Enrollment increases at two area districts

Lake Fenton up 67 students, Fenton up 15, Linden down 21, Holly down 48

According to Superintendent Wayne Wright, Lake Fenton has 2,083 students for this school year. See DISTRICTS on 15A

Fenton man charged with sexually assaulting child in two counties

Lives one block from local elementary school

Robert Lee Dennis, 41, of Fenton has been formally charged with eight counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct with a defendant under the age of 13 in Genesee County. See CHARGED on 14A

Be aware of dangerous clown prank

As Halloween approaches, police believe there could be more reports of creepy-clown sightings following a social media trend.
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310 Clear View Court
Immaculate 2 story home in Chestnut Grove In Linden. Home features 2944 sq ft, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2nd floor laundry, gas fireplace, remodeled kitchen, central air, large bonus room upstairs, nice patio with gazebo and 3 car garage. $205,000
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‘I’m staying pretty calm’

Michiganders who have relocated to Florida prepared for Hurricane Matthew aftermath

By Sally Rummel

Ellie (Gramer) Adams, formerly of Linden, has lived south of West Palm Beach, Florida for nine years and has weathered her share of tropical storms.

But this is the first time she and her husband, Dustin, have experienced a hurricane. Hurricane Matthew was expected to bear down on the East Coast with 140 miles per hour winds and torrential rains, power outages, property damage and more.

“I'm staying pretty calm,” said Adams on Thursday. “We don’t have school today or tomorrow, and most businesses are closed today.”

The Adams’ live in a two-story concrete house. They put up hurricane shutters in anticipation of the storm. They also put up steel panels on the first floor, bolted into the cement.

“We did that last night,” said Adams. “Now our house is really dark inside. We re-planning board games and crafts to keep the kids busy and everyone calm. I'm just starting to get a little nervous. I can already feel the wind beginning to pick up.”

Another Florida resident, Carol Campbell, grew up in Fenton and moved to the Sunshine State four years ago. She lived in Vero Beach for three years before moving to Sebastian a year ago.

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Honeymoon in a hurricane

Local couple rides out storm at Disney World

By Sally Rummel

Honeymooners John and Jamie LaRosa are ending their week of vacation fun at the Contemporary Resort at Disney World in Orlando, with a hurricane added to their list of wedding memories.

Hurricane Matthew is expected to hit the Orlando area hard, which is why Disney World closed their parks at 5 p.m. Thursday, planning to re-open on Saturday.

Disney has already evacuated the Fort Wilderness campground, the bungalows on their Polynesian Village property and the Tree House Villas at Saratoga Springs Resort. Guests have been moved to alternate accommodations by Disney as a safety measure, according to insidehdeganic.net. See HONEYMOON on 9A

Hurricane Matthew closes Disney World and Universal Studios

Disney World closed Thursday, Oct. 6 at 6 p.m. on Thursday, expecting to re-open on Saturday, Oct. 8, depending on damage from Hurricane Matthew’s category 3 winds. Disney has closed three times in the past for hurricanes: Floyd in 1999 and twice in 2004 for Frances and Jeanne. Universal Studios in Orlando also shut down Thursday, planning to re-open Saturday.
Thoughts on fixing election process

A few months ago, I authored a semi-serious prescription for how to get more people to vote. This month, I’d like to offer a few semi-serious thoughts on how to fix the train wreck that is our presidential election process.

Here’s what we do:

• Ban ‘surrogates.’ These are the twits, feebos, morons, suckups, sycophants and liars, who speak for their candidate on CNN and other TV news argument programs. Nothing of value comes out of their mouths — ever. Mostly they exist to defend something stupid their candidate has said or done. But they never change anyone’s mind. Viewers never think, ‘You know what, until that surrogate explained why her candidate said we should ban all ethnic food as a way to protect our American culture, I was offended. But now I feel better and I like the idea!’ So why bother?

I will say, however, that I am considering the use of a surrogate in my personal life. When I do something dumb, I can dispatch Surrogate Andy to inform the lovely life. When I do something dumb, I can dising the use of a surrogate in my personal process.

• Ditch debates. They’re useless anymore. We don’t learn anything, other than that manners, dignity and decorum are dead these days. Candidates don’t tell you what they think. They tell you what an idiot their opponent is, which is probably true but it’s also obvious and thus not very helpful.

Debates lost all relevance when ‘the pivot’ was invented. This is when a question is asked and the candidate immediately pivots to a talking point that has nothing to do with what was asked. There is no defeating the pivot. Therefore debates have no purpose.

• Give each $10 million and one month to make their case, and no more. If you can’t make your case in a month, you probably shouldn’t be president in the first place. More exposure to candidates only makes everyone think, ‘Oh my God, there are 300 million people in this country and this is the best we can do?’ Or maybe that’s just me. But probably not — even Voldomort-style he-who-shall-not-be-named ones — would result in a penalty like in football. If you’re Hillary and you mention Trump, you lose one percentage point off your Electoral College total. Pure genius. I’m glad I thought of it.

• Polls are also gigantic buzz kills. I don’t want to know the outcome ahead of time, just like I don’t want to know the ending to a movie before I see it.

HILLARY REMEMBERED a lot of well prepared facts for the debate. Unfortunately, when she was testifying in front of Congress, she forgot details about her emails 39 times.

TRUMP HAD A troubled life. Even in school, he had to go to military school because he needed discipline. Do we need another problem? This was on TV last night.

WHAT A SOUL-filled beautiful experience our new generation will miss. There is nothing better than receiving a heartfelt letter, gossipy letter or a letter of thanks in the mail on beautiful stationary with a pen. Please teach cursive.

WOULD YOU VOTE for a man who lies every three minutes, insults people, makes racist statements, bullies people, is very obnoxious, with a big ego? Then vote Trump.

I THINK HANDWRITING is part of our identity. Common Core has become lazy, making kids and adults lazy. My hat is off to those who still teach cursive at school. My hat will never be off to people who say cursive shouldn’t be taught.

HELLO TO THE Hot liner who wants to know the truth on Trump vs. Clinton. Do you want the truth according to Mrs. Clinton or do you want the truth in your mind? It could be entirely two different things.

WARREN BUFFET knows what trickle-down economics is. You must have gone to the school you thought you did. Read some more, we’ll talk about it.

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Linden Hotel owner runs for mayor

Jack Furry faces current councilor/mayor pro tem for two-year term

By Hannah Ball
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Linden — The owner of Linden Hotel has entered the race for Linden Mayor. Warren “Jack” Furry, 73, faces current councilor/mayor pro tem Danielle Cusson in the upcoming election.

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Watch out for dangerous clown prank

Practical joke could easily turn fatal

By Sharon Stone
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Since late August, there have been multiple claims of creepy clowns walking along roads at nighttime, some attempting to lure children into the woods and others threatening people with harm.

The tri-county area is not immune to such reports.

Wednesday afternoon, a Facebook page for Tomek-Eastern Elementary School parents posted that the school went into lockdown after a clown was spotted walking around the property. This was not confirmed by Fenton police.

It could be a social media fad leading to Halloween on Oct. 31 or it could be people dressing up in clown outfits as a harmless prank just to get a reaction. Regardless of whether these sightings are verified or if harm was intended, the claims are scaring many people on edge.

School districts across the claims are scaring the country, however, his department has not received any reports.

If they approach the wrong person, they could get shot.

Rick Aro
Fenton police chief

Aro said those who dress up as a clown to scare someone need to remember, “If they approach the wrong person they could get shot,” if the scared victim is carrying a weapon. "Obviously, it’s a very dangerous situation," he said. "Is it a practical joke?"

With Halloween just three weeks away, the police chief believes this type of activity could get worse before better.

Dressing up as a clown is not a factor so much as the action taken by the person dressed as a clown, according to Aro. If they impede traffic, which is illegal, it does not matter if they are dressed as a clown. If they are carrying a weapon while dressed as a clown, they are still carrying a weapon.

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Hunt for jogger’s killer continues

Reward money increased to $10,000

By Vera Hogan
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While the hunt for the person who murdered Alexandra “Ally” Brueger continues, the reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer has climbed to $10,000.

According to F/Lt. Michael Shaw of the Michigan State Police, $5,000 is being offered by the U.S. Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), and $5,000 by Crime Stoppers.

Another $1,000 has reportedly been offered from the personal funds of Oakland County Commissioner Bob Hoffman.

Although it has been a little over two months, police are still investigating. “Each investigation has its own time table so it’s hard to judge this one,” said Shaw. “I think everyone is used to the 40-minute solve rate of TV.”

Brueger was shot to death the afternoon of Saturday, July 30, while she was jogging on Fish Lake Road. As she had for the past 12 years, Brueger jogged 10 miles every day, said her mother Nikki Brueger.

Because the person who shot Brueger four times in the back has not yet been identified or apprehended, Rose Township residents continue to be concerned for their safety.

Shaw has personally been to two Rose Township Board of Trustees meetings since the murder to try to calm fears.

Shaw said investigators are working diligently and checking every lead they receive. He also has said previously that this homicide is tied to Brueger.

In a hometowntime article published two weeks ago, Shaw said there was evidence at the scene that indicates Brueger likely knew her killer. He said there are a lot of things at the crime scene that point investigators to the conclusion that the killer was someone she probably knew. He said there is not enough evidence to rule out a random event or a road rage type incident.

Shaw said in the article that everyone is considered a suspect. This case presents a difficult challenge because of the rural environment in which the crime took place, an environment where there is a lack of witnesses and no surveillance cameras.

While there are no known witnesses to the actual crime, Ally was often seen by neighbors running on Fish Lake Road in the days and weeks leading up to her death, according to homelife.com. She was reported to have moved back in with her parents in April after what her mother said was an amicable break-up with a boyfriend of 2½ years.

Police are still seeking information from the public.

Regardless of how insignificant it may seem, anyone with information about suspicious persons or unusual vehicles in the area of Fish Lake Road is urged to contact Michigan State Police at 1-855-MICHTIP (642-4847) or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-SPEAK-UP (773-2587).

Mayor

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family opened their first business, a hair establishment in Milford in 1982, and opened four additional businesses in the following decade.

The family moved to Linden and bought the Linden Hotel in 1993, which they believe to be the longest-running business in Genesee County.

Furry has been involved in the city’s operations for years, from working on the city’s sign ordinance, to halting the city from enacting a retroactive-charge for 23 business owners for sewer tap-in fees, and serving as a DDA member since 2013.

He also serves on the Beacon and Bridge gas leak committee and the redevelopment committee. Furry sat on the parking study committee, which found a deficit of 600 parking spaces in Linden, and reviewed the DDA’s budget from 2009 to 2015 while on the DDA budget committee.

Furry wants to bring better management to the council, push to get the Beacon and Bridge gas leak fixed, work on the restoration of the Linden Mill Building, and fix the roads.

“If you look at our roads, they’re in terrible shape,” he said. He added that Main Street is terrible, and has ever since he moved to Linden 23 years ago.

“We cannot fix everything in the next two years but we can start the ball rolling to improving things for the betterment of our residents, business owners, and the city of Linden,” he said.

Honeymoon

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The LaRosas were listening to the downpour outside as they enjoyed their 7 p.m. dinner reservation Thursday evening at the California Grill on the 15th floor of the hotel. “It started to downpour at about 5,” said Jamie. “We’ve had sporadic rain all day.”

The couple was married on Saturday, Oct. 1, leaving their daughter Keira, a first-grader at West Shore Elementary, at home with family while they honeymooned.

They were glad to see that Disney had prepared a lot of activities for kids to keep them busy and distracted from the storm. Restaurants were also prepping platters of food so that all guests would be taken care of.

The couple had planned to visit one of the resorts on Friday, but now will just “hunker down” and ride out the storm. “It’s weather; we can’t control it,” said Jamie.
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Ryan Stevens and Kody Brewer are released on bond.

Youngest school shooting plot suspect heads to Pennsylvania rehab center
Lamarr Dukes, the youngest co-defendant in the Linden school shooting plot is heading to a year-long rehabilitation program, while Ryan Stevens and Kody Brewer are released on bond.

ROCKS THROWN AT PICKUP TRUCK IN HOLLY
Just after 7 p.m. on Oct. 3, Holly police were dispatched to a home on Harden Street to investigate a malicious property damage complaint. The victim said that as she drove home and crossed over the railroad tracks she heard something hit the right side of her pick-up truck. She stopped the truck and her boyfriend jumped out and chased three males who were running away from the railroad tracks. The three suspects got away. The suspects were described as white males, one with black hair. There were several small dents on the truck and the back window was cracked. Several rocks were seen on the road and in the bed of the truck. The victim said this was the second time in three days someone had thrown rocks at her truck.

HIT AND RUN REPORTED IN HOLLY
On Oct. 1, Holly police were dispatched to the 100 block of North Corbin Street for a hit and run, property damage accident. Upon arrival, police spoke to the caller/victim who said that his Cadillac was parked in the street for the last three days. He said the rear tire had a slow leak and that his vehicle was not damaged on Sept. 30. He said on the morning of Oct. 1, he came out to his vehicle and the front panel near the front tire had been struck. Police observed leaves and other items on the vehicle showing it had not been driven recently. Damage was seen on the front panel of the vehicle above the front tire. The victim said he did not know who had struck the vehicle. Police spoke with neighbors who said they had not witnessed or heard anything.

HOLLY POLICE CAR HITS DEER
On Oct. 4 at 1:20 a.m., a Holly police patrol car was westbound on E. Maple nearing Sorenson Park when a deer ran out in front of the officer’s patrol vehicle. The officer took evasive action but was unable to avoid the impact. The deer was struck and damage was done to the patrol car. The vehicle was taken out of service for repair. The officer was uninjured. The report was taken by Michigan State Police-Metro North Post.

Fenton Community Drum Circle to perform Sunday
The new Fenton Community Drum Circle will perform at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 9, at the downtown gazebo. It is free and open to the public, according to Lisa Pearson, hand drum facilitator for the Fenton United Methodist Church. A drum circle is a community of people coming together to express themselves through the creating and sharing of rhythms. Participants are encouraged to bring chairs and a drum. Donations received will go to the Fenton Zonta Club to assist in its efforts during Domestic Violence Awareness month throughout October.

HOT LINE CONTINUED
IT’S REALLY SAD to see all the businesses in the Fenton area closing. McLaren Physical Therapy is the one that troubles me the most. For over 25 years our family has used that facility for our rehab needs.

HELLER, YOU THINK Trump’s backers are deplorable. How about Hillary’s? The American Communist Party, Black Lives Matter, 99-percenters, sign thieves and on and on.

YOU ARE CORRECT that Reagan did not use the term ‘trickle-down economics.’ It was his director of Office Management and Budget David Stockman. But it was clearly Reagan’s thoughts.

TRUMP SCARES THE hell out of me. I cannot afford his economic policy. It will be higher taxes, suppressed wages and a recession. Not to mention what kind of world conflict he will start.

ANY DISPARAGING REMARK made about Hillary is well deserved. Just look at her history and anyone can see what a two-faced liar she is.

TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS ago when my granddaughter was three, people would ask her where she got her big beautiful brown eyes. Her reply was Kmart’s blue light special. She passed away eight years ago so Kmart will always have a special meaning to me.

IF YOU LACK enough empathy to understand why someone is voting for the ‘other’ candidate, then you should probably take a break from political discourse.
Sears Hometown Store is now ‘America’s Appliance Experts’

Updated store design welcomes customers to check out new ‘kitchen suites’ and laundry innovation

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Sears Hometown Store in Fenton has earned its reputation as the place to buy quality appliances. Now this locally owned store is giving customers even more reasons to check Sears first, for kitchen and laundry appliances.

Now known as “America’s Appliance Experts,” Sears Hometown Store will kick off its new store design, signage and advanced technical training at its kick off event on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 14-15.

What you’ll see when you walk in the door is more space devoted to reputable, innovative appliance brands, including Whirlpool, which is 82 percent produced in the U.S. with world headquarters in Benton Harbor; KitchenAid, Samsung, LG, Maytag, GE, Frigidaire, Bosch and Kenmore.

“We are displaying many of our appliances in ‘suites,’ to let customers visualize what their kitchen will look like if they purchase the full kitchen of same branded appliances,” said co-owner Jeff Stone of Fenton Township. He and his brother, Tim Stone, also of Fenton Township, own Sears Hometown Stores in Fenton, Howell and Lapeer.

“We are excited to offer our customers more technical product knowledge than ever before,” said Jeff. “Our staff has been extensively trained, including certain brand-specific certifications, so they can answer any questions you may have.”

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“This is my first hurricane and I can say without a doubt that I’m nervous,” said Campbell. “But as my husband said before I left,” she said. “Rooms are scarce or sold out on the west coast.”

Sebastian was in the direct line of impact and the Campbell’s home is less than five miles east of the Atlantic Ocean. “It’s very nerve wracking knowing that in an instant we could lose all our possessions,” said Campbell. “But as my husband said when he told me to get the h*%l out, the house can be replaced, you can’t.”

She’s was planning to return home on Saturday to survey the damage, praying for it to be minimal, but expecting the worst...

Another local couple, Neil and Jennifer Fry, moved to Kissimmee, Florida two months ago, when Jennifer got a job as a fourth-grade teacher in the Osceola School District.

Doppler radar over Florida showed the magnitude of category 3 Hurricane Matthew when it hit the coast in the early hours on Friday, Oct. 7.

Summery

Tri-county area residents who have relocated to Florida are having their first experience with a hurricane.

SUMMARY

We’ve had so many people contacting us to make sure we’re OK. We’ve got plenty of supplies.”

She did notice a lot of people driving into the area, evacuating from the eye of the storm along Florida’s east coast. “It took us one-and-a-half hours to drive home last night after having dinner in Orlando,” she said. “Usually, it’s a half-hour drive...”

Don Rowe, former Fenton Township trustee and an Ocala, Florida resident for 14 years, said before going to sleep Thursday night that he wasn’t expecting too much damage, as most of the hurricane is supposed to hit the east coast.

“We just got back to Florida last Saturday after spending half the year in Michigan,” he said. “Maybe we should’ve waited a little longer.”

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Dennis has also been charged with first-degree criminal sexual conduct in Oakland County. His trial in the Oakland County case is set to begin Nov. 7. It is unknown if the Genesee and Oakland County victim are the same individual.

Genesee County Court records also show Dennis’s wife filed for divorce, which was granted in June.

According to Genesee County District Court records, Dennis resides on Parallel Street in Fenton, one block west of State Road Elementary School property.
HOT LINE CONTINUED

SAME OLD CRAP from Hillary, shameless lies, same BS, the same idiots are already ruining this country. She’s got the news lying for her. What else?

CAN ANYBODY TELL me where you can turn in used batteries or flashlights, either rechargeable or not rechargeable? Walmart used to take them. They no longer do. Where can you take those so they don’t end up in a landfill?

THE REPUBLICANS SEEM to live in dream world and then seem to present those dreams as facts. I don’t know what debate people were watching, but Hillary ate Trump for lunch. The people that I’ve heard said Pence looks more presidential discussion between Clinton and Trump. I have to wonder what would Jesus do? He has got to be another one of those creepy clown sightings.

I HEAR THE Republicans crying about Lester Holt’s moderation of the debate people were watching, but Hillary has got to be another one of those creepy clown sightings.

MR. ECONOMICS MAJOR, it doesn’t really matter if you have tickle-down economics or whether Reagan said it or not, it’s known as tickle-down economics. Look it up, then come back and talk to me.

I DID NOT watch the vice presidential debate on TV I thought it was going to be another one of those creepy clown sightings.

AFTER READING THE hateful puke that King published on political correctness, I have to wonder what would Jesus do? He has got to be another one of those creepy clown sightings.

Whitening can have a dramatic impact on your smile. Teeth become discolored by different staining agents. External staining can be caused by environmental conditions; smoking, coffee, tea, etc. Internal staining is caused by the intrinsic color of the tooth. Internal staining is often natural. As we grow older our teeth often become darker as a normal part of the aging process. All of these teeth darkening conditions can be treated and improved with the aging process. There are basically three different teeth whitening methods. The first type is “over-the-counter” which can be purchased at your local pharmacy. The second type is professionally supervised home whitening which is provided by your dentist. The third type is in-office whitening done in the dental chair by your dentist and staff. All methods vary in their effectiveness. The American Dental Association recommends that all individuals should consult with their dentist before any whitening procedure is performed. Whitening procedures vary in effectiveness and cost. The American Dental Association recommends that all individuals should consult with their dentist before any whitening procedure is performed.

A Palm Bay, Florida, resident is chasing by three people who saw a kid standing by the woods dressed as a clown. Authorities at New Haven Public Schools is banning clowns this Friday to either kidnap students or kill teachers going to school on Columbus Day.

THE UPS Store to be open on Columbus Day

The UPS Store at 17196 Silver Park- way will be open Columbus Day, Monday, Oct. 10, providing local resi- dents with a convenient alternative to the post office, which will be closed for the holiday. Regular business hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed on Sunday.

Purple Rain

The Fenton Film Series announces the showing of the movie “Purple Rain”. It will be shown on Wednes- day, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Fenton Community & Cultural Center. The free film is a 1984 musical drama starring Prince. Arrive early for free refreshments.

FENTON

For the 16-17 school year, Fenton schools has 3,397 students, which is an increase of 15 students since last school year, according to Superintendent Adam Hartley.

Fenton receives $7,511 per student in state funding, which is an increase of $118 from last year’s $7,445.

LINDEN

At Linden, there are 2,808 students, which is a decrease from last year’s count was 2,016 so we did notice the increases in these two grades prior to the start of school and added a teacher in each grade. A teacher was also added in the high school. We have seen a growth in all grades but the growth is spread throughout all buildings,” Wright said.

Lake Fenton re- ceives $7,563 per student in state funding, which is an increase of $118 from last year’s $7,445.
Pumpkin Social
The community is invited to Serendipity Wellness Spa’s “Pumpkin Social” on Wednesday, Oct. 12 between 4 and 6 p.m. Serendipity is located at 129 E. Broad St. in Linden. This is a free, outdoor community event. All of the decorations, cider (adult cider for those 21+) and doughnuts will be provided. Just bring yourself/kids/ friends and a pumpkin. To reserve your spot, call (810) 735-6868 or find the event on Facebook.

BALLOTS
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ballots were bad but the Bureau of Elections and the County Clerk de- cided to print the entire county over.”

The faulty ballots were mailed to absentee voters last week. They are now void and new ballots will be sent.

The new ballots will have a green number, instead of black, on the bottom. The new color will allow clerks to confirm that absentee voters only get one vote.

The new ballots will be printed and delivered to clerks countywide by next week.

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The scope of our mission has changed

Upcoming trip to Haiti by The Freedom Center will now focus on Hurricane Matthew relief

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A woman in Port-au-Prince, Haiti was taking money from an ATM after the devastating earthquake on Jan. 12, 2010, and found herself face-to-face with a 10-year-old boy holding a gun, saying, “Give me your money or I’ll kill you.”

She dropped to her knees, put her arms out and said, “If you drop the gun, I’ll give you the money and I’ll take care of you the rest of your life.”

This former lawyer resigned from her career and opened an orphanage to care for this boy and 79 other children who were orphans after the 7.0 magnitude earthquake. Now, with devastation rampant in Haiti once again after Hurricane Matthew earlier this week, Pastor Jim Wiegant of The Freedom Center in Fenton is still awaiting word on the safety of this woman and the kids in her care.

“We have not heard from them (the orphanage) as of last night (Wednesday),” said Wiegant. “They aren’t cell phones, or infrastructure or any way to get word out about how many people have died. No one knows the death toll. Our assumption is that she’s fine and that the children and that the kids are fine. But we know the death toll will be in the thousands.”

The Freedom Center has been actively involved in Haiti on-site relief work for the past three years, with a history of helping Haiti that goes back more than 20 years, according to Wiegant.

A 30-person mission trip has been planned for months, leaving Saturday, Oct. 15 for a week, but the scope of their mission has certainly changed since Hurricane Matthew.

“Our trip was mostly women who were going to bond with the children in the orphanage,” said Wiegant. “Now some of the people are replacing themselves with others who will be stronger in being able to help with disaster relief.”

Wiegant, who worked in Haiti on three mission trips in the past year, is now going again at the last minute for just three days with his wife, Dena, and son, J.D. “We’ll be restocking the warehouse as emergency supplies come in by ship this week.”

He added that Haiti is still a broken country from the earthquake and the people haven’t recovered from that devastation yet. “It’s the world’s poorest country,” he said. “You can be in Miami among all the Porsches, convertibles, coffee and doughnut shops, and just 42 minutes later, you’ve landed in poverty where people are dying in sight of the airport. It’s unreal.”

The Freedom Center works with two main relief organizations, Hands of Hope, which is primarily building schools, churches and disaster relief, and Convoy of Hope, disaster relief, primarily working on a feeding program that feeds about 100,000 malnourished children a day.

If local people want to help, Wiegant suggests they send support to Convoy of Hope at www.convoyofohope.org/get-involved/ways-to-give/

Relief support can also be given through The Freedom Center’s website: tfconline.securegive.com or tfconline.org, click the “giving” tab and mark the gift, “Haiti.”

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

TO THE INDIVIDUAL who wants us to do research on Trump regarding promises, lies and name calling — I have. Now it’s your turn. Google Hillary Clinton — career criminal and then watch: “Hillary’s America. Both are eye-openers.

WHY DO LGBT individuals feel they need to tell us who they are? I should come out of the closet as a heterosexual married male with four children and four grandchildren. And I am blessed to be in the moral majority.

STARTING TO GET political mail. Why don’t they put what party they belong to on them anymore?

ARE WE SURPRISED that Republicans are supporting a habitual liar, serial flip-flopper, business fraud and racist for president? After all, they think that Fox News, Limbaugh, Breitbart and Glenn Beck are real news sources. Vote for intelligence, experience and competence, vote Hillary.

CLASS SIZE HAS nothing to do with a successful education. In the ’60s and ’70s, all class sizes were 28-32 kids. Do the research, you will find that this is true.

HILLARY’S STATE DEPARTMENT emails belong to the people of the United States, they don’t belong to her. They must be kept in perpetuity. Same thing for Colin Powell. That’s the law and she blatantly violated the law and got away with it — again.

GOD BLESS THE kind, honest person who found my purse inadvertently left in my shopping cart in Walmart parking lot. Thank you so much.

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Alia Frederick placed sixth (19:30.91). Powers’ championship-winning total of 72 and 18 points behind Flint Linden’s 96 team points. Kristina Lachowicz in 31st (22:02.72). Meghan Hitt in 30th (21:56.82) and were: Hannah Wabel in 24th (21:36), Drey Steiert placed behind her were two Linden Eagles — Audrey Steiert finished fifth at Greater Flint cross country meet. Alia Frederick (front) and Audrey Steiert’s championship-winning total.

The rest of Linden’s top runners: Alia Frederick finished sixth (19:25.6) while Alia Frederick placed sixth (19:30.91). The rest of Linden’s top five runners were: Hannah Wabel in 24th (21:36), Meghan Hitt in 30th (21:56.82) and Kristina Lachowicz in 31st (22:02.72).

Linden defeats Holly, preparing for key game vs. Fenton

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Instead of fielding complete starting lineups at the annual greater Flint Cross County Championships, many tri-county teams rested their starters, giving others a chance to compete at the varsity level.

It seems the strategies worked out all right.

The Linden girls placed third in the women’s race and Fenton’s girls and boys teams finishes sixth and seventh, respectively, leading the performances by area squads. Linden’s boys placed 11th while the Lake Fenton boys took 13th. Also, Lake Fenton’s girls competed, taking 16th in the 18-team field.

Fenton’s Cambria Tiemann was the area’s top performer in either race, placing fourth in the women’s event with a time of 19:18.37. Following right behind her were two Linden Eagles — Audrey Steiert placed fifth (19:25.6) while Alia Frederick placed sixth (19:30.91).

The rest of Linden’s top five runners were: Hannah Wabel in 24th (21:36), Meghan Hitt in 30th (21:56.82) and Kristina Lachowicz in 31st (22:02.72). Linden’s 96 top team points finished 16 points behind flushing’s second-place total of 72 and 18 points behind Flint Powers’ championship-winning total.

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It’s been a learning season for the Lake Fenton varsity volleyball team.

However, the Blue Devils also are getting better as they learn. Lake Fenton captured its first Genesee Area Conference (GAC) Red victory of the season when they defeated Durand in straight sets surprisingly by a 25-14, 25-13, 25-23 score.

“The team controlled, aggressive and made each other better,” Lake Fenton varsity volleyball coach Angie DelMorone said.

Megan Lynch played a big role in the victory, collecting 22 digs and going for a near-perfect 12-for-13 on service reception.

Eagles poised to contend for league crown

Linden defeats Holly, preparing for key game vs. Fenton

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Holly — The first half didn’t go too well if you were a Linden varsity boys soccer fan at Holly High School on Wednesday night.

Needed a victory to keep control of their own destiny in the Metro League race, the Eagles started out a little sluggish. The Bronchos, also needing a victory to keep any faint Metro chances alive, scored the only goal of the first half on a direct kick. A ball sent by Ethan Postma found a wide open Darius Reynolds about 10 feet from the Linden net. Reynolds quickly pounded the ball into the net, giving the Bronchos a 1-0 lead with 2:21 left in the opening half, and an eventual 1-0 halftime lead.

However, the Eagles’ mentality changed in the second half, resulting in an eye-popping six second-half goals, leading Linden to a 6-1 victory, and keeping them just two regulation victories away from capturing at least a share of the Metro League title.

“I think the difference was mental preparation in each half, really,” said Linden senior Derek Deighton, who had two goals and an assist. “In the first half we weren’t ready to come out and play. In the second half, we pulled together and had a good half.”

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Tigers still in first, battle with Linden is next

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Holly, Fenton boys tennis headed to state tournament

Fenton freshman Hand takes No. 1 singles title

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The Holly and Fenton varsity boys tennis teams are making sure the Division 2 state tennis meet will have a tremendous local flavor to it.

Both teams qualified out of the state tourney at the regional meet. The Bronchos proved their dominance in the area by winning the regional championship with four flight championships and a team total of 16 points. Fenton had four flights make it to the finals and recorded the region’s No. 1 singles champion en route to 10 team points, one more than third-place Flushing’s total of nine points.

Fenton’s Gabe Hand made sure his first trip to a regional meet was memorable. The freshman won the No. 1 singles regional flight by sweeping three straight foes, only dropping three games in the six sets he played.

Holly’s dominance showed in its doubles flights, as the Bronchos captured all four doubles titles. Three doubles championships matched pitted Holly winners against Fenton runner-ups.

The final Fenton-Holly championship match happened at No. 4 doubles where Holly’s Tanner Cavender and Wyatt Caldwell defeated Fenton’s Robyn Pelayo and Trevor Bloss. Holly’s other flight champions were the No. 3 doubles team of Andrew Spak and Jack Terry who defeated Swartz Creek’s Brandon Gibson and Nick Rigdon 6-3, 6-3 in the title match.

Holly had one singles flight make it to the title match. No. 3 singles player Ian Haubert lost to Flushing’s Jake Besko in the title match 6-3, 6-2.

The Division 2 state tournament will be held in Holland on Friday.