

Linden High School gets an upgrade

■ Includes new flooring, technology, security and more

By Hannah Ball

Linden — Renovations at Linden High School aren't complete yet, but the upgrades are already improving the way

instructors teach.

On Thursday, Aug. 31, Amy Messer, science teacher at Linden High School, had only positive things to say about the new standing and portable podiums and the interactive smart boards installed in the classrooms. The boards are made by SMART Technologies.

"This and the podium... has changed the way I teach," Messer said. Students can use the podiums for presentations.

"They get to do everything wirelessly right here. They can do displays on our smart boards. It's amazing," she said. "I See **UPGRADE** on 9

“It’s what the voters voted on so we’re delivering. It’s pretty exciting.”

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Linden Community Schools
superintendent

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Prelim set for Holly Township man

■ Charged with assault with dangerous weapon

By Sharon Stone

A preliminary exam has been scheduled in Oakland County 52-2 District Court for a 34-year-old Holly See **PRELIM** on 6

Wisconsin man remains in jail as fugitive

■ Charged with fleeing and eluding Fenton police, assaulting officer and more

By Sharon Stone

A Wisconsin man's criminal case in Genesee County was bound over to circuit court on Aug. 31 after he See **FUGITIVE** on 12



Labor Day celebrations — The Labor Day Lobdell Lake fireworks show, put on by the Lobdell Bennett Lake Association, lit up the sky on Saturday, Sept. 2. Bands played on the lake throughout the weekend and multiple homeowners participated in a house decorating competition. The first place winner was Knoberitavilla Peninsula, second place was Flamingo Cove and third place Moonlight Over Az. Photo: Hannah Ball

Local music producer helps during aftermath of Maui fires

■ It's just a very gratifying experience'

By Hannah Ball

Marshall Block, local music producer and Tyrone Township resident, spent more than two weeks in Maui helping the victims of the Lahaina fires that killed 115 people.

The fires began Tuesday, Aug. 8 and spread to other places in the western area of Maui. It's the deadliest U.S. wildfire in more than 100 years and reduced much of the historic town to ash.

Block and his then-girlfriend Martha, who works in the health-care business, had plans to travel to See **MAUI** on 5

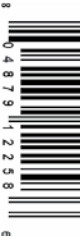


“To all the people Saturday that stopped on Rolston Road in Fenton Township to help with the runaway dog. A 13-year-old boy in the neighborhood who has three dogs of his own finally was able to get her (Nala), so all is well. Thank you all so much.”



“Where are the police at 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. when these parents drive up and down 5th Street going way over the speed limit? One of these parents will kill some kid walking to school some day. We need police on 5th Street during these times.”

“I am all for beautifying Fenton to make it an attractive town. However, it seems as if the Fenton city leaders are more concerned with cosmetic improvements, such as the butterfly garden, than they are with repairing city streets and making sure the repairs are done correctly. Just my opinion.”





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The world of fire investigation

■ Local fire chief to be president of Michigan chapter of International Association of Arson Investigators

By Hannah Ball

Fenton Twp. — When Fenton Township Fire Chief Ryan Volz investigates fires, he's able to empathize with victims who lose their property better than most people.

"My house burnt to the ground when I was in 10th grade. I lost everything," he said. "I was out working on my aunt and uncle's farm... my grandmother showed up and was crying and said, hey your house is on fire and you need to go home. I yelled for my brother who was out in the field and had to get him. We took off the car and we could just see the black plume smoke. It just burnt to the ground."

The incident sparked his curiosity in the fire investigation field. He keeps photos of that 1986 house fire displayed on a wall in his office.

"I've always had the want to figure out how it started, the cause and origin," he said.

Volz has been in the fire service since about 1993. In 1997, he joined the Fenton Township Fire Department (FTFD) and got involved in the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI) in 2003.

Previously, he was a director of the Michigan chapter of the IAAI for three years. Last year, he was voted in as the second vice president and this year, he was voted in as the first vice president.

Next year, he'll be president of the Michigan chapter.

The IAAI is "an international professional association of more than 11,000 fire investigation professionals, united by a strong commitment to suppress the crime of arson through professional fire investigation," according to firearson.com.

The IAAI provides education to people interested in fire investigation. Approximately 130 to 160 investigators attend the yearly meeting and fire school where they set up burn cells for training. The Michigan chapter of the IAAI consists of representatives from the Michigan State Police, Oakland County sheriff's deputies, insurance companies



Ryan Volz, fire chief



A Fenton Township family and pets escaped unharmed after their home caught fire in January 2021. Fenton Township Fire Chief Ryan Volz said the house was a total loss.

and more. Volz said the MSP helps a lot with fire investigations.

"A fire doesn't start unless it has something to start it," he said. The cause is either accidental by nature or incendiary.

"It's a puzzle. You've got to start out by investigating the resident," he said. "You've got to build a timeline. You want to get as much information from them to get up to the point of how the fire started or if they witnessed it or if they noticed something burning. You go from there with your theory and start digging and prove them right or prove them wrong."

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Sharin' the Spotlight

By Editor Sharon Stone

Labor Day weekend 2023 is a wrap and what a gloriously fantastic weekend we had, weather wise, in the tri-county area. While countless families headed up north to cabins or campgrounds for that last weekend of summer fun, we stayed home and enjoyed everything we could about our lake in Fenton Township. As soon as I finished work on Friday and got home, we headed out to Tupper Lake for the last set of our lake association's annual Skip Day. Live music from a pontoon was provided by the local band Driven. Most boats and pontoons tied to each other and others just slowly cruised around enjoying the sunny skies and warm temps. Big thanks to the band and organizers.

There was one requirement for the day though, we had to be home by 7 p.m. to watch the MSU vs CMU football game. Go green! It wasn't a pretty game and there was a lot of yelling at the TV, but a win is a win. As soon as we get our next cool day, I'll be making my family's famous Nichols Worth of Chili. College football means chili in our house.

Saturday included more pontoon time on the lakes. The weekend was

The last hurrah of summer in the tri-county area

made better by a visit from my sister Jan who now lives in Dallas. It had been way too long since we last spent time together.

Starting at 4 p.m., live music filled the air again on Lake Ponemah. Leading up to Ironsnake's live performance, three other bands entertained from an outdoor stage at the Ponemah Lakeside Lodge, including Cybil & the Beast, Dr. Delorean and the Space Invaders and Jon Fett Quartet. If you wanted to listen from the property or dock, you had to buy tickets but many others anchored their boats to enjoy the music. It was a very entertaining evening.

If that wasn't enough, our neighbors hosted another live concert Sunday evening from their yard. They got permits necessary from Fenton Township and played until 11 p.m. It's the perfect setup to see all of our neighbors. I would even venture to say that our neighborhood is the best and most activity driven one there is in our area.

As a bonus these past few weeks, we have spotted a couple of bald eagles hanging out on the tallest dead trees overlooking the lakes. They are quite a sight to see.



Sharon Stone

One of these years, I will make the trip up north to walk across the Mackinac Bridge on Labor Day. I hope to hear stories and see photos of friends who did take part in this unique annual tradition.

Summer isn't over yet and there are still many activities planned for our three local downtowns. Despite fall not

arriving until Sept. 23, we are noticing the color change already. It seems early to me, but I'm not meteorologist. I'm also in a quandary as to whether it's still okay to wear white pants or capris in Michigan since Labor Day has come and gone. I've grown up with the idea that you can only wear white between Memorial Day and Labor Day, but when we take a vacation in the winter in Florida, everyone wears white whenever they want. It can be very confusing for us women. I figure, I'll continue wearing them just through September if it's nice outside. Do other women go through this fashion question?

Hopefully, everyone was able to spend some time outdoors soaking up the last days of a beautiful Michigan summer. We know what's next after that – I heard that the Farmers Almanac is predicting a snowier and colder than average winter for us.

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I STILL SAY that no one is above the law, not Trump and —since you bring it up — not the Bidens. For the record, Trump's now been indicted four times, including for his role in the insurrection. I have yet to see a Biden be indicted.

SEEMS LIKE OUR surrounding school districts have an insatiable appetite for new buildings and tech. Try investing in actual education. Programs that will bring students up to the highly-rated schools. Case in point — why do so many educated professionals in our community send their kids to Powers or other schools?

OH, TYRONE TOWNSHIP and the water problem. There are problems all over. Drive White Lake Road and notice that rainwater and ice melts travel directly from paved drives onto road. There are ditches where drainage should occur but no enforcement that water is directed into them. Freezing water causes accidents.

THE BEST OF all old folks homes is the U.S. Senate.

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

Tell us about the time when you laughed the hardest.

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"How about the hardest laugh, we tried not to laugh because it was in church. The woman in front of us had so much hairspray in her beautifully styled hair and a fly flew in and got trapped and died there. We saw the whole thing sitting behind her and tried desperately not to laugh but couldn't help ourselves. We were teenagers. The priest kept us after for some strong words about our behaviors."

Denise Lovse, Fenton



"The time I tried to learn how to drive our zero turn mower. I couldn't figure out how to get it to go straight and kept spinning in circles. The more I spun, the harder I laughed. And the harder I laughed, the faster I spun."

Tracy Belanger, Fenton



"When my husband was teaching me how to downshift our VW. He went down a hill, and over into a ditch! Some young kids came and helped us out."

Mary Ann Lehman Morgan
Fenton



"When my 3-week-old daughter Paige pooped all over the blinds, wall, and crib when she was on the changing table. Talk about a clean-up procedure."

Joe Denver
Holly

Everyday *educators*

Meet JOSEPH MILLER

Joseph Miller, 46, has been teaching for 22 years. He teaches math skills at Holly Middle School.



Why did you want to become a teacher?

I decided to become a teacher when I was a Freshman in College. I grew up as the third oldest in a family of 11 children. The only time I had been away from my family was when I got to college. I missed being around my younger siblings. I realized then that I needed to be around kids. Being around kids is something that has always brought me joy.

Tell us about a rewarding moment you've had with your students.

I have rewarding moments with my student on a daily basis. Seeing my students walk in with a smile always makes me happy. Seeing students brighten up with pride as they complete a task they didn't think they could do is something I see everyday. My goal is to help every student focus on their strengths. Kids are so used to focusing on their deficits, but if you help them see their strengths, gifts, and abilities, they will always give you their best. This job has brought me so much joy! I couldn't imagine doing anything else.

If you could change one thing about education today, what would it be?

If I could change one thing about education today, it would be the emphasis on standardized tests and the focus on grades. I would love if a student felt success based on how hard they worked. Not every student can be a 4.0 student, but every student can push themselves to do their best. If a student has truly given their best effort, they should be made to feel proud of that.



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Maui to get married and for her to take a class. However, their original flight was canceled and they almost didn't follow through with the plans due to the fires. The school Martha took a class at convinced them to come. They flew from Detroit to Texas to Maui.

They were in Maui from Friday, Aug. 11 to Sunday, Aug. 27.

"They said no, come down, 90% of the island is open. The local communities are being devastated because everybody's leaving. Granted, that one area was bad but the rest of the island is vibrant. The business people are really hurting right now," he said.

They stayed in Makawao. While Martha took her class, Block drove the 40 miles to Lahaina to volunteer with the Community Emergency Response Team, which is run by local people, to help victims of the fire.

He said the response was "amazing."

T-Mobile came in and set up temporary towers and gave people cell phones. Costco brought pallets of food and water came in on trucks. Block worked five-hour shifts with approximately 50 other volunteers. Thousands of people came for supplies.

"It was an endless line of people waiting in cars," he said. "These people were so grateful. Thank God for the locals. It was amazing to me how slow the federal response and the Red Cross were."

Block said he didn't see the Red Cross until two days before he left and that the organization took control of the outreach locations.

"We became like a family," he said. "You can just sit around and do nothing or you can be part of the solution. I'm so glad I had the opportunity to do that."

The weather was hot, and they thankfully worked under tents most of the time to put together baskets of food. People also picked up jugs of water.

Block said half of the water was not potable. The smoke wasn't that bad, he said. No one was wearing masks. He became friends with a man named Stari who he met at a jewelry store. They drove to Lahaina together.

“You can just sit around and do nothing or you can be part of the solution. I’m so glad I had the opportunity to do that.”

Marshall Block
Tyrone Township resident

"It was a very interesting trip," he said. "It's just a very gratifying experience. People say, well your vacation was ruined. I say no, it was enhanced. There's no greater good feeling than to be able to do something to somebody."

The aftermath of the fires were devastating.

"It was just like Hiroshima. It looked like an atomic bomb went off," Block said. "Some of the stuff, it's like 9/11. Some of the bodies will never be recovered because the heat was so intense."

In regards to the emergency response, Block said there were a lot of "should've, would've, could've" situations with the

emergency sirens and road blocks. He mentioned how Lahaina was very historic and people are bemoaning the fact that it's gone. Locals don't want it to become like Honolulu, Block said.

"They want it to remain the way it was. It's just going to be so difficult... a land speculator can offer you \$2

million to someone that's nothing," he said. "And that \$2 million will be with \$10 million when they build it up."

Block spoke about potentially putting together a concert to help the victims of the fire. For years, Block has organized a concert every year for the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals at The Fillmore in Detroit. He knows celebrities who have homes in Maui that might be interested in participating.

"If I could give one message, it would be go to Maui on vacation. If you don't, these businesses are going to go belly up and that's going to even be a worse tragedy because 90% of that island is vibrant and wonderful and just waiting," he said.

His other message is to donate to local charities such as the Maui Rescue Mission, the Hawaii Community Foundation/Maui Strong Fund and the Maui Fire and Disaster Relief.

(Top) Marshall Block and Martha McDougall were married in Maui in August. While there, Block helped with relief efforts after the Lahaina fires. He and dozens of other volunteers organized food baskets and other essentials to give to fire victims. Submitted photos



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Some 'Miranda Warnings' facts

The term "Miranda Warnings" comes to us from the 1966 United States Supreme Court case of *Miranda v Arizona*. Miranda held that a person's statements in response to police interrogation can't be used against them unless certain warnings are given as to their Fifth Amendment rights against self-incrimination and they waive those rights.

Although "Miranda Warnings" may be a familiar phrase, what they are, when they must be given, and the exceptions probably aren't.

Accordingly, the following are some basic Miranda Warning facts.

Although they can vary by the state, the basic warnings are as follows:

- You have the right to remain silent;
- Anything you say can and will be used against you in court;
- You have the right to be represented by an attorney at any questioning you consent to;
- If you can't afford an attorney, one will be provided.

Miranda Warnings are required only when a person is in "custody."

To determine custody, courts consider many factors including (1) The location of the questioning; (2)

the duration of the questioning; (3) statements made during the interview; (4) the presence or absence of physical restraints during the questioning; (5) the release of the interviewee at the end of the questioning.

"Interrogation" refers to express questioning by the police or their actions, that they should know are reasonably likely to elicit an incriminating response.

If a defendant makes a "spontaneous utterance" which is incriminating and not a response to a question, Miranda doesn't exclude it.

Generally speaking, traffic stops for drunk driving are not covered by Miranda as the person isn't considered to be in custody.

In emergency situations such as a gun being in a crowded supermarket and the police asking a suspect "where's the gun," the questions aren't prohibited by Miranda, nor is questioning a person who is not in custody and merely the focus of an investigation.

Finally, if there's a Miranda violation, and at a trial the defendant takes the witness stand and denies committing the crime, the defendant's interview statements can be used against them.

Miranda warnings have been an effective way of protecting a defendant's rights for over 57 years. They are but one example of how our justice system works both fairly and effectively.

PRELIM

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Township man on Sept. 22. Shane Pinkley was charged July 25 with assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault). He posted bond Aug. 9 and was released.

His case involves an incident in Holly Township on Saturday, July 22.

At 5:45 p.m., Michigan State Police troopers responded to a home in the 3400 block of Belford Road in Holly Township after receiving a 911 call of a felonious domestic assault in progress involving a gun.



Shane Pinkley

A witness told police that Pinkley had pointed a gun at the victim. No shots had been fired. When troopers arrived at the home, they contacted the victim outside of the residence and were granted entry to locate the suspect.

Pinkley was found lying on a couch. He allegedly refused troopers' commands to get up. Troopers observed a firearm underneath the suspect and held him at gunpoint until the firearm was secured. He reportedly continued to refuse commands and troopers took him to the ground and handcuffed him. He was lodged at the Oakland County Jail pending prosecutor's review.

WOTA has begun trips in Holly area

■ **Transportation authority provides \$2 fares for eligible riders**

By Sharon Stone

Western Oakland Transportation Authority (WOTA) began transportation services for residents in the Holly area yesterday, Tuesday, Sept. 5.

WOTA serves seniors aged 55 and older, adults with disabilities age 18 and older and low-income individuals.

Holly and Rose townships recently approved the agreement with WOTA to provide this transportation to residents.

Holly Township Supervisor George Kullis said Holly and Groveland townships officials negotiated with Oakland County to bring service to the greater Holly area because the countywide millage approved in November 2022 didn't provide services as far north as northwest Oakland County.

WOTA will provide transportation in Groveland, Highland, Holly, Rose, Waterford and White Lake townships, Keego Harbor, Lake Angelus, Orchard Lake, Sylvan Lake, village of Holly and Walled Lake.

The territory WOTA will drive to outside of Oakland County includes Grand Blanc, Fenton and parts of Flint. This territory could expand if demand warrants an expansion.

Fare fees are \$2 per stop regardless of destination location. Riders may pay as they go with cash or check; a \$20 punch card is available for purchase that includes 10 rides plus a free ride. As a bonus, all new riders will receive a free punch card with four free rides.

As previously reported, WOTA Director Kimberly Viener said WOTA is creating a transit hub in the village of Holly to provide door-to-door transportation to medical appointments, employment, shopping and any destination in your communities and all the WOTA travel area as well as Grand Blanc, Fenton and even into Flint. Riders will have a barrier-free access as all WOTA vehicles are lift equipped or have a ramp. Fares are the same regardless of where you travel.

Trips may be scheduled anytime between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Riders must be preregistered. Packets are available at the township halls and online at RideWOTA.org. Once riders are registered, they may begin scheduling trips. For those disabled, a Professional Verification Form is to be completed by the doctor, counselor, etc., proving the rider's disability — WOTA will wait up to 60 days to receive.

WOTA seeks additional drivers as demand increases. Go to ridewota.org for details. For questions on the application process, call (248) 887-4979.

As previously reported, Oakland County residents were advised to expect transit services to expand after the Oakland County Board of Commissioners approved contracts with four public transportation providers — SMART, North Oakland Transportation Authority (NOTA), Western Oakland Transportation Authority (WOTA), and the Older Persons' Commission (OPC) — under the 10-year countywide 0.95-mill public transportation millage approved by voters in November 2022.

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- No open containers or consumption of food or drink is allowed on vehicles.
- Any rider verbally or physically abusive is subject to probation and/or loss of service immediately.
- All riders should be reasonably sanitary without bodily fluids.

NEWS

BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

Thompson Road, west of U.S. 23, closure for work on water main project

As the Genesee County Drain Commission continues work on its Fenton-Thompson Water Main Extension Project, Thompson Road will be closed west of U.S. 23 beginning Wednesday, Sept. 6. The closure is expected to last for one week. The detour will take drivers from Torrey Road to Lahring Road to Linden Road to Thompson Road and vice versa. The new water main will service residents in Mundy and Fenton townships. The project is expected to be completed in 2023, weather permitting.

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Kiwanis Club of Fenton celebrates 82nd year

■ Seeks to raise \$10,000 for back-to-school projects, holiday baskets and more

By Sharon Stone

The Kiwanis Club of Fenton is celebrating its 82nd year.

To recognize this anniversary, rather than seek donations from community members throughout the entire year, members hope to raise \$10,000 to fund their back-to-school books and shoe project, their holiday food baskets and other projects.

The Kiwanis Club of Fenton asks anyone in the community to pledge their support in their Friends of Fenton Kiwanis 2023-2024 campaign. One hundred percent of all funds raised through this campaign will benefit our neighbors in need, especially children.

All donors to this campaign will be identified as Friends of Fenton Kiwanis and will be recognized in all of their publications and at all of their activities and events.

For more than 80 years, the Kiwanis

Club of Fenton has helped children and their families who are in need by sponsoring the following fundraising and community service activities:

- Fenton High School Service Scholarship
- Fenton High School KEY Club
- MI State Police Law Enforcement Career Academy
- Fenton Arts Council Art Activities
- Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets
- Fenton Freedom Festival Kids Games and Painting
- Lake Fenton High School Service Scholarship
- Lake Fenton High School KEY Club
- A visit with Santa at Jinglefest
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(Left) Linden High School science teacher Amy Messer uses her SMART Board in her classroom on Thursday, Aug. 31. The boards are made by SMART Technologies and cost approximately \$3,885 each. (Middle photos) Linden Community Schools Superintendent Russ Ciesielski opens the door to the hallway that leads to the courtyard, which is under construction. The space is being turned into a media center space for students. (Right) The former wrestling/maintenance area will be the new STEM lab when construction is complete. **Photos: Hannah Ball**

UPGRADE

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can wheel this all the way around the class and pull something up... When a kid says, what about what's going on in Florida? Let's talk about hurricanes. I don't have to go to my desk. I can pull it up right here... I can bring up data from the weather channel on the flood impact from the hurricane in Florida."

These technology upgrades are part of phase two of the bond improvement project, which includes upgrading the LHS classrooms with new desks, flooring, lighting and technology. The new chairs and desks are easier to move and stack. These upgrades were made possible thanks to school district voters passing a \$55-million bond in November 2020.

"We talk to our staff here as far as what they want and what they're looking for," said Russ Ciesielski, superintendent of Linden Community Schools. "The carpeting, the paint, the lights. What a difference the lights make. The coolest thing which I've never realized, it's so small you don't really think about it, microphone systems in classrooms. Night and day difference."

Messer, who's entering her 10th year at Linden and 23rd year of teaching, said the touch screen smart boards allows teachers to create a more interactive learning experience. The boards have functions for taking notes, setting a timer, and more.

"These boards are amazing," she said. "Everything's at your fingertips" which improves in-the-moment teaching. Teachers have new desks and multiple monitors. Work also included burying the wires underneath the flooring, which is now concrete and not tile.

"For science, it's so much nicer to have polished concrete," she said.

The locking mechanisms on the classroom doors also were upgraded with new deadbolts. All rooms will have new cabinetry. More classrooms have windows.

The front entrance will be moved. People will enter through the senior commons area instead of the cafeteria. The front office will be flipped. Visitors will be buzzed into a vestibule that leads to the front office before entering the main area of the school. This work is anticipated to take place in the spring.

LHS has an all new public address (PA) system, fire alarm system, HVAC system, and an all new electrical system. The kitchens also will be redone with new serving areas and equipment.

The courtyard is under construction. A roof will be added and the space will be used for a new media center and collaboration zone. The hallway immediately to the south of the courtyard is currently closed to school traffic while construction is underway.

Ciesielski said the plan is to install large garage door style separators in between the library and new media center.

"The intent obviously is to have this open collaboration space," he said. They're also adding a teacher work room.

The Linden Advancement Academy in the south end of the building will be expanded with a secure entrance and updated flooring, lighting, instructional technology and more. Ciesielski said they'll be able to offer more services and support. The art rooms also will be upgraded.

The wrestling room was moved to the new Multi-Purpose Building and the space in the high school is being

renovated into a STEM lab. Ciesielski said they're putting a new robotics curriculum together.

Construction is underway at the school while classes are in session. Ciesielski said Barton Malow, the construction manager, has been good working around the students. Transporting large materials usually happens after hours or when school isn't in session.

Ciesielski said their intent is to have everything ready for the next school year.

"We're probably another year and a half out from being finished and a lot of it is because we're in session," he said. "It's what the voters voted on so we're delivering. It's pretty exciting."

Ciesielski said they're meeting with teachers as the process continues and seeking their input. Linden Elementary will receive similar upgrades.

Go to lindenschools.org/page/bond information for more information on the bond project.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Public Hearing - Lake Improvement Project for Little Long Lake 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 township board, as authorized by PA 188 of 1954, as amended, the township board proposes to continue a lake improvement program on Little Long Lake consisting of the eradication and/or control of aquatic weeds and plants and related services, and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of the costs thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the special assessment district within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be made and within which the costs thereof are proposed to be specially assessed are more particularly described as follows:

All parcels of land abutting Little Long Lake

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the township board has received plans showing the improvements, together with an estimate of the costs in the approximate amount of \$27,320, (including administrative costs), 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 aforementioned special assessment district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said plans, estimates of costs and proposed special assessment district may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours on 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 on the plans, district and estimates 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 19, 2023.

At the hearing, the board will consider any written objections and comments to any of the foregoing matters which are filed with the Township Clerk at or before the time of the hearing, and any objections or comments raised at the hearing; and at the hearing (or any adjournment of the hearing which may be made without further notice), the township board may revise, correct, amend or change the plans, estimates of costs or special assessment district. Written comments or objections may be filed with the Township Clerk at the address set out below.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if the township board determines to proceed with the special assessments, it will cause a special assessment roll to be prepared and another hearing will be held, after notice to record owners of property proposed to be specially assessed, to hear public comments concerning the proposed special assessments.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place in person or by representative and to submit comments concerning the foregoing.

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Firefighters listen as Fenton Township Fire Chief Ryan Volz talks about the training at Case's Island in July 2021. Times file photo

INVESTIGATION

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to be a common cause of fires. Lately, Volz has increased concerns with lithium-ion batteries. The FTFD has responded with mutual aid to two fires caused by lithium-ion batteries in Mundy Township in the last month to two months.

Volz said many people are freaked out and try to hide the cause of the fire if they were smoking or were welding in the garage and accidentally started the fire.

"We're going to find out how it happened," Volz said. In some cases, investigators determine a fire's origin by viewing security camera footage.

"People wonder why it takes so long to clean up structures that are burnt. That's because the insurance companies have to do a thorough investigation," Volz said.

When asked if people interfere on scene, Volz said, "You always do. It's their property burning. They're freaked out. They're in panic mode. You can't get there fast enough for them. Believe me, I've been through it. My mom and dad were screaming bloody murder waiting for the fire department to get there and you're watching your property get destroyed."

FTFD firefighters have a clipboard with a checklist from the IAAI of what steps to take when arriving at the scene of a fire. The department uses educational books from the National Fire Protection Association to further their education.

Volz said he's going to take a class on marine fires because Fenton Township has so many lakes. There were two boats that caught fire at the Lake Fenton marina about eight years ago. Volz said the insurance company determined it was caused by a lightning strike, but he didn't buy it.

Even with continuing education, some



fires remain unsolved.

"We hate to have them undetermined," he said. Fortunately, he knows what caused his house fire in 1986. His brother was starting the tractor to mow the lawn and it blew up on him.

"He's lucky he was okay. That's how it all started," he said.

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

SHOPLIFTER LEAVES BEHIND FISHING SUPPLIES

At 7:52 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 12, Fenton police were dispatched to Walmart on Owen Road for a retail fraud in progress. Lt. Dan Forbush said when a responding officer arrived, the suspect had already left the store in a black Jeep. The loss prevention employee told police that they observed a male customer selecting several fishing supply items and concealing them in a tote that was in his shopping cart. The man was observed exiting the store without paying for the merchandise. The employee attempted to stop the shopper, but he refused to stop. He did leave behind the shopping cart with 36 items totaling \$483. Police posted a security camera image on social media and they received a tip of a possible suspect. Police believe the suspect is a 34-year-old Flint man. Police will seek a second-degree retail fraud charge against him through the Genesee County Prosecutor's Office.

FENTON POLICE ARREST ROMEO WOMAN FOR RETAIL FRAUD, WARRANT

At 9:08 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 20, Fenton police were dispatched to Target on Owen Road for a retail fraud complaint. A loss prevention employee had the suspect, a 21-year-old Romeo woman, in custody in the office. The employee told police that they observed the woman under-scanning items, meaning she was scanning lower costing items at the self-checkout. She paid for a portion of her items, however, she didn't pay for \$192 worth. Police asked for the woman's ID, but she said she had none with her and she provided only a name. The name turned out to be false. Police eventually determined her true identity and learned that her driver's license was suspended and she had a valid felony warrant for her arrest. She was arrested for third-degree retail fraud and the outstanding warrant. She was transported to the Genesee County Jail where the warrant holding agency would pick her up.

TWO FEMALE SHOPLIFTERS TAKE PS5 CONTROLLERS AND MORE TOTALING \$549

On Aug. 21, a business in the 15000 block of Silver Parkway, Game Stop, filed a retail fraud complaint with Fenton police. Management told police that at 2 p.m. on Aug. 18, two females entered the

store and concealed Playstation 5 controllers and other items totaling \$549 in a large beach bag. They were in the store for approximately four minutes. Security video showed the women exiting the store without paying for the merchandise. Their images were posted on social media and leads called in provided Fenton police with possible identities of the two women, a 52-year-old Flint woman and a 43-year-old Toledo, Ohio woman. A third woman was observed in their vehicle. The case was turned over to the detective bureau and police will pursue charges for retail fraud once their identities are verified.

TWO SUSPECTS FLEE IN U-HAUL TRUCK WITH AT LEAST \$1,000 IN STOLEN MERCHANDISE

One male suspect is in custody and one male suspect is still at large following a retail fraud incident in Fenton on Monday evening. Lt. Dan Forbush of the Fenton Police Department said Fenton police were alerted to a retail fraud incident at TJMaxx on Silver Parkway at 7:54 p.m. Two male suspects exited the store with more than \$1,000 worth of store merchandise without paying. They fled in a U-Haul truck. Fenton police caught up with the truck on northbound U.S. 23 near Baldwin Road and initiated a traffic stop. One male fled on foot into a nearby field. The driver was taken into custody. A K-9 unit was requested to help with locating the at-large suspect, however, he was not located. As of Tuesday morning, that suspect was not in custody. Forbush said police believe they know the identity of the second suspect. Police do not believe he is from the Fenton area. The stolen merchandise was recovered from the U-Haul truck. Police believe there was other stolen merchandise in the truck. As more information becomes available, the Times will provide an update.

SPEEDING MOTORCYCLIST'S CASE BOUND OVER TO CIRCUIT COURT

Travis Smiecinski's case in Genesee County 67th District Court was bound over to circuit court for trial after he waived his preliminary exam on Aug. 22. No new court dates have been scheduled. He is facing a two-count felony warrant for having a dangerous weapon and fourth degree fleeing a police officer. On Saturday, July 30, at 11:10 p.m., an Argentine Township police officer conducting stationary radar measured the speed of a motorcycle traveling northbound on Duffield Road near Ray Road at 75 mph in a 55 mph zone. The officer pursued the motorcycle through the village of Gaines and continued northbound on Duffield Road reaching speeds of 80 mph.

The officer and a sergeant with Clayton Township Police Department stopped the motorcyclist at Duffield and Miller roads without incident. The motorcyclist was identified as Smiecinski of Lennon. Argentine Township Det. Ken Engel said

Smiecinski was arrested for a felony warrant, fleeing/eluding police, receiving and concealing stolen property and possession of brass knuckles. The motorcycle was confirmed stolen from Grand Blanc Township in June 2022.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Notice of Public Hearing on the 2023 Special Assessment Roll for the Fenton Township Fire Protection Special Assessment District

To the residents and property owners of Fenton Township, Genesee County, Michigan, the owners of land within the Fenton Township Fire Protection 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 Fenton Township Fire Protection Special Assessment District. Said assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of raising money by special assessment for furnishing fire protection, emergency and medical services, purchasing and housing equipment, and for the operation of same within the aforesaid assessment district, which assessment for 2023 is in the total approximate amount of \$534,365.00.

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 19, 2023 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 appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. Written protests should be submitted in advance of the public hearing if possible. [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 state tax tribunal within 35 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll.]

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the township board of the Charter Township of Fenton shall, at the second/final regular township board meeting held in the month of September in each year, make a redetermination of the amount of the fire protection special assessment levy for the ensuing year without further notice, (except for compliance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act).

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FUGITIVE

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waived his preliminary exam on Aug. 28. He's also facing extradition to Wisconsin on a previous arrest warrant. According to court records, there are no hearings scheduled yet.

Robert Darden, 38, of Fitchburg, Wisconsin, was arraigned on multiple felonies including fleeing and eluding police, two counts of assaulting a police officer, driving with open intoxicants in the vehicle and driving on a suspended

license. A cash surety bond of \$5,000 was ordered.

The charges stem from an incident in Fenton on Tuesday, July 18. Lt. Dan Forbush of the Fenton Police Department said that just before midnight, a woman called 911 claiming she was being followed by Darden, who she used to be in a relationship with.

As a precaution, dispatch advised the woman to drive to the Fenton police

station. A police officer spotted the suspect's vehicle, a white 2013 Dodge Voyager, which was traveling behind the woman's vehicle.



Robert Darden

The officer initiated a traffic stop on the Voyager on northbound Adelaide Street, however, the driver failed to comply and accelerated. The officer activated the overhead lights and siren but the driver did not stop. The suspect was identified and the officer terminated the pursuit.

The suspect, still traveling at a high rate of speed, lost control and crashed into a utility pole at the intersection of Adelaide Street and Silver Lake Road. He exited the vehicle and attempted to flee on foot.

The officer saw the crashed vehicle and pursued the driver on foot and apprehended him behind a dumpster in the business parking lot at that intersection.

Darden was arrested for fleeing and eluding, resist/obstruction of police, having open intoxicants in his vehicle, domestic assault and driving with no license.

After his arrest, Forbush said police learned Darden also has a valid arrest warrant from Wisconsin and Wisconsin authorities seek to have him extradited. Forbush said Darden will have to resolve the charges in Fenton before returning to Wisconsin. He was arraigned July 22 on one count of being a fugitive. He's lodged in the county jail with no bond.

Darden remains in the county jail and a review hearing is scheduled for Oct. 25 at 8:30 a.m. on the fugitive charge.



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Dylan Dreasky runs downfield during the Eagles' contest against Goodrich.

Photo: Mark Bolen

Eagles post respectable showing in 41-25 loss vs. Goodrich

By David Troppens

For the third time in two seasons, the Linden varsity football team competed against the Goodrich Martians.

For the third time, the Eagles left the

game with the short end of the stick.

Linden moved the ball pretty effectively in its road game against Goodrich on Thursday, but the Eagles' defense was unable to stop the Martians' potent

ground game, resulting in Linden's 41-25 loss.

The 25 points represents the first time the Eagles have scored against Goodrich

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Sports Times

Holly moves to 2-0 for second straight year

By David Troppens

Holly — The game started promising enough.

On the first play from scrimmage, the Holly varsity football team had quarterback Boston Curtis throw downfield to Dylan Chereson for a 68-yard touchdown just 16 seconds into its home contest against Ferndale.

But after that, the game got seriously bogged down as both defenses dominated the rest of the first half and a good chunk of the third quarter. Something was needed to break this quagmire. The answer — Tony Simons.

Holly's potent skill position player ran 88 yards for a late third-quarter touchdown and then caught a screen pass from Curtis and rambled on 83 yards for a fourth-quarter TD, leading the Bronchos to a 37-20 victory against the Ferndale Eagles.

"It was Tony and Dylan Chereson," Holly varsity football coach Billy



Holly's defense works on getting a tackle during the Bronchos' 37-20 victory against Ferndale on Thursday. Photo: David Troppens

Keenist Jr. said. "It was like last week. Dylan has that first big play of the game, and did some nice things running the ball. Logan LaBadie did some

good things. Tony kind of took over some things with his speed and stuff. It was a good team win."

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Caysen Brown scored on a four-yard TD run against Hillsdale. Photo: David Troppens

Blue Devils dominate Hillsdale, 35-0

By David Troppens

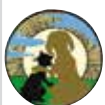
A long trip to Hillsdale apparently ended up being worth it for the Lake Fenton varsity football team.

The Blue Devils improved to 2-0 by crushing Hillsdale 35-0 on Thursday.

It took a little bit of time for Lake

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Third quarter sparks Haslett's win vs. Fenton, 41-25

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity football team's quest to find quality non-league competition continued on Thursday when the Tigers traveled to Haslett, facing a squad that qualified for the state playoffs each of the last two seasons.

The Tigers (1-1) were unable to sneak away with a victory, however, losing a 41-25 verdict in what was a pretty entertaining contest. Fenton certainly had its moments, particularly on offense, in the loss.

The first quarter featured four touchdowns, two for each squad. Haslett (1-1) opened the contest with the ball and scored on its first drive. The scoring play was a 15-yard run by Nakai Amachree. After the extra-point the Vikings led 7-0 with 7:31 left in the opening quarter.

Fenton responded with a strong drive of its own. A 12-yard completion from Noah Dotson to Ben Triola helped continue the drive, and a Halsett pass interference call in the endzone helped set up a Fenton first down at the Vikings 14. Two plays later, Triola caught a nine-yard TD pass from Dotson. The extra-point kick was blocked and Fenton trailed 7-6 with 3:08 left in the opening quarter.

On the ensuing kickoff, Haslett scored again, upping its lead to 14-6. However, the Tigers responded quickly on their next possession. Christian Kilpatrick caught a 37-yard pass from Dotson, helping set up Dotson's two-yard TD run. Fenton failed on the two-point conversion and trailed 14-12 with 36 seconds left in the first quarter.

Haslett blew the game open with a 14-point second quarter. Haslett used a 24-yard TD run by Amachree to up its lead to 21-12 with 7:56 left in the opening half. Fenton was forced to punt on its next possession, and Haslett scored on its following drive. The scoring play was Amachree's third TD of the half, a 10-yard run. Fenton trailed 28-12 at half-time.

The Tigers opened the second half with the ball and responded with their third scoring drive. Kilpatrick's 28-yard reception and another Vikings' pass interference call helped the Tigers move

See **FENTON** on 16

Eagles post strong 4-0 win vs. Lake Fenton

By David Troppens

Linden — The Linden varsity boys soccer team looks to be a squad on a mission.

The Eagles have yet to do anything but win, recording a 5-0 record by a combined score of 18-3. It took parts of two days to get that fifth win on Thursday.

The Eagles faced off against Lake Fenton on Aug. 30 and enjoyed a 1-0 lead against the Lake Fenton Blue Devils, but the game had to be suspended due to rain and lightning. The squads returned to Linden High School on Thursday to finish the final 18 minutes of the first half and the entire second half, and Linden kept up the same impressive performance during the contest's second day, earning a 4-0 victory against the Blue Devils.

"We are playing as a team. I feel good about how we are moving the ball as a team," Linden senior Daniil Duprey said. "We have improved that since our first game. I think this was one of our best games we've played. Every single training session we've put in the work. It was all about playing as a team, just communicating together and just having fun while we play."

"The first 22 minutes (on Aug. 30) were unbelievable," Linden varsity boys soccer coach Kevin Fiebertz said. "We were pressuring and played unconscious. It's the best I've seen us play. Then came the rain and lightning and that kind of broke us up. We can go deep. We are a quick team. ... I'm pretty excited now."

The only goal scored during the first session on Aug. 30 was provided by Aidan Walker on an assist by Hunter Allen. During Thursday's second portion of the game, three others scored — Duprey, Allen and Luke Haney.

Duprey scored the first Thursday goal, getting it with 26:22 left in the second half. He dribbled in and scored from about 12 yards out.

"I saw there was a small line open," Duprey said. "I knew I could get past a few players with my dribbling skills. I've been practicing them on my own. As soon as I got

See **WIN** on 16



(Top photo) Linden's Daniil Duprey (right) and Lake Fenton's Daniel Mueller (center) chase down a loose ball during the Eagles' 4-0 victory against the Blue Devils. (Left photo) Linden's Luke Haney and Lake Fenton's Christian Goss compete for the ball during another portion of the Eagles' victory. The game started Aug. 30, but had to be completed on Thursday due to thunderstorms on Aug. 30.

Photos: David Troppens

Fenton XC program opens season at Milford Invitational

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity cross country program opened its meet portion of the season at the Milford Invitational and competed in a bit different format.

It was a fox and hound race where one wave starts with a head start (typically freshmen), followed by a second wave (typically JV

runners) and then the varsity runners. Teams can use their discretion which wave runners compete.

Using the format, the Fenton girls had two finishers in the top 20. They were Nina Frost (21:12.3) and Reese Canada (21:36.5). Jacob Huntoon finished 17th (17:36.8) for the boys.

The rest of the Fenton girls that

scored were Landis Canada in 53rd (22:51.9), Celyn Bono in 75th (23:24.9) and Izzy MacCaughan in 77th (23:40.8).

Fenton's other scoring boys were Anthony Maini in 81st (19:06.7), Justin Perantoni in 137th (20:07.6), Jackson Martin in 164th (20:37.0) and Ethan Brzezinski in 167th (20:42.8).

HOLLY

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Simmons doesn't touch the ball a lot, but when he does, it seemingly does serious damage. He had four catches for 187 yards. Meanwhile, he also ran the ball four times for 106 yards. And, of course, he had impressive TDs on the ground and through the air.

"I just remember seeing the hole. We practiced 35-counter all week," Simmons said about his TD run. "We just hit the hole and had great blocks on the outside. We just hit the hole.

"We did that last week against Royal Oak (the TD reception), so that was special. They just couldn't stop us."

Early on, it looked like Holly may dominate. After Chereson's TD reception on the game's first play from scrimmage, the Holly defense forced Ferndale into a three-plays-and-punt scenario. Holly got the ball at its own 47, and after a 12-yard run by Chereson had the ball at Ferndale's 40. However, the Broncos were forced to punt and then Simmons made an impact with his legs in a different way — by punting. He punted a ball that was downed at the Ferndale 4. Holly's Billy LaBadie forced a fumble and Andrew Cross recovered it on Ferndale's next play at the Eagles' 14, but Holly was unable to score, turning the ball over on downs at the Ferndale 6. That ended up being just fine as Ferndale's bad snap went into the end zone and was recovered by the Eagles, resulting in a safety. Holly led 9-0.

But after that, Holly got

stuck in neutral for the rest of the half. Ferndale hit on a big play of its own when quarterback Cullen Hock hit Lee Darnell with a 60-yard TD pass. Gary Maxwell ran in a two-point conversion, and suddenly the Broncos led just 9-8 with 9:19 left in the half.

Holly eventually got some more momentum going late in the quarter after Simmons caught a 40-yard pass, giving the Broncos a first down at the Ferndale 15. Three plays later, Chereson scored on a three-yard TD run. Chereson's second extra-point conversion put the Broncos up 16-8 with 59 seconds left in the half. That was the halftime score.

The score remained that way until Holly's third possession of the half. That's when Simmons scored on his 88-yard TD run. Ferndale answered right back, scoring on its next possession on a 16-yard reception to Leander Neal, cutting Holly's lead to 23-14 with four seconds left in the third quarter, but Holly answered back. Simmons scored on the next play from scrimmage on the 83-yard screen pass TD. Holly led 30-14 with 11:45 left after Chereson's extra-point kick.

Holly's defense forced a punt on Ferndale's next possession, and Holly iced the victory on its next possession. With Logan LaBadie running the ball for 37 yards on seven carries, Holly scored again. It came on a four-yard scamper by LaBadie. Holly led 37-14 after Chereson's PAT with 6:09 left in the fourth quarter. Ferndale scored one more late TD on a 32-yard TD reception to Neal from Hock.



(Above) Holly's Tony Simmons runs upfield during the Broncos' 37-20 victory against Ferndale on Thursday. (Below) Holly players run on the field prior to the start of the contest. Photos: David Troppens

Now, the Broncos are 2-0 for the second straight season. Last year the squad went 2-5 the rest of the regular season. Just like last year, a game with Linden is up next.

"It would mean a lot," Simmons said when asked about getting a win against Linden.

"We are in the exact same spot as we were last year and we didn't finish the season the way I would've wanted us to," Keenist said. "The first two games were good, but you don't make the playoffs after two games.

"We had some mistakes out there. ... We need to get better. We are not just happy being 2-0 any more. We have to get better."



PREP REPORT

GIRLS GOLF

► **Linden 223, Holly 243:** Linden's Ella Kenyon earned medalist honors at Spring Meadows Country Club, scoring a nine-hole mark of 52. It was her low-

est nine-hole score of her career. Teammates Callie Wallace shot a 54 while Katlyn Schweitzer shot a 58. Kayla Widner shot a 60.

Holly was led by Marissa Sweany's

58 while Makena McGee shot a 61 and Savannah Peters and Sophia Cirino each carded 62s.

► **Swartz Creek 205, Lake Fenton 211:** Laura Bell paced the Blue Devils

with a 44 during the nine-hole event at Holiday Meadows Golf Course, while Alex Kitson shot a 56. Jin Jin Eastman shot a 59 and Emily Antonangeli carded a 61.

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Fenton to start to do its damage, but once they did, the Blue Devils dominated.

The defense always dominated. Late in the first quarter, Jett Husted stopped a Hillsdale third-and-6 play for a seven-yard loss, setting up a punting situation. Clay Cook returned the ensuing punt 17 yards to the Hillsdale 28. On third down, Lake Fenton quarterback Camden Fray hit JJ Lavalier with a 28-yard TD pass. Ashton Hunter made the first of his five extra-point kicks, and the Blue Devils led 7-0 with 57 seconds left in the first quarter.

Hillsdale's next possession ended when Jack Kent recorded a sack and a forced fumble. It was recovered by Husted deep in Hillsdale territory. Lake Fenton responded with a 28-yard TD run by Bryce Fogle, upping their lead to 14-0.

Hillsdale was forced to punt on its next possession, and Lake Fenton responded with its third scoring drive. The Blue Devils scored on a fourth-and-8 play, scoring on 33-yard TD reception to Cook from Fray. Lake Fenton led 21-0 at halftime.

The Blue Devils upped their lead to 28-0 in the third quarter. Lake Fenton scored on a 44-yard TD sweep right run by Husted. The Blue Devils' final TD was set up by another long punt return. Coleson Lessner returned a punt 42 yards, setting up Caysen Brown's four-yard TD run with 10:39 left in the fourth quarter.

The only question that remained at that time was if the Blue Devils would earn their shutout. They would. On Hillsdale's next possession, Brown stopped the Hillsdale ball carrier on fourth-and-5, giving the Blue Devils the ball back.

WIN

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through the first two people, I feel like I can get through them all, and that's what I did. And I had that small opportunity in the right corner, and I just stuck it in."

Linden's third goal came with 17:27 left on a rebound goal by Allen. The fourth came on a crossing corner kick by Duprey to Haney, who headed the ball into the net.

EAGLES

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in in those three contests. Linden lost to Goodrich 6-0 during a second week game at Linden last season, and also lost to the Martians in the Flint Metro League championship game by a 21-0 verdict.

In this game, it was Linden who actually scored first. Using a pretty effective run-pass balance all night long, the Eagles scored on their second possession of the game. A Michael Bush 11-yard completion to Landon Jones and a 26-yard reception to Monty Keener set up Bush's one-yard QB keeper with just 32 seconds left in the first quarter. Bush also converted the extra-point, giving Linden a 7-0 lead.

Goodrich tied the game in just 20 seconds. Chase Burnett took the ensuing kickoff 74 yards for a score. Landon Williams converted his first of six extra-point kicks, tying the game at 7-all.

Goodrich scored the only points recorded in the second quarter. Burnett scored on an eight-yard run, while Landon Williams kicked a 27-yard field goal, giving the Martians to a 17-7 half-time lead.

Linden attempted an onside kick during the second-half kickoff. It was recovered by Goodrich, setting up Burnett's third of four TDs, this one from 12 yards out. Goodrich led 24-7 with 7:56 left in the third quarter.

Linden responded on its next possession. A pass interference on a third-down play continued the Eagles' drive, just as a 31-yard wide receiver screen to Dylan Dreasky did. Linden had a first down on the Goodrich 12. The Eagles scored on the next play on Bush's 12-yard TD pass to Keener. Linden trailed 24-14 after Bush's second of four extra-point kicks.

The teams exchanged scoring drives for an extended period of time. A 68-

FENTON

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the ball to Haslett's side of the field. Eventually, Dotson hit Kilpatrick with a 14-yard TD pass. Fenton failed on the two-point conversion and trailed 28-18 with 10:19 left in the third quarter.

Fenton had a golden chance to cut the deficit even tighter when the defense stopped Haslett's offense



(Left photo) Linden quarterback Michael Bush works his way into the end zone with a touchdown run. (Below) Dylan Dreasky works for a couple of more yards as he runs downfield. The Goodrich Martians defeated the Linden Eagles by a 41-25 margin on Thursday

Photos: Mark Bolen

yard kickoff return by Max Macklem set up Goodrich's eventual one-yard QB sneak by Easton Phipps. Goodrich led 31-14 with 1:14 left in the third quarter.

On Linden's next possession, Bush completed a 19-yard pass to Dreasky, setting up Keener's 11-yard TD reception. The Eagles trailed 31-21 with 11:54 still left in the fourth quarter.

However, the Linden defense couldn't stop Goodrich's ground attack that amassed 304 ground yards. On Goodrich's next possession Bur-

nett scored on a 40-yard TD scamper. Goodrich led 38-21.

Linden's offense was stopped on a fourth-down play on its next possession, and Goodrich followed with a one-yard Phipps' TD run. Goodrich led 45-21 with 4:17 left.

Linden scored one more time on a Bush 10-yard completion to Aidan Haney, cutting the gap to 45-28 with 2:02 left.

The Eagles (1-1) had 342 yards total offense, but turned the ball over twice.

on downs. The Tigers drove to the Haslett 9. However, the Vikings' defense picked off a pass and ended that scoring chance on the final play of the third quarter. Haslett eventually upped its lead to 35-18 with 7:04 left in the contest on Amachree's 32-yard TD run.

Fenton's next possession ended with a bad snap on a punt attempt, setting on another Amachree TD run, this

one from six yard. Haslett led 41-18.

The Tigers scored one more time late. Noah Sheil completed a TD pass to Owen Muller. Keegan Mcardle converted the extra-point and the Tigers trailed 41-25.

Fenton finally hosts its first home game of the 2023 football season when it does battle with area rival Holly (2-0) in a Flint Metro League Stripes Division game on Friday.

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Horoscopes

For the week of
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ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Get outside and enjoy as much fresh air and exercise as possible this week, Aries. A weekly outdoors excursion can recharge the batteries and provide some time to reflect.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, it's not possible to have everyone like you all of the time. Emotionally it can be difficult to accept that not everyone agrees with your point of view. Be who you are.

GEMINI

May 22/June 21

Someone from your past might come back into your life, Gemini. Keep a lookout for someone who seems familiar, as it can be a way to reminisce for a bit.

CANCER

June 22/July 22

Cancer, start conversations with all of the people you meet so you can learn about different backgrounds or cultures. You might learn something you didn't know or try a new food.

LEO

July 23/Aug 23

Leo, try to work the room when you are thrust into a social situation. You need to be a diplomat or politician if you want to be in good standing with as many people as possible. Put your best face forward.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

You know who you can trust, Virgo. Stay close to those people for the time being. Some difficulties with family members will arise and you may need to pick sides.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, after a whirlwind adventure, you may be glad to be back home. Vacations are nice and relaxing, but soon enough you may crave the familiarity of your own space.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you a calm energy around you this week. You can rest assured that the people you are dealing with have everything handled. They take care of business.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

There is a great opportunity knocking at your door, Sagittarius, so why not seize it? New things can be scary, but you have to dive in right now.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Take stock of where you want to go in the future and start putting those plans together, Capricorn. You don't have to figure everything out, but try to map out a rough outline.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

You can quickly see when someone is putting on an act, Aquarius. They may say one thing but mean another. This duplicity can be off-putting, but try to get along with others right now.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, you are in no danger of not being popular right now, so continue to enjoy all of the invitations you receive. You also can be proactive and throw your own party for friends.

Von Ryan’s Furniture: Unveiling Remarkable Deals on Dining Room Tables and Serta Mattresses

In a continuation of our coverage on Von Ryan’s Furniture and its groundbreaking transformation, we delve deeper into the latest developments that are set to make waves in the furniture and mattress industry. As the visionary owner, Ryan, continues to redefine the retail experience, the spotlight now shines on two remarkable offerings: a colossal liquidation sale on dining room tables and an exclusive discount on Serta mattresses.

A Legacy of Innovation

Von Ryan’s Furniture has a rich history of pioneering change in the furniture and mattress landscape. With three established stores in the local area, this retail powerhouse has embarked on a transformative journey to adapt to the dynamic shifts within the industry. The focus remains firmly on elevating the quality of life for the community by promoting quality sleep and optimal back health.

Exquisite Dining Room Tables: 70% Off Liquidation Sale

While Von Ryan’s Furniture has garnered attention for its commitment to mattresses, it’s also making headlines with an astounding liquidation sale on dining room tables. With a staggering discount of 70% off, patrons have a unique opportunity to acquire elegant and high-quality dining room tables to elevate their living spaces.

This exclusive sale presents a golden chance for customers to transform their dining areas with sophisticated pieces that reflect their individual style. From classic to contemporary designs, the diverse range of dining room tables ensures that every taste is catered to during this unprecedented sale event.

Bid Farewell to Serta: 50% Off Serta Mattresses

As Von Ryan’s Furniture ushers in a new era, one brand will bid its farewell – Serta mattresses. To commemorate this transition, the retailer is offering an exceptional discount of 50% off the Manufacturer’s Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) on all Serta mattresses. This limited-time opportunity enables customers to experience the comfort and quality of Serta mattresses at an unprecedented value.

This decision, while marking the end of Serta’s presence at Von Ryan’s Furniture, underscores the retailer’s commitment to curating a curated selection of top-tier mattress brands that are aligned with their vision of promoting restful sleep and optimal back health.

A New Chapter of Innovation

As Von Ryan’s Furniture continues to make strides in revolutionizing the furniture and mattress industry, these two remarkable offerings are emblematic of their dedication to providing unmatched value to the

community. Ryan’s vision of enhancing lives through unparalleled comfort and quality is evident in every facet of these new developments.

Seize the Opportunity

The liquidation sale on dining room tables at an unprecedented 70% discount and the remarkable

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