Stone

PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR STONY BROOK
CONDOMINIUM SUBDIVISION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON,
GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

To the residents and property owners of the Charter Township of Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan, and any other interested persons:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on motion of the Fenton Township Board, as authorized by Michigan Public Act 188 of 1954, (MCL 41.721), as amended, the Fenton Township Board has tentatively declared its intent to initiate a drainage system improvement project in the Stony Brook condominium subdivision, and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of the costs thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the District within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be constructed and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as follows:

Units 1-102 of the Stony Brook Condominium Subdivision

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has received preliminary plans showing the improvements and an estimate of the costs of such construction, contingencies and related services in the approximate amount of \$209,470, has placed the same on file with the Township Clerk, and has passed a Resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make such improvement and to create the special assessment district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said plans, estimates of cost and proposed special assessment district may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours of regular business days from the date of this Notice through the date of the public hearing and may be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing upon such plans, district and estimate of costs will be held at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan, commencing at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday September 6, 2022.

At the hearing, the board will also consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters filed with the board at or before the hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments or changes to said plans, estimates, costs or special assessment district. All interested persons are invited to be present at the hearing and to submit any comments they may have.

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Dort Financial recognized

Named one of Top 100 credit unions nationwide

Dort Financial Credit Union is one of the top 100 credit unions in the country, according to a recent report released by Bankdash.

The local financial institution was recently named to the Bankdash list of the top credit unions in the nation based on financial stability, size, net worth ratio, accessibility, fees, community involvement, dividends, member engagement and operational strength.

"As Dort Financial surpasses 70 years of service, we are proud to be recognized as one of the top 100 credit unions in the country," said Brian Waldron, president and CEO of Dort Financial Credit Union. "It is an honor to receive this recognition. It really reinforces our dedication to serving our membership in the best

possible way."

Dort Financial Credit Union also has been named to Forbes top ten list of best-in-state credit unions for Michigan and a Top Performing U.S. credit unions by S&P Global Market Intelligence in the past few years.

The credit union also has been recognized by BauerFinancial with a 5-star rating for more than 30 years. The rating is for the highest level of financial performance from BauerFinancial who has analyzed and rated banks and credit unions since 1983.

"It is nice to be recognized as we strive every day to provide value to our members while helping them reach their financial goals," Waldron added. "The unwavering support from our members makes this recognition possible. We thank them for the confidence and trust they put in us."

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Photos: Hannah Ball



View Lady Classic scores big for Delivering Hope

■ Plans already in the works for next year's event

By Hannah Ball

Fenton Twp. — The inaugural View Lady Classic at Fenton Farms Golf Club on Monday, Aug. 29, which raised funds to help students stay fed, was nearly a sellout.

The all-women's golf outing was hosted by the Tri-County Times/ View Newspaper Group.

"It was a great first-year event," said Emily Caswell, brand manager at View Newspaper Group. "We are already making plans for the 2023 event and are thankful to our golfers, sponsors, volunteers, the team at Fenton Farms and our team for putting together a top-notch golf outing."

After a lively celebrity caddie auction, in which the women golfers bid on eight male caddies, 24 teams went out on the golf course. It was one team shy of selling out, which Caswell said is great for a first-year event. Teams decorated their carts with different themes. Caddies included Noah Morgan, Brennon Henderson, Ed Koledo, Matt Mills, Jason Warda, Ryan Guerra, Terry Pickard

and Andy Alger.

"We are so thankful to our community for coming out and supporting a first-year event. It was tons of fun for a great cause — Delivering Hope, which ensures that children in our community have access to food, books, school supplies and more," she said.

The proceeds benefit Delivering Hope, a Fenton-based nonprofit that gives food to local students who experience food insecurity. Kristen Sobanski, founder and president, thanked everyone for coming and told the audience that the money from the caddie auction, raffle tickets and other fundraisers at the event go toward feeding children.

"Everything from today is going to go toward our food assistance program. This is going to help children who are at risk of hunger. In the three school districts, we work in Linden, Fenton and Lake Fenton, there's between 25 and 35% of children that are eligible for free and reduced lunch, which is shocking to me," she said. "That's well over 2,000 students. Some of these students go home on the weekends and don't have food. We work with the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan

and we provide food every weekend, and we provide food in the summer."

Tracy Aubochon, owner of REJUV AVE. Skin Spa in Fenton, said it was fun to bid on the caddies. She said the proceeds going to Delivering Hope is "great" and that it brings awareness to the needs in Fenton that people may not know about. She was on a team with Amy Willette, vice president of operations at Marathon Flint Oil, Heather Menary, CFO of Dee Cramer, and Chelsea Mills, owner of Behind Your Design.

Willette said she's excited to be a part of the event and she can't wait for next year. Mills said, "It was a great event and it went well. Having the caddies was a great addition and made the day different than a regular golf scramble."

Peggy Agar, marketing specialist at Hurley Medical Center, said everything about the event is "fun. I think everyone is having a good time. This community is so generous. Kids need everything that they can get a leg up. I think it's wonderful anytime anybody has some kind of fundraiser that goes to a charity that helps kids. I love it."

Sherry Farney, manager of marketing

communications at McLaren Fenton, said, "I have not been to something like this before, so it's fun. It's about having fun for a good cause. We feel lucky to be here. It's obviously a very good cause. It's sad that there's that need, but we're happy that we can support it today and help create awareness for it. Students need a full belly so they can learn and do well in school."

More than a dozen sponsors made the event possible, which in turn helped Delivering Hope feed children.

"We are so thankful to our sponsors," Caswell said. "We could not have done this event without them."

Sponsors of the event included: McLaren Fenton, Medawar Jewelers, Behind Your Design, ELGA Credit Union, Hurley Medical Center, Medstar Ambulance, Acorn Wealth Management, Kerning Advertising, Dort Financial Credit Union, Vic Canever, Cislo Title, Linden Marketplace, Tasty Layers, Allied Media, Dr. Wax Orthodontics, ServPro and many hole sponsors.

The total dollar amount raised at this year's event was not available at press time.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE PONEMAH-SQUAW-TUPPER LAKE IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
TO THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF
FENTON TOWNSHIP, GENESEECOUNTY, MICHIGAN,
THE OWNERS OF LAND WITHIN THE PONEMAH-SQUAW-TUPPER LAKE IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT,
AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that that Supervisor and assessing officer of the township has reported to the township board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a special assessment roll prepared by him covering all properties within the Ponemah-Squaw-Tupper Lake Improvement Special Assessment District benefited by the proposed lake improvement project. Said assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the costs of the eradication and control of aquatic weeds in Lake Ponemah, Squaw Lake, Tupper Lake and part of the Shiawassee River, and work incidental thereto within the aforesaid special assessment district as more particularly shown on the plans on file with the Township Clerk at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan within the township, which assessment is in the total amount of \$555,026.43.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the assessing officer has further reported that the assessment against each parcel of land within said district is such relative portion of the whole sum levied against all parcels of land in said district as the benefit to such parcels bears to the total benefit to all parcels of land in said district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the township board will meet at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan on Tuesday September 6, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto. Said roll may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours of regular business days until the time of said hearing, and may further be examined at said hearing. Appearance and protest at the hearing held to confirm the special assessment roll is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

An owner, or party in interest, or his or her agent may attend the hearing by telephone to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her attendance by telephone shall not be required. (The owner or any person having an interest in the real property who protests in person or in writing at the hearing may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 35 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll.)

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The second annual Free to Dream Festival had bounce houses, face painting, live music, dancing and more activities. Proceeds go toward helping survivors of human trafficking. Submitted photos

PRISM PROJECT

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sion Ranch Safe House. More than 200 people attended the event.

Sylvia Blythe, executive director of the Prism Project, said the event went “very good.”

“It was beautiful weather, great entertainment, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves,” she said.

At last year’s Free to Dream Festival, they announced they were in the process of purchasing the Mission Ranch Safe House. Since then, they renovated the facility and now have six individual rooms and three bathrooms, and they also have security cameras, fire alarms and suppression system to make the home safe and comfortable for the survivors.

“We are now at the finish line. Our state of Michigan CCI licensure is in the final stages of the paperwork with all favorable reports to be submitted. Our consultant anticipates that we should have our license by mid to end of September. Once licensed, we have everything in place to open and start helping girls heal and find their mission in life,” she said.

The family friendly event had activities and food options for all ages, including Kona Ice, D&W Street Eatery, Two brothers Mac Shack, the Apple cart, and popcorn popped by Hurley Children’s Miracle Network, Uncle Ray’s Ice Cream, FitBox and baskets prepared by

Tyrone Hills Golf Club that were auctioned. They also had a dunk tank and bounce houses. Emmanuel Youth Band, Lillie Young and Academy del la Danse provided the music and dance

In a previous Times story, Blythe said the most common misconception she hears about sex trafficking is how often it occurs. People often think human trafficking operates like in “Taken” when in

reality random kidnappings account for only about 3% of trafficking cases, Blythe said, and 97% of victims know their trafficker.

“Hollywood is a far cry from the reality at

hand. A couple other misconceptions is that it happens only to girls or happens in other countries. But the truth of it is that America is a destination country. Meaning, America is where the money and the demand for this heinous crime are extremely prevalent. It absolutely is here. It absolutely is in our state, counties, and cities,” she said.

The public “desperately” needs to be aware of how kids spend their time online, Blythe said. The youth spends time on Instagram, Snapchat, Roblox, Fortnite and other chat rooms where traffickers often prey on vulnerable people.

“Being knowledgeable about human trafficking, both parents and children, takes away a huge vulnerability and replaces it with empowerment. We truly believe education is prevention,” she said.

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Sylvia Blythe
Prism Project executive director



Steve Stricker celebrates his victory at The Ally Challenge with his wife and caddie, Nicki Stricker.

Stricker goes on late birdie spree, wins Ally Challenge

By David Troppens

Steve Stricker wasn't off to that hot of a start at the Ally Challenge presented by McLaren after the first round.

He shot a 70 at Grand Blanc's Warwick Hills golf and Country Club during the opening day, putting him five strokes behind leader Fred Funk.

Playing on a course known for low scores, Stricker knew he had to do better the final two days.

He did. Stricker shot a second-round 64 and followed with a final-round 67, earning The Ally Challenge victory by one stroke over second-place Brett Quigley. Stricker finished with a 54-hole score of 201, good enough for

a final score of 15-under-par.

"I didn't play that well early on and I told (wife/caddie) Nicki, I'm like, 'We've just got to be patient and just keep plugging along (during his final round),'"

Stricker said. "It was a little bit different day, it was windy, it was a little bit harder, I thought."

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Sports Times

Late drive leads Gaylord past Lake Fenton

■ LF's 14-point lead evaporates in fourth quarter

By David Troppens

Lake Fenton — It seemed the Lake Fenton varsity football team was on its way to a pretty happy and eventful first game of the 2022 season on Friday.

The Blue Devils found themselves in a competitive struggle with Gaylord for most of the first three quarters, but when new starting quarterback Carsen Lewis hit Luke Simmons with a 10-yard TD pass with 5:59 left in the third quarter, it appeared that the Blue Devils had taken over control of the game. Ashton Hunter's extra-point kick put the Blue Devils up 14-0, and with the way Lake Fenton's defense had played all night that lead seemed pretty safe.

Sometimes looks can be deceiving. Gaylord scored the final two touchdowns of the game and converted the game-winning two-point conversion with just 59 seconds remaining, resulting in a 15-14 home loss for Lake Fenton.

The Blue Devils put together a drive during the final minute, advancing the ball to Gaylord's 31, but an interception by the visiting Blue Devils' Brady

Pretzlaff iced Lake Fenton's defeat.

The loss displayed some glaring issues for the Blue Devils. Traditionally a strong running team, the Blue Devils managed just 39 rushing yards on 25 carries. Returning First-team All-Metro Stars Division running back Lucas Storm struggled all night, collecting just 48 ground yards on 17 carries. What actually saved the Blue Devils was their passing game, led by Lewis who was starting his first varsity game at QB. He completed 19-of-29 passes for 218 yards and two touchdowns.

"We struggled to run the football," Lake Fenton varsity football coach Marty Borski said. "We definitely have some issues we have to iron out. It's not because of a lack of effort. The kids are playing hard, but for whatever reason, it's not clicking well right now."

"We have a lot of work to do. I don't know if people think we are automatically going to be this or that or the other, but we are 0-1 and that's reality. ... We have a lot to work on."

Both teams made many mis-



(Above) The Lake Fenton defense stops Gaylord's Russell Hush on this play. (Left) Lake Fenton's Lucas Storm runs downfield. Lake Fenton lost to Gaylord 15-14 on Friday.

Photos: David Troppens

takes you'd expect in a first game, and a lot of those miscues — along with some strong defensive play by both teams — kept the game scoreless for most of the first half.

Gaylord had the first golden chance to score on its first possession. A bad Lake Fenton punt gave the visiting Blue Devils the ball at their own 41.

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Linden's Ryan Blackwood runs in a past meet. He finished in sixth at the Howell Invitational.

Linden XC begins season at Howell invite

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity cross country teams opened their season on Friday at the Howell Invitational.

The Linden boys finished third in the seven-team field while the Linden girls placed fourth.

Kyle Eberhard began his senior year in impressive fashion.

See **LINDEN** on 19



Nash Verhelle (above photo, left) makes a tackle in the Blue Devils' 15-14 loss to Goodrich on Friday. (Below) Luke Simmons scored on this 15-yard TD reception. Photos: David Troppens

LAKE FENTON

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Eleven plays later, they faced a third-and-goal from Lake Fenton's 6. Lake Fenton's defense responded by forcing a fumble, recovered by Jacob Haugh.

A Lake Fenton fumble on their own 35 was recovered by Gaylord, setting up what seemed to be another good scoring chance. However, four plays later after a run for a yard loss and two complete passes, Gaylord punted, downing the ball at Lake Fenton's 10.

That's when the Lake Fenton offense got its engine going. On a third-and-15 play, Lewis hit Carson Haddad on a 19-yard slant pass for a first down. Later, on a third-and-1 play, Lewis hit Luke Simmons for a 15-yard completion. The drive ended when Lewis hit Clay Cook for a seven-yard TD reception. Hunter converted the extra-point and the Blue Devils led 7-0 with 4:54 left in the half.

Gaylord threatened to score on its next drive as well, moving the ball to the Lake Fenton 12 with a first down. After a five-yard gain on first down, Lake Fenton's Hunter Carey and Jacob Studer tackled a ball carrier for a four-yard loss. After Nolan Schroeder batted down a third-down pass,



Gaylord attempted a 27-yard field goal. However, Connor Bryam's field goal attempt hit the right upright and failed to score. Lake Fenton went into the half leading 7-0.

The host Blue Devils scored their second TD on their first possession of the second half, driving 69 yards on nine plays, scoring on Simmons's 10-yard reception. Lewis completed five passes for 60 yards during the TD drive. Lake Fenton led 14-0 after Hunter's extra-point kick.

However, Gaylord's Russell Hush returned the ensuing kickoff to the Lake Fenton 28. Nine plays later, Caleb Aungst scored on a quarterback sneak. The converted extra-point cut Lake Fenton's lead to 14-7 with 35.1 seconds left in the third quarter.

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Fenton soccer defeats Davison in recent dual

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity boys tennis team has had a busy start to the fall sports season already.

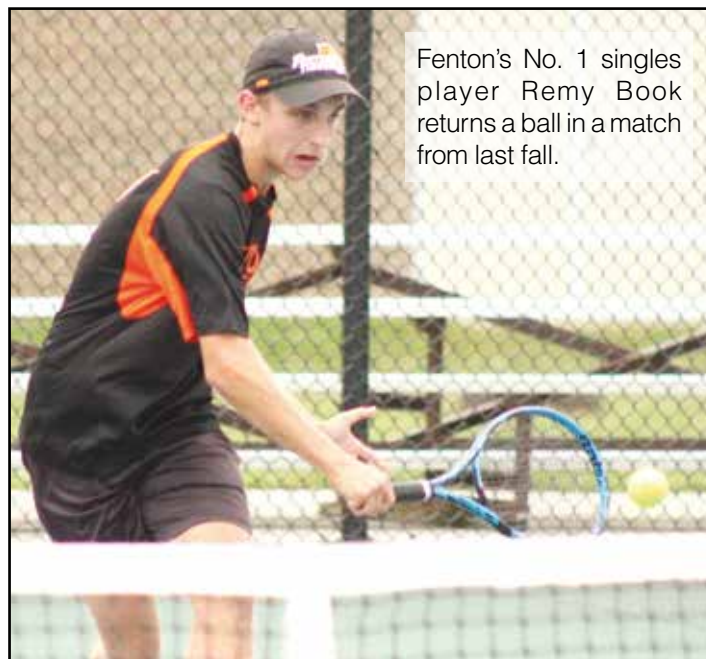
The Tigers continued that busy start by competing in a dual meet with Davison on Thursday and then hosting a Fenton quad on Saturday.

The Tigers defeated Davison in the dual 5-3.

Fenton's singles flights had a strong showing, winning three of the four flights. Remy Book won at No. 1 singles by a 6-2, 6-1 score while Dave Verna won at No. 2 singles 6-1, 6-1. Cooper Smith (No. 3) also won his match in straight sets 6-2, 6-3.

In doubles action, the Tigers split the four matches with the No. 1 and No. 2 teams winning. Isaac Gurnsey and Kalib Mathys earned a 6-0, 6-1 win at the No. 1 flight and Zach Michelson and Lance Sanchez won at No. 2 by a 7-5, 6-0 score.

The Tigers recorded three



Fenton's No. 1 singles player Remy Book returns a ball in a match from last fall.

wins at the quad. Book won two of the matches, defeating Hartland's Payton Bell 8-4 and Goodrich's Kyle Rhodes 8-0.

Verna also won a match at No. 2 singles, defeating Hartland's Ethan Justice 8-5.

The Tigers' closest battle in doubles action was an 8-6 loss by Gurnsey and Mathys in No. 1 doubles action against Goodrich's Drake Ocwieja and Parker Sieffert. They lost 8-6.

LF cross country competes at South Lyon

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton cross country teams opened the season at the South Lyon Invitational on Saturday.

The Lake Fenton boys placed seventh while the girls were 10th.

Freshman Robert Smetzler led the Lake Fenton boys by taking 22nd in 19:06.6 in the 5K

race. He was followed not too far back by Brady Smith in 27th (19:34.9).

The rest of Lake Fenton's boys scoring five were Calvin Kamischke in 41st (20:41.4), Carter Klott in 50th (21:56.3) and Gavin Halier in 51st (22:02.7).

The Lake Fenton girls were paced by Kaitlyn Hatfield who

finished in 42nd in 24:01.1. Not too far behind her was teammate Maureen Fenoll in 50th (24:33.1). The rest of the scoring five were MacKenzie McCall in 60th (26:45.6), Estella Hufton in 62nd (26:52.2) and Sarah Learman in 64th (27:41.8).

More than 20 Lake Fenton runners competed at the event in either varsity or JV action.

Bronchos fall to non-league Waterford Mott, 2-1

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity boys soccer team had a lot of good scoring chances against Waterford Mott.

However, scoring chances don't always translate into goals. The Bronchos ended up losing the road non-league contest 2-1.

"I am immensely proud with the fight and grit these boys showed," Holly varsity boys soccer coach Darius Reynolds

said. "Unfortunately, sometimes this game can just be unlucky."

The Corsairs jumped to the early lead in the first half, scoring the game's first goal in the first nine minutes. After that, the Bronchos had chances but were unable to score, resulting in a 1-0 halftime deficit.

"We found our footing and were able to create a couple of chances on goal, but we just

couldn't finish our opportunities," Reynolds said.

In the second half, the Bronchos put some heavy pressure on the Corsairs' defensive end, but were unable to score. But then in the 51st minute, Mott had a penalty kick attempt and scored, making it a 2-0 deficit.

About seven minutes later, the Bronchos broke through. A

See **BRONCHOS** on 19



Linden's Colleen Blackwood (left) and Ava Fahrenkopf run during the spring track season. The pair will be two of the Eagles' top cross country runners this fall. Photo: David Troppens

LINDEN

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ion, winning the boys race with a time of 16:12.90. Finishing in sixth was teammate Ryan Blackwood (17:37.40).

The rest of the Eagles' top five runners were Ian Martin in 15th (18:23.30), Clayton Akerman in 18th (18:36.20) and Blaise Gooding in 24th (19:13.30).

Linden's boys finished in a tie for second, but fell to third based on Howell's sixth runner finishing in a better position than Linden's sixth runner.

For the girls, Colleen Blackwood led Linden with a seventh-place finish (21:01.30). The rest of

Linden's top five runners were Reagan Brooks in 19th (21:56.20), Ava Fahrenkopf in 24th (22:29.00), Stellah Strauss in 25th (22:45.80) and Madelyn Strauss in 33rd (24:03.30).

The Linden boys had 20 runners finish either the varsity or JV race, while the Linden girls also had 20 runners.

The Eagles will return to action on Wednesday when they travel to the Cummings Center to compete in the first Flint Metro League jamboree of the season. The varsity boys race starts at 4:30 p.m. with the girls varsity event starting at 5 p.m. The JV races will follow the women's varsity race.

BRONCHOS

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ball was bouncing around the 18-yard line and Zayne Denie scored on a shot, cutting the deficit in half to 2-1.

"He hit an absolute rocket of

a volley and put it side netting, upper 90," Reynolds said. "This gave the boys more fight and hope. We created chance after chance, trying to fight and claw our way back into the game, but unfortunately we fell short and lost a very hard fought game."

STRICKER

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Stricker started his third round slowly, not earning his first birdie until the par-4 fourth hole, and finding himself with just a 34 on the opening nine holes. When he bogeyed the par-4 12th, he was only one-under for his round, but that was when Stricker made his move. He earned birdies on the next four holes, moving him to the lead and to 15-under par.

"I had that stretch of four holes where I made four in a row and that was the difference," Stricker said. "I just kept plugging."

It was Stricker's second win for the PGA Champions League season and it was his ninth Champions victory in just 44 starts.

Quigley had his own nice run at the end of the round, going eagle, birdie, birdie over the final three holes, but still finished a stroke behind Stricker. Quigley also was one of the co-runner-ups in 2020 when Jim Furyk



Steve Stricker won The Ally Challenge by a stroke at Grand Blanc's Warwick Hills Country Club on Sunday.

won the tournament.

Jeff Maggert finished third at 13-under-par while second-round leader Scott Dunlap and Pdraig Harrington tied for fourth at 12-under par.

The Ally Challenge began

in 2018 and has had different winners in each of the five events that have been held. Defending champion, Joe Durant, finished in a tie for 16th. Durant started his final round at -8, but shot a 73, fading into the pack.

PREP REPORT

GIRLS GOLF

► Fenton 191, Brandon 255:

Katelyn Burkett earned medalist honors, leading the Tigers with a 43 at Tyrone Hills. Payton LaRowe followed with a 47 while Ava Herbert shot a 50. Lily Reese carded a 51.

► Flushing 208, Linden 238, Corunna 279:

Linden's Kayla Widner shot a 56 for nine holes at Flushing Valley Golf Club, earning Linden a split between among the three squads.

Flushing's Anya Ng and Grace Kassuba shared match medalist honors with 48s. The rest of Linden's scoring five were Ava King with a 57, Ella Kenyon with a 62, Katlyn Schweitzer with a 63 and Addisyn Goss with a 65.

► Clio 209, Holly 210: Kendall Stilwell earned medalist honors, leading Holly with a

45. Makena McGee followed with a 46. However, Clio had the four next best scores, allowing the Mustangs to sneak by with the win. Emalee Dietzen shot a 57 for Holly while Caprice Dunn shot a 62.

► Swartz Creek 178, Kearsley 211, Linden 216: Katlyn Schweitzer led the Eagles with a 46 while Kayla Widner shot a 55. Addisyn Goss recorded a 56 and Ella Kenyon shot a 59.

► Flushing 207, Lake Fenton 218: Laura Bell led the Blue Devils with a 49 while Katie Bell shot a 52. Ava Goss recorded a 66 and JinJin Eastman shot a 68.

► Holly vs. Kearsley, Goodrich: The Bronchos didn't complete enough scores to record a team score, resulting in both losses. Kendall Stilwell shot a 45 at Flint Elks Golf Course to pace the Bronchos.

Mackena McGee carded a 46 while Caprice Dunn shot a 62.

BOYS TENNIS

► Holly vs. Clarkston, Brighton: The Bronchos lost to Clarkston 6-2 and lost to Brighton 7-1.

In the match against Clarkston, Jake Ditsell and Wyatt Randall earned victories at No. 2 and No. 3 singles, respectively. Randall's match was a thriller, a 1-6, 7-6, 15-13 victory. Ditsell won 6-3, 6-1. Against Brighton, Randall earned the team's sole victory, defeating Josh Sata 6-1, 6-3.

Two doubles flights lost three-set matches. They were the No. 1 doubles team of Walker Glass and Quintin Monty 6-2, 1-6, 10-6 and the No. 3 team of Nate Reynolds and Max Topoleski 6-2, 5-7, 10-5. Glass and Monty also lost a tight verdict against Clarkston 7-6, 6-4.

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To the residents and property owners of the Charter Township of Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan, and any other interested persons:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on motion of the Fenton Township Board, as authorized by Michigan Public Act 188 of 1954, (MCL 41.721), as amended, the Fenton Township Board has tentatively declared its intent to initiate a drainage system improvement project on Curtwood Drive, and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of the costs thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the District within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be constructed and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described by the following parcel numbers:

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has received preliminary plans showing the improvements and an estimate of the costs of such construction, contingencies and related services in the approximate amount of \$9,300, has placed the same on file with the Township Clerk, and has passed a Resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make such improvement and to create the special assessment district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said plans, estimates of cost and proposed special assessment district may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours of regular business days from the date of this Notice through the date of the public hearing and may be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing upon such plans, district and estimate of costs will be held at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan, commencing at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday September 6, 2022.

At the hearing, the board will also consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters filed with the board at or before the hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments or changes to said plans, estimates, costs or special assessment district.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the hearing and to submit any comments they may have.

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Obituaries



John Perry Grier

1947 – 2022

John Perry Grier was born October 4, 1947, in Flint, and died at home Friday, June 15, 2022. He attended Eastern Michigan University, where he studied



Directors. He was a member of VFW and Moose. He retired to Fort Myers Beach, Florida, where he could be close to the water, he loved so much, and talk

political science and history. He graduated in 1969 and then enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. After serving in Vietnam, he returned home in 1971. Shortly thereafter, he married his college sweetheart, Frances Wichmann. In his career as a commercial underwriter he was employed by Commercial Union, Cigna, INA, and Handford Insurance. Then he became a partner in the Vanderostyne & Grier insurance agency in Geneseo, Illinois. Because he believed in giving back to his community, he was a Fenton volunteer fireman, served on the Quad Cities Easter Seals Board of Directors, acted as president of the Geneseo Kiwanis, and served on the Creciente Condominium Association Board of

to guests and friends about watching sunsets and hoping for the green flash. John was a wealth of knowledge who loved people. He entertained all with his jokes and stories. Photos taken throughout his life show the same relentlessly joyful grin. He is survived by his wife, Frances Grier; and his daughters, Dr. Rebecca Grier and U.S. Army Capt. (retired) Jennifer Grier. He also leaves behind his sister, Catherine Dunham; his grandchildren; and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, John Joseph Grier and Elizabeth Jane (Brunson) Grier. There will be a Celebration of Life at the Fenton VFW, 1148 N. Leroy St., on Monday, September 5, 2022, between 11 AM and 3 PM.

Marlene (Molinaro) Hamel

1939 – 2022

Marlene (Molinaro) Hamel - of Fenton, died Friday, August 26, 2022. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Thursday, September 1, 2022 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton, Fr. David Harvey celebrant. Visitation will be held 4 - 8PM Wednesday, August 31 with a 7 PM Vigil service at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton; and



again from 10 AM until the time of the Mass Thursday at the church. Marlene was born in 1939 into a family who recently arrived from Southern Italy (Guardia Piemontese). Her father was employed at The Ford Motor Co. assembly plant in River Rouge. Unlike her older twin sisters who graduated from public schools, she graduated from St. Catherine's Catholic School on the eastside of Detroit. At graduation she made two decisions; one, to be a teacher and two, to enter a Catholic religious order that was dedicated to that profession. Against her parents' wishes she moved to Monroe, to start her studies to be a sister at the IHM motherhouse. (Her parents were Catholic but not necessarily religious.) The experience was a good one for Marlene, building a foundation that would last throughout her life. In the 1960's Montessori schools were making a renewed presence in America and Marlene went to learn all about Maria Montessori and her method of teaching which was in direct contrast to public school teaching of the day. While at Christ the King Parish, she, along with some other fellow nuns, opened a Montessori school in downtown Detroit to

serve children in the heart of the city (which needed it most). While at Christ the King she met the young Fr. Tom Hamel who was also serving at the parish. When describing this stage of her life, Marlene's face always lit up. She and her fellow religious friends, nuns and priests had lots of fun and were making a real difference. Along the way she found herself falling for Tom and questioning her calling to live the single

life of a nun. In the mid 1970's she left religious life and soon married Tom who was no longer a priest. They moved to Fenton and began a life together owning and operating many businesses in the area. Marlene started a Montessori school in downtown Flint and continued teaching in the area. They adopted two children, Jamie and David, and renovated a former barn/cottage on Lake Fenton into a home. Marlene threw herself into motherhood and was a textbook host for family gatherings and celebrations. She has always been dedicated to her family, kids, grandkids and great-grandkids. She and Tom literally traveled the world together visiting places all around the globe. They were a curious couple determined to learn while they traveled. Tom died last year after 45 years of marriage. In her own words, Marlene said she was at peace to leave this life and see Tom again, whom she was sure would be waiting to greet her. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Horoscopes

For the week of **August 29, 2022**

ARIES
Mar 21/Apr 20
Listen to the people around you as well as your inner voice this week, Aries. With all the information at hand, you can make some difficult decisions with confidence.

GEMINI
May 22/June 21
Gemini, do not be afraid to think outside the box this week. The stars are spurring you in a particular direction that could influence various components of your life.

LEO
July 23/Aug 23
Leo, seek the path not often taken this week, even if it seems long and winding. Sometimes the most direct way to go is not the easiest even if it seems that way.

LIBRA
Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, big financial decisions are looming. A little restraint now can pay big dividends down the road. The rewards will be worth it.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, professional motivation is easy to muster this week. Embrace your extra energy and put it to good use at work. Others will take notice.

AQUARIUS
Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, even though you have little to no work to do this week, the stars indicate you will be busy nonetheless. Enjoy any down time you can muster.

TAURUS
Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, it may prove challenging to figure out where inspiration will come from next. Rather than seeking it out, wait for things to unfold more organically.

CANCER
June 22/July 22
Ideas come from where you least expect them this week, Cancer. Keep your eyes wide open and pay attention to all conversations so you can be attuned to any clues.

VIRGO
Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, you have a strong urge to start one project or another that can be used as a stepping stone to a promotion. Run your ideas by someone you trust.

SCORPIO
Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, you can be effective and efficient when you're in your element. Others will attest to that this week after they see you in action. Enjoy the attention.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, let your emotions rather than your intuition guide you this week. That's not something you hear often, but it's for the best right now.

PISCES
Feb 19/Mar 20
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