

Local mom believes daughter was human trafficking target

■Police say it is 'very common in that area'

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A Fenton area woman and her daughter are grateful to be safe this week after an incident that occurred on Sept. 21.

On that day, Anna (whose name has been changed for safety reasons) stopped for gas at the Mobil station at Hill Road and U.S. 23. She was with her attractive, young teenage daughter, Sara.

Anna said there was a young man in the gas station store with them, according to the surveillance video.

"We didn't notice him in the store," said Anna. "He tried to open the driver side door when I was at the pump and my daughter was in the passenger seat."

"I thought maybe he wanted to see if the keys were in the ignition, which they weren't," she said. "He then came around to

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“If I had a teenage daughter in this day and age, I would never let her go to a mall.”

Denise Keipert
Fenton Zonta Club director



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It is estimated that human trafficking generates billions of dollars of profit per year, second only to drug trafficking. Michigan is No. 2 in the country for human trafficking because of its close proximity to an international border.

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Unfinished neighborhoods coming back to life

■Construction on new builds indicates better economic times are here

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People driving around the tri-county area are seeing something they haven't seen in a long time — construction of new homes on private parcels and in unfinished subdivisions.

Jeff Payne, building official for the city of Linden, said there has been an

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“These permits are in subdivisions that had stopped building due to the recession.”

Jason Payne

Building official for the city of Linden

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Contractors Justin Marquis (left) and Jason Headrick are part of a crew shingling the roof cap for a new home being built on Fenton Road, just outside Fenton city limits. Demand is increasing for new builds, but finding skilled trades workers is a challenge for builders after the market crash.



Common Core says cursive writing unnecessary

■No longer a requirement for students, despite numerous benefits

By Hannah Ball
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You use it hastily to sign your name, creating your own unique signature while signing receipts and other documents.

Other than a signature, cursive isn't commonly used in modern life, and it could be

used even less with the Common Core State Standards.

Learning cursive is not a requirement under Common Core State Standards, which 45 states, including Michigan, have adopted.

Instead, Common Core allows districts to decide whether

to include cursive in their curriculum.

Kate Dando, a spokeswoman for the Council of Chief State School Officers, which promotes the Common Core, said, "The Common Core State Standards allow communities

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“Traffic fix — southbound Poplar onto westbound Silver Lake Road, put a big sweeping right-turn lane through Conklin Park and merge to the existing unused lane on Silver Lake Road. Keep the big tree in a new median. No brainer.”

“With Bob Evans, Ruby Tuesday and Kmart closing, who will be next in Fenton?”



“Stupid is as stupid does,” said Forrest Trump.”

“Doesn't matter how Trump performs in a debate. The media will favor Hillary and criticize Trump. The moderator, Lester Holt, is an avowed liberal. If people would simply ignore the candidates words and focus on their actions, the decision of who to vote for would be simple.”

COMMENT
OF THE WEEK

“I heard Hillary was so prepared that her new nickname should be Preparation H. She's already proved in the primary that she can soothe the Bern. And, she's married to a you-know-what. That is one tough old girl.”

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Early diagnosis and treatment are the keys to beating cancer

■ Here are the types of cancer you are most likely to die from

By Hannah Ball

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Get ready to start seeing those pink ribbons everywhere because October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

With all the walks and fundraisers, an estimated \$6 billion is raised every year in support of fighting breast cancer, according to marieclaire.com.

This particular type of cancer deserves the hype — it's the second leading cancer that caused death for women in the U.S., behind lung cancer. Breast cancer will affect one in eight women in the U.S., which is approximately 12 percent, and one in 1,000 men, according to breastcancer.org.

Here are the most fatal cancers (not including skin cancer) in the U.S. for men and women, according to the American Cancer Society and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Women

The three most common cancers among women are breast cancer, lung cancer, and colorectal cancer, which is a cancer in the colon or rectum.

Lung cancer is the leading cancer that causes death in women and men, with 106,470 new cases and 72,160 deaths for women estimated for 2016. One in 17 women will be diagnosed with lung cancer in her lifetime.

Breast cancer is the second leading cancer that causes death. The American Cancer Society estimates there will be approximately 246,660 new cases of invasive breast cancer in women and 61,000 new cases of non-invasive breast cancer in 2016.

An estimated 40,450 women will die from it this year, and the chances of a woman being diagnosed with breast cancer is one in eight.

Colorectal cancer is the third leading cancer estimated to kill 49,190 men and women in 2016.

Men

The most common non-skin cancers in men are prostate cancer, lung cancer, and colorectal cancer.

Lung cancer is the leading cancer that causes death in men of all races, with an estimated 117,920 new cases and 85,920 deaths in 2016.

Approximately one out of four cancer deaths in men is caused by lung cancer.

The chance that a man will develop lung cancer in his lifetime is one in 14.

Prostate cancer is the second leading cancer that causes death. The American Cancer Society estimates that there will be 180,890 new cases of prostate cancer in 2016, and about 26,120 deaths.

Approximately one out of every 39 men will die of prostate cancer. However, most men diagnosed with this cancer will not die from it.

Colorectal cancer is the third leading cancer that causes death in men in the U.S. It is estimated to kill 49,190 men and women in 2016.

Liver cancer is the fourth leading cancer that causes death in men.



METRO CREATIVE GRAPHICS

While breast cancer is the highest profile cancer, more people die from lung cancer than breast cancer every year.

Cancer trends

The diagnostic rate for **lung cancer** has decreased 2.5 percent per year in men from 2003 to 2012, and 0.9 percent per year for women. The mortality rates for lung cancer have decreased 2.7 percent per year in men, and 1.4 percent per year in women from 2003 to 2012.

Breast cancer diagnostic rates remained level for women from 2003 to 2012, and mortality rates have decreased 1.9 percent per year.

Prostate cancer diagnostic rates have decreased 3.2 percent per year among men from 2003 to 2012, and mortality rates have decreased by 3.4 percent.

Colorectal cancer diagnostic rates have decreased 3.6 percent per year among men from 2003 to 2012, and decreased 3.2 percent per year among women. Mortality rates have decreased 2.8 percent per year among men and women from 2003 to 2012.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Check the fundraiser

November is lung cancer awareness month, September is prostate cancer awareness month, and March is colorectal cancer awareness month.

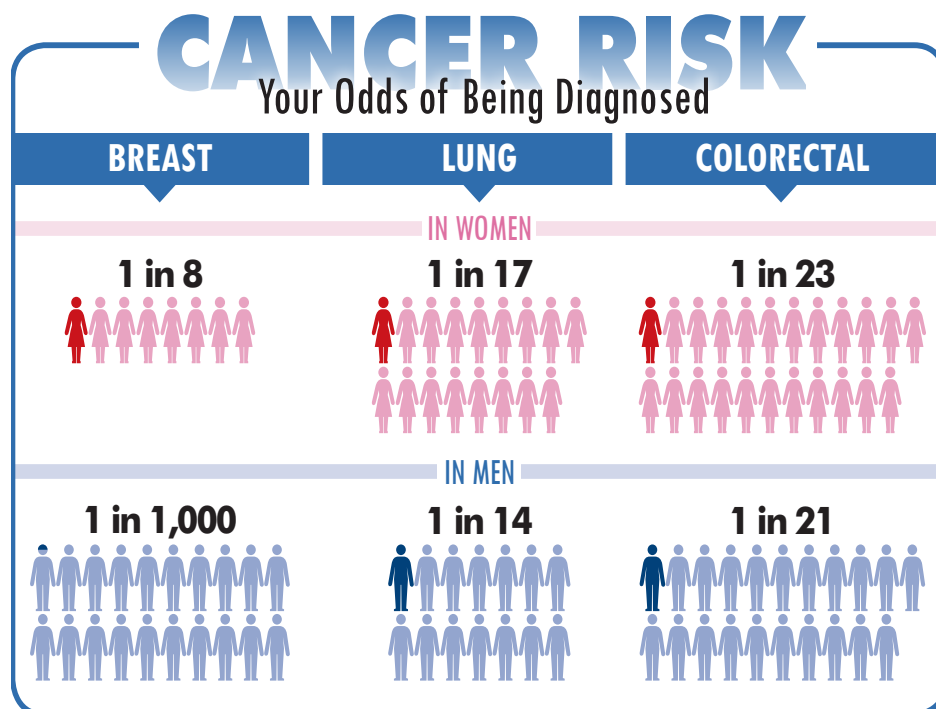
Many organizations that fundraise in support of breast cancer might not donate a large portion of the proceeds to research.

Giveforward.com urges people to research the organization before donating. Websites like the American Institute of Philanthropy, charitywatch.org, and Charity Navigator, charitynavigator.org, are watch dogs for charity organizations.

Susan G. Komen for the Cure, the most well known breast cancer fundraising organization, scored a 81.47 out of 100 on Charity Navigator.

One common standard is making sure the organization you want to donate to spends at least 75 percent of its budget on expenses that directly go to funding awareness, research or prevention.

Administrative expenses should be less than 15 percent.



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Those were the good old days

I need a break — we all need a break — from the election, so today I'm going to write about jungle gyms, specifically the one in a black and white photo — circa 1920s or so — someone posted to Facebook the other day.

You should see this thing. It's a lawyer's dream and an insurance company's nightmare — metal pipes, without protective coatings, no wood chips or rubber mats to cushion falls, no warning signs saying don't do this or that, no netting, no safety monitor with a whistle.

Somehow, despite any of that, the kids

seem to be having a ball. Some sit or balance like wire-walkers atop the highest bars, which are 20 feet high. Others swing on swings hung 10 glorious feet off the ground. How they got on the seat is anybody's guess.



Andrew Heller
FEATURED COLUMNIST

Under the whole construct — park benches that would easily snap a falling kid's neck. The daily casualty count from this rig must have been huge. It's Broken Arm City, to be sure.

But, it sure looks like fun.

Our school's playground wasn't quite as impressive but it still had stuff that would never pass muster with today's Safety Nazis. Our monkey bars were way too tall, our slide was way too long and got way too hot, and our swings flew way too high.

My favorite was the merry-go-round. Man, four of us could get that sucker spinning like crazy. Once, just to see what would happen, our buddy Dean had us tie him to it with jump ropes and spin him for the last 10 minutes of recess.

He didn't walk straight for a week. You couldn't do that now, of course — the playground attendants would go nuts. Those involved in "the incident" would surely get suspended, if not brought up on child endangerment charges. Local TV might even do a story: "Is your child safe on the playground ... from other kids?"

That's the way schools are these days. Life, too.

That's a good thing, of course. Safety first. Blah, blah, blah.

But for all the safety and security built into today's society, I do think kids — whose lives are wrapped in bubble wrap and hovered over by helicopter parents — are missing out on something that my generation took for granted.

Let's call it freedom. Or maybe a certain sense of adventure, writ small. When I was a kid (yes, I know, cue the sappy string music), every kid in the neighborhood would get up on weekends or summer days, gulp some Lucky Charms, then race out the door.

We'd be gone all day jumping banana bikes off ramps, blowing things up with firecrackers, playing ditch in the woods, damming creeks, playing completely unauthorized football, carving sticks for sword fights, jumping off swings, etc. We'd only go home when Mom hollered out the door for dinner or the streetlights came on. Our lives, in short, were a lot like the movies 'Sandlot' or 'Stand By Me.'

Not today. Unsupervised children running around and doing who knows what? No way — it wouldn't happen. Too dangerous. Today, kids' lives are structured, supervised, tracked and sanitized for their protection, and thank goodness for it.

But I'm still glad I grew up when I did.

Hotlines

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THAT VINTAGE PHOTO of the front page of the Midweek Times certainly caught my eyes. A packed parking lot in front of Kmart. It was almost exclusively American cars. Chevy, Fords, and Chryslers. Too bad the interior of the store couldn't reflect the same content. Maybe that partially led to their demise.

FACTS CAME OUT this morning showing that the Washington mall shooter was not a U.S. citizen, but he did manage to vote three times in national elections. Democrats want illegal aliens and criminals to be able to vote.

I FEEL SORRY for the dog in the East Bay Park area that barks all day while his owner completely ignores the poor thing.

WHY WOULD LESTER Holt even ask Donald Trump if he supported going into Iraq? As a private U.S. citizen and businessman, Trump was not privy to military intelligence revealed to Hillary Clinton.

GET THE BOOK 'Hillary's America' by Dinesh D'Souza. Americans, before you vote, read the book.

I WAS THERE also when the ambulance went around the railroad arms. He had enough time to get through there, I watched. I assure you, if he didn't he wouldn't have done it.

IT'S ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE for

an American not to be able to put the pieces together from the old man Bush administration, through the Obama administration and hopefully not do another Clinton administration. Between the government and the banks in this country, they have absolutely milked the American people.

FOR THE YEAR 2014, the Clinton Foundation took in \$177.8 million. Of that, \$72.5 million went for expenses and for over 500 salaries, \$50 million went for travel and private expenses. Only \$5.1 million was actually donated to third-party charities, which amounts to 7 percent.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND why everybody's running around, acting like they don't know what's going on between our police forces and the public.

EVERY INNER CITY, all the low-income housing, every one of the graffiti-covered, run-down, rat-filled places at one time were all brand new. Did you know that? They weren't built that way. Why do they look like hell now? The people had nothing invested.

WE HAVE REACHED an all time low. One writer would 'trust Bin Laden over voting for Hillary?' Tell that to the families who lost loved ones during the 9/11 attacks.

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Readers write

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School project on Michigan

Dear Editor,
My name is Kelsi Miller and I am in sixth grade. I attend Brethren Heritage School in Modesto, California. We are doing state reports this year in our History class. I have chosen to do my report on your state of Michigan. If you should happen to read this in your local newspaper, I would greatly appreciate receiving any information or items regarding your state. You could send pictures, tourist attraction information, trivia about your state or anything that would cause me to be more familiar with your state. Please send to Kelsi Miller, c/o Brethren Heritage School, 3549 Dakota Ave., Modesto, CA 95358. Thank you very much for helping me with my state report. I will appreciate any help you can give me.

Sincerely, Kelsi Miller

Compiled by Tess DeGayner, intern

Who do you think won the presidential debate and why?



"Hillary, because she kept a cool head. She is more professional and she knows her stuff."

Pam Sebela
Fenton



"I just cannot imagine Trump beating Hillary in a debate."

Dave Miller
Linden



"I would say Clinton was the winner. Basically, I've seen Trump in operation and he's the bully type. He does have good ideas but spending too much money. Go back 30 years ago and he would have been number one."

Dal Marchant, Fenton



"I don't know, I would probably choose Trump. I think he would be a better president."

Alyssa Travis
Fenton



"I guess I'd have to say Hillary might have the lead. He (Trump) is better in the board room and she is better in public."

Josh Stellberger
Fenton

streettalk

'Meet the Candidates' this week for local elections

■ Fenton event is Oct. 4, followed by Linden on Oct. 11

By Sally Rummel

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Local "Meet the Candidates" events in Fenton and Linden will give residents an opportunity to learn more about candidates who will be on the ballot Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 8.

"Meet the Candidates" in Fenton will be Tuesday, Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center, sponsored by the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce.

The focus will be on the race for the State Representative seat in the 51st District, including Incumbent Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township) and Ryan Bladzick (D-Village of Holly).

Each candidate will have five minutes to introduce themselves, then they will be asked a series of questions prepared by the Political Action Committee of the chamber. P.A.C. Chairman Patrik Welty will moderate the event. The forum will

then be opened for questions from the audience.

Candidates for Genesee County Commissioner, Republican candidates Drew Shapiro and Democratic candidate Pete Ponzetti, will also be on hand for an opportunity to introduce themselves and distribute literature.

Linden's event on Oct. 11 will be held at the Linden VFW Hall at 7 p.m. "This is the first time we have held separate events for Fenton and Linden," said Welty.

Candidates for the Linden City mayoral race and council seats will participate in the same form as the Fenton event.

Mayoral candidates W.R. "Jack" Furry and Danielle Cusson, and Linden City Council candidates Ray Culbert, Heather MacDermid and write-in candidate Jeremy Zinn will field questions from the P.A.C., then from the audience.

The Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce will then make endorsements of candidates they feel will best represent the business interests of the community.

“We’re excited to host ‘Meet the Candidates’ events in both Fenton and Linden this year for the first time.”

Patrik Welty

Chairman of the Fenton Regional Chamber's Political Action Committee

Police&Fire report

DISORDERLY CONDUCT IN HOLLY

At 4:23 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 24, Holly police responded to a residence in the 4000 block of Grange Hall Road for "family trouble." The officers made contact with the 46-year-old male and his 37-year-old ex-girlfriend. The man said his ex-girlfriend was intoxicated, causing trouble and he wanted her to leave. Loud arguing led to items in the residence being thrown, causing damage. Police advised the woman to keep her voice down so not to disturb their neighbors, but she refused. The woman told police that she had been at the bar drinking and then drank a 12-pack and Fireball after returning to the man's residence. The man said he had been drinking since 6 p.m. the previous evening. The officers

separated the man and woman into different rooms, hoping they'd fall asleep but as soon as the officers exited the residence, they could hear the couple yelling again and throwing things. Officers could see neighbors watching the situation and knew the couple was disturbing others. Police eventually arrested the couple for disorderly conduct. At the police station, the woman had .148 percent blood alcohol content (BAC) and the man had a .142 BAC.

MOPED STOLEN

At 10:30 a.m., on Monday, Sept. 26, Holly police received a larceny complaint from a resident in the 200 block of Grant Street. The homeowner reported that someone stole her moped, described as an orange 2012 Dykon. The homeowner had both sets of keys to the moped. The moped was listed as stolen in the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN).



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TO THE COWARD who sneaked around in the night and stole my 'Pray To End Abortion' sign. Thanks for taking away my first amendment right to speak on behalf of the unborn. I'm only hoping you took it home and put it in your own front yard.

WARNING! NEW PHONE scam from 845-600-3439. Caller says they are from Microsoft support saying that your computer is sending them warnings. They want access to your computer to fix it. I told them I will call Microsoft myself and the guy with a heavy accent hung up.

IT'S CLEAR WITH the debates and then the election that the left and the right are polarizing their positions — but remember, come Nov. 8, we're all going to end up at the same poll.

THANK YOU TO the person(s) responsible for the incredibly generous contribution to my aunt's funeral. Words cannot describe how much it was truly appreciated. Thank you.

VEK'S LOOKS GREAT since they spruced it up. I love that old service station.

Tri-county fundraisers

Fenton VFW to hold spaghetti dinner

VFW Auxiliary 3243 in Fenton is holding a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on **Saturday, Oct. 8** at the VFW Post, 1148 N. LeRoy St. The dinner will be served from 4 to 8 p.m. and features all-you-can-eat spaghetti served with salad, bread sticks, dessert and beverages. The fundraiser is to benefit auxiliary member Bonnie J. Pray as she prepares to be elected as Michigan VFW Auxiliary president for the 2017–2018 year. Pray has served as president of the Fenton Auxiliary, the 10th District VFW Auxiliary and is presently senior vice president of the Michigan VFW Auxiliary. She has also been chairman for the VFW Voice of Democracy Audio Essay and Patriot's Pen Essay contest for the Fenton group. Pray joined the Fenton Auxiliary in August 1977 and became a Life Member on Sept. 27, 1994. She joined on the eligibility of her husband, John H. "Jack" Pray who served overseas in the U.S. Navy and earned the Vietnam Service Medal and National Defense Service Medal.

From the editor

Sharon Stone



Watching Chester

Have you ever wondered what your dog does all day while you are at work? I do. Does Chester mope around waiting for us at the door? Does he sprawl out on the couch all day?

Now that I have a new Petzi cam, I, along with my family, can spy on Chester anytime we want. It's great. In return for spying on him, we can also treat him to a small snack.

The Petzi camera/snack holder syncs with an app that we all downloaded onto our phones.

Word to the wise — be selective to whom you give your password since they can turn on the camera at anytime of the day and see what's going on in the room where the camera is located. My only fear is that someday I might see a stranger standing in my home while we are at work.

Chester has learned the sound that the camera makes when the app is opened on our phone. We can also make the camera chime to get his attention.

Using the app, we can select the dog bone icon to throw dog treats on to the floor. There is about a two-second delay so once we click on the dog bone icon, we can see Chester wait with anticipation before the two or three small dog treats are tossed into the room for him to chase and eat.

We've shown this app and Petzi cam to several people at work, at friends' homes and even to strangers who hear us talking about it while we are out. Everyone wants to watch us throw treats to Chester. I'm guessing there will be some of these units under the Christmas tree this year.

To top it off, we can even talk to Chester. We love how he recognizes our voices and tilts his head, possibly in confusion or excitement — it's hard to tell.

If you find yourself missing your dog while you are out for the evening or away at work, you might want to check out this fun new toy. I think I'm going to see what Chester is doing now.

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including Fenton. His leadership role will include strategic planning, merger and acquisitions and special project leadership. The Coldwell Banker Professionals office in Fenton is located at 120 N. LeRoy St., telephone (810) 629-2220.



News **briefs**

BROADWAY-STYLE SHOW COMING TO CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ON OCT. 9

“Cring & Clazzy,” an inspirational Broadway-style two-piece band, will perform “567: Go Tell It from the Mount,” a modern-day, humorous look at the Bible’s Sermon on the Mount on **Sunday, Oct. 9 at 9:30 a.m. and 11:11 a.m.** at Calvary United Methodist Church, 15010 N. Holly Rd. in Holly. The duo of Jonathan Cring and Janet Clazzy has been touring together for 20 years. Cring has written 16 symphonies, 12 books, recorded 10 albums and written 13 screenplays, some of which have been made into movies. Clazzy has performed with numerous symphonies, include the Chicago Symphony at Carnegie Hall. She was the first primary female orchestra conductor in Tennessee. She performs on an instrument called the WX5 Wind Machine, a horn touting the sounds of 250 different instruments. Together, they wrote and scored the music for two award-winning short films that were shown on PBS. The performance at Calvary in Holly will last for one hour and is free. For more information, call the church at (248) 634-9711.



News **briefs**

Encore performance of ‘The Birds’ by the Fenton Community Orchestra

Just in time for Halloween, the Fenton Community Orchestra (FCO) will perform an original film score live to a screening of the 1963 Alfred Hitchcock film The Birds. This will be an encore performance of the composition written by FCO Music Director Andrew David Perkins, which premiered in February. Performances will be **Friday, Oct. 21 and Saturday, Oct. 22 at 8 p.m.** in the Fenton High School Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at www.FentonOrchestra.org. “This is a completely unique cultural experience,” said Jennifer Fleck, FCO executive director. “It is rare to have an orchestra perform live to a movie. Enjoying a classic film with original music written by a local composer and performed by members of our community is an extraordinary way to spend an evening. “Having composed primarily concert works, it has always been a dream of mine to score a feature film,” said Perkins. This event is sponsored in part by a generous donation from Tanglewood Home Care. The Fenton Community Orchestra is supported in part by an award from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts. Visit the following link to see the October 2016 FCO Birds

HOT LINE CONTINUED

SEVERAL HUNDRED PAGES of Trump’s taxes versus 30,000 Clinton emails. Ask yourself, who is really hiding something?

TO THE HOT-liner asking, ‘Why conservatives believe 150 million Americans are just being lazy rather than 400 Americans are greedy?’ There is overwhelming evidence. Go to any impoverished area in America to see lazy. In contrast, the 400 create philanthropic foundations to give away their greed.

FROM THE LA Times. Democrats, starting in January, will not control a single governorship, U.S. Senate seat, or legislative chamber from the Carolinas to Texas.

FARMHILL AND ORCHARDVIEW residents please slow down. This sub is full of children. Let’s keep them safe.

FUNNY, I JUST looked at the Linden athletic website and I saw scores from all of the fall sporting events and nice articles about our teams and student athletes. Perhaps you should look again.

TRUMP KNOWS HE’S on his last leg. He says he never apologizes. We don’t need a nasty president, we just need a smart one.

HILLARY WAS a pillar of honor and grace at the debate while being bullied by Donald Trump. He is disgusting and should be prevented from even running for president.

LAST WEEKEND SOMEONE was complaining about the big-box stores having self check out. Well let me tell you something that a big-box store did this weekend. Home Depot donated extra wood to a disabled veteran in Linden and even sent out three people to help build it. Thank you big-box stores.

REMEMBER THIS WHEN you vote.

Obamacare has not totally kicked in yet. And when it does it is going to hit you so hard that you are going to be sick. Can you afford \$7,000 or \$8,000 a year out of your pocket before insurance even kicks in? Families are going to be devastated.

LOOKING FOR A red truck that hit my silver van with my 16-year-old daughter driving. It happened Sept. 21 at 2:30 p.m. on Broad Street right before Byram Lake Drive. Male driver with two young female passengers. Hit and run.

IT’S TIME FOR change and Donald J. Trump has the vote from all my family, all eight of us, and most of our 15 grandchildren. Let’s make America great again.

MANY ILL-INFORMED people being interviewed by the liberal news media about the recent police shootings claim we have a police problem. We don’t have a police problem, we have a community/parenting problem. Do what you’re told and you won’t get shot. Period.



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LOOKING BACK

at this week in

NATIONAL HISTORY

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OCT. 2

1985: Actor Rock Hudson, 59, becomes the first major U.S. celebrity to die of complications from AIDS. Hudson's death raised public awareness of the epidemic, which until that time had been ignored by many in the mainstream as a "gay plague." Hudson was a Hollywood heartthrob whose career in movies and TV spanned nearly three decades. To protect his macho image, Hudson's off-screen life as a gay man was kept secret from the public.

OCT. 3

1995: At the end of a sensational trial, former football star O.J. Simpson is acquitted of the brutal 1994 double murder of his estranged wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman. In the epic 252-day trial, Simpson's "dream team" of lawyers employed creative and controversial

methods to convince jurors that Simpson's guilt had not been proved "beyond a reasonable doubt," thus surmounting what the prosecution called a "mountain of evidence" implicating him as the murderer.

OCT. 4

1957: The Soviet Union inaugurates the "Space Age" with its launch of Sputnik, the world's first artificial satellite. The spacecraft, named Sputnik after the Russian word for "satellite," was launched at 10:29 p.m. Moscow time. Visible with binoculars before sunrise or after sunset, Sputnik transmitted radio signals back to earth strong enough to be picked up by amateur radio operators. Those in the United States with access to such equipment tuned in and listened in awe as the beeping Soviet spacecraft passed over America several times a day.

OCT. 5

1986: Eugene Hasenfus is captured by troops of the Sandinista regime in Nicaragua after the plane in which he is flying is shot down. Under questioning, Hasenfus confessed that he was shipping military supplies into Nicaragua for use by the Contras, an anti-Sandinista force that had been created and funded by the United States. Most dramatically, he claimed that operation was really run by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

OCT. 6

1926: Yankee slugger Babe Ruth hits a record three homers against the St. Louis Cardinals in the fourth game of the World Series. The Yanks won the game 10-5, but despite Ruth's unprecedented performance, they lost the championship in the seventh game.

OCT. 7

2003: Austrian-born actor Arnold Schwarzenegger is elected governor of California, the most populous state in the nation with the world's fifth-largest economy. Despite his inexperience, Schwarzenegger came out on top in the 11-week campaign to replace Gray Davis, who had earlier become the first United States governor to be recalled by the people since 1921.

OCT. 8

1871: Flames spark in the Chicago barn of Patrick and Catherine O'Leary, igniting a two-day blaze that kills between 200 and 300 people, destroys 17,450 buildings, leaves 100,000 homeless and causes an estimated \$200 million (in 1871 dollars; \$3 billion in 2007 dollars) in damages. Legend has it that a cow kicked over a lantern in the O'Leary barn and started the fire, but other theories hold that humans or even a comet may have been responsible for the event that left four square miles of the Windy City in ruins.

Source: history.com

Tri-county fundraisers

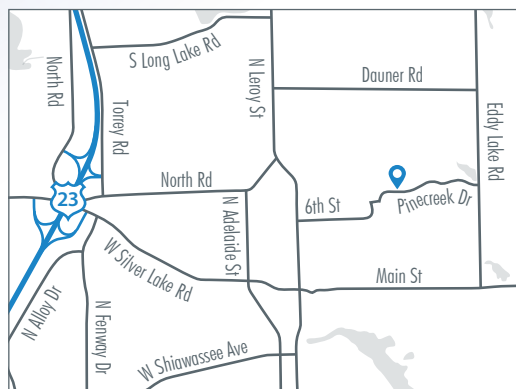
Breast cancer fundraiser at VG's

Linden resident Chanda Jones is hosting a fundraiser at VG's on Saturday, Oct. 1 in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. From 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., there will be a bake sale and raffles for prizes. Local businesses like Medawar Jewelers, Sawyer Jewelers, The Home Depot, and others have donated items for this event. Jones said she appreciates all the support from local businesses. One hundred percent of proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society for breast cancer. This is the fourth year she and friends have hosted the event. "I want to do this to save a life and give hope, courage, and the strength to fight," Jones said.

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Are you listening?

■ Communication is 20 percent verbal, 80 percent body language and tone

By Hannah Ball

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Do you ever zone out when someone is speaking to you? Your thoughts might drift to something else if the conversation isn't stimulating for you.

Or do you find yourself thinking about what you're going to say before the other person finishes speaking, meaning you missed parts of the conversation?

These are all signs that you might be a bad listener.

Roger Flax, PhD, a corporate communications and leadership consultant, talked with the magazine Bottom Line Personal about what makes you a bad listener, and what you can do to fix it.

Someone might be a bad listener because they get distracted. When you're speaking with someone and they ramble on about a dull topic, your mind might wander and you'll miss an important part of that conversation.

For example, if someone starts talking to you about fantasy football or "Keeping up with the Kardashians," and you don't care for either, you're likely to tune out the conversation.

Jumping to conclusions can also distract your brain.

When someone is speaking to you, and you infer where the conversation will go, you'll focus on the ending and miss what's being said in the moment.

Another way distractedness can deter you from listening is your own unintentional close-mindedness. Certain controversial phrases or people, like Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton, can cause people to lose all interest in listening to someone speak if mentioned.

People also often let offensive statements and their emotions get in the way of having an important conversation.

When someone uses a potentially offensive term, it can distract someone from the rest of the conversation, no matter the speaker's intention.

In order to avoid being a bad listener by not getting distracted, Flax recommends making more of an effort to pay attention.

If you're offended by a phrase or word, challenge your own natural response of not

listening to think of the speaker's intent and focus on the rest of the conversation's context.

Another way you could be a bad listener is if you focus on yourself too much.

Many people mentally prepare what they're going to say before the other person is finished speaking. This diverts their attention from potentially important information and giving the speaker their full attention.

Bad listeners also make the conversation about him or herself. If someone is telling you about a personal issue, and you're thinking about how when they're finished speaking, you'll tell them about yourself, you aren't listening very well.

Another type of bad listener is someone who thinks that they know what the speaker will say, and rushes them to finish.

Flax also said that people who refuse to reexamine their initial interpretation of a conversation are bad listeners.

People who only focus on words, while ignoring body language and tone of voice, could also benefit from working on their listening skills. According to psychologistworld.com, communication is 20 percent what's said and 80 percent non-verbal.

That 80 percent includes body language and tone.

Flax said in order to overcome this, practice on reading in between the lines. Pay attention to tone of voice and body movement to have a better understanding of what someone is saying.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

PEOPLE THINK THE grass is greener on the other side. I've got news for them. It's not.

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Meet CHERYL HARPER

- 1990 Fenton homecoming queen
- Mother of five
- Certified nurse assistant and author

By Hannah Ball

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Cheryl (Rockman) Harper, 43, graduated from Fenton High School in 1991 and has lived in Fenton her entire life. While attending Fenton, she was a cheerleader, ran track, played tennis, and skied on the Silver Lake Water Ski Team. Her hobbies include photography, cooking, baking, writing, spending time with her kids, and repurposing old furniture.

Did you expect to win homecoming queen?

I was so surprised to even be chosen for the homecoming court that being crowned queen was beyond exciting. It was truly an honor and meant a lot to me. I was the first homecoming queen to receive the 'Tammy Billips Memorial Plaque' with my name engraved on it. Tammy's father presented it to me on the football field that night. It was emotional for everyone.

Tammy was a well-known and loved hometown girl who was shot to death



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Cheryl (Rockman) Harper and her husband, Byran, are both royalty — they were both crowned queen and king, respectively, of their high schools in the '90s.



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Cheryl Harper
1990 FHS
homecoming queen

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Cheryl Harper was crowned homecoming queen at Fenton High School in 1990. She is shown above with her mom, Karen Rockman.

while walking her dog near her Fenton home. A real tragedy for our community. The memorial plaque continued to hang in the Fenton High School for many years as each upcoming homecoming queen had her name engraved on it.

How were the homecoming festivities?

The senior and junior girls participated in 'The Blunder Bowl' the week of homecoming. We wore orange and black face paint as well as handmade sweatpants and jerseys, showing our colors and school spirit. The event was held on the football field and track where we ran races, such as three-legged race, potato sack race, 100-yard dash, egg toss, tug-of-war and many more.

Do you think homecoming has changed since you were queen?

Generally speaking, no. The one thing I see is missing, though, is they no longer have the homecoming week bonfire, which was so much fun for us back in our day. I believe they stopped allowing the bonfire due to safety reasons.

What came along with being queen?

I remained true to myself. I was always a friendly outgoing person, full of energy. I had a big heart and loved helping others and I still do. I went on to participate in the Michigan's homecoming queen pageant where I finished in fifth place. It was a great experience and I was terrified to speak on stage but somehow I got through it, and realized that public speaking is definitely not for me! I will stick to being a writer. That's what I do best.

What do you do now?

I'm the wife of Bryan Harper (who ironically was Linden High School's 1995 homecoming king) and the

mother of five children, which is my toughest, yet most rewarding job. We have two beautiful granddaughters who bring so much joy to our family.

Outside of the home, I'm a Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) and an entre-

preneur. It's in my DNA to stay busy. I'm always working on a project, taking care of someone, or investing my time and energy into my children and their many activities.

Tell me about your writing.

I published a book in 2007 titled 'My Saving Grace.' It's a self-help book written to inspire and encourage mothers who have a full life but an empty spirit. Oftentimes, after women get married or become mothers they lose sight of themselves and the energy that once made them feel alive and happy.

Children are the most precious blessing but their daily demands from infant up to teenager is exhausting and can leave us mothers feeling hopeless on most days. The book has touched many lives and I have received countless letters from women who felt the message truly reached their hearts when they needed it most. Choosing to stay grounded in your faith and focusing on the things that really matter, will bring peace to your chaos and balance in your walk through life, marriage and motherhood.

You can purchase the book online or pick up a copy at the Tri-County Times in Fenton.

What's something people are surprised to learn about you?

I've never drank coffee. I think it's nasty. I live on ice cold Mountain Dew and I only drink it in a Styrofoam coffee cup from Speedway. It's my daily fuel, along with lots of prayer. My faith in God and my Mountain Dew is what gets me through the day, and my life is crazy busy so I need it to keep up.

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■ Popular in the '90s, fewer comedies are using artificial laugh tracks

By Hannah Ball

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"This show was filmed in front of a live studio audience."

Many comedies throughout the history of television have opened with that line, telling viewers at home that the laughing you hear during the show is from actual people.

However, while the viewers hear that laughter, many of those shows also use recorded laughter and applause, known as laugh tracks to make their jokes seem even funnier, often called "sweetening."

"I Love Lucy" was one the first shows to film in front of a live studio audience with multiple cameras, ac-

cording to mentalfloss.com. Live audiences gave rise to laugh tracks.

American sound engineer Charley Douglass invented the laugh track, first called a "laff box," in the 1950s, according to nydailynews.com. It was commonly used with shows like "Bewitched," "The Andy Griffith Show," and "The Brady Bunch."

Using the fake laughter became the norm for shows like "Cheers," "Friends," and "Seinfeld."

You can even buy an MP3 of a laugh track on Amazon.com for less than \$10.

The number of shows using laugh tracks is declining, according to nydailynews.com. In 2015, only five out of 15 live-action comedies on major networks used a laugh track.

In 2005, there were 34 live-action comedies with laugh tracks, and in 1995, there were 55 comedies, all with laugh tracks.

“When I hear canned laughter, it’s a tip-off to me that the writers aren’t that sure of their work and are trying to manipulate us.”

Judy Wyatt
Fenton resident



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Fewer and fewer TV comedy shows are using laugh tracks, which could indicate that form of TV comedy is becoming less and less popular.

Some popular shows throughout the years that use a laugh track include "The Fresh Prince of Bel Air," "Mom," and "The Big Bang Theory," which is defying the trend of the declining laugh track shows. The 10th season of the show premiered Sept. 19 on CBS.

See **LAUGHTER** on 19A

WHAT YOU MISSED in the MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following are stories you missed in the **Wednesday, Sept. 28 Midweek** edition of the Tri-County Times. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

Superintendent returns from Middle East military duty

Ed Koledo, superintendent of Linden Community Schools will be returning to his post after an 11-month tour of duty in the Middle East.



Kmart was the original big box discount retailer

Fond memories were shared among shoppers waiting in line at the Fenton Kmart store last weekend, after it was announced the store would close on Dec. 11. The first Kmart opened in Garden City in 1962.

Hundreds show support for police

Police Officer Appreciation Picnic gave thanks to those who serve.

Adult charges dismissed in shooting case

Lamar Dukes, 16, one of the three defendants in the Linden school shooting plot of last October, will be tried as a juvenile.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

CNN SHOULD BE called the Clinton network. They promote Hillary Clinton. They edited out Bill's comment when he said Hillary has fainted frequently, and that the explosions in New York City must have been a bomb. They add words to Trump to make him look bad.

I AGREE THAT street corner begging should not be allowed. It slows down traffic and is especially annoying to be asked to pay for someone's prom or graduation. The parents and kids have known for years these activities were coming, so save.

ONE TERRORIST IN Minnesota stabbed 10 people. Another one in New York City injured 29 with pipe bombs. NBC, ABC, and CBS refused to mention that he was Muslim or that this is Islamic terrorism. Dishonest media.

JUST WANT TO point out how much our family enjoyed the Fenton farmers market this year. Sure hope the vendors all come back next year.



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Legacy Realty expands into Davison with new office

■ Within first year, the Davison office has tripled its space and number of agents

By Sally Rummel
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Legacy Realty Professionals, Inc. in Fenton opened a new office in Davison in September 2015 and in just one year, has tripled its space and the number of agents working from that location.

“We’re excited about our opportunities,” said broker/owner Patrik Welty. “One of my agents, Kevin Usealman, who lives in Davison, was doing more and more business in Davison and Lapeer and needed an office to work from. Now, agents Kelsey Kerr and Tina Grant are also working from that office.”

The new office is at 222 N. Main St. in Davison, sharing space with Superior Travel’s downtown office. The new Davison office phone number is (810) 652-6525.

“We lease the back two-thirds of the building,” said Welty. “We just recently completed an expansion project and added these additional agents. Now our Davison office is part of all of Legacy Realty’s mar-



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED PHOTO
Tina Grant (left), Kevin Usealman and Kelsey Kerr stand in front of the new Legacy Realty Professionals, Inc. office in Davison, following their recent expansion.

keting, promotions and communications.”
The Fenton office of Legacy Realty is at 526 N. LeRoy St., telephone (810) 629-1511.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHY ARE THE roads so horrible on Main Street in Linden by the post office and in the Lindenwood subdivision? Dirt roads would be better than driving through there.

DONALD TRUMP, COULD you please build a huge wall on U.S. 23 between Lahring and North Road exit? Illegal noise from cars, semis, and motorcycles is affecting my sleep.

IN ADDITION TO Bob Evans, Ruby Tuesday and Kmart closing, McLaren Physical Therapy also closed. Stem the tide, Fenton officials, before we have a ghost village in a vibrant city. Start with streetlights on the bridge over U.S. 23. It’s dangerous at night with no lights.

UAW WORKERS, FORD is moving all small car production to Mexico. More jobs gone for the UAW workers. Trump says he will put an end to this and start bringing jobs back to America. Shouldn’t we vote for Trump and keep our jobs here because Hillary surely doesn’t care?

HAVE YOU EVER noticed that when Hillary or Tim Kaine talk they spend all of their time bashing Trump. They don’t talk about their policies they just bash Trump.

DIVERSITY EQUALS DISCRIMINATION? Obviously, ‘all men are created equal.’ This town is getting better every day through diversity and inclusion. Get over it!

I THINK THE Fenton DDA took lessons from Hillary Clinton on how to exploit a government appointment for your own benefit.

LIBERALS AND CONSERVATIVES have different views on human nature. Liberals’ views are based on ideology, conservatives’ views are based on history. Human nature is the same today as it’s always been, for as long as there’s been humans.

ABC (ANYBODY BUT CLINTON) we have had 30 years of Hillary with Bill’s governorship, attorney general of Arkansas, two-term president, secretary of state in Obama administration. Her mean, vicious and stupid actions force me to vote for Trump.

WHAT, WE DON’T have to vote Republican or Democrat? I am voting for Darrell Lane Castle for President.

DO SOME RESEARCH, you’ll find that you are wrong. President Reagan never said ‘trickle-down economics.’ It is derogatory slang invented and used by small-minded liberals.

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New stylists and a new salon manager are introduced at HairPlay Salon in Fenton.

HairPlay welcomes new manager, stylists

■ Fenton salon adds staff to its growing business

By Sally Rummel
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HairPlay Salon in Fenton introduces a variety of new stylists to its staff of experienced hair designers.

Kimberly Burek-Godziebiewski has been styling hair in the Fenton and Holly areas for more than 25 years. She is co-owner of the salon with her sister, Carolann Powers.

They are pleased to welcome new salon manager, Lisa Kildow, a stylist for more than 30 years; stylists Arina Robinson, Jill Frost, Christopher Fischer, and Darlene Ritz, who handles Young Living Essential Oils.

HairPlay is well-known for family hair care, as well as color specialists, using highlights, extensions and expert styling techniques for the latest trends. During the month of October, HairPlay will be giving away a free single pink extension in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

HairPlay is at 14278 Fenton Rd., next to Sagebrush Cantina. Business hours are Monday through Saturday for walk-ins and appointments, telephone (810) 629-5001.

Calendar of events

Equestrian Conservancy Barn Tour
 the Highland Equestrian Conservancy (HEC) Barn Tour is set for **Saturday, Oct. 8 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.** The self-guided tour will feature several historic and working equestrian barns in Highland, Milford and Springfield townships. The event will be held rain or shine. Barns will have indoor demos and tours. Tickets may be purchased at the Huron Valley Council for the Arts the day of the tour or in advance on HEC website. Call (248) 889-7328 or visit www.highlandequestrians.org.

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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the front of the car. My daughter opened her door and said ‘Mom, there is a man standing here.’ He had pointed at her.

“He was looking right at me and was coming toward me and I asked him ‘what’s up,’” Anna said.

The man then asked Anna, “How old is your daughter?” To that she responded, “It doesn’t matter.”

Anna said she quickly hung the gas hose back and hurried around the back of her car to the driver’s side.

“He then opened the passenger side door where my daughter was,” said Anna. “She closed the door and I told her to lock it. He continued to stand outside her window as I drove off. He shouted, ‘I wasn’t going to rob you!’”

Anna said she wasn’t sure what the man’s intentions were. When she filed the police report, the officer said trafficking is very common in that area.

“He said a similar incident happened at the Grand Blanc Walmart parking lot recently,” she said.

Anna suspected human trafficking when he asked her daughter’s age.

“I didn’t know why he was asking but thought later maybe he and his friend were looking for a certain age group,” she said. “I heard sometimes when they work in pairs one of the people is sent as a distraction. That may have been his role to distract me.”

Anna learned later that there was another man involved.

“The gas station attendant said she saw him with another man on the surveillance video,” said Anna. “I never saw the other man.”

The man who approached Anna and Sara is described as a black man, between the ages of 18 and 25. He had a small to medium build with black hair. She doesn’t recall the clothing he was wearing.

Anna said she is not still frightened about this incident. “I consider it a blessing that we weren’t harmed and were able to get away safely,” she said. “My daughter hasn’t mentioned it in awhile.”

“I definitely feel like I need to be more cautious,” said Anna. “I made a lot of mistakes that night, like not locking my car while I was pumping gas and not paying attention to what he was wearing or driving. I just wanted to get out of there quickly. It was terrifying.”

What you can do

What happened to Anna and Sara is consistent with measures used by would-be human traffickers.

Gavin De Becker is the New York Times bestselling author of “The Gift of Fear,” and more recently, “Protecting the Gift: Keeping Children and Teenagers Safe (and Parents Sane).”

He offers some sage advice on how to identify someone trying to abduct one of your children.

Forced teaming is one way. He describes a true scenario where a mom is shopping with her 12-year-old son. The son wants to leave but the mother hasn’t finished her shopping. A harmless-looking young man standing nearby approaches her and strikes up a conversation about how he was in the same boat a short time ago. He said his son finally went to a video-gaming place in the same mall and offered to take her son down there, and that she could come and pick him up when she was done shopping.

Her antenna went up, of course, and she said ‘no thank you.’ But the young man kept at it trying several ways to get her on his side and the boy away from his mom.

The young man also provided too many details, which is another sure sign that something is not right. Talking to a young boy not wanting to be at the mall about video game places and a pet shop with a real lizard is a trick to entice the child.

He tried many more tricks to win the mother and her son over, which apparently worked, because the mother let her guard down momentarily and her son was gone. That was three years ago and he hasn’t been seen since.

Denise Keipert, past president and current director for the Fenton Zonta Club, said in an earlier interview that Michigan is No. 2 in human trafficking cases.

Awareness and prevention of human trafficking (along with eliminating domestic violence) is among Zonta’s missions worldwide.

“We’re among the states that are within two hours of an international border,” Keipert said.

“If I had a teenage daughter in this day and age, I would never let her go to a mall,” she added.

Those who engage in human trafficking, “trick ‘em, beat ‘em, get them hooked on drugs and sell them,” she added. “It’s big business.”

These people know how to find vulnerable individuals, such as kids from broken homes and runaways. They first gain their trust and by the time the victim knows

what is happening, it is too late.

It has happened here before. In 2014, Lake Spa, at 1490 Torrey Road in the city of Fenton, was under investigation by Fenton police for prostitution and possible human trafficking.

The investigation was initiated after Fenton police began receiving complaints of prostitution activity taking place there.

“A very real concern of ours is that this situation could involve a human trafficking operation involving young girls brought here for the purpose of prostitution and other exploitation,” said Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton in early 2014.

The spa, which was believed to have ties to organized crime in Chicago, was shutdown.

“No matter how engaging a stranger might be, you must never lose sight of context,” said De Becker. “He is what he is — a stranger who approached you.”

What is human trafficking?

According to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, human trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery involving the illegal trade of people for exploitation or commercial gain.

Every year, millions of men, women, and children are trafficked in countries around the world, including the United States.

It is estimated that human trafficking generates many billions of dollars of profit per year, second only to drug trafficking as the most profitable form of transnational crime.

Human trafficking is a hidden crime

as victims rarely come forward to seek help because of language barriers, fear of the traffickers, and/or fear of law enforcement.

Traffickers use force, fraud, or coercion to lure their victims and force them into labor or commercial sexual exploitation. They look for people who are susceptible for a variety of reasons, including psychological or emotional vulnerability, economic hardship, lack of a social safety net, natural disasters, or political instability.

The trauma caused by the traffickers can be so great that many may not identify themselves as victims or ask for help, even in highly public settings.

Signs of human trafficking

The following signs can be helpful in determining whether someone or several people may be victims of human trafficking.

- They include:
- Multiple people living in a cramped space
 - The inability to speak to an individual alone
 - When you do speak with him or her, the answers appear to be scripted and rehearsed
 - The possible victim is living with his or her employer
 - The employer is holding identity documents
 - Poor living conditions
 - There are signs of physical abuse
 - The possible victim is submissive or fearful
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CURSIVE**Continued from Front Page**

and teachers to make decisions at the local level about to teach reading and writing so they can teach cursive if they think it's what their students need. The decision to include cursive when teaching writing is left to states, districts, schools and teachers."

Rebecca McCormick, a second-grade teacher at Hyatt Elementary School in the Linden school district, said all students at Linden are taught cursive.

"It is very important for a number of reasons including helping those students who learn kinesthetically to better understand how to spell and read words," she said.

Students start learning cursive in second grade.

"It is a milestone for most of them," McCormick said. "Once students have learned all of their letters, we work on writing cursive words and sentences. At this point most students make the transition to reading cursive."

Familyeducation.com cited a study by Indiana University that found that children's brains when drawing or writing on blank paper activated parts of the brain used by adults when reading and writing, and just tracing or typing letters showed much less brain activity.

Certified graphologist David Littmann of Rose Township said, "More than 3,000 nerve endings in each of our fingertips are directly connected to the brain. Executing sequential finger strokes in cursive letter formations activate massive regions of the brain involved in thinking, language, and working memory."

He said typing on a keyboard does not involve connecting letters.

"Both right and left hemispheres of the brain are engaged in connected writings.

This exercises neural transmissions more completely than either repetitive typing or simple down-strokes that describe most printed letters," he said.

Learning cursive has also proven to be beneficial to children with dyslexia and dysgraphia, according to cursiveologic.com.

"Fluidity of cursive often helps as another modality to learn and memorize certain types of information," McCormick said. "Not to mention, once cursive mastery is achieved students can usually write very quickly in cursive versus print.

Not all, but most."

A few years ago, the College Board, an organization that prepares and administers standardized tests used in college admission and placement, found that students who

wrote in cursive on their SATs scored higher than those who wrote in print.

"Cursive handwriting, when mastered, is more likely to be associated with pupil gains in fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and focus," Littmann said. "Many other positive attributes favor cursive writers, not the least of which is that young people who have not been taught cursive cannot read documents from the past."

According to psychologytoday.com, cursive writing forces students to focus more on how to form letters because each letter requires different movement, as opposed to simply making straight lines with print letters.

Creating this circuitry in someone's brain by learning cursive helps with other hand-eye coordination tasks, according to psychologytoday.com. This is why student athletes often excel at more than one sport.

"Every child is a different type of learner," McCormick said. "I would say learning cursive is a benefit to most, if not all students."




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I HATE TO vote for Trump but a vote for anyone else is a vote for Hillary. I've seen too many soldiers and diplomats die because of her actions.

I AM GLAD a new building is coming at LeRoy and Silver Lake Road, but where are all of those employees and customers going to park? The parking spots across the street keep

disappearing, and they are already for local businesses.

IF ALL YOU people who are flocking to Kmart would have shopped there they would still be in business. Too little too late.

LAKE FENTON LIGHTHOUSE home is beautiful. Hope they plan to illuminate the magnificent flag on the point.

ALL CORRESPONDENCE OF any U.S. Secretary of State, including emails, are supposed to be via their official government email server and are part of an official record that belongs to the U.S. government. Clinton illegally used a personal email account.

THE WINDOWS SCAM is going around. They are using the phone number 1-800-123-1231.

REGARDING HILLARY, HER new tally— 33,000 emails deleted, 13 phones destroyed, hundreds of calendar entries erased, private servers wiped clean, five of her staff plead the fifth.

LAUGHTER

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On these shows, laugh tracks are made to make a show funnier. Actors pause after a joke so laughter can be inserted. However, there are a few videos on YouTube of scenes from "The Big Bang Theory" and "Friends" without the laugh track.

Awkward silence filled the space meant for artificial laughter, which many call "creepy."

Some sources surmise that the attitude toward shows with laugh tracks is changing. Consumers don't like being told when to laugh, and some think the fake laughter makes the show just that — fake.

Local resident Judy Wyatt said, "When I hear canned laughter, it's a tip-off to me that the writers aren't that sure of their work and are trying to manipulate us."

"I do not like them," said another local resident Steven Lynn. "If it is funny, I will laugh. Live audiences are best."

Comedies are changing. Shows that

"break the fourth wall," meaning the actors will speak to camera, like they're speaking to the viewers and don't use laugh tracks, like "The Office," gained popularity in the 2000s, giving rise to more similar comedies like "Parks and Recreation" and "Modern Family."

In 2015, 10 of the 15 comedies followed this style, according to nydailynews.com, possibly phasing out the artificial laughing.

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Before being called off due to rain, carpenter Kyle Hollister prepares to secure a truss to be lifted into place onto a new home in the Liberty Shores subdivision in Fenton Township Wednesday morning. Business owner Josh Tino said he has trouble finding enough skilled laborers for more than one crew, and has to turn work away.

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increase lately in residential building permit applications.

"These permits are in subdivisions that had stopped building due to the recession," Payne said.

That recession started in 2007, according to the U.S. National Bureau of Economic Research.

Payne said he anticipates the increase in the building of residential housing in Linden will continue.

Saddlebrook Farms in Linden is one of those subdivisions where building slowed during the recession, and where new homes are being constructed today.

Mike Reilly, building and zoning administrator for the city of Fenton said there has been an increase in Fenton, too.

"Since January, there are seven new dwellings being constructed in the city," Reilly said. "Additionally, Mitchell Building Company will be starting construction on the Lexington Oaks subdivision."

Lexington Oaks is located on 17 acres on the northern east side of the city. It features 53 residential parcels.

Reilly agreed that most of the new building permits issued are for construction in subdivisions where building stopped during the recession.

Reilly said he anticipates this trend will continue. "With the increase in commercial and industrial development, residential growth will continue," he said.

According to Holly Village Manager Jerry Walker, "The village is pretty much built out due to our age and density. So what we are experiencing is mostly commercial and industrial redevelopment."

Not so in Holly Township, however, where new building is taking place in the former Silverman-Pulte subdivision called Riverside North.

That subdivision was fraught with controversy over the years with issues ranging from a new village water plant built to accommodate the 900 promised homes there, to unpaid taxes years later.



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Residential lots are being sold, and new homes are being built in the Saddlebrook Farms subdivision in Linden.

By the year 2007, only 200 of the 900 homes were actually built, leaving Holly Village residents stuck with the higher water bills to pay for the new plant.

Liberty Shores and McCully Lake Estates are also seeing signs of building, after a long absence in construction.

Liberty Shores, too, was not without problems. The state Department of Environmental Quality filed a lawsuit Aug. 28, 2013 against the developer at the time, claiming that it destroyed wetlands and deposited sediment in area waterways.

The 182-home subdivision gained site plan approval from the Fenton Township Planning Commission in 2005.

The McCully Lake subdivision in Fenton Township features 35 lots.

The website promoting the development dated 2008 said, "This serene and peaceful community offers you a variety of lot choices including walkout, lake view or lakefront lots."

Until recently, the subdivision was largely empty, with only two of the 35 lots occupied.

In 2011, Patrik Welty of Legacy Realty Professionals called the building lull a new phenomenon in the Fenton area. "It's obviously related to the economy in general," he said at the time.

Welty said the most common scenario was that the property was developed when the real estate market was growing, but demand dropped off sharply when the properties were finished, causing the developer to go bankrupt.

"The number of lots that were being built were based on projected growth from 2003-2005," he said. "When that demand stopped, by the time developers realized how bad the downturn was, it was too late."



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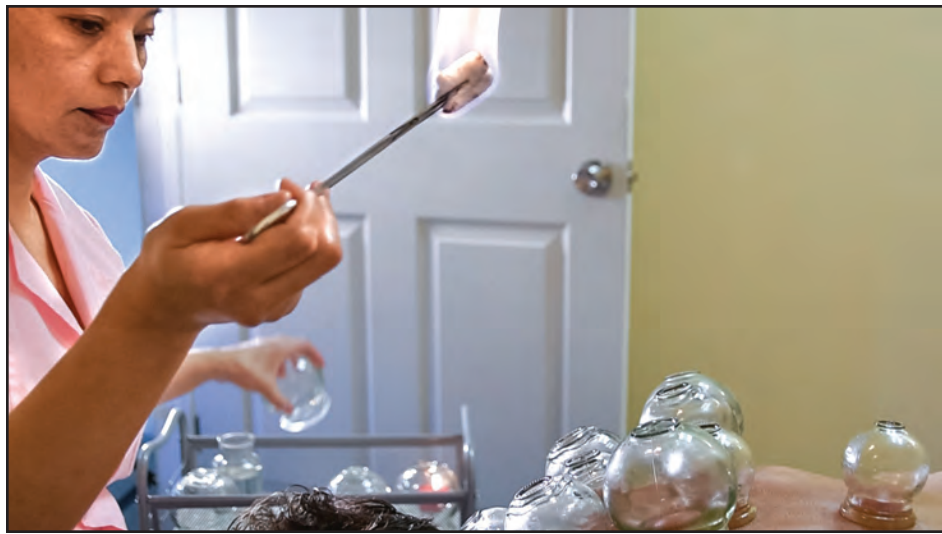
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By Sally Rummel
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Ancient Chinese medicine meets 21st century technology with the introduction of Vitality Acupressure Massage Therapy’s new video produced by Reel-Times Video, a division of the Tri-County Times.

This 30-second video, available to view on tctimes.com, features Yapaing Wu, certified massage therapist, who brings to Fenton the practice of many forms of Chinese holistic medicine, including acupres-

sure, cupping and foot reflexology and massage.

These methods of healing have become popular in the U.S. “You have to take care of your quality of life,” said Wu. “Just like a car needs regular maintenance, so does your body. If you don’t take care of it, you will have health problems down the road.”

Wu spent her early lifetime practicing these methods in China, then continued her education and licensing in the U.S. She opened Vitality Acupressure Massage Therapy earlier this year at 1122 N. LeRoy St., Suite G, near Fenton Home Furnishings.

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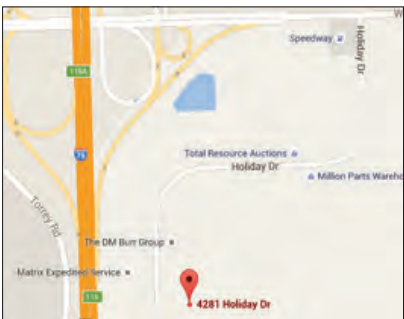
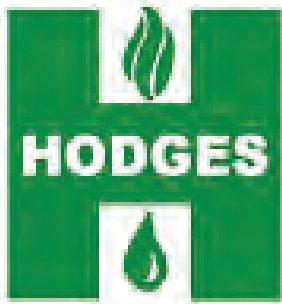
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Tigers capture outright Metro title by one stroke

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The Fenton varsity girls golf team knew that if it wanted to win an outright Metro League championship, that every stroke truly was going to matter.

After all, in their dual match with Flushing, the Tigers' only competition in the quest of a league cham-

pionship, Fenton lost due to a tiebreaker. So when the Tigers defeated Flushing by a slim 350-351 margin at the final Metro League Meet to win the league title, it wasn't a shock. The Tigers, who won both 18-hole Metro meets during the season, won the league crown outright after having to share it with Flushing last season.

"When we lost to them in our

match this year it was a tied score and we had to go to a tiebreaker because it was that close," Fenton varsity girls golf coach Kurt Herbstreit said. "We had gotten that lesson one time on the bad end, so we wanted to all play well as a team and be very focused."

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Sports

Tigers make it two in row

Fenton boys XC repeat first jamboree's winning ways

By David Troppens

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Linden — The Fenton varsity boys cross country team won the first Metro League jamboree three weeks ago.

And while second-place Holly cut the gap between them and the Tigers, the results remained the same.

The Tigers had runners finish 1-2 and also had all five of their runners finish before Holly's fifth runner finished, earning Fenton a second straight jamboree victory during the 2016 season. Fenton scored 45 points to Holly's 56. Meanwhile, Linden is steadily improving as well, moving from fourth to

third by posting 85 team points.

The battle between Holly and Fenton remained throughout, but as the race continued, the Tigers eventually pulled a few placings better than the Bronchos, resulting in the win.

"The guys knew what they had to do and they did it," Fenton varsity cross country coach Jesse Anderson said. "I think Holly ran smart and within themselves. At the mile, I had the scores at 90-91 between us. From there it was just a matter of who would catch more guys, and it wasn't decided until the last mile. It was very exciting."

Fenton's Dominic Dimambro won his second straight jamboree race.

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Fenton's Dominic Dimambro (right) and Andrew Bond (left) finished 1-2 at the second Metro League jamboree on Wednesday. The Fenton Tigers took first while Holly finished second and Linden placed third.



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(From left) Fenton's Jessica Adams, Holly's Monica Ruiz, and Linden's Kristina Lachowicz run during the second girls Metro League jamboree.

Fenton XC girls win second jamboree

By David Troppens

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Linden — Anyone who thought the Fenton varsity girls cross country team's victory in the first jamboree may have been a fluke, were proved wrong on Wednesday during the second jamboree.

The Tigers held on to about the same slim lead they had against the Flushing Raiders in the first jamboree, earning a second straight Metro victory.

Fenton had three runners finish within the top six and its entire top five within the top 20 placings, making the victory possible with 43 points. Flushing was second with 47, while the Linden Eagles cut into Flushing's gap for second a bit placing third with 64 points. The Holly Bronchos placed fourth with 88 points.

"The girls worked very hard for this," Fenton varsity cross country

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LF boys take second at second GAC meet; girls place sixth

By David Troppens

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History pretty much repeated itself at the second Genesee Area Conference (GAC) jamboree on Tuesday.

The Lake Fenton varsity boys cross country team finished a solid second while the Lady Blue Devils found themselves in sixth once again as well.

In the boys' event, it was pretty much assumed Corunna would win the race, as the Cavaliers did in the first jamboree, and they did. Corunna had 19 team points. But Lake Fenton finished a strong second, scoring 53 team points. Third-place Montrose finished with 96 points.

Thomas Mueller finished in second place for

the Blue Devils, posting a time of 16:07.93. Corunna's nationally ranked Noah Jacobs won the event in 15:18.34. Following Mueller were the Blue Devils' other scoring runners within the top 15 overall.

Isaac Golson finished in the top 10 at ninth (17:04.1), while a pack of three Blue Devils finished just outside the top 10. Thomas Hufton placed 13th (17:40.37), while Eric Niestroy finished about a second behind in 14th (17:41.76). Just behind Niestroy was Kyle Lewis in 15th (17:46.01). Another pack finished in the 30s. They were Remington Clements in 35th (19:00.93), Sam Barringer in 36th (19:01.18) and Jack Miller in 37th (19:01.47).

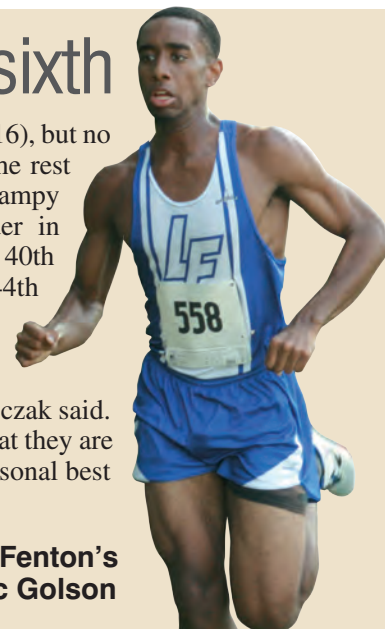
The Lake Fenton girls were paced by Rachel

Learman, who placed 21st (22:33.16), but no one else finished in the top 30. The rest of the top five were Mackenzie Rampy in 33rd (23:46.83), Olivia Snyder in 38th (24:04.35), Salina Mueller in 40th (24:12.27) and Britney Kauer in 44th (24:30.15).

"We have a young and inexperienced team," Lake Fenton varsity cross country coach Chris Sobczak said. "They are starting to figure out what they are capable of. Most runners ran a personal best as a result."

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The Holly varsity boys tennis team won the Metro League tournament on Tuesday, earning the squad the Metro League championship as well.

Holly's tennis 'family' wins another Metro championship

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The Holly varsity boys tennis team has won 21 of the last 22 Metro League crowns. And the one the Bronchos didn't win, they probably should have won. The Bronchos forfeited it themselves due to questions of using a player they initially thought was eligible, but wasn't due to the concussion rule. So, don't blame the Bronchos if they look at it as winning 22 straight. On Tuesday, the Bronchos continued the string with another Metro League championship by placing seven flights out of eight in the

finals, en route to a Metro League tournament championship and a regular season title overall. Fenton also competed and took third at the meet and finished third in the standings. Ask Holly varsity boys tennis coach Will Sophia why the Bronchos have had this run of excellence and he'll quickly tell you why it's happened. It's team work. And when he says teamwork Sophia means more than the teammates. "It was another team effort," Sophia said.

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Adams's three goals sparks Tigers' 3-0 win

By David Troppens
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Linden — The game took two days to complete, but Fenton's Liam Adams and his teammates didn't mind. Adams scored three goals during the first half of Fenton's Metro League contest with Holly on Wednesday, taking a 3-0 lead. When lightning suspended the second half until Thursday, Adams assisted both of the Tigers' second half goals, leading Fenton to an im-

pressive 5-1 Metro win against the Holly Bronchos. The loss dropped Holly one point out of first place in the Metro League behind new co-leaders Fenton and Brandon, who each have 10 points four games into the season. Holly has nine points while Linden has seven, but also has played one less game than the other leaders. "It was a good game," Adams said. CONTINUED ONLINE AT TCTIMES.COM



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Holly's Nick Parker (left) and Fenton's Alex Flannery converge on a ball during the Tigers' 5-1 victory against the Bronchos.



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Runners begin the second Metro League jamboree race Wednesday at Linden Middle School.

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coach Jesse Anderson said. "Each one of our top five had to come through, and they did in a big way. We were down by about a dozen points or so at the mile, so it was important to work hard, and just about everybody caught at least 1-2 girls. In a strung out race like today, it was quite a battle reeling those runners in over some sizable gaps, so I'm terribly proud of how we got after it." For the second straight jamboree Alexa Keiser was the victor.

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Bronchos win tight non-league battle with Blue Devils

By David Troppens
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Holly — Life on the Holly varsity volleyball team hasn't always been easy in recent years. But it looks like the Bronchos are changing that this year. Some of those changes started last season, but it's fair to say it looks like the Bronchos have continued the progression into this year, winning two of three Metro League contests so far under first-year head coach Deena Maher. The Bronchos continued that progress winning an pretty close battle with fellow tri-county foes Lake Fenton by a 25-20, 25-22, 21-25, 25-20 score on Thursday.

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Lake Fenton's Hannah Garty (right) attacks a ball while Holly's Maddie Meszler prepares to block the attack. Holly defeated Lake Fenton in four sets on Thursday 25-10, 25-22, 21-25, 25-20.

25-18 verdict to Goodrich. Meghan Lynch had a match-high 21 digs and was a perfect 33-for-33 on service reception. Hannah Garty had 16 digs and 10 kills while Zoey Howieson had 12 digs. **HOLLY VOLLEYBALL** ➤ The Bronchos lost to Flushing 25-20, 26-24, 25-16. Maddie Meszler had 18 assists and four aces while Katie LaClair had 12 digs. Shannon Torpey provided 11 digs and four kills while Taylor McAninch led the Bronchos with five kills. Jesse Hepner had five blocks.

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FENTON VOLLEYBALL ➤ The Tigers improved to 3-0 in Metro action with an easy 25-17, 25-10, 25-21 victory against the Clio Mustangs on Tuesday. Chloe Idoni had 13 kills while Jessica Warford had 11 kills. Erin Kaye provided seven kills. Taylor Mowery had 12 digs and was a perfect 13-for-13 with her service reception. Kiley Aldred had 25 assists. **LAKE FENTON VOLLEYBALL** ➤ The Blue Devils lost a 25-20, 25-14,

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