Do you know what to do if you’re being followed when shopping?

Fenton police share tips on how to protect yourself

By Hannah Ball

“Trust your gut” and “be aware of what’s going on around you” is the main advice Fenton Police Chief Jason Slater has for people who think they’re being followed in a store or anywhere else. Many people aren’t aware of their surroundings, he said.

This past week on Facebook, a post was shared more than 1,000 times about a woman who claimed she was followed by a man in the Fenton Walmart off Owen Road.

Fenton police found the claims were unsupported by surveillance footage in the store. Slater said it’s hard to use a blanket statement and say all situations like these are or aren’t attempts at human trafficking.

“We never know what someone’s intentions are when they’re out in public,” he said. See FOLLOWED on 15A

If you think you’re being followed in a store, Fenton Police Chief Jason Slater suggests making an employee aware of your suspicions.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOUR TEEN DRIVER BREAKS THE LAWS OF THE ROAD
READ IT IN THE SEPT. 5 MIDWEEK TIMES

New pagers problematic for firefighters

Many not getting alerts

By Hannah Ball

A few local fire departments have reported their pagers failing when they’re supposed to be alerted to an emergency. The Argentine Township and Linden City fire departments have both experienced their pagers not working correctly.

See PAGERS on 19A

“I don’t get the tones or notification of a call. The frequency doesn’t appear to reach all locations.”

Brian Will
Linden fire chief

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Odds are, 420 people may die in crashes this weekend

Michigan has one of highest fatality rates on Labor Day

By Vera Hogan

Labor Day is in the last hurrah of summer, and one more chance to get together with friends and family before the serious business of school begins, and getting ready for the next set of major holidays.

Unfortunately, these holiday periods also are associated with an increase in car crashes resulting in serious injury and death. Many Americans embark on trips during the holidays, and the car — which has the highest See FATALITY RATE on 18A

Traffic on U.S. 23 is congested due to a crash in early August. Expect higher traffic volumes this weekend.

Photo: Tim Jagielo - media editor

Ashley Warfield takes a photo with her student, Brennan Long, 7, during the open house at West Shore Elementary on Wednesday, Aug. 29. Warfield went to this school as a child, and graduated from Lake Fenton in 2007. She is going into her eighth year of teaching and is one of 13 alumni teaching at Lake Fenton Community Schools. See story on Page 8A.

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By Hannah Ball

Michigan is experiencing an uptick in canine influenza cases this summer, prompting dog owners to talk with their veterinarian.

As of Tuesday, Aug. 28, the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) had confirmed 139 canine influenza cases in the state. Genesee County had five cases, Livingston County had 11, and Oakland County had the most in the state with 42.

Chris Repke, DVM, owner of Pointe Animal Hospital hasn’t seen any confirmed cases at his office.

“Active shooter” officer Gary Conklin of the Linden Police Department enters the room and opens fire on Linden schools staff members Tuesday, Aug. 28. Two active shooter sessions were offered for employees, which gave them tools to keep themselves and students safe during an emergency. Photo: Tim Jagielo - media editor

Police train school staff for emergency situations

By Tim Jagielo

Linden — Crouched together in the dark, Linden staff members from across the school district listened to the violence outside their door.

Someone begged for their life, as the walls shook when doors are kicked and tested by the active gunman.

Finally, “active shooter” Officer Gary Conklin of the Linden Police Department bursts into the room via the unlocked door. He flips on the lights, easily opening fire with his airsoft gun on the helpless teachers.

Across the district, Linden Community Schools (LCS) staff were educated on active shooter scenarios in two sessions held at Linden High School (LHS), each covering several scenarios and classroom learning. The system is called ALICE, meaning Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate.

While no one was hurt in this scenario, it

"It’s not a set plan ... we are giving you a set of tools that you can use in an emergency situation." Jon Swartz

Grand Blanc Township police officer

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Come Heller high water...

I love Labor Day as much as you do. But for the sake of intellectual honesty, I wonder if it’s time to drop it. Labor Day was created to honor workers and labor organizations. But according to a new Pew Report, real wages (meaning purchasing power) are currently at 1974 levels, meaning workers are only, oh, nearly four decades behind the times.

That doesn’t sound like we’re putting our money where our mouths are. Instead, it sounds just like the hollow praise we heap on teachers, military and first responders: “We love you . . . but, uh, you’re not getting any more money.” I still want my end of summer day off, however, so how about if we change Labor Day to “1 Percent Day” in honor of those who have contributed so mightily to the tradition of treating workers like dirt?

By the way, not only have wages stayed flat over the past 40 years, corporate America has also killed off pensions and is zeroing in on employer-provided health insurance, too. Happy 1 Percent Day everybody!

Yeah, I know, I can be such a downer sometimes. A Ferrari 250 GTO sold at auction last week for a record $48.4 million. Sounds like a lousy deal to me. My 2011 Prius came up with a bagel and cream cheese for $1.39, and I’ve never seen a bagel and cream cheese for a dollar before. The U.S. Apple Association says the best apples are the Honeycrisp and Fuji, but I watched it for years. It’s a smart watch. ”

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” — Mahatma Gandhi

What TV game show would you want to be on?

“Jeopardy, because I’ve watched it for years. It’s a brain game, and I’m really smart.”

“Let’s Make a Deal. It would be so much fun with all the costumes and everything, and it’s the best one to watch.”

“It would have to be ‘Wheel of Fortune.’ I’ve been watching it since I was little, so I would like to be on it.”

“The Wall, because I always get all of the questions right. I like how couples go on it together and they have to work together and trust each other to get the questions right.”

“The Price is Right because there are big prizes, fun games, and everyone loves Drew Carey.”

Compiled by Gracie Warda, intern

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When this came into my inbox, I wasn’t sure what to do with it. I hear the NFL has solved the problem. If the players don’t want to honor our nation, our flag and our national anthem, they can just stay in the locker room until the ceremony is over. Wonderful! So now the Communists and Muslims all over the world can do a victory dance, knowing they have won over all of those who no longer believe in the United States of America. They can channel their efforts on defeating the rest of us REAL patriots.

So I decided to let each of you make your own judgment of this cancer that is sweeping across our Judeo-Christian nation. It is now OK to disrespect our flag, our national anthem and the religion our founders based our government on in a covenant with God, but it is against their idea of the law to oppose the two forms of government, Communism and Islam, that have both vowed to destroy the entire nation and its 320 million people in the eyes of the world by publicly disrespecting this country, its flag, and its anthem! The taxpaying citizens of this country subsidize your plush work environments, yet you choose to use those venues to openly offend those very citizens.

Do you even understand what the flag of this country means to so many of its citizens before you choose to “take a knee” in protest of this “country” during our national anthem? You may think because you are paid so much that your job is tough, but you are clueless when it comes to tough. Let me show you those whose job is really tough.

Truer words were never spoken

To the NFL and its players,

If I have brain cancer, I don’t ask my dentist what I should do. If my car has a problem, I don’t seek help from a plumber! Why do you think the public cares what a football player thinks about politics? If we want to know about football, then depending on the information we seek, we might consult with you, but even a quarterback doesn’t seek advice on playing his position from a defensive tackle!

You seem to have this over-inflated view of yourselves, thinking because you enjoy working on such a large scale stage, that somehow your opinion about everything matters. The NFL realizes the importance of its “image,” so it has rules that specify the clothes and insignia you can wear, the language you use, and your “antics” after the touchdown or other “great” play. But somehow you and your employer don’t seem to care that you disgrace the entire nation and its 320 million people in the eyes of the world by publicly disrespecting this country, its flag, and its anthem! The taxpaying citizens of this country subsidize your plush work environments, yet you choose to use those venues to openly offend those very citizens.

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You are spoiled babies who stand around and have staff squirt GatorAid in your mouths, sit in front of misting cooling fans when it’s warm, and sit on heated benches when it’s cold. That’s not “tough” — that’s pampered.

You think that you deserve immediate medical attention and the best medical facilities and doctors when injured. Let me show you what it’s like for those who really need and deserve medical attention.

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You think you have the right to disrespect the flag of the United States, the one our veterans fought for, risked limbs and mental stability to defend, and in many cases died for. Let me show you what our flag means to them, their families, and their friends. You believe you are our heroes, when in reality you are nothing but overpaid entertainers, who exist solely for our enjoyment! Well, your current antics are neither entertaining nor enjoyable, but rather a disgrace to this country, its citizens, all our veterans and their families, and the sacrifices they have made to ensure this country remains free. You choose to openly disgrace this country in the eyes of the rest of the world, yet with all your money still choose to live here rather than in any other country. People with even the slightest amount of “Class” will stand and respect our flag. Where does that put you? You want to see heroes… here are this country’s heroes! You can protest policies, the current government, or anything else you choose, that is your right. But when you “protest” our flag and anthem, you are insulting the nation we all live in and love, and all those who have served, been injured, or died to keep it free. There is nothing you can do or say that can make your actions anything more than the arrogance of classless people, who care about themselves more than our country or the freedoms for which our veterans and their families have sacrificed so much, to ensure you have the “right” to speak freely. Our country is far from perfect, but if you can point to any other country where your freedom and opportunities are better than they are here, then you just might want to go there and show respect for their flag!

If you respect America and all those who have sacrificed so much to keep her free, please share this with your friends and relatives. Eventually, it should end up in the mailboxes of those who choose to disrespect our country, its service members, our veterans, their families, and all of us who appreciate the freedoms America represents.

Thanks to all of those who kept and are still keeping us living in freedom!
May God continue blessing America!
Teeth Grinding?
Clenching? TMJ?

Why Lake Fenton grads return to teach

By Tim Jagielo
Lake Fenton — The building is filled with excitement, and all the classrooms are ready.

It’s open house night at West Shore Elementary School. It’s an opportunity for parents and young students to meet their teachers, get information and even catch up with their past teachers.

It also could be a chance for adults to be in the same school they attended as kids.

This is the case for Ashley Warfield, 28. She teaches second grade at West Shore and graduated from Lake Fenton in 2007. This will be her eighth year teaching and her fourth year at Lake Fenton.

Down the hall is Garrett Skerjance, a 2005 Lake Fenton graduate.

Gym teacher Dennis Lucius graduated from Lake Fenton in 1972. He was hired by the district in 1991.

Lake Fenton Community Schools has 13 teachers who graduated from the district. The Times wanted to find out what brought them back, and talked with five of the teachers. The full questionnaire responses can be read at tctimes.com.

They return for a variety of reasons.

“I came back to Lake Fenton because many of the teachers at Lake Fenton inspired me to pursue a career in education and I have a lot of respect for each and every staff member,” Warfield said.

Sherrie Garty graduated in 1986 and began teaching in Lake Fenton in 1991. “Many times the teacher knows not just the child, but their parents, aunt, uncles,” she said. “This makes Lake Fenton a family school. It is a wonderful place to raise your children.”

Second-grade teacher Garrett Skerjance said that each Lake Fenton teacher he had growing up left him with a trait he still has today. “Lake Fenton is always where I wanted to end up teaching. It took five years but I am finally home,” he said.

Lucius shares the title for longest teaching graduate with Garty. “My teaching style comes from my past and present staff members. I get ideas and teaching concepts that help me to be a better teacher,” he said.

Frank Dimich, 40, teaches social studies at the high school. He graduated in 1996 and was hired in 2006. “I was close with my family and did not want to move out of state,” he said. “I began substitute teaching and Lake Fenton ended up being a good fit as one of the many places I was interested in teaching.”

For alumni like Warfield and Garty, Lake Fenton Schools are a family matter. Garty went to school in Lake Fenton. Her parents both taught in the school system, and she even taught with her mother in the district.

Warfield’s dream was to come back and teach at Lake Fenton, and to make sure her daughter, Ellie, 4, would also go to the district. “It was very important to my husband and I that Ellie would receive the best education and that we would be a part of a district that we believed in,” she said. “Ellie’s education experience at West Shore has been amazing.”

See full Q&A responses from select teachers at tctimes.com.
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I LOVED THE King’s column in the Midweek edition this week.

WHEN PRESIDENT OBAMA was in office, all we heard from Republicans was how the national debt was out of control. Now that Trump has raised it a trillion in less than two years, not a word from them.

CLOSE-MINDED PEOPLE who think they know everything, like the King and the guy in the White House, makes it impossible for me to fly the American flag.

AS A NEWSPAPER, you need to rise above printing all the sniping comments that get submitted by both conservatives and liberals.

I AM A business owner who is celebrating 34 years in business. Hannah Ball is correct in her assessment: ‘The Killer of Industries — Millennials.’ Every single Millennial that I have hired I have had to teach them basic business skills. This is something that I never had to do 15 years ago.

I THINK IT is awesome that Linden High School updated their football field. What they forgot to do was expand the seating on the visitors’ side. It is smaller than the ones at other schools where they play.

ACTIVE SHOOTER

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was designed to raise heart rates, cause a little stress, and show teachers what not to do, in the case of an active shooter. Dana Crane, middle school art teacher, is pretty sure she was shot in the chest, by Conklin. “It was intense,” she said. The training was led by officers Jon Swartz and Dan Wolschleger from the Grand Blanc Township Police Department, along with local officers, including Conklin.

LCS Superintendent Russ Ciesielski said 250 people participated. He referenced the shooting last week at an online gaming competition in Jacksonville, Florida, before training started. “The sad reality is it’s the world we live in now,” he said.

After the first live scenario, the staff gathered again in the high school auditorium for debriefing and more class instruction. Officer Jon Swartz treated scenario one as the wrong way to handle an active shooter.

ALICE training isn’t a specific protocol or set of instructions, said Swartz. It is more of a set of tools with a “winning mindset,” which Ciesielski said was a surprising and impactful concept.

Instead of being crouched in a corner, participants are encouraged to stay low but mobile, and look for exits. They shouldn’t hide under desks, which historically had been policies at many schools — like Columbine, during the mass shooting in 1999.

They’re also trained not to rely on the door locks, and instead, be inventive with keeping doors shut, and then staying away from the door.

In the second scenario, teachers took what they learned in the training session and were given a three-minute head start to barricade the unlocked door.

One group used a provided rope to hold the door shut, while a tall bookcase was placed in front — along with practically everything else in the classroom.

In this case, School Resource Officer Ken Engel was the “shooter.” He couldn’t get into this particular room, but was able to get part way into another.

However, he said he was pelted with staplers, garbage cans and anything else they could throw, which represents the “counter” part of the ALICE training.

In the end, Ciesielski said he received positive feedback. “We were able to conduct a very interactive and real training session,” he said. This was the first time LCS learned about this system, and he said they will continue learning.
Community celebration grows to a three-day event

By Sally Rummel
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An entire weekend of fun awaits visitors to HollyDays in Holly on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 7-9.

“HollyDays is a really great way for families to get back together in September after a busy summer of vacations,” said Katy Hughes, Holly Downtown Development Authority (DDA) director.

Last year’s one-day community celebration was so popular that organizers have added events for all three days. They also changed the celebration to one week ahead of last year, so as not to conflict with Applefest in Fenton on the weekend of Sept. 13-16.

This is actually the fourth year of HollyDays, which kicked off in 2015 with Holly’s Sesquicentennial on Sept. 16. Unofficially, it got its start as the Carry Nation Festival many years ago, celebrating the American prohibitionist who was famous for using a hatchet to demolish barrooms while she typically sang or prayed.

HollyDays organizers will pay homage to these roots by acting out excerpts of a play written by the late Ardath Regan of Holly about Carry Nation, with Fenton Village Player veteran thespian Karen Craner playing the part (see related story).

One of the most anticipated events will be the Friday night showing of the original “Jaws” movie at Holly Beach. The inflatable screen will face the water and guests are required to bring an inflatable seat or device to sit on.

“You can dangle your toes in the water while watching ‘Jaws,’” Hughes said.

See HOLLYDAYS on 13A
HollyDays will recall its roots of Carry Nation Festival

Local thespian Karen Craner will ‘wield the ax’ of Carry Nation at parade, beer tent

By Sally Rummel
Karen Craner of Linden, formerly of Holly, isn’t “burying the hatchet” of pro-hillbilly song Carry Nation anytime soon.

She’ll actually be wielding it, just like the ruthless, sometimes violent temperance advocate Carry Nation who came to Battle Alley and the Holly Hotel in 1908, breaking glasses of spirits and beers and clubbing patrons of the hotel with her umbrella.

Holly was just one of Nation’s stops around the country, where she turned her crusade into violent assaults in bars, restaurants and dining establishments before her death in 2011.

Craner, known for her thespian talent with the Fenton Village Players, will be playing Nation during the HollyDay’s Parade on Saturday, Sept. 8 at 11 a.m., yelling out to people and showing her temper against the moral decay of alcohol and “lawlessness.”

Karen Craner (right), unsmiling and dressed in all black, performed as Carry Nation at one of the last festivals bearing her name, in 2009. (Photo submitted to the Times)

Excerpts from a play about Carry Nation, “Carry and Her Hatchet,” written by the late Ardath Regan, co-founder of the Carry Nation Festival in Holly, will be performed after the parade.

Craner also plans to wield her ax at the Holly Moose Lodge Beer Tent on Saturday night. “I will yell out things, make a scene and leave,” Craner said.

Nation’s ram page in Holly was remembered for nearly 40 years during the Carry Nation Festival, an annual Labor Day weekend tradition.

While HollyDays is not trying to replace the Carry Nation Festival, it is bringing back to Holly the excitement of a September community celebration and recalling its roots, said Katy Hughes, Holly Downtown Development Authority director.

Get your music ‘fixx’ on at HollyDays

Whiskey Fixx will headline, joined by eight other bands on Saturday

By Sally Rummel
Music will fill the air in Holly on Saturday, Sept. 8 during HollyDays, from the country music edge of “Whiskey Fixx” to the lively ukulele sounds of Jenna Venda, who performs with a group called “The Human State.”

A total of nine bands will be taking the stage from 1 to 11:30 p.m. near the Holly Moose Lodge Beer Tent at Broad Street and Junction, by the railroad tracks in downtown Holly. A Battle of the Bands will also compete from A Joyful Noise Music Studio in Fenton.

“Whiskey Fixx,” a mix of band veterans who have been playing country music or hard rock for their entire lives, will hit the stage from 8 to 11:30 p.m.

Heather Nicole, “Whiskey Fixx” lead vocalist, leads “her band of boys” with energy on and off stage. On lead guitar, Danny Justice has transitioned from hard rock to modern country. Aaron Christoff holds it all together with an attention to detail in his playing, recently touring with Detroit Music Award nominee Alan Turner.

Members of this band have opened for acts including L. yney Skynyrd, Blake Shelton, Sawyer Brown, Brett Michaels, John Corabi of Motley Crue and more.

“Whiskey Fixx” is being sponsored by the village of Holly and Holly Moose Lodge 1168.

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Whiskey Fixx will headline, joined by eight other bands on Saturday

By Sally Rummel
Music will fill the air in Holly on Saturday, Sept. 8 during HollyDays, from the country music edge of “Whiskey Fixx” to the lively ukulele sounds of Jenna Venda, who performs with a group called “The Human State.”

A total of nine bands will be taking the stage from 1 to 11:30 p.m. near the Holly Moose Lodge Beer Tent at Broad Street and Junction, by the railroad tracks in downtown Holly. A Battle of the Bands will also compete from A Joyful Noise Music Studio in Fenton.

“Whiskey Fixx,” a mix of band veterans who have been playing country music or hard rock for their entire lives, will hit the stage from 8 to 11:30 p.m.

Heather Nicole, “Whiskey Fixx” lead vocalist, leads “her band of boys” with energy on and off stage. On lead guitar, Danny Justice has transitioned from hard rock to modern country. Aaron Christoff holds it all together with an attention to detail in his playing, recently touring with Detroit Music Award nominee Alan Turner.

Members of this band have opened for acts including L. yney Skynyrd, Blake Shelton, Sawyer Brown, Brett Michaels, John Corabi of Motley Crue and more.

“Whiskey Fixx” is being sponsored by the village of Holly and Holly Moose Lodge 1168.
HollyDays will accommodate your family’s needs

Priority parade seating, Mom’s Tent are new features of this community celebration

By Sally Rummel

Organizers of this year’s HollyDays want the event to be all-inclusive so that all residents can enjoy the family activities during this three-day community celebration, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 7-9. They have made arrangements with volunteers to help make these possible:

Priority parade seating

The HollyDays Parade will step out on Saturday at 11 a.m., beginning at the Holly VFW Hall and ending at Holly Elementary School, an approximate one-mile route.

Senior citizens, veterans and disabled residents can take advantage of priority seating for the parade, thanks to chairs donated by the Holly American Legion Post #149.

Seating will take place at the Coleman & Sons Auto Repair corner at South Saginaw and Maple streets. “Just show up and let us help you,” said Katy Hughes, Holly Downtown Development Authority director. “If people need to be dropped off close to the seating area, there will be someone near the post office who can help them get seated.”

This prime seating area will be next to Parade Emcee Kent Barnes, former Holly Area Schools superintendent, who will announce parade entrees as they go by.

Mom’s Tent

A new family-friendly addition to the Saturday festivities will be a Mom’s Tent in Crapo Park, sponsored by the local La Leche League. This will be conveniently located near the Community Play Date activities, and next to Holly Presbyterian Church’s Baby Pantry.

“This will be a private area, complete with rocking chairs, for parents to feed and change their babies,” Hughes said.

HollyDays

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“You’ll get a glow necklace you’re required to wear, with the purchase of your ticket.” Advanced tickets are available for $5 and at the event for $6.

The Holly Days in downtown Holly will present “Music & Trivia” on Friday, and the Holly Moose Lodge will host a Friday night fish fry.

Kicking off Saturday day’s events will be the Holly Area Community Coalition Family Fun Color Run at 9 a.m., followed by the Holly Hills Primitive Show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Karl Richter Community Center.

The Holly Days Parade will step out at 11 a.m. from the Holly VFW, to Holly Elementary School. Emcee will be Kent Barnes, retired Holly Area Schools superintendent. “Priority seating will be available for seniors, veterans and those who are disabled,” Hughes said.

Vendors Row will take place on Broad Street, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., while families can enjoy a Community Play Day, from 1 to 4 p.m., at Crapo Park, followed by a tug of war between the Holly police and fire departments. Watch for a 5 p.m. on-stage dance exhibition and a 6 p.m. dunk tank “dunking” village councilors.

You won’t want to miss the Saturday evening Street Dance and Entertain ment Tent, featuring “Whiskey Fixx” and other local bands. The evening will end with a spectacular fireworks display at Crapo Park, over the water tower, at 9 p.m.

Sunday will feature Sunrise Yoga at Crapo Park, followed by a 10 a.m. community church service and farmers market, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A Hot Dog Eating Contest will whet your appetite at 1 p.m., followed by a softball game, both at Cyclone Park.

Ending the week-end events will be the Cemetery Walk, a Cemetery Walk at Lakeside Cemetery on Sunday, from 4 to 7 p.m. Craner will be playing the part of Vera Husted, a well-known community organizer who passed away in 1990. “I’ll be standing by her tombstone,” Craner said. Volunteers will play the parts of about 10 or 12 other well-known Holly residents, now deceased.

“HollyDays is like a big potluck party. Everybody is taking a piece of the event and doing their part very well.”

Katy Hughes
Holly DDA director

Holly Police Chief Michael Story is dragged into the water during a previous HollyDays tug-of-war bout with the Holly Fire Department. Photo: Times file photo

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“Do I think that human trafficking is happening when people are grabbing people in Wal-Mart and dragging them out? No, I do not.”

In a previous T‘imes article, Michigan State Police TrP. Steve Kramer said human trafficking normally involves older men “dating” young women and blackmauling them into human trafficking. Young men can also be victims.

However, it can still be a dangerous situation, such as stalking, even if it’s not human trafficking.

If you're up to it...

If you think someone is following you, Slater said, “I turn around completely and start walking directly toward the person who is following you. If they turn around, then something is going on.”

This should only be done in a public place, Slater said, and only if the person feels up to it.

“A lot of these individuals, they’re op-portunist. They don’t want people who are going to cause them problems. They look for someone who’s considered a soft target. They’re criminals of opportunity,” he said.

This means they normally aren’t going to target someone who confronts them.

“If someone feels brave enough, you can turn around and look right at them and say ‘Can I help you?’ ‘What do you want?’ ‘Stay away from me.’”

Jason Slater
Fenton police chief

Defense options

One option is carrying pepper spray. A Tasen is also an option, but you must have a concealed pistol license to carry one in Michigan, Slater said.

“It’s legal as long as you have a CPL and it’s a personal protective weapon,” he said.

However, it can still be a dangerous situation. Slater said an important thing is to call 911.

“Walk to the front of the store, where the majority of the people are. Walk up to an employee, say ‘I'm being followed,’” he said. “Get the best description you can.”

Go down multiple aisles a few times. If the person continues to follow your steps, alert someone and call police immediately.

If someone feels brave enough, you can turn around and look right at them and say ‘Can I help you?’ ‘What do you want?’ ‘Stay away from me.’”

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I LOVE TO read the Hot lines. Keep up the good work and thank you for the memories.

Everything is not free with Democratic Socialism. Why are so many people in the Hot lines completely politically illiterate?

If you are that upset about breastfeeding, you have some serious issues you need to address.

North Korea, Zimbabwe, Sudan, and Venezuela are absolutely not Democratic Socialists.

Hey, rose township. I think it’s time we get full time law enforcement because the state police are useless here.

Do you really believe 50 percent of American voters are secretly Communists?

To the person who asked who did the beautiful flowers in the city of Fenton. Dawn overmyer is her name. She is in charge of the beautification committee in Fenton. She and her committee do an awesome job.

NEWS BRIEFS

ELDER CARE INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

Argentine Community Center, 9051 Silver Lake Rd., will be hosting informational meetings on elder care issues the last Thursday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m. These meetings are open to the public.

- Sept. 27: Fall Risk Prevention
- Oct. 25: Power of Attorney versus Guardianship

Correction:

The Times mislabeled Bill Wilson’s name under his photo that accompanied the story, “Someone commits suicide every 12 minutes,” on Sunday, Aug. 26.

Source: history.com
Foundation to bestow two prestigious awards

Will be presented at annual Black Tie Dinner on Sept. 6

By Vera Hogan

Fenton Area Public Schools have benefited immensely by three people who have dedicated many years of their lives and talents to the district. Those three people are Joe and Nora Kryza, who will be awarded The State Bank Community Contribution to Educa-

tion Award, and Lori Slaughter, who will receive the Nancy and Edward Petruska Lifetime Achievement in Education Award.

The awards will be presented at the Fenton Education Foundation’s annual Black Tie Awards Dinner at The Laundry on Thursday, Sept. 6. The event begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by a seven-course dinner and program at 7:30 p.m. A live auction will begin about 10 p.m. Guests will also have a chance to sponsor safety locks for Fenton classrooms. Tickets are $250 per person. For tickets, call (810) 516-9480.

JOE AND NORA KRYZA
Joe and Nora Kryza of Fenton raised four children who all graduated from Fenton High School. Joey and Max were all-state athletes, and Nina and James were Top 10 graduates.

Nora graduated from the University of Michigan with a bachelor of arts degree in economics. She is employed by MasterCard as the senior consultant in Technology & Operations. She is involved in several community service efforts, including serving on the Fenton Community Orchestra Board of Directors since 2016. Nora served on the Fenton Board of Education from 2001 to 2013.

Joe is a lifetime resident of Fenton (Class of 1977). He is the chief technology officer for Michigan Medicine at the University of Michigan. His dedication to Fenton schools is evident in his volunteer work with the district. In 1996-1997, he co-led FECon with Eric Karsten (former school board member) to deploy internet connections to Fenton schools. He also raised $150,000 in matching equipment donations for Fenton schools. He also raised $150,000 and matching equipment donations for that cause.

Joe served as technology advisor to the school district from 1996 to 2006, specifically on design and technology architecture. A charter member of the Fenton Education Foundation, he served as president from September 2004 to October 2014, and started several fundraisers. His activities outside the district include serving on the board of directors for Ronald McDonald House-Ann Arbor for 12 years.

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LORI SLAUGHTER
Lori Slaughter, a 40-year veteran of Fenton Area Public Schools, retired in June of 2017. She started her career teaching third grade at State Road Elementary School for three years. She then transferred to the middle school (the WOW building on Ellen Street) in 1980 where she taught a variety of things throughout the years, but mainly math. She transferred to the new building, AGS Middle School, when it opened in 2000.

In addition to teaching, Slaughter served as the cheerleading coach and class advisor. She also did the yearbook at the middle school for close to 20 years until it went digital. She served as the treasurer of the Fenton Education Association for 28 years, volunteers at her church, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, and was very active in Little League when her son played ball.

Slaughter is one of three generations of Slaughters teaching in Fenton. Her mother-in-law, Helen Slaughter, taught gym class in 1954 at Fenton High School.

“I am very excited and humbled by being asked to do this,” said Slaughter of the award. “Last year, I was the grand marshal at the homecoming parade. I did not expect it but the kids asked me to do it. And when kids ask you to do something, you have to do it.”

About the awards
• The State Bank Community Contribution to Education Award is presented annually at the Fenton Education Foundation’s Black Tie Dinner to individuals whose efforts in the community have made a significant and lasting impact on the educational community in Fenton.

• The Nancy and Edward Petruska Award was established through a gift from the Petruska family to the Fenton Education Foundation and is presented annually at the Foundation’s Black Tie Dinner. The award recognizes the contribution that educators made to the community of Fenton. The Petrukas were part of a generation that developed the standards of excellence that have been the hallmark of the Fenton Area Public Schools. They served the school and the community with humility, generosity and leadership. Edward and Nancy Petruska devoted a combined 25 years of educational services to the Fenton Area Public Schools.

FENTON PROMOTES DEPUTY TREASURER

On Monday, Aug. 27, the Fenton City Council unanimously appointed Deputy Treasurer Jon Satkowiak to take over for Treasurer Cindy Shane, who retired effective Aug. 17. Satkowiak has worked as Fenton’s deputy treasurer for two and a half years. City Manager Lynn Markland said it was the intent of he and Shane to hire someone who could eventually take over for her. Satakowiak has a bachelor of arts degree in accounting from Baker College. He is a member of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and the Michigan Public Finance Officer designation.
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IT’S NOT A witch hunt, it’s a witch round up!

WHEN JOHN MCCAIN first ran for office in Arizona, he was accused of being a carpet bagger. His reply, ’I was a Navy brat and we moved a lot. The longest I lived anywhere was at the Hanoi Hilton.’ RIP sir.

TO THE LONDON visitor. Definitely go see the British museum, it’s amazing. Also, the Camden market, go there hungry.

WHAT THE HECK is going on in Linden? Clerk leaves, deputy treasurer is leaving and now the manager? Another business is closing up. Where’s the leadership?

I REALLY WONDER if helmetless motorcyclists know that their riders on the back can’t go without a helmet unless they too went through motorcycle class and carry the insurance.

TO THE MAN who loves to read the Hot lines, I’m so happy to be married to you. You make me laugh with your Hot line obsession. Thanks for working so hard and always putting us first. You’re the hottest Hot-liner there is.

ACCORDING TO FENTON schools, starting school a week earlier this year means they will not hold classes into the second week of June (2019). Remember that it snows in Michigan resulting in makeup days for snow days.

ELIMINATE PLASTIC DISPOSABLE bags? OK, as long as companies eliminate all excess packaging materials. Also, let packaging reflect the actual amount in the container, too, not half full.

FATALITY RATE

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fatality rate per passenger mile of any m ajor form of transportation — is one of the most popular modes of travel.

Because the holidays often involve celebrations with alcohol, fatal motor vehicle crashes attributed to impaired driving also increase, according to the National Safety Council (NSC).

Prior to each major holiday weekend, the NSC releases a fatality and injury estimate.

“These estimates represent deaths and injuries that don’t have to occur. Each one is preventable. All drivers can help make our roads safer, especially during the holidays, by practicing defensive driving, buckling up and designating a sober driver or arranging for alternate transportation,” according to NSC.

Drivers also should get plenty of sleep to avoid fatigue, drive attentively and avoid distractions.

The NSC estimates 420 people may die on U.S. roads this Labor Day holiday period. Labor Day is observed on the first Monday in September. The holiday is always a 3.25-day weekend consisting of Friday evening, Saturday Sunday and Monday. This year (2018), the Labor Day weekend extends from 6 p.m. Friday, August 31, to 11:59 p.m. Monday, Sept. 3.

Injuries

The estimate of nonfatal medically consulted injuries that will result from crashes during the holiday period is 41,600 to 54,800.

Lives saved with seat belts

According to NSC, studies show seat belts, when used, are 45-percent effective in preventing fatalities among front-seat passenger car occupants. An estimated 163 lives may be saved this Labor Day holiday period because vehicle occupants wear their safety belts. An additional 99 lives could be saved if everyone wears safety belts.

Impaired driving

Nationwide, alcohol-impaired fatalities (involving blood-alcohol content of 0.08 or higher) in 2016 represented 28 percent of the total traffic fatalities. During the Labor Day period, 36 percent of fatalities involved an alcohol-impaired driver.

Michigan statistics

According to Michigan State Police statistics, the following are the number of fatalities as a result of three-day Labor Day weekend vehicle crashes for the past 10 years. The year 2010 was the deadliest Labor Day weekend with 21 fatalities.

2017 ........................................... 15
2016 ........................................... 10
2015 ........................................... 15
2014 ........................................... 6
2013 ........................................... 10
2012 ........................................... 8
2011 ........................................... 12
2010 ........................................... 21
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Linden Fire Chief Brian Will said, “Upon occasion, we do not get the tones or notification of a call. The frequency doesn’t appear to reach all locations.”
Will named problematic locations such as inside a commercial business, a grocery store or even the fire station.
“These concerns have been addressed with 911 so they can try to get a remedy or solution to fix the issue,” he said.
These issues are due to the new 800 MHz pagers purchased in 2017 by the Genesee County 911 Consortium. The consortium bought 800 pagers for various fire departments in the county at a cost of $450,000. Since firefighters started using the new pagers last fall, multiple departments have complained to the 911 center about lost signals or not receiving calls. The consortium has been working to reprogram the pagers.
During a July 30 meeting, Argentine Township Fire Chief Matt Lafferty told the township board about an instance when a garbage truck was on fire, but firefighters in the station didn’t get an alert, according to the meeting minutes.
“Due to our location in the building we didn’t have Wi-Fi or phone signal,” Lafferty said. “Thankfully the fire was minor enough that the crew from the garbage company extinguished it with a garden hose upon our arrival.”
Not receiving a call wasn’t an onetime occurrence.
“I’ve had multiple incidents the pagers haven’t received the call or were cutting in and out to the point you couldn’t comprehend it,” Lafferty said at the meeting. “During our training on the (July) 15th, we were in our training room when a call came in. Half of our pagers didn’t go off right away when the others finally went off, all they heard was the dispatcher repeating the fire ground.”
Lafferty reached out to the 911 consortium and other chiefs in the county for suggestions. The county is now installing new batteries in the 800 MHz pagers for Argentine Township, which Lafferty hopes will solve the issue.
“They’re just working the kinks out. We’re covered. We have the backup with the ‘I am Responding’ program,” Lafferty said Wednesday, Aug. 29. This program sends alerts to firefighters’ phones and allows them to tell the department who can respond.
Other departments, such as the Flint Township Fire Department and the Grand Blanc Fire Department, also have reported experiencing these issues. The Fenton Fire Department still uses the older VHF pages. The Fenton Township Fire Department uses the 800 MHz pagers without issue now but did experience problems when they first started using them last fall.
“They were picking up on signals from towers in different vicinities. When they programmed them to the correct tower, that’s when all the issues went away,” said Steve Haiser, interim fire chief of the Fenton Township Fire Department.
Haiser said they didn’t miss any calls because they used the VHF pagers until the 800 MHz pagers were working correctly.
“We had redundant pagers,” he said. “Now we only use the 800 (MHz pagers).”

DOG FLU
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“It is serious but it’s not anything to be too freaked out over,” he said. “This is probably a little worse than kennel cough, which has been around for years.”
Compared to kennel cough, the dogs have more of a fever with the influenza. Canine influenza, or dog flu, is a highly contagious respiratory infection in dogs. It’s caused by the influenza virus, and signs include a fever, lethargy, coughing and nasal or eye discharge, according to MDARD.
Most cases are mild, and dogs normally recuperate within two to three weeks. The virus responds to supportive care with antibiotics and cough suppressants most of the time.
“It can be serious if they’re struggling to breathe and if it turns into pneumonia,” Repke said. “It usually doesn’t get to that level.”
The MDARD strongly recommends taking your dog to the veterinarian if they show any symptoms.
Repke said when you contact your veterinarian about bringing your dog in to see if they have influenza, make sure to have your veterinarian meet the dog outside by your car. “So they don’t bring the dog right into the main reception room around other dogs in the waiting area,” he said. “To confirm a case, Repke will send blood samples to a lab.
If your dog is sick, keep them home so they don’t infect other animals. According to the MDARD, influenza can spread easily in places where dogs are kept together, like grooming facilities and dog daycare centers.
Repke said to consider getting your dog vaccinated and to ask your veterinarian about your options. It’s a two-part vaccine with the initial shot and a booster shot two to three weeks after. “It’s similar to the human influenza vaccine,” he said, adding that he’s not entirely sure of its effectiveness.
Confirmed cases of canine influenza should be reported to the MDARD at 1 (800) 292-3939.
THE SUPREME COURT ruling that anyone who’s arrested, even accidentally, can be strip-searched was decided five to four, with the votes for the searches coming from the Court’s five conservatives. You know, the ‘defending personal liberty’ guys.

TO PARAPHRASE HELLER, citizens that don’t vote are like an auto-immune disease where the body attacks itself.

IN A FEW weeks, we will have elections across the country and on the Democratic ticket are 35 socialists running for office, one transgender running for governor in the state of Vermont, many who support illegal aliens, sanctuary cities, giant increases in taxes and anything that is free.

I DID AND still would recycle, but now recycling is an additional cost. Weird.

THE RUSSIANS MEDDLED in our 2016 election under the watchful eyes of then President Obama, Brennan at the CIA, Clapper at the NSA and Comey at the FBI and yet they all chose to do nothing about it. President Obama again proved the illegal aliens, sanctuary cities, giant increases in taxes and anything that is free.

Just a little note. Remember to drain the swamp. That means get rid of Debbie Stabenow. She doesn’t care what we want. She follows her herd.

WE LOVE SEEING the little dog at the township. It makes us smile every time we see her. Whoever wrote about her doesn’t know she’s a companion animal. Don’t worry, the township and taxpayers are not paying a dime for the dog. Get a life.

DISEASE WHERE THE BODY ATTACKS ITSELF.
The beat goes on...

By Vera Hogan

When I read Hannah Ball’s opinion piece in the Sunday, Aug. 26, edition, “The killer of industries — Millennials,” my first thought was “Ugh, there’s that word again.”

I know that young people are sick to death of hearing me and those in my age group talk about how things were back in the day, and how it would be wise to do things the way we did them. But that’s not true. When we share our experiences it’s our hope that you will either be entertained by them, or learn from us and not make the same mistakes.

This is the first time I’ve heard that Millennials are hurting or killing industries, but after a little research, I have come to the conclusion that the one constant among Millennials is that most of them (at least the ones I know) are very well educated and say they are in debt, college debt — all of them — and therein lies the reason for all for all of their woes.

Not being able to buy a house is the first thing that struck me in Hannah’s opinion piece. Okay, I get that the average amount of student debt exceeds $35,000. Eventually that loan will be repaid, however, if you seek advice from people in the know and have a good plan.

The bigger problem is the choices many young people make. At a previous job, I encountered many young people who applied to either lease or purchase a home. It became very clear on many occasions that these young people accepted tens of thousands of dollars for college tuition, but when it came time to start paying the loan off months after graduation, they adopted the unfortunate bill-paying strategy that “if you can’t take it away (i.e. car) or shut it off (i.e. phone), it goes to the back of the line.”

As a result, their credit takes a big hit and buying, or even renting a house, becomes a big problem.

Although I very much admired these young people for trying to get out of their parents’ house and into a home of their own, I couldn’t help but notice that most of my applicants had new cars, the latest cell phones, were unmarried and had one or two toddlers in tow (heavy debt didn’t stop them from happening). Had this been me, my father would have said, “You should have thought about that before you (insert bad choice here).”

Not to drag out the “when I was your age” thing again, but we (Baby Boomers) were taught that a used car may not look great, but gets us where we need to go and will suffice until that big bill is paid off. We didn’t have cell phones back then, but there were other “gadgets” we would have loved to have. Sometimes, we would even (gulp!) get a second job so that we could not only pay the bill, but be able to buy some of the extras from time to time.

As far as changing times and things that “come and go,” that’s not new. It happens with every generation. It happened back then, it’s happening now and will continue to happen in the future. Or, as Sonny and Cher once said, “the beat goes on.”

City to sell five surplus vehicles

By Vera Hogan

Fenton City administration has been authorized by the council to dispose of five city vehicles that have been taken out of service.

The five surplus vehicles include a 2006 Ford Expedition (mileage inoperable), 2003 Chrysler Concorde (10,981 miles), 2005 Chevrolet 2500 pickup with plow (99,300 miles), 1997 Ford F350, two-yard dump truck (31,14 miles), 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe 2wd (180,194 miles) and 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe SSV 2wd (411,364 miles).

Public Works Director Dan Czarnecki asked that they be declared surplus property so they can be disposed of.

“In the past, the city has held public auctions to sell equipment,” said Czarnecki in a memo to City Manager Lynn Markland. “These auctions have not brought in very much money for the equipment and vehicles being sold.

“This year, we wish to place the vehicles on the Bidnet/MITN website for sale (www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn),” he said. “This site is used by many municipalities throughout Michigan to dispose of their surplus equipment.”

Many communities have been successful using MITN for receiving bids that are more favorable for the equipment being sold. Czarnecki said.

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

MOTORCYCLIST INJURED IN MONDAY MORNING CRASH

On Tuesday, Aug. 28, at approximately 6:33 a.m., Livingston County Sheriff’s deputies were dispatched to U.S. 23 south of White Lake Road in Tyrone Township for a car versus motorcycle crash. The preliminary investigation revealed that a 50-year-old Flint resident was operating a 2002 Harley-Davidson motorcycle traveling southbound on U.S. 23 in the left-hand lane when traffic stopped suddenly in front of him. The motorcyclist was unable to stop and rear-ended a 2014 Ford Fusion operated by a 26-year-old Flushing resident. The motorcyclist, with serious injuries, was transported to Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township by Livingston County Ambulance. The motorcyclist was not wearing a helmet and alcohol does not appear to be a factor in the crash. Deputies were assisted by Fenton City Fire Department and Livingston County Ambulance.

SECOND BAG OF MARIJUANA FOUND IN TWO WEEKS

Two weeks after Argentine Township police recovered a plastic bag containing nearly a half pound of marijuana that was found laying on McCaslin Lake Road, Fenton police have recovered a plastic bag containing marijuana that was found by a student playing on State Road Elementary playground. Lt. Jeff Cross said the department is sending the bag, which was found Wednesday, Aug. 29, to the lab to check for any fingerprints. Police continue to investigate and are trying to locate the owner.

LOST KEYS TURNED INTO FENTON POLICE

A Times newspaper carrier found a set of keys Saturday, Aug. 25 along Silver Lake Road, near Beach Street in Fenton. They have been turned into the Fenton Police Department.

WHAT YOU MISSED IN THE MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following is what you missed in the Wednesday, Aug. 29, Midweek Edition of the Tri-County Times. To subscribe and receive both the Sunday Weekend and Wednesday Midweek editions, please call (810) 629-8232.

Fenton man, former marathon runner, crosses Crim finish line in wheelchair

Janet Ruggirollo of Fenton pushed her wheelchair bound husband, Mike, in this year’s Crim, a once avid runner, suffered a massive stroke in 2015, taking away his mobility.

‘No contest’ plea in crash that killed five people

Two others injured in May 2017 drunk driving crash at M-59 and Argentine Road.

Multiple charges for Fenton Township man

Arrested for aggravated stalking, assaulting police and bringing weapon into jail.

Summer’s ‘last hurrah’ is this weekend

Labor Day will mean busy roads for travelers.

‘The Generation Gap’

This column is published in the Wednesday Midweek edition only, features the viewpoints expressed by Times Associate Editor Vera Hogan, a Baby Boomer, and Reporter/Social Media Editor Hannah Ball, a Millennial. This week’s topic was marriage.

Friday Night Judo & Ju-Jitsu

Ages 13 and up with sensei permission

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$40 Residents, $50 Non-Residents

Fridays, 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Session 1: September 7 to 28

Session 2: October 5 - 26

Session 3: November 2 - 20 (11/20)

Session 4: December 7 - 21

Location - Fenton High School Wrestling Room

For more information visit www.sfronet.net

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Ages 10 and up

Free for ages 17 and Younger

$10 Per Adult

October 20

Session 1: 8am to 12pm

Session 2: 1pm to 5pm

November 10

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Session 2: 1pm to 5pm

Location - Fenton Lakes Sportsman’s Club

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Adaptive Soccer

$30 Residents, $40 Non-Residents

Saturdays, 10:30am to 12pm

September 15 - October 27

Location will be confirmed prior to the first class

This soccer program is a special needs soccer program aimed at people age 5 through adult who want to play soccer but are unable to participate in main stream programs. Pre-registration required.

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Blue Devil boys lead area runners at Corunna Earlybird

By David Troppens

With another week of cross country racing left after the Labor Day weekend, the Lake Fenton and Linden cross country programs got some competitive running experience this week at one of the area’s traditional early season meets, the Corunna Earlybird Invitational.

The Lake Fenton boys squad had a bit more success as the Blue Devil boys placed fourth and the girls took sixth out of 10 teams in the medium school division. Meanwhile, both Linden teams competed in the large school division with the girls placing 10th out of 11 teams and the boys taking 11th out of 12 teams.

The Lake Fenton boys had two runners finish among the top 10. Seniors Eric Nies-troy and Sam Selley finished sixth and seventh with times of 17:36.72 and 17:38.78, respectively to lead the guys.

The rest of Lake Fenton’s scoring runners finished under 20 minutes. Another senior, Easton Frey, finished 33rd in 19:25.71 while Brenden Schroeder took 36th in 19:41.63. Finally, finishing in 37th was Joseph Gilbert with a time of 19:42.61. Lake Fenton had 24 boys finish the 5K race.

The Lake Fenton girls squad posed to take its program a step higher this year with 10 runners completing the race.

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Holly’s Culloty makes history in win vs. Owosso

By David Troppens

Ryan Culloty made a little history on Thursday night. The Holly varsity football coach became the all-time winner in Bronchos’ history in Holly’s history in the squad’s 31-3 road win against Owosso.

The win was Culloty’s 42nd victory at Holly and his 80th overall.

“It’s awesome,” Culloty said about the record. “It’s a work in progress and we are working hard to keep us consistent each year so it’s cool.”

Culloty probably liked what the win meant to his team than what it meant to his record. After all, the Bronchos (1-1) made serious strides of improvement compared to their 13-0 loss to Swartz Creek a week ago. And they did so with a change in quarterback. Cade Dallwitz was out with an injury, forcing Jacob Holldobler to be the team’s signal-caller. It worked as the offense had a strong showing.

“We were able to get a win without a huge leap of offense. I thought Jacob did a tremendous job,” Culloty said. “He had two TD passes and he played both ways. He’s going to be a special player moving forward. He showed tremendous pride.”

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Eagles christen new turf in style, defeat Clio

By David Troppens

Linden — After playing football for Linden’s program on its suspect grass field for the last three years, George W. alterhouse was excited to see Claude Cranston Field’s new turf field on Thursday.

“It’s definitely different with the grass (gone) and with the turf and stuff,” the Linden senior quarterback back said about the field. “Getting more handle with cleats was better. During the Farmington Hills game (last season) we were on an ice rink (because of the grass field).”

Walterhouse won’t have to worry about ice or divots on the field anymore, and his play displayed it. W. alterhouse ran for 107 yards and three touchdowns and also threw for 239 yards and another TD in the Eagles’ 41-14 Metro League victory against the Clio Mustangs.

“It was nice,” Linden co-varsity football coach Den- ny Hopkins said about the turf field. “It is a lot better than what we had before. It was nice to get the first win on the new field. It was nice to correct a lot of mistakes from week one. We are still a work in progress, but we definitely got better from week one to week two.”

The Eagles ended up earning a pretty dominant victory against the Mustangs, but it didn’t start that way. The Eagles did score the game’s first two TDs.

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Tigers start hot, hold on vs. Kearsley, 48-27

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity football team couldn’t have asked for a better start to its 41-14 Metro League victory against the Clio Mustangs. Fenton put the Tigers at 1-1 overall and in the Metro.

“It was 34-0 at halftime and then we didn’t come out in the second half the way we should’ve and we gave up three scores,” Fenton varsity football coach Jeff Setzke said.

In the first half, Fenton’s Logan Welch prepares to hand off a ball to teammate Lance Mercord during a recent game.

Photo: David Troppens

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Lake Fenton soccer gets stung by a rival

Early goals lead Goodrich to 2-0 win vs. Blue Devils

By David Troppens

With losses, teams can learn lessons, even if that loss is to a big rival.

The Lake Fenton varsity boys soccer team had a chance to learn some lessons when they faced area rival Goodrich on Wednesday.

Goodrich scored two early goals and held on to earn a 2-0 victory against the Blue Devils.

“They scored twice in the first 10 minutes. My kids had their heads down and they were beating us to every ball,” Lake Fenton varsity soccer coach Sam Jawhari said. “We had a couple of good runs and opportunities to score, but we didn’t. We had a nice cross that laid in front of the net, but we didn’t score.”

“The season really means nothing to me. I want these guys to be ready when we get to the playoffs and that’s the main thing. A lot of times you don’t learn anything when we win. Now that they’ve had a rude awakening that they need to practice harder they may have learned something.”

The Blue Devils were off to a good start before the loss, winning each of their first two games.

Fenton swimmers impressive in first meet

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity girls swimming and diving team has high goals for the season.

“It’s easy to see why. The group has a strong roster of swimmers returning and also have some great newcomers,” Lake Fenton varsity swimming coach Marty Borski said. “They showed some of their potential in the first dual meet of the season, a 103-83 victory against another strong team, Livonia Stevenson.”

The Tigers posted two state-qualifying times and had nine MISCA times in the dual victory.

“It was a great opening meet for us to beat a perennial Division I power,” Fenton varsity girls swimming coach Brad Jones said. “We bring back six state qualifiers from last year — Sabrina Hall, Caitlyn Dailey, Megan Lard, Lillie Kromer, Abby Dolliver and Carly Kozlowski. To support our returners, we bring in an incredibly strong freshman class. ... We narrowly missed our state cuts in all three relays and were able to hit (10) MISCA cuts.

Freshman Gracie Olsen had an outstanding varsity debut, earning both state times. She took first in the 200-yard freestyle (2:00.39) and first in the 100 butterfly (59.44). She broke the state standard for the 200 freestyle by more than three seconds and the butterfly time by nearly two seconds.

The Tigers showed their depth in a few events as well, earning the top three positions in those events.

Holly girls golfers post another strong showing at Oakland County Meet

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity girls golf team has had a pretty strong showing in tournaments this season.

They have earned many seconds and thirds, including a solid second at the recent first Metro meet of the season.

On Wednesday the Bronchos earned another strong finish at the Oakland County Meet. Holly placed fifth in a field of 15 teams, posting an 18-hole school record team score of 360.

Kelsey Malone led the Bronchos, placing eighth overall out of 72 golfers by carding an 83.

Blue Devils lose a tight verdict vs. Ida, 28-22

By David Troppens

It was a back-and-forth affair for the Lake Fenton varsity football team on Thursday at Ida High School.

The lead changed hands several times during the contest with the Bluestreaks, but when the game was over, it was Lake Fenton on the losing end. Lake Fenton lost a tough 28-22 contest Ida, a squad that has a combined 30-6 record over the previous three seasons.

“It was back and forth and a very physical game,” Lake Fenton varsity football coach Marty Borski said. “The kids played their hearts out. Ida is a heck of a football team. They are big, strong and well coached. We are right there with opportunities to put them away, but we made too many mistakes. Penalties killed us. We probably had four to five big plays called back due to penalties. We had a couple of dropped balls at the goal line. We had two opportunities on third-and-10 or more yards to get our defense off the field and allowed them to convert. We are making too many mistakes and that includes me. I made some mistakes on some calls, and when you are in dogfights like this, every play counts.”

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PREP REPORT

GIRLS GOLF

- Fenton 167, Owosso 232: The Tigers improved to 3-0 in Metro dual play with an easy victory against Owosso at Tyone Hills Golf Course. The Tigers made it a team effort for medalist honors with Lily Homing, Charlotte Cunaud and Brook Herbstreit each carding 41s. Olivia Herbert capped Fenton’s scoring with a 44. Maddie Krantz led the Trojans with a 48.

- Fenton 1, Brother Rice: Brook Hanson scored a goal with 25 minutes left in regulation off a Chase Poulson throw in and an Alex Flannery flick. Brother Rice tied the game up with 1.05 left in the contest on a header. Noah Martin made 12 saves for the Tigers (2-1-1).
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