

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. Photo: adobestock.com





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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.

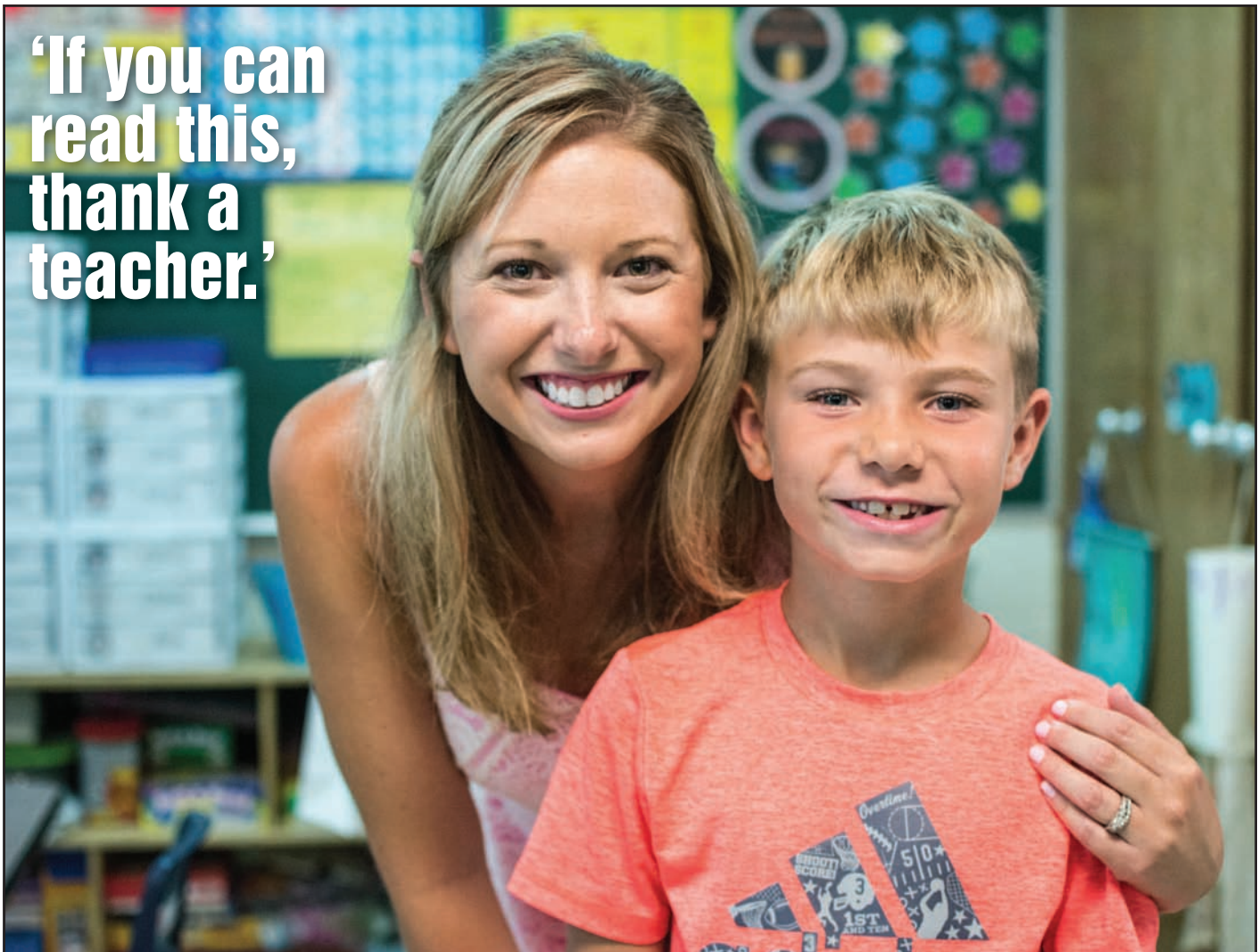
See PAGERS on 19A

“Upon occasion, we do not get the tones or notification of a call. The frequency doesn’t appear to reach all locations.”

Brian Will
Linden fire chief



Pictured above is one of the 800 MHz pagers used by the Argentine Township, Fenton Township and Linden fire departments. Photo: Hannah Ball



‘If you can read this, thank a teacher.’ 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.** Photo: Tim Jagielo - media editor

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 fatality rate — is the most common vehicle involved. **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




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“You conservatives complaining about liberal policies and how those policies are destroying our nation. Please list these policies and tell how they are destroying our nation. Be specific.”



COMMENT OF THE WEEK

“I wish people would heed the advice of ‘don’t say anything if you cannot say something nice.’ That especially goes for social media posts. I’m tired of unfollowing people who really think I want to hear their opinions all the time. I cast my opinion in the voting booth.”



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DOG FLU OUTBREAK IN MICHIGAN

Is your dog at risk?

■ Symptoms include fever, lethargy, coughing and more

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.

See **DOG FLU** on 19A

“It can be serious if they’re struggling to breathe and if it turns into pneumonia.”

Chris Repke
Pointe Animal Hospital owner,
doctor of veterinary medicine



“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

“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

lights, easily opening fire with his air soft gun on the helpless teachers.

Across the district, Linden Community Schools (LCS) staffers 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
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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:



Andrew Heller
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"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 does everything the Ferrari does, plus it gets more miles per gallon and has a CD player that very often works.

The U.S. Apple Association says the Gala apple is now the most popular apple in the U.S., supplanting long-time favorite, the Red Delicious. It's about time. The Red Delicious is a flavorless potato with slightly higher sugar content. Apples are one of the best examples of how much the farming, grocery and transportation industries have improved since I was a kid. (Hold on while I put on my old guy baseball cap and overalls): "Why, back in my day, the only apples you could git were Red Delicious and

Granny Smiths, and they were so old half the time you took one bite and threw them out. And we liked it."

This might be one of the first years in memory where all of the Detroit pro sports teams are awful at the same time.

I love that we're banning straws but not assault weapons. Sometimes I don't think we understand how truly odd we are as a people and as a nation.

And for the record, I'm for banning straws. The germophobe in me is going to freak out, though, when I have to put my lips on restaurant glasses. If they're smart, they'll put something on the menu saying, "We use 5,000-degree water and lots of soap in our dishwashers."

IBM has invented a coffee-delivering drone that can predict when you need a cup. And with that, we have now reached the high point of mankind. Seriously. This is it. This can't be topped. Unless someone comes up with a bagel and cream cheese delivery drone to go along with it.

What possesses anyone to spend \$3,000 on a Peloton bike? It's a bike that doesn't go anywhere. And it also costs like \$40 a month to have spin coaches in New York yell at you through a video screen. That's ridiculous. Tell you what, if you pay me \$40, I'll come to your house and yell at you and tell you you're fat. Deal?

Have you tried watching movies on cable recently? There are more commercials than movies. No wonder so many people are cutting the cord.

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

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“Why, back in my day, the only apples you could git were Red Delicious and Granny Smiths, and they were so old half the time you took one bite and threw them out. And we liked it.”

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TYRONE TOWNSHIP MUSLIM graveyard is a really self-destructive and not an environmentally sound move. Why are you accommodating this?

THE REPUBLICANS HAVE control of everything but seems like all they can do is complain about the liberals.

FOSTER CHILDS, OF course we read you. We keep our enemies close.

GOOD MORNING, TRI-COUNTY. I love reading the Hot lines.

MY SUMMER TAXES went up in Tyrone Township. Guess those big raises the officials voted for themselves had to be paid for on the backs of taxpayers they don't listen to (e.g. approving a 'green' cemetery that pollutes wells and lowers home values). They all need to be voted out next election.

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REMEMBER THE 2016 presidential election, we had two devils to choose from, Hillary and we knew her issues or Donald we suspected, but didn't know his issues. We had to choose who we would

not vote for.

FOSTER, IF I wanted to know your opinion I'd just listen to some of Donald Trump's ridiculous tweets because you don't have a mind of your own.

WHAT POLITICAL PARTY jacked up the road tax or gas tax so they could fix the roads? What political party started taxing the new retirees for their retirement benefits? What political party hasn't started fixing the roads? Who are you going to vote for in November?

STOCK PRICES GREW at a faster pace during Obama's first year in office with a broad S&P 500 Index exploding by 23.5 percent compared with Donald Trump's last year of 19.4.

WHOEVER IS THE troublemaker complaining about a therapy dog at the Fenton Township hall, you obviously do not have enough to do that you would concern yourself with the dog that gives great comfort to an employee. Get a life.

I THINK YOUNG people need to remember all the hundreds of thousands of our young boys and men who died in World War II to keep us as a sovereign country. We don't speak German and Japanese today because of all those who died.

I'M IN NO way a millennial. I am a tip-of-the tail baby boomer. I cut the cable cord 15 years ago. I don't do social media or video games. I was a solid minivan generation and have now moved onto sports cars and Jeeps. I'm retiring early because the economy's doing so well.

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Lawrence Roehrig
Fenton Township



"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."

Sarah Meyers
Fenton Township



"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."

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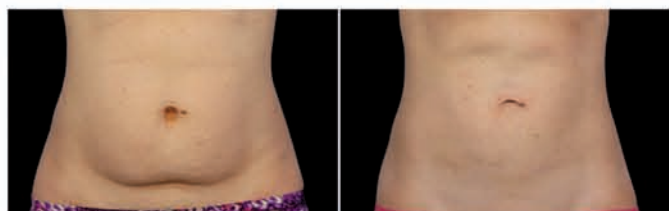
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When this came into my in box, I wasn't sure what to do with it. I hear the NFL has solved the problem. If the players don't want to honor our nation, our flag and our national anthem, they can just stay in the locker room until the ceremony is over. 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 our government and replace it with their own radical and diabolical way of life.

I just don't buy it and I will continue to fight it in God's name as long as I live. I will only take a knee to our great God Almighty. I, personally, am taking a stand, even if it means going against the majority of the media and all of the apologists who fail to see the real good our nation has brought to the world. The message follows. — Jim

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 overinflated 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 a 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.

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.



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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.

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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.

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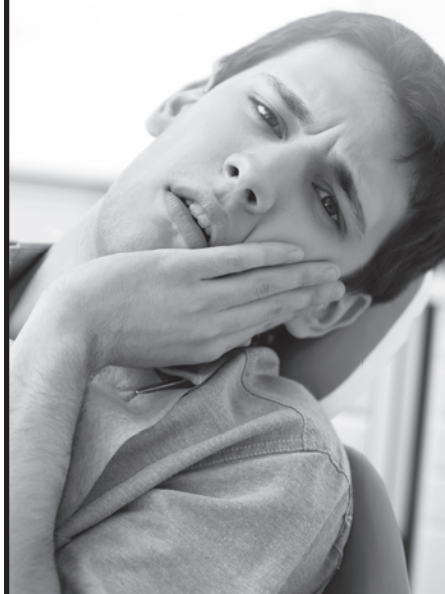
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Why Lake Fenton grads return to teach

■ Local district has 13 former students teaching at their alma mater

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

“Many times the teacher knows not just the child, but their parents, aunt, uncles. This makes Lake Fenton a family school. It is a wonderful place to raise your children.”

Sherrie Garty
Lake Fenton teacher, 1986 graduate



Frank Dimich



Garrett Skerjance

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 where I subbed.”

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



Dennis Lucius



Sherrie Garty.

Photos: Tim Jagielo - media editor

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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HOMECOMING PARADE DATE, ROUTE APPROVED

The Fenton City Council voted favorably Monday, Aug. 27, to authorize the annual Fenton High School Homecoming Parade on Friday, Sept. 21. Line-up will begin at 4 p.m. at the World of Won-

der (Ellen Street) east parking lot, with the parade to follow at 5 p.m. The proposed parade route, according to Fenton Police Chief Jason Slater, is to proceed south on Adelaide to Shiawassee, east on Shiawassee to South LeRoy, north on LeRoy to Caroline, west on Caroline to West Street and south to the World of Wonder west parking lot to disassemble. The parade is scheduled to be completed by 5:45 p.m.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

■■■
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.

■■■
SHOW R-E-S-P-E-C-T.

■■■
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.

■■■
A SPECIAL THANKS to the DPW crew for their excellent work on East Elizabeth Street. Thanks, gentlemen.

■■■
IT IS AMAZING how many people state their opinions or interpretations as fact. It is extremely easy to research topics or events to verify information. Try doing that before spreading opinion/misinformation as fact.

■■■
THE PERSON WHO wrote about the dog at the township office needs to get a life. The dog is loved by residents and is a therapy dog. You should be ashamed.

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■■■
WE ALL ARE on this planet together and need to live in peace.



Linden Community Schools staff listen to a 911 call from Columbine High School during the mass shooting April 20, 1999. The main lesson was that the students were told to hide under desks, instead of escaping or blocking the door. Several students died after the call was made. Photo: Tim Jagiello - media editor

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 time 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's 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.



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HollyDays promises fun
for the entire family

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

SUMMARY

The fourth annual HollyDays community celebration will bring families back together after a busy summer on Friday through Sunday, Sept. 7-9 in Holly.

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.

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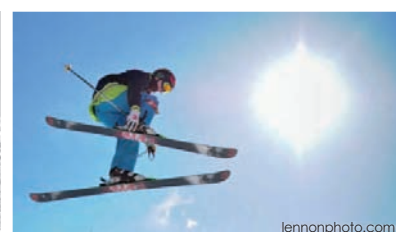


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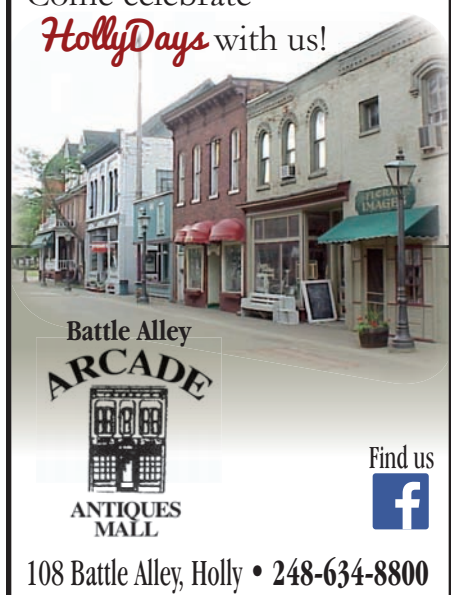
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HollyDays will recall its roots of **Carry Nation Festival**

■ 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 prohibitionist 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."

"I will yell out things, make a scene and leave."

Karen Craner
Carrie Nation
impersonator for
HollyDays



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 re-

membered 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.



"Whiskey Fixx" will be the headlining band at the Holly Moose Lodge Beer Tent on Saturday, Sept. 8 of the HollyDays community celebration Sept. 7-9.

Photo submitted to the Times

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 Vnda, who performs with a group called "The Human State."

A total of nine bands will be taking the stage from 1 to 1:30 p.m. near the Holly Moose Lodge 1168 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 Lynyrd Skynyrd, Blake Shelton, Sawyer Brown, Brett Michaels, John Corabi of Motley Crue and more.

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■ 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.



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

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 Vault in downtown Holly will present "Music & Trivia" on Friday, and the Holly Moose Lodge will host a Friday night fish fry.

Kicking off Saturday'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 HollyDays 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 Entertainment

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 weekend events will be 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.

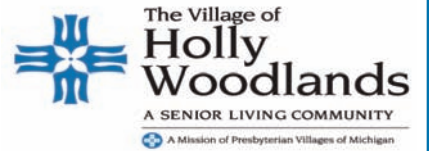
"HollyDays is like a big potluck party," Hughes said. "Everybody is taking a piece of the event and doing their part very well. We have so many assets in the Holly community. Here's a chance to share your story and your vision."

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Katy Hughes
Holly DDA director

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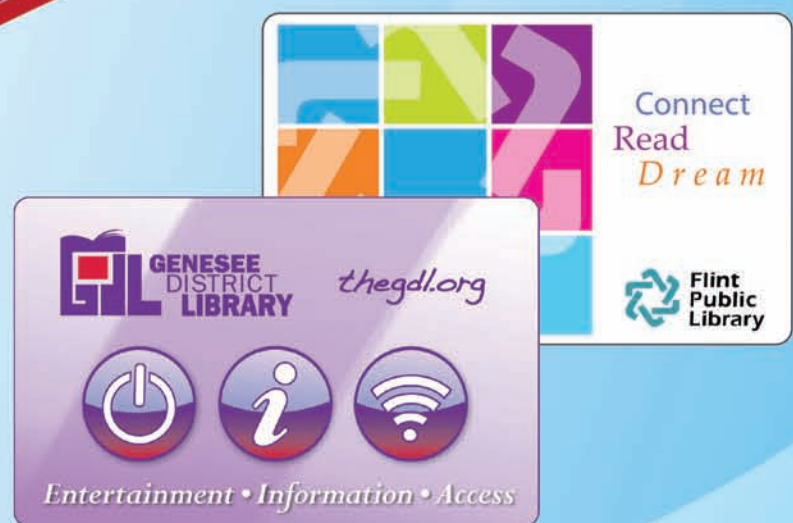
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HISTORY

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SEPT. 2

1969: America's first automatic teller machine (ATM) makes its public debut, dispensing cash to customers at Chemical Bank in Rockville Center, New York. ATMs went on to revolutionize the banking industry, eliminating the need to visit a bank to conduct basic financial transactions.

SEPT. 3

1900: The first car ever made in Flint, Michigan makes its debut in the Labor Day parade. Designed and built by a county judge and weekend tinkerer named Charles H. Wisner, the car, nicknamed the "Buzz Wagon" was one of the only cars built in Flint that did not end up being produced by General Motors. In the end, only three of the Wisner machines were ever built.

SEPT. 4

2014: Joan Rivers, one of the best-known comedians of her era, dies at age 81 in a New York City hospital, a week after she went into cardiac arrest while undergoing a medical procedure on her vocal cords at a Manhattan clinic. During a showbiz career that spanned more than five decades, Rivers blazed a trail for women in stand-up comedy and turned "Can we talk?" into a national catchphrase.

SEPT. 5

1972: In the early morning hours, six members of the Arab terrorist group known as Black September dressed in the Olympic sweat suits of Arab nations and jumped the fence surrounding the Olympic village in Munich, Germany, carrying bags filled with guns. Although guards spotted them, they paid little attention because athletes often jumped the fence during the competition to return to their living quarters. After changing into disguises, the terrorists, toting machine guns, burst into the apartments of 21 Israeli athletes and officials.

SEPT. 6

2012: In a case that generated national headlines, former Illinois police officer Drew Peterson is found guilty in the 2004 murder of his third wife, Kathleen Savio. Savio's death originally was ruled an accident after her body was discovered in an empty bathtub at her suburban Chicago home; however, the 2007 disappearance of Peterson's fourth wife, Stacy, led authorities to reopen the Savio case and eventually label her death a homicide.

SEPT. 7

1813: The United States gets its nickname, Uncle Sam. The name is linked to Samuel Wilson, a meat packer from Troy, New York, who supplied barrels of beef to the United States Army during the War of 1812. Wilson (1766-1854) stamped the barrels with "U.S." for United States, but soldiers began referring to the grub as "Uncle Sam's." The local newspaper picked up on the story and Uncle Sam eventually gained widespread acceptance as the nickname for the U.S. federal government.

SEPT. 8

1974: In a controversial executive action, President Gerald Ford pardons his disgraced predecessor Richard M. Nixon for any crimes he may have committed or participated in while in office. Ford later defended this action before the House Judiciary Committee, explaining that he wanted to end the national divisions created by the Watergate scandal.

Source: history.com

FOLLOWED
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"Do I think that human trafficking is happening when people are grabbing people in Walmart and dragging them out? No, I do not."

In a previous Times article, Michigan State Police Twp. Steve Kramer said human trafficking normally involves older men "dating" young women and blackmailing 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, "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 opportunists. 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,'" he said. "You're assertive, you're in control. Then that tells that you're not just somebody who's going to be weak minded."

If you're walking along the street and you think someone is following you, change your pace. Walk slower or faster or simply stop. If the person stops as well, or follows your pace, they are probably following you.

"Can you take a photo of the person? Even better, get a photo of their license plate if they follow you out to the parking lot," he said.

However, only do these things if you feel comfortable doing so. Safety is the number one priority, Slater said.

"We don't want them to put themselves in danger to get the photograph," he said. If you're a frequent runner, Slater said not

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Jason Slater
Fenton police chief

to run in the same place the same time of every day.

"If someone wants to do something, they can plan it out. Change it up. Different locations, different times," Slater said. Run on a busy road, like North LeRoy or Silver Lake Road, as opposed to an industrial complex with fewer potential witnesses.

If you're being followed, definitely...

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.

Defense options

One option is carrying pepper spray. A Taser 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 you're trained. It's a short class to teach you the functionality of a Taser," he said.

Stun guns are illegal to carry.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

HOW IS DEER hunting a sport? You sit, you wait, you hide and then strike an animal that is clueless to what is going on. You are a deer sniper.

I LOVE TO read the Hot lines. Keep up the good work and thanks 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 Socialist countries.

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.

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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 Education 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 (FEF) 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-Flint 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 FENnet with Eric Karsten (former school board member) to deploy internet connections to 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.

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 daughter, Katie Slaughter, teaches fifth grade at State Road Elementary School, and 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 make to the community of Fenton. The Petruskas 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 52 years of educational services to the Fenton Area Public Schools.

NEWS BRIEFS

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. Satkowiak has a bachelor of arts degree in accounting from Baker College. He is a member of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and is working toward a Certified Public Finance Officer designation.



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HOT LINE CONTINUED

IT'S NOT A witch hunt, it's a witch roundup!

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 major 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 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
2009	16
2008	12

Source: Ncs.org

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PAGERS

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Linden Fire Chief Brian Wl said, “Upon occasion, we do not get the times 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 consortium 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 a 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 pagers. 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.

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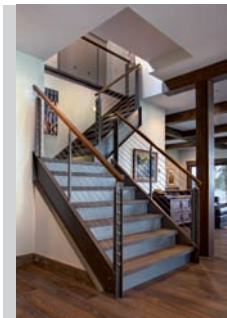
■ With the canine influenza on the rise, dog owners should keep a closer look on their pets, especially if they spend time at a groomer or dog daycare.



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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.

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

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SINCE WHEN ARE all these area businesses letting everyone bring their dogs in? If one bites me or a family member, I will make it very painful on your wallet. In one home improvement store the other day a dog even pooped in the aisle.

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THE RUSSIANS MEDDLED in our 2016 elections 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 to be a weak and feckless leader.

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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 the illegal aliens, sanctuary cities, giant increases in taxes and anything that is free.

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

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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.

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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.

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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 they would be wise to do things the way we did them. But that's not true. When we share our

experiences it is 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 it, 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 monthly, 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 that 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."



Vera Hogan

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) 629-8282

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

Janet Ruggirello of Fenton pushed her wheelchair bound husband, Mike, in this year's Crim. Mike, 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 to be 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.

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.

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 (110,981 miles), 2005 Chevrolet 2500 pickup with plow (99,300 miles), 1997 Ford F350, two-yard dump truck (31,114 miles), 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe 2wd (180,194 miles) and 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe SSV 2wd (111,364 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.

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Blue Devil boys lead area runners at Corunna Earlybird

By David Troppens

With league meets lurking 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 squads 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 Niestroy 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 Fray, 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 appear poised to take its program a step higher this year with 10 runners completing the race.

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Lake Fenton's Sam Selley finished seventh at the Corunna Earlybird Invitational.

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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 winningest mentor 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 Hild 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 piece of our 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 going 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 Walterhouse 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 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. Walterhouse 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 Deny 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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Linden's defense stuffs Alex Yocom during the Eagles' 41-14 victory against the Clio Mustangs. Photo: Mark Bolen



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 road contest at Kearsley on Thursday night.

The Tigers also had to be pleased with how they closed the game in the fourth quarter.

However, the Tigers prob-

ably want to forget about the third quarter.

The Tigers jumped to a 34-0 halftime lead, watched Kearsley cut the gap to seven during the second half and then the Tigers responded by scoring the final two TDs in

Fenton's 48-27 Metro League victory.

The win puts 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

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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 boys 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.

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Lake Fenton’s Austin Ames (right) tries to keep possession of the ball during a recent contest. Photo: David Troppens

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.

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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 good football team. They are big, strong

and well coached. We were 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.”

Lake Fenton (1-1) had three scoring plays.

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said. “Unfortunately after that we gave up an interception for a touchdown and at one point it was 34-27. We scored on a long pass in the fourth and scored again, making it comfortable at that point. We played about two-and-a-half good quar-

ters and about one-and-half bad ones. ... We haven’t come close to playing a complete game.”

Fenton has made a habit of beating up on the Hornets in recent years, defeating Kearsley by at least 20 points in each of the last nine games the two teams played.

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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 newbies.

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 1 power,” Fenton varsity girls swimming coach Brad Jones said. “We bring back six state qualifiers from last year — Sabrina Hall, Caitlyn Dailey, Megan Mallard, 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.”

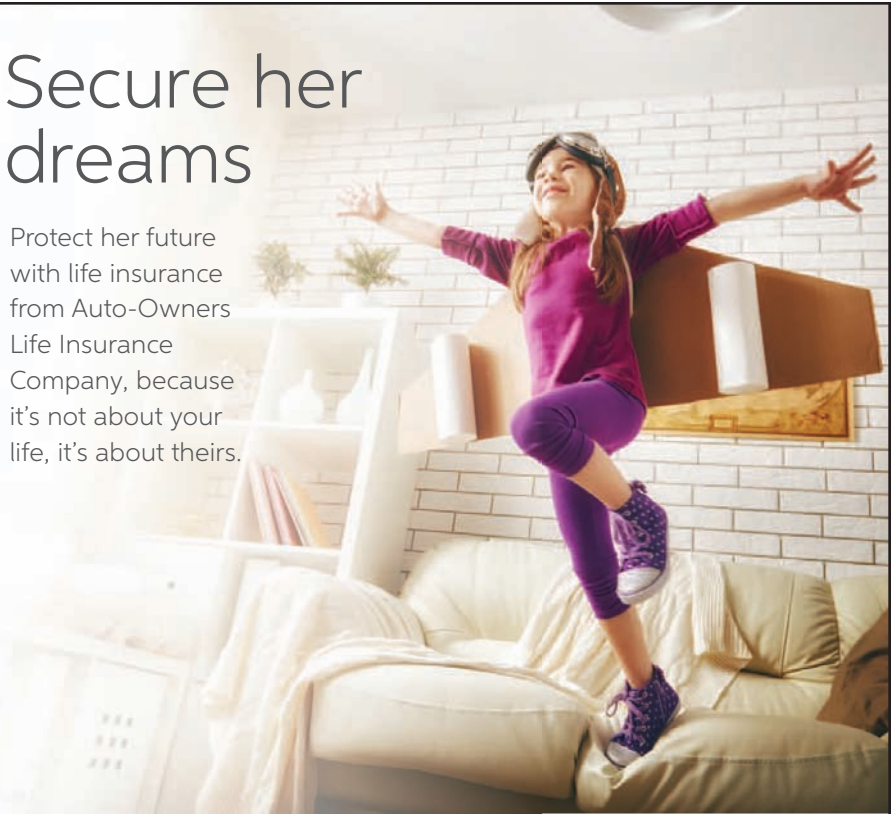
Freshman Gracie Olsen had an outstanding varsity debut, earning both of the state times. She took first in the 200-yard freestyle (2:00.39) and first in the 100 butterfly (59.44). She broke the state standard for the 200 freestyle by more than three seconds and the butterfly time by nearly two seconds.

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

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GIRLS GOLF

► **Fenton 167, Owosso 232:** The Tigers improved to 3-0 in Metro dual play with an easy victory against Owosso at Tyrone Hills Golf Course. The Tigers made it a team effort for medalist honors with Lily Horning, 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.

BOYS SOCCER

► **Fenton 1, Brother Rice:** Brock Henson 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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