

Linden could join county water system

■ City staff voice concerns on legacy costs, staffing issues

By Hannah Ball

This is part 1 of this story. Part 2 will be published Sunday, Oct. 23.

Linden — Multiple Linden City councilors and staff have voiced support for joining the Genesee County water

system in order to address water pressure and capacity issues as well as projected long-term infrastructure costs.

Linden councilors have been vocal about wanting to fix the water pressure and capacity issues in the city. During the Tuesday, Oct. 11 Linden City Council meeting, councilors discussed the pros and cons of either investing in the city water

system or joining the county water system.

“No matter what direction we pick, it’s going to require significant investment,” said Don Grice, Department of Public Works director.

Staying in house and investing in the city water system is estimated to cost \$3.69 million. This includes constructing two new 200,000-gallon water towers

(\$3.2 million), four new VFD well pumps (\$100,000), water treatment plant media replacement (\$300,000) and the demolition of existing water towers (\$90,000).

Benefits of investing in existing infrastructure would be that the city retains 100% control of the rates and infrastructure and a significant increase in system

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Social Security announces 8.7% benefit increase for 2023

■ Biggest increase in 40 years

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for approximately 70 million Americans will increase 8.7% in 2023, the Social Security Administration recently announced. On average, Social Security benefits will increase by more than \$140 per month starting in January.

The 8.7% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits payable to more than 65 million Social Security beneficiaries in January 2023. Increased payments to more than 7 million SSI beneficiaries. See **SOCIAL SECURITY** on 10

Thousands attend Linden Halloween event



Photo: Hannah Ball

Children and adults dressed as zombies walk down Broad Street in downtown Linden on Friday, Oct. 14 for the annual Zombie Walk, which is one of the key attractions of the annual Zombies, Scarecrows and Monsters event. It's organized by Happening in Linden.

■ Zombie walk and dance, trick-or-treat trail and haunted trails all popular attractions

By Hannah Ball

Linden — Thousands of people attended Linden's annual Zombies, Scarecrows and Monsters on Oct. 14-15.

This family friendly Halloween event, featuring a zombie walk and dance, trick-or-treat trails, a haunted trail and more, is the largest fall event in the city, and it grows every year.

“It was a great success. Two nights of great weather allowed us to entertain our largest crowds yet,” said Mary Dodt-Dick, director of Happening in Linden, which organizes the event.

On Friday, Oct. 14 people dressed as zombies met at the Linden Library and walked down the street together, led by a hearse, and performed a flash mob dance of “Thriller” by Michael Jackson at the Eagle's Wooden Park.

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“It would be nice if Fenton Township could repave Torrey Beach Drive. After years of traffic and big trucks going to Frank's Tavern, they expect the neighborhood to pay. You can't ride a bike, push a stroller, or be elderly taking walks. What we pay for patching could have been paved.”

“As a recently retired teacher, I noticed many of the school board candidates put the importance of the teaching staff as one of their top priorities. A teacher's job is to teach academics. Get back to the basics and you will have happier staff and parents.”

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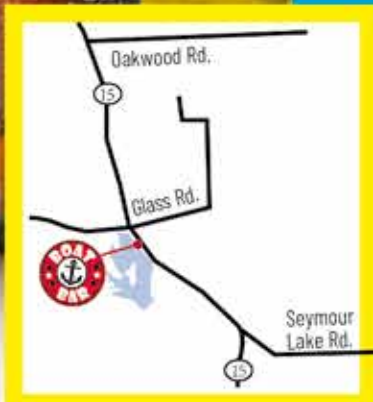
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Fenton Witches Night Out a success

■ Popular event attracts hundreds to downtown, for shopping and entertainment

By Hannah Ball

Fenton — The sidewalks in downtown Fenton were filled with witches, wizards and other Halloween-inspired characters, including Michael Myers, during the fifth annual Witches Night Out on Friday, Oct. 14.

Local businesses decorated their storefronts and many had specials, prizes and giveaways for patrons. The purpose of the event is to enjoy Halloween celebrations and encourage people to shop local. Hundreds of people attended.

“It went very well. It never stopped from 4 to 9. It’s fun to see all the people out dressed as witches. I think everyone else did a great job,” said Karen Piacentini, owner of Fenton’s Open Book, one of the main organizers of Witches Night Out. “It’s grown every year since it started.”

Multiple businesses displayed firefighter boots for the “Stuff the Boot” fundraiser that benefits the Fenton Firefighter Charities.

“It was a lovely event,” said Brenda Hasse, one of the event organizers. “The weather cooperated. We handed out about 550 free shopping bags. However, some people did not want one, so attendance was more than 550. I strolled the street

during the event. The businesses were quite busy. It was nice to see nearly everyone dressed in witch or wizard costumes. The food trucks were a hit, too.”

Food trucks, including D&W’s Street Eatery and Hobo Coffee Co., sold food and beverages.

“The food trucks did really well,” Piacentini said. “Luckily, it wasn’t raining.”

Vendors set up booths at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center, which is where the annual Witches Ball was held. Piacentini said it’s their goal to make the event “bigger and better” every year.

“It was just nice to see people out. We appreciate everyone that came out to support this town and the shops,” she said.

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Sharin' the Spotlight

By Editor Sharon Stone

Have you ever gone through your pantry and realized you bought too much of one thing, maybe because it was on sale, and realized that the expiration date is approaching and you have no intention of using that item before the expiration date? It can happen. With the cost of food rising at record rates right now, it would just be wasteful to let things expire and be thrown out.

There are local food pantries that would be more than willing to take those unopened, extra cans or boxes of food or personal care items off your hands to provide much needed food and necessities for others in the community, possibly your neighbors. A couple pantries are open 24/7, others like the one at the Holly Township Library is open during business hours for dry goods only, St. Rita's Church in Holly asks that you make an appointment and many use Forgotten Harvest.

This past summer, Girl Scout Troop 75722 based in Swartz Creek installed a food pantry, called H.O.P.E. 2 community food pantry, at the Argentine Township Police Department. It's set up on the west side of the building to help area people in need. H.O.P.E.

Check your pantry, you might have items for our local pantries

stands for Helping Other People Eat. The Girl Scout troop started the pantry with a \$500 grant and Linden Pay It Forward has helped, along with local churches. The food pantry is well-lit and there are security cameras.

Another pantry is at the Holly Police Department lobby. This too is open 24/7 and well lit. This one also includes a refrigerator/freezer in case someone has fresh milk, butter, eggs, produce or something that needs to be refrigerated or frozen. The police department started it during COVID to help its residents. If the refrigerator is full when you are donating during business hours, walk in and ask an officer. They have additional space inside.

Heather Lyon-Melton volunteers her time to make sure this pantry is well-stocked with as much food as possible. She said she volunteers to help the little ones, seniors or anyone who needs help. She said 90% of the people who use the pantry really need help. She said, "People have more month than money."

For the Holly pantry, Heather said meat-based products like canned tuna, canned chicken or soup containing meat are "awesome," since meat is so expensive. Having the refrigerator/



Sharon Stone

freezer makes the Holly pantry unique. She said she has many angels in multiple states help her regularly. She said, "Without my angels, I wouldn't have enough feathers in my wings."

For anyone who would like to help, the next time you're at the store and see a good sale, pick up a few extra items and donate them to any of the pantries. With the holidays coming up, boxed instant mashed potatoes that require only water, canned beans, boxed stuffing, canned pumpkin, and other seasonal items could make a local family's dinner special.

Heather said she has met so many special people through Holly's food pantry. She said some people have nothing, no diapers, no wipes, no formula. Some of these parents forego their own needs just to get items for their children. Some people bring in a couple of items and then take a couple of items in trade.

Raegen Genovesi, leader of Girl Scout Troop 75722, said the pantry in Argentine mostly needs basic food items such as cereal, mac and cheese, lunch items and easy food for kids. She said people have been respectful and have put food on the shelves. They

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THANKS RACHELLE EDMUNDS for clarifying where you stand if elected to the Fenton Board of Education. You have my vote. As for some of the others, I was confused. Are you saying if board members or parents question the curriculum, that's being political and not being non-partisan?

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FYI, IF YOU'RE on a Medicare Advantage plan and can afford a Medicare Supplement, do it. With the Advantage plan, the insurance decides when you can have surgery. With Supplement, your doctor decides. After four months of pain and opioids, tests after test I'm just now having back surgery.

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I'M SO SICK of the government giving out grants. The government does not generate revenue to do this other than collect more taxes from us. It would be better for us to keep our money and use it how we see fit.

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

What was your favorite Halloween costume as a kid? | streettalk



"I was a bag of dog food one year! I was a big hit trick or treating that year!"

Courtney Herter Roark
Linden



"I think I was always Superman."

Michael Peraino
Fenton Township



"Butterfly princess!"

Hannah Meriel Hajciar
Fenton



"Admiral Ackbar from Return of the Jedi. Came complete with a plastic bag uniform and a plastic mask that had an elastic band that broke halfway through trick or treating. Circa 1984."

Joe Denver, Holly

'Hockey Fights Cancer' awareness event

■ Flint Firebirds and McLaren Flint partner for seventh annual game

McLaren Flint is partnering with the Flint Firebirds Hockey Club for the seventh consecutive year for a cancer awareness event. "Hockey Fights Cancer" will take place Saturday, Oct. 22. The puck drops at 7 p.m. at the Dort Financial Center. There will be plenty of action both on and off the ice as the Firebirds host the Windsor Spitfires in an exciting Ontario Hockey League battle.

"Hockey Fights Cancer" generates awareness and raises funds to support the community with many cancer-related services, including transportation to and from treatment, free 3-D mammograms to help with early breast cancer diagnosis, education, as well as oncology nurse navigators, and much more. The Flint Firebirds players will wear specially designed jerseys during the game that will be autographed and

auctioned off at the end of the third period. A 50/50 raffle will also be held.

"We greatly appreciate the Flint Firebirds partnering with us again this year to raise funds for this important cause," said Doug Glazier, vice president, McLaren Flint Foundation. "We are looking forward to all of the night's activities at this family friendly event."

The Firebirds have dropped the puck for their seventh season in Flint and there are several players on the roster who have been drafted and signed by NHL teams. Who will be lucky enough to make the winning bid on these star players' game jerseys?

"The Flint Firebirds are excited to partner with the McLaren Flint Foundation again this year in the fight against cancer," said Jeremy Torrey, Flint Firebirds president. "We all have loved ones who have been or could be affected by this disease. Having the ability to make a difference creates a great amount of pride for our fans, players, and organization."

Great seats are still available and can be purchased at the Dort Financial Center Box Office, or through etix.com.

WOMEN'S SERVICES AND RESOURCES EVENT

Before the hockey game, McLaren Flint and the Flint Firebirds also are partnering with local organizations, many of which offer free or low-cost services and resources for women to connect with. Area women are invited to this female-focused event from 3 to 5 p.m. There is no charge to attend, and parking will be free to participants during those two designated hours. Women who attend can learn more about cancer screenings, the McLaren Family BirthPlace, lactation services, art therapy for those touched by cancer, pelvic floor therapy, Carriage Town Ministries, Beauty for Ashes, Genesee County Free Medical Clinic, Maternal Infant Health Program, Crossover Ministries, and much more. No registration is required. A flyer with a complete list of participating organizations can be found here.

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

GAS STATION EMPLOYEE, POLICE GET WALLET TO RIGHTFUL OWNER

On Saturday, Oct. 1 at 2:32 p.m., an employee at a Holly gas station found a wallet and placed it in a safe area inside the business. Holly police were contacted and an officer arrived, took custody of the wallet and returned it to the owner at their home.

HIGHLAND TOWNSHIP MAN ARRESTED FOR OWI IN HOLLY

On Sunday, Oct. 2 at 1:41 a.m., a Holly police officer on traffic patrol stopped a vehicle traveling on N. Saginaw Street for traffic violations. The officer identified a 57-year-old Highland Township man as the driver. The officer detected several strong indicators of intoxication, as well as failed sobriety tests. The driver was arrested for driving while intoxicated. The driver refused to cooperate with the officer. Blood alcohol results are pending.

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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
Fenton	Linden Rd. (county line to Linden city limits)	Two-way traffic maintained	October 3 - October 12	none	Resurfacing
Flint	Flushing Rd. between El Dorado Dr. to N. Ballenger Hwy.	One-way traffic	July 11 - Mid-October	Mill Rd., Beecher Rd., Ballenger Hwy	Rehabilitation; Diet to 3 lanes
Grand Blanc	Baldwin Rd. between Gainey Dr. and Ruby St.	Detour posted	August 29 - November 18	Baldwin, Holly, McCandlish, Saginaw	Widening to 3 lanes
Mundy	Wyndemere Sq. and Wyndemere Ct.	Closed to thru traffic	August 29 - October 21	none	Asphalt resurfacing



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67th District Court

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GOVERNMENT IMMUNITY

Our civil justice system allows a person who has been injured to sue the responsible party for damages. This is a rather simple and logical proposition, but for hundreds of years, this general

rule has had a significant exception called “governmental immunity.”

This exception dates back to the English Common Law rule of “rex non potest peccare,” which is Latin for “the king can do no wrong.”

This rule came to the United States when our country was founded and civil damages lawsuits against the government were prohibited.

Things change, and although immunity still exists, there are now limited immunity exceptions which vary from

state to state and under federal law.

Michigan has a governmental immunity statute, which provides that a governmental agency is immune from tort (injury) liability if the agency is engaged in the exercise or discharge of a governmental function subject to statutory exceptions.

Individuals have immunity if acting, or reasonably believe they are acting, within the scope of their authority as to a governmental function and are not “grossly negligent.”

Gross negligence is conduct so reckless as to demonstrate a substantial lack of concern for whether an injury results.

Judges, legislators, and high elected officials also have immunity if acting within their authority.

Michigan’s statutory exceptions to governmental immunity are as follows:

- Maintenance of public highways;
- Maintenance of public sidewalks;
- Negligent operation of government owned vehicles;
- Public building defects;
- When the government is engaged in a for profit activity;

- Medical malpractice;
- A “sewage disposal event.”

Another type of immunity is “qualified immunity,” which protects government workers from lawsuits when there are no clearly established statutory or constitutional rights that have been violated.

To avoid this immunity, the plaintiff must identify a previous decision by the Supreme Court or a federal appeals court in the same jurisdiction, holding that the same alleged conduct under the same circumstances is illegal or unconstitutional.

If there is no decision, qualified immunity is granted even though there may have been wrongful conduct. Some have claimed this immunity improperly allows police officers to avoid liability for their actions. Two states, Colorado and New Mexico, have eliminated it, but all other attempts have failed.

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Howling Haunted Trail & Halloween Party planned

■ Adopt-A-Pet of Fenton to host event to raise money for its shelter animals

Adopt-A-Pet of Fenton will host a Halloween event run by 60 volunteers to raise money for the shelter and its needs.

The Howling Haunted Trail & Halloween Party takes place this Friday and Saturday, Oct. 21-22, from 7 to 11 p.m., on the grounds of the shelter, at 13575 N. Fenton Rd., Fenton. The Howling is not for the faint of heart and is recommended for ages 13 and up.

Patrons of The Howling will spend 25 to 30 minutes or more on the haunted trail as they walk through deep, dark woods with various frightful scenes filled with live, automated and static creatures of all kinds. Cast members throughout the trail created additional humorous and scary features.

The Howling is a ticketed event, with tickets available online at TheHowlingHauntedTrail.com, and at the gate. The main attraction is the haunted trail, but the event also includes a beverage tent with options of beer, wine, mixed drinks and non-alcoholic drinks for purchase, and a food truck.



The Howling houses many enjoyable activities while focusing on raising funds to support Adopt-A-Pet of Fenton. The activities bring in a crowd of all ages to engage in the community, enjoy a good scare and help the animals Adopt-A-Pet shelters.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit thehowlinghauntedtrail.com.

ZOMBIES

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Approximately 1,500 people attended Friday and around 800 to 1,000 attended Saturday. Organizers converted the boardwalks at the park into a Trick-Or-Treat trail where local businesses vendors set up booths to give out candy. They gave out an estimated 150-200 pounds of candy. They used a section of the boardwalk for the Haunted Trail to bring fun Halloween scares to those brave enough, and old enough, to venture on the path.

Dodt-Dick said the previous creative director for the Haunted Trail, Shannon Tischbein suddenly passed away in May of this year, and Larry Allen of Allen and Sons Woodworking along with Tischbein's family worked together on the Haunted Trail to carry on the standards

she had set in years past.

The purpose of the event is "To give the community a free and safe event to come together and celebrate Halloween," Dodt-Dick said. "The Zombie Walk and Thriller Flash Mob Dance is always a crowd favorite and our Scare Chair Photos would be a close second."

Those who had their picture taken at the Scare Chair can find the photos on the Happening in Linden Facebook page.

Dodt-Dick said her favorite aspects of the event are "the costumes, smiles and, of course, the screams."

Businesses and residents also are joining in on the Halloween festivities by participating in the month-long Scarecrow Contest. Scarecrows should be displayed between Oct. 10 and Nov. 1. Email lindenparade@gmail.com with "Halloween" and your information to be considered.

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(from left) The commons area at Holly High School is bustling with holiday shoppers in 2021. At a past craft show, wool quilter, Jackie Bennett is with her granddaughter. Weaver, Tammy Hall, wears a creation at a past Holly Holiday Art & Craft Show.

Holly Holiday Art & Craft Show

■ **44th annual event set for Saturday, Nov. 5 at Holly High School**

Artists and crafters from all over Michigan are putting the finishing touches on their work as they get ready to participate in the Holly Holiday Art & Craft Show. The 44th annual event at Holly High School is at 6161 E. Holly Rd. It is scheduled for Saturday, Nov.

5 from 9 to 4 p.m. Admission is \$3. Children 12 and under are free.

The show has expanded to include more than 150 booths. There will be a wide selection of handmade gifts with items in wood, pottery, fiber, glass, outdoor décor to gourmet food made locally. Homemade lunches are available along with plenty of free parking and handicap accessibility. Strollers are welcome.

This is the major fundraiser for two

area nonprofit organizations and run by their volunteers from the Holly Historical Society's Hadley House Museum and Holly High School's Senior Project Graduation all night party committee.

Every volunteer will be wearing their red T-shirts with the traditional logo. For further information, call Susanne at (248) 634-5338 or Linda at (248) 634-7946.

This is a great way to support the community and get into the holiday spirit.

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

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HOLLY WOMAN ARRESTED FOR DOMESTIC ASSAULT

On Friday, Sept. 30 at 10:07 a.m., Holly police officers were dispatched to a residence for a report of a domestic assault. Upon arrival, officers interviewed a male and female who both reported an argument became physical. The investigation revealed injuries to the male, and other evidence to support the female was the aggressor. Officers arrested a 32-year-old Holly woman and lodged her at the Oakland County Jail pending issuance of charges.

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP WOMAN FACE ASSAULT AND BATTERY CHARGE

On Sunday, Oct. 2 at 11:40 p.m., Holly police officers were dispatched to a licensed liquor establishment for a report of an argumentative woman who was attempting to leave the premises with an open alcohol container. Upon officer arrival, it was discovered that the woman had left the area before police arrived.

A victim and witnesses reported that the victim/employee told the 37-year-old Chesterfield Township woman that she couldn't leave with the alcohol. The woman then punched the employee in the face and threw a shoe at her. Officers were advised that friends of the suspect then escorted her from the building. The case has been presented for criminal charges for assault and battery.

MAN SMASHES GLASS DOOR AT HOLLY POST OFFICE

On Monday, Oct. 3, an employee at the US Post office on W. Maple Street in Holly reported to police that after locking the front door, she heard what sounded like violent pounding on the glass portion of the door. As the employee returned to the lobby area, she saw that the glass door had been shattered, a man was walking away from the door and got into a vehicle and leave. No other information was available on the man or the vehicle.

SPEEDING AND CROSSING CENTERLINE LEAD TO OWI ARREST

On Saturday, Oct. 8 at 4:02 a.m., a Holly police officer on patrol observed a vehicle on eastbound Grange Hall Road speeding and crossing over the yellow

centerline. The officer stopped the vehicle and found the driver to be a 20-year-old Holly Township man. There were several indicators of intoxication. The driver failed road side testing and was found to be over the legal limit to drive. He was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

HOLLY WOMAN ARRESTED ON WARRANT, TURNED OVER TO ARRESTING AGENCY

On Sunday, Oct. 9, at 1:44 a.m., a Holly police officer observed a traffic violation by a vehicle driving on N. Holly Road. The officer stopped the vehicle and found the driver to be a 65-year-old Holly woman. The officer discovered that she had a valid warrant for her arrest out of

a nearby police agency. The officer arrested the driver and turned her over to the other agency on their charges.

HOLLY MAN PULLS IN FRONT OF HOLLY POLICE, ARRESTED FOR OWI

On Sunday, Oct. 9 at 2:23 a.m., a Holly police officer observed a vehicle pull into a closed business and then exit from a different driveway without stopping and directly in front of the officer's vehicle on N. Holly Road. The vehicle was stopped and found to be driven by a 42-year-old Holly man who appeared intoxicated. He failed sobriety tests and was found to be over the legal limit to drive. He was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

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Dog park fundraiser planned for Oct. 21

■ Funds will help committee keep up general maintenance

By Hannah Ball

On Friday, Oct. 21, the public can bowl to support the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park (TRRD).

Holly Lanes Bowling Alley will host a fundraiser from 7 to 9 p.m. For \$30, attendees can play two games of bowling, receive two pieces of pizza and a drink. The cost also includes shoe rental.

Proceeds will help the TRRD Committee keep up with general maintenance of the dog park.

"We want people to come out and have fun and whatever we raise will go into the fund for the maintenance," said Susan Siporin, one of the dog park committee members.

This includes fixing the fences, taking care of the trees, buying trash bags, mowing the grass, plowing the driveway in the winter, buying mulch and more.

Siporin said the committee hasn't held a fundraiser for the park since 2019.

Holly Lanes can accommodate 104



people. Siporin said they're also planning some activities during the fundraiser, which entails a mystery game, raffles and more. Children are welcome.

"We want the families to come out and have fun," she said.

Siporin said they're actively seeking other funding opportunities. In September 2021, the committee won a \$5,000 grant to plant six trees at the park. Over the summer of 2022, Lake Fenton schools student Riley Doughty, 10, with the help of his mother Marcie Doughty, and his dog Toby, collected returnable bottles and cans to raise money for the



Holly Lanes is hosting a fundraiser Oct. 21 to benefit the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park.

well, which needs repairs. He raised more than \$2,000.

The well at the dog park needs repairs. Siporin said engineers are looking at the well and the process is ongoing to determine what work needs to be completed. Funds from the bowling event will not go to the well, which has a separate fund.

The committee will accept cans and bottles as donations.

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

HOLLY TOWNSHIP MAN ARRESTED FOR OWI

On Friday, Oct. 7 at 12:47 a.m., a Holly police officer was parked at a gas station on N. Saginaw when he observed a small red vehicle heading north on Saginaw Street at a high rate of speed. The officer was able to catch up to the vehicle and as the officer closed in, the driver attempted to evade the officer by turning off his headlights and pulled behind a vacant building. Officers blocked the vehicle in with their vehicles and had the driver exit the vehicle. A 25-year-old Holly Township man was driving the vehicle. As they spoke with the man, they determined he was highly intoxicated. The driver failed sobriety testing and was discovered to be twice the legal limit to drive. The driver was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated with high blood alcohol content.



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WATER SYSTEM

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pressure. Cons would be that the city is responsible for maintenance and legacy costs for the entire system.

Connecting to the Genesee County water system is expected to cost \$3.94

million. This includes connection fees (\$1.5 million), assistance from the county (\$1 million) and the purchase of a water treatment plant and two wells (\$500,000).

Benefits of joining the county water system would be a significant reduction in water infrastructure and associated costs, the city would be responsible for water

treatment, it would provide redundancy with a second connection in the system, improved water quality and it would allow the city to be more flexible with the development of the Department of Public Works property.

Cons would be that the city would have reduced control of the water rates and residents might have to pay a potential premium on surplus water. These numbers are estimates from March 2022.

It's estimated that first year costs while maintaining Linden's in-house system is \$1.071 million. First year costs with the county's system would be approximately \$1.1 million. Grice's calculations also show how even though investing in city infrastructure is initially cheaper, the long term legacy costs associated with maintaining the system are more expensive compared to joining the Genesee County water system.

He estimates that at the 20-year mark, Linden will be paying \$1,838,212 on the

water system. At the same point in time, he estimates it would cost \$1,762,456 with the county.

"It's more expensive to buy water from the county initially, but over time, as all of these legacy costs start catching up with you, then it's actually less money to purchase water from the county," he said. "This is going to be a capital improvement project that we're going to have to do because I know when we go out there and start investigating things, we're going to find valves that don't work. I'm going to have to contract all of that work."

He said that one of the city wells was installed in 1949. "I feel like we're on borrowed time with that one," Grice said. A portion of the city water infrastructure was installed in the '40s or '50s.

The city has four pumps. Two are located at the DPW property and two are at the water treatment plant property. They run two at a time.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

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ciaries will begin Dec. 30, 2022. (Note: some people receive both Social Security and SSI benefits). The Social Security Act ties the annual COLA to the increase in the Consumer Price Index as determined by the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

"Medicare premiums are going down and Social Security benefits are going up in 2023, which will give seniors more peace of mind and breathing room. This year's substantial Social Security cost-of-living adjustment is the first time in over a decade that Medicare premiums are not rising and shows that we can provide more support to older Americans who count on the benefits they have earned," Acting Commissioner Kilolo Kijakazi said.

Some other adjustments that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to \$160,200 from \$147,000.

Social Security and SSI beneficiaries are normally notified by mail starting in early December about their new benefit amount. The fastest way to find out their new benefit amount is to access their personal my Social Security account to view the COLA notice online. It's secure, easy, and people find out before the mail arrives. People also can opt to receive a text or email alert when there is a new message from Social Security — such as their COLA notice — waiting for them, rather than receiving a letter in the mail. People may create or access their my Social Security account online at www.ssa.gov/myaccount.

Information about Medicare changes for 2023 is available at www.medicare.gov. For Social Security beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare, their new higher 2023 benefit amount will be available in December through the mailed COLA notice and my Social Security's Message Center.

The Social Security Act provides for how the COLA is calculated. To read more, please visit www.ssa.gov/cola.

PANTRY

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recently accepted a \$200 donation in which the Girl Scouts will purchase food. Anyone can take food regardless

of where they live. The pantry had an abundance of fresh fruit over the summer. "The residents of Argentine have used the pantry and some have taken the responsibility of taking care of it unofficially," she said.

How to support loved ones who have breast cancer

■ From offering practical and emotional support, learning about disease, there are ways to help

Efforts to educate women about breast cancer have helped raise awareness of the disease and just how treatable it is when detected early. Despite that, a diagnosis can still be difficult for women and their families. When someone close to you is affected by breast cancer, priorities suddenly change and you may be wondering what you can do to provide the support needed to help this person navigate any ups and downs that could be on the horizon.

A breast cancer diagnosis does not produce a uniform response. While one loved one may embrace others wanting to help, another may feel she is a burden and exhibit an unwillingness to accept help. In the latter instance, being a supportive bystander may require walking on eggshells. Even still, there are some universal ways to lend support when a friend or a loved one has been diagnosed with cancer.

• **Offer practical support.** Cancer af-

fects the body in a number of ways. Energy levels may wane and certain symptoms may arise. Side effects from treatments also can make it difficult to continue with daily tasks. So an offer to help with tasks associated with daily living, such as cooking meals, gardening, washing clothes, or cleaning up around the house, can be practical and much appreciated. Approach the individual and ask questions in pointed ways. Rather than, "What can I do to help," which may result in an answer of, "nothing," figure out a way to pitch in and then ask if that would be acceptable. This may be, "Would you like me to run to the supermarket for you today?"

• **Offer emotional support.** Someone with breast cancer may just need a person who can be there and listen. A hug, a nod of understanding or even a companion who can chat and take the person's mind off the cancer can be immensely helpful. Keep in mind that emotions may change on a dime, and some emotions may be directed at support systems. While it can feel hurtful, remember the real reason

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

UNDER BIDEN AND the Democrats, we have seen \$9 trillion lost in the stock markets, savings, retirement, and 401k accounts have lost 20% of their value, crippling inflation and higher gas, food, rents, and services, and soon, a devastating recession and thousands of jobs being lost. Bad times coming.

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YES, BIDEN IS responsible for gas prices. He reentered Paris Climate Accord, canceled the Keystone pipeline, halted programs in ANWR, halted leases and drilling permits on federal lands and waters nationwide, directed federal agencies to eliminate all support for fossil fuel, and imposed ridiculous regulations on oil, gas and methane.

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THE PRO-ABORTION proponents don't discuss two important points. The first is they do not mention or even discuss the rights of the father and second, no consideration is ever given for the rights of the pre born living human being.

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IF YOU CAN go grocery shopping, out to eat, or to a hair appointment, you can vote in person. It's insanity what's happened to our voting system. There are very few who need absentee or mail-in voting. Everyone else needs to show up in person.

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A COUNTRY, STATE, people, or family is only as honorable as to how they treat the very least of their members.

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PEOPLE TALK BADLY about Trump. Remember what the country was like during his term. Do you want more of what he did or do you want more of what we have experienced in the last two years? Personalities aside, are you better off now or were you happier before February 2000?

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ANY SCHOOL BOARD member who allowed the hiring of a new superintendent without a thorough interview process should not be re-elected.

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SO POLITICAL CANDIDATES can do a lottery with proceeds to her campaign? Sounds fishy to me!

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#lifeissweet

■ Friend creates gofundme to help single mother of three with breast cancer

By Sharon Stone

A local business woman has created a gofundme for another local business woman who is battling breast cancer.

Mary Ann Beltinck is helping her dear friend Jamie Sweet, a single mother of three. On her gofundme page, Jamie Sweet Breast Cancer Fund, Beltinck wrote that Sweet was diagnosed Aug. 22 with High Grade DCIS with Necrosis and Her2+ breast cancer.

"Jamie is the sweetest girl, always the one to encourage others with a warm, huge hug," Beltinck wrote. "She has become such a blessing to so many of us as well as an inspiration of what strong women can be. Jamie is my best friend and has been my rock throughout my life and many others."

Sweet owns Back to Basics Wellness Center on N. LeRoy in Fenton.



She will need help with medical and house expenses and needs to be secure knowing her business will be in good standing when she is finished with surgery and treatments.

Beltinck asks that if you are able to help, that would be an "amazing blessing" to Jamie. If you cannot, please join them in praying and sharing the gofundme page for her.

Beltinck and local Realtor Denise Penwell also are holding a fundraising event at Beale St. Smokehouse BBQ on Thursday, Oct. 27 from 6 to 9 p.m. Beale St. will donate 10% of any dinner purchased during that time as long as the guest states they want it to go toward Jamie Sweet's cancer fund.

NEVER TRUST A man with a beard.

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TULSI GABBARD FINALLY saw the truth of the new Democrat Party and left the party. I expect many more rational people to do the same.

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IF YOU ARE over 50 years old, your life may have been saved by the anti-abortion law from the 1930s. If you are under 50 years old, thank your parents for letting you live. You were not one of the 63 million who were eliminated. Vote no on 3.

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IT'S NICE TO see candidates coming door to door. I really don't mind because if it wasn't for a school board candidate coming to my house I wouldn't know who was running.

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WHY IS THERE no investigation in to how the COVID-19 virus got started and spread to this country so quickly?

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INFLATION IS AT 8.2%. Thank any of your friends (maybe former friends) and family members who voted for that person in the White House.

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LOOKS LIKE THAT big increase in

Social Security, 8.7%, pretty much got wiped out with the new 8.2% inflation rate. What a joke this country has become with the so-called leaders some of you voted for.

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JOE BIDEN HAS a drug problem – fentanyl. Fentanyl has killed 107,000 young Americans. He was responsible for protecting our border and those souls. Remember that when you vote next month.

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WHO LEAVES A car unlocked with pistols in it? This is exactly how kids shoot kids. Hopefully, you lose your license to carry, if you had one. SMH

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JOETTA, PLEASE DON'T leave. Hang on a little longer.

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DEMOCRAT PROPAGANDIST 'THANKS, Whitmer' for fixing the roads when reality is that she did absolutely nothing other than sign her name to budgets written and passed by the Michigan Legislature. The functioning budgetary process was re-established by Whitmer's predecessor. She did nothing.

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SUPPORT

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for any outburst is the disease. Patience is needed at all times.

- **Learn what you can about breast cancer.** Research the type of cancer your loved one has, which may make it easier to

understand what to expect. If the person is amenable, you may consider accompanying her to appointments to hear firsthand about the next steps in her treatment and recovery.

- **Maintain a positive attitude.** It's never easy knowing someone you love is sick. They are going through their own

emotional roller coaster, and support systems can lift their spirits by maintaining positive attitudes. Avoid wearing rose-colored glasses, but try to remain as upbeat as possible.

- **Find a support group.** Professional support groups are great resources for coping with a cancer journey. Supporting

a person with cancer takes its own unique toll, particularly when caring for a spouse, child or mother with breast cancer. Support groups for support networks can be helpful.

Individuals diagnosed with breast cancer may need a little extra love and support. It's up to caregivers and friends to step up and provide what is needed.

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Eagles' offense clipped in title game, 21-0

By David Troppens

Linden — In a lot of ways, the Flint Metro League Championship Game held at Linden High School on Saturday night felt a lot like the Eagles' first contest they played against Goodrich during the second week of the season.

The Linden defense did all it could to help lead the Eagles to victory in both games, but both times it was the struggles on offense that hurt the Eagles'

chances of victory. Linden lost in the championship game 21-0. They lost the first game between the two teams earlier this season 6-0.

"It's been the same story all year," Linden's first-year varsity football coach Chad Williams said. "Our defensive coaches do a phenomenal job getting our kids prepared. Our kids play hard. They are disciplined. They did

everything to put us in position to win the game.

"(On offense) we have to make plays. We have to give our (quarterback) time in the pocket. It's the same message we told the kids. We are going to have to figure it out. When kids get in a position to make the play, they have to come down with it. We are close, but we are

See **EAGLES'** on 16



Linden's Monte Keener leaps to make a potential catch in the Eagles' loss to Goodrich on Saturday. Photo: Mark Bolen

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Sports Times



Tess Heavner prepares to dive into the pool during the backstroke in a recent meet. Photo: David Troppens

Fenton's Heavner breaks two pool records in Metro dual

By David Troppens

Tess Heavner has already had an outstanding swim career at Fenton.

As a freshman, Heavner finished runner-up at the state finals in the 200 individual medley, and earned a third in the 100 backstroke last year. This season, she's already making her mark in other teams' pools.

Heavner recorded two pool records at Swartz Creek, helping the Tigers to a 110-73 victory against the Swartz Creek/Flushing co-op squad.

Her two pool records came in the 100 butterfly (58.82) and the 100 backstroke (58.21).

Heavner wasn't the only swimmer to leave Swartz Creek with two individual first-place finishes. Sophie Stefanac earned firsts in the 200 freestyle (2:05.22) and the 100 freestyle (57.96). Five others earned one in-

See **RECORDS** on 16

Tigers get their revenge vs. Blue Devils, 33-7

By David Troppens

Fenton — The Tigers got their revenge.

Losing to the Lake Fenton Blue Devils last year in the Flint Metro League Championship Game, the Fenton varsity football team was determined to even the score in the Metro League crossover contest against the Blue Devils.

For a half, Lake Fenton gave the Tigers a good challenge and led 7-6 at the break. However, the Tigers were too strong and too deep in the trenches, eventually enabling the Tigers (6-2) to earn a convincing 33-7 victory at home.

"I played last year, but got hurt in the second quarter," said running back Cameron Dean, who scored three rushing TDs for the Tigers. "It just feels good to get some payback."

"It's our redemption revenge tour," senior lineman John Dixner said. "It was a great feeling. It took that hole from my heart from last year and filled it with joy."

It was an amazing moment for Fenton varsity coach Jeff Setzke as well. He missed last year's game due to being one of many people on the squad struck down with COVID. He also said hearing a comment through the heat ducts in the locker room helped motivate his squad.

"I think the quote we heard ... was 'We are the better team and Fenton



Fenton's Cameron Dean leaps into the end zone above Lake Fenton's JJ LaVallier. Fenton won the Metro crossover game against the Blue Devils 33-7. Photo: Mark Bolen

knows it' and our kids were incensed," Setzke said. "They did not believe that for a minute."

The Tigers dominated the statsheets. They had 301 yards total offense, including 245 yards on 52 rushing at-

tempts. Dean had 117 rushing yards and had TD runs of 3, 4 and 15 yards. His fellow back, Jake Nichols had a pretty nice night as well, collecting 75 yards and scoring a TD on a five-yard run.

See **REVENGE** on 16

Bronchos fall to Brandon, need win Friday to assure playoff spot

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity football team's first chance to beat the Brandon Blackhawks in two consecutive games ended in defeat at Holly High School.

The Bronchos (4-4) lost a chance to lock up a Division 3 playoff bid after losing a 31-13 verdict in a Metro League crossover contest. Brandon (5-3) locked up a Division 4 playoff spot with the victory.

Holly could still lock up a playoff spot with a road victory against the same Blackhawks on Friday. It's possible the Bronchos could qualify with a loss, but their best bet is to just win.

Brandon scored on its first possession and always led. An eight-yard TD run by Landon Zull gave the Blackhawks the first lead. The ex-

tra-point gave Brandon a 7-0 lead with 7:47 left in the first quarter.

The Bronchos responded right back on their first possession. A 70-yard sweep right run by Tony Simmons set up a five-yard TD pass from Boston Curtis to Deshawn Willis. However, the Bronchos failed on the two-point conversion and trailed 7-6 with 6:33 left in the first quarter.

Brandon scored on its next possession as well. Facing a fourth-and two play, the Drew Hickmott scored on a six-yard run. The extra point was no good and Holly trailed 13-6 with 2:34 left in the first half.

Brandon's next score came on a 12-yard TD run by Zull, raising the lead to 21-6 with 3:41 left in the first half.

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Holly boys, Linden girls place fourth at invite

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity boys cross country team competed at the Kayla O'Mara Invitational at Goodrich on Saturday and had one of their strongest performances of the season, placing fourth.

The Linden girls matched the Holly boys by taking fourth in their race as well. Meanwhile, the Linden boys took eighth and the Holly girls placed 10th.

The Holly boys had three runners earn lifetime PRs and two others finish within three seconds of their PRs.

The top finishing runner for any area squad was Linden's Clayton Ackerman who finished in fourth with a time of 17:18.07. Hartland's Benjamin Smith won the boys race in 16:31.90.

Holly's top runner was Grant Hoffman who placed seventh (17:36.38). Holly's other

scoring boys runners in the varsity race were Zachary Brown in 29th (18:34.08), Chase Chalawich in 33rd (18:43.01), Collin McMillan in 39th (19:01.86) and Ian Smith in 42nd (19:05.086). Ryan Walker finished just a place behind Smith in 43rd (19:07.05).

The Linden girls had three runners in the top 16, helping the Eagles to their fourth-place finish. A three-runner pack finished within six seconds of each other. Ava Fahrenkopf placed 13th (20:54.6) while Reagan Brooks finished 14th (20:55.00) and Colleen Blackwood placed



Holly runners Gage Wert and Zachary Brown start a race in a recent meet. Photo: David Troppens

16th (21:00.60). Linden's two other female scoring runners were Stellah Strauss in 26th (21:45.60) and Madelyn See **INVITE** on 15

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LF runners compete at Gabriel Richard invite

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton cross country team competed at the Gabriel Richard Invitational and saw the girls finish 12th and the boys finish 14th.

The top performer for either Lake Fenton squad was Nolan Pinion who took fourth in the varsity boys medium schools race with a time of 15:59.29.

However, it was the girls who placed slightly better in the team standings with Kaitlyn Hatfield and Maureen Fenoll battling it out for Lake Fenton's top spot. Hatfield placed 51st (22:38.21) with Fenoll finishing in 52nd (23:30.53).

Lake Fenton's other female runner were MacKenzie McCall in 68th (23:30.53), Grace Roy in 74th (23:43.64), Estella Hufton in 79th (24:20.26), Jillian Steckroth in 80th (24:30.60) and Sarah Learman in 93rd (25:59.02).

The Lake Fenton boys had three freshman running and the leading freshman was Robert Smeltzer in 66th (18:40.60). The rest of Lake Fenton's men runners were Calvin Kamischke



Lake Fenton's Estella Hufton (left) and MacKenzie McCall run together during a recent meet. Photo: David Troppens

in 81st (19:09.98), Gavin Hiler in 86th (19:27.51), Carter Klott in 98th (20:18.16) and Drew Huestis in 107th (21:00.94).

Fenton's Burkett, LF's Bell compete at golf state meets

By David Troppens

Two tri-county area golfers completed their 2020 girls seasons with trips to one of the four state meets last weekend.

Fenton's Katelyn Burkett competed in the Division 2 event at East Lansing's Forest Akers East Golf Course while Lake Fenton's Katie Bell competed in the Division 3 event at the Forest Akers West Golf Course.

Burkett concluded her prep career by placing 24th overall in the field of 106 golfers. She shot a 92-90-182 at the meet. She was the eighth-place golfer among the individual golfer who qualified without her team. She finished 15 strokes outside the top 10.

Bell, a junior, carded two

rounds of 95 and finished tied in 54th with a 190. She finished 30 strokes outside the top 10.

Burkett finished the Flint Metro League season as a First-Team All-Metro League performer, while Bell earned a spot on the Flint Metro League's second team.

Burkett, who is a senior, qualified for the D2 state meet by placing third among individual qualifiers at the regional meet with an 87. Bell was the second individual qualifier among the golfers in her D3 regional, shooting an 82. The top three golfers at regionals not on a state-qualifying team qualified for the state meet.

Holly swimmers post personal-best times in recent dual vs. Owosso

By David Troppens

Holly — The Holly varsity girls swim team competed against Owosso and lost a 124-50 verdict.

The Bronchos recorded one first-place finish. It was Riley Hummel who won diving with a score of 156.25. The diving event was the Bronchos' strength, as they took both of the top two spots. Percy Kline placed second with a score of 129.25.

The Bronchos had three other athletes earn individual second-place finishes. Evelyn Wolleson had one of them, posting a personal-best time of 27.43 in the 50 freestyle. Meanwhile, Janelle Keyes was second in the 200 individual medley (3:00.76) and Caellie MacDougall was second in the 100 butterfly (1:13.50).



Riley Hummel placed first in diving with a score of 156.25 in Holly's dual with Owosso. Photo: David Troppens

Two swimmers had personal-best times in individual events while earning personal best times. MacDougall did that in the 500 freestyle (7:02.06) while Wolleson did it in the 100 backstroke (1:19.04). Allison Rockafellow also had a third in the 100 breaststroke (1:27.93).

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Strauss in 39th (22:58.90).

Linden's other scoring boy runners were Jack Miller in 49th (19:22.52), Joe Casper in 53rd (19:40.77), Jimmy Lumm in 64th (19:53.81) and Jase Post in 65th (19:53.84).

Holly's top female runner was Jessica Booher finishing in 36th (22:46.70). She was followed by Allison Rockafellow in 46th (23:23.50), Ambrielle Hoffman in 82nd (27:29.20), Gabriela Knight in 84th (28:32.10) and Gabrielle Sornson in 88th (31:21.20). The Holly girls had three of the runners earn personal-best times and another earn a season-best time.

The Linden middle school girls also placed second in their 3,200 meter run. Addison Josephson placed third (12:36.80), followed by Molly Roberts in fifth (12:54.90), Sidney Shepard in seventh (13:11.30), Cara Tyrell in 11th (13:56.60) and Riley Schweitzer in 13th (14:08.60). Linden had its top seven runners all finish within the top 16.

Holly's boys team also finished first in the JV race. In fact, the top three runners were from the tri-county area. Mason Obert won the JV boys race in 19:05.85, followed by Linden's Dwight Van'tzeldfe in second (19:08.33) and Christopher Poshadlo in third (19:19.30).

PREP REPORT

VOLLEYBALL

► **Linden at Round Robin Tournament:** The Eagles defeated Yale, Reese, Bay City Central, Brown City and Warren Woods Tower to conclude a successful home tournament. Olivia

Nester had 44 kills and 31 digs while Blair Ungvarsky had 35 kills. Graice Pierscinski had 18 kills and six blocks while Kara Bigelow collected 14 kills and seven blocks. Hannah Wasilewski had 44 digs.

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Fenton quarterback Nolan Alvord was only 6-for-16 for 56 yards, but threw a 10-yard TD pass to Nichols as well.

Meanwhile, the Tigers' defense was outstanding all night long, never allowing a point. The Blue Devils' only TD came on defense when Lake Fenton's Nash Verhelle intercepted a pass and returned it 30 yards for the TD. Ashton Hunter made the extra-point and the Blue Devils led 7-6 with 4:26 left in the first quarter.

Lake Fenton managed to get to the Tigers' 39 later in the half, but an interception by Kristian Kilpatrick ended that Blue Devils' drive. Lake Fenton led 7-6 at the break.

"The kids were flying around and playing physical," Lake Fenton varsity football coach Marty Borski said. "They played with some energy. For whatever reason, we lost it at halftime. The final score was indicative of how it could've or should've gone, but hats off to them. They played hard."

The second half was all Fenton. The Blue Devils were forced to punt but the snap was received with knees on the ground, resulting in the Tigers getting the ball at the Lake Fenton 21. Eight plays later, and just one after a dropped interception by a Lake Fenton defender, Alvord completed his 10-yard pass to Nichols. Adam Barcome made the extra-point and the Tigers led 13-7.



(Above) Fenton's Jake Nichols works himself to the end zone. (This photo) Fenton's Kristian Kilpatrick made this catch against a Lake Fenton defender. Photos: Mark Bolen

Lake Fenton moved the ball to the Tigers' 37, but faced a fourth-and-2 play. The fourth-down attempt resulted in an incomplete pass. Seven plays later, The Tigers' potent ground game led them to a 15-yard TD, coming on Nichols' scamper. Fenton led 19-7 with 3:43 left

in the third quarter.

On the next play from scrimmage, Lake Fenton's Carsen Lewis was sacked by Parker Muntin, forcing a fumble. Kaden Karroma recovered it and the Tigers had the ball at the Lake Fenton 22.

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not there yet."

It was the first season since the Metro League adopted the championship contest that the Eagles played in it. They were playing for their first title since sharing the league crown with Fenton in 2012.

"It means a lot to be in the Metro League Championship game," senior Reese Giacomantonio said. "We tried to put a stamp on our legacy, something that hasn't been done in 10 years, win the Metro. ... It was a tough outcome, but the season is still young and we are looking to make a push in the playoffs."

"We are very thankful for the opportunity," Williams said. "Like I told my kids, I can't say how much I love my kids, I love my staff and I love this community. Obviously, it's very eventful. It's a big deal. We are just a couple of steps away from being the Metro champs and being what we can be as a program. It starts as coaches, it starts as players and it starts as a community and believing that we can do those type of things. We are getting close, but we have some things we can work on."

This contest was a defensive battle. Goodrich looked poised to score on its first possession when it had a third-and-7 play



Linden played strong enough defense to defeat Goodrich. Linden's Bryce Eliuk (front) and Conner Brown (22) make the tackle with Austin Alflen (right) getting ready to contribute. Photo: Mark Bolen

from the Linden 8, but Bryce Eliuk picked off a pass and returned the ball to the Linden 29.

The Eagles had completions of 10 and 16 yards to Monte Keener when it took over, helping move the ball to Goodrich's 43, but were forced to punt after a sack. Goodrich looked poised to score on its next possession as well, slowly driving the field. The Martians had a first-and 10 at the Linden 28, but a run play was stopped for no gain by Giacomantonio and the next three plays were incomplete passes (one deflected each by Aidan Haney and Austin Alflen), giving the Eagles the ball back at their own 28.

An intentional grounding play forced the Eagles to have to punt it from their own 3 and that helped set up the game's first score. Goodrich took over at the Linden 43.

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dividual event first. They were Josie Fries in the 200 individual medley (2:33.38), Sana Saab in the 50 freestyle (27.12), Ella Koch in diving (178.55), Addison Dolliver in the 100 breaststroke (1:17.24) and Julia Blanchard in the 500 freestyle (6:09.19).

Two relays earned firsts. The Tigers opened the meet with Fries, Heavner, Saab and Dolliver winning the 200

medley relay (2:02.82) and ended it with Fries, Kylee Brandon, Ashlee Michelson and Layne Barz winning the 400 freestyle relay (4:13.38).

The Tigers also had four individual seconds. Zoe Plunkett was second in diving (155.35) while the others were in swim events. They were Leigh Stafford in the 200 individual medley (2:35.99), Dolliver in the 100 freestyle (59.16) and Michelson in the 100 backstroke (1:10.14).

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Obituaries

Loretta F. McGuire 1938 – 2022

Loretta F. McGuire
Entering any room, you'd hear the laughter first. Loretta was "in the house." You would find yourself drawn in, as she regaled story after story of life growing up, eyes brightening as she shared various shenanigans about her children and life events.



As adults, she also became a friend to her children, being their confidant, mentor, sounding board and cheerleader. A devout Catholic all her adult life, Loretta put her trust and faith in God; she didn't know a stranger (even when she should); and surviving through

Everyone who met Loretta found themselves charmed by her beautiful smile, contagious laughter, and feisty spirit; always brightening the hearts of others. Loretta's story began in Madison Heights, born on April 15, 1938. She shared her early life with five siblings (John, Herbert, Thelma, Richard and Jim). She survived extremely impoverished beginnings and a challenging childhood. However, her strong spirit carried her through when she met and married her Prince Charming, Thomas J. McGuire, Jr. on April 21, 1956. Loretta and Tom were married 51 years, giving birth to their family of five children, Ann, Linda (Rick), Theresa (Dave), Karen (Mike), Thomas; five grandchildren, Krysten, Brandon, Alex, Richard, Ashley, Melissa; and five great-grandchildren, Aidan, Hunter, Keeley, Walker, Lyla. She is preceded in death by her parents, Anne & John; husband, Thomas; granddaughter, Alex; and siblings, John, Herbert and Richard. Loretta absolutely loved being a mother; teaching her babies to play barefoot in the rain, rolling down hills squealing with delight, and lavishing them with love and attention; then doing it all again with her grand babies.

many life challenges, she thrived to inspire so much affection and laughter, a true legacy of Love. At 84, Loretta is now "taking her stories onward," after her long journey with many challenging health issues and in the loving care of her daughter Karen and son in-law Mike. Loretta's family is eternally grateful for her caregiver and friend (Donna Barrett), whose love, friendship and gentle care, provided such joy and peace during the last two years of her life. Loretta will be remembered as wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, friend, and the Queen-of-Dice; whose love, faith, and laughter (always laughter), brought everyone she met, such joy. What a gift... she will be dearly missed, until we meet again. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Saint Rita's Catholic Church (Holly MI) and share a "Loretta story" with someone. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 AM Thursday, October 20, 2022 at St. Rita Catholic Church of Holly. Burial be in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Visitation will be from 2 - 8 PM Wednesday, October 19 with a Rosary prayed at 5 PM Wednesday at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

George Bock 1955 – 2022

George Bock – age 66 of Holly, passed away on Saturday, October 8, 2022, after suffering a heart attack on September 28, 2022. George was born on October 9, 1955, in Simcoe, Ontario, Canada, the son of George Bock and Ruth (Ball) Bock. He emigrated to the U.S. with his parents in 1956, grew up in Holly, and attended Holly High School, graduating in 1974. He married Kim Bock on May 20, 1989. He leaves three children, George Bock, Rachel (AJ) Davey, and Erik (Brooke) Bock and four granddaughters; Madisyn, Lilah, Kylee and Avalynn. He also leaves his mother, Ruth, and two brothers, Dale (Rosemary) Bock and Matt Bock. His father, George Bock, and a third brother, David (Vickie) Bock predeceased



him. George also leaves several nieces and nephews. After graduating high school, George served in the U.S. Army, Combat Engineers, for 20 years, retiring as Sergeant First Class. George enjoyed spending time with friends and family. He loved sports, gardening, riding his motorcycle, and playing poker.

He will be sorely missed. George will be interred with full military honors at the Great Lakes National Cemetery on Belford Road in Holly, on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, following a brief service which will begin at 1:30. (Those attending should arrive at 1:15 and park in the designated lane.) Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the Disabled American Veterans. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

Edward "Ed" Robak 1957 – 2022

Edward "Ed" Robak of Holly passed away peacefully into the kingdom of heaven in the presence of loving family on Thursday, October 13, 2022, after a long and hard-fought battle with heart failure. Ed was born in Pontiac on June 14, 1957 to Andrew and Viola Robak. He retired after 37 years of service at General Motors, and 20 years of delivering The Oakland Press. He was a Fourth Degree Knight in the Knights of Columbus, due to his dedication to Catholic service and charity. Everyone who knew him knew that Ed loved God, his family, sports, college football, especially University of Michigan, and the Detroit Tigers. Ed was known for his wonderful sense of humor and quick wit. You could always count on him to tell a joke. He was predeceased by his parents; his sister,



Marie Mineweaser; his brother, Jerome Robak; and his father-in-law, Jim Reid. He is survived by his wife, Angela (Reid); his son, Daniel; his daughter, Sara; his brother, Arthur Robak; sisters, Mildred Goemaere, Lucille Wilhelm, and Shirley (Jim) Zugras; mother-in-law, Sharron Reid; his sisters-in-law, Linda Avery and Elizabeth Bidinger, and countless

nieces, nephews, and cousins. Ed was a wonderful husband, father, brother, and uncle. He was deeply loved and will be greatly missed. Visitation will be Thursday, October 20 from 2 - 9 PM at Dryer Funeral Home in Holly. Funeral mass will be at St. Michael's Church in Pontiac with burial to follow at All Saints Cemetery. There will also be a rosary Thursday evening. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

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TAURUS
Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, you're naturally good at juggling many different tasks simultaneously. Don't be surprised if someone recognizes this and give you a few projects to handle.

GEMINI
May 22/June 21
The theme of this week is "opposites" for you, Gemini. If you're a normally tidy person, you'll leave a mess behind. If you are prompt, you will arrive late. It could be refreshing.

CANCER
June 22/July 22
This week there will be a great deal of pressure on you, Cancer. Try to remain as calm as possible while ticking off the boxes on your to-do list. Ask for help if you need it.

LEO
July 23/Aug 23
Your leadership skills will be on display this week, Leo. People at work and at home will call on you to make decisions and guide them through various situations.

VIRGO
Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, this week you could come up with a new plan to make a big difference in the world. It may start with an assignment at work or be inspired by volunteering.

LIBRA
Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, try to learn as much about the people around you as possible. They may share strategies that can affect your life in many positive ways. Start asking the right questions.

SCORPIO
Oct 24/Nov 22
You may need to brush up on your charm skills, Scorpio. Sometimes you come at people at full force. You could benefit from employing a more slow and steady approach.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov 23/Dec 21
Sometimes you can be naturally shy and quiet, Sagittarius. This week show others what lies beneath that quiet surface. Use your voice and get others excited about your thoughts.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22/Jan 20
Try not to hide in the shadows this week, Capricorn. This is your time to be in the spotlight and show others what you are made of. A spark will inspire you to act.

AQUARIUS
Jan 21/Feb 18
Getting back into the swing of things after time away can take a little while, Aquarius. You may have forgotten some steps or feel out of practice. Don't be too hard on yourself.

PISCES
Feb 19/Mar 20
You're used to dealing with situations as they arise, Pisces. Plan ahead for what you anticipate will come along this week.

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