Governor bans flavored vaping products

Michigan first in the nation to ban these items

Compiled By Vera Hogan

On Wednesday, Sept. 4, Gov.

Gretchen Whitmer issued an order making Michigan the first state in the country to ban flavored nicotine vaping products.

It followed a finding from Chief Medical Executive Dr.

Joneigh Khaldun that youth vaping constitutes a public health emergency. Whitmer ordered the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to issue emergency rules to ban the sale of flavored nicotine vaping products in retail stores and online, and ban misleading marketing of vaping products, including the use of terms like "clean," "safe" and "healthy" that perpetuate beliefs that these products are harmless. The governor also ordered the Michigan Department of Transportation to enforce an existing statute to prohibit the advertising of vapor products on billboards.

See VAPING on 13A



April 2018 stabbing case still in courts

Two defendants began jury trials on Wednesday; third accepts plea deal

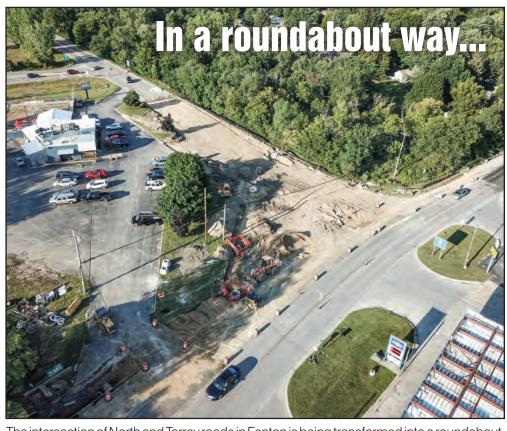
By Vera Hogan

The three individuals charged with premeditated, first-degree homicide and conspiracy to commit murder in the death of Austin Culkins, 20, were scheduled to begin a jury trial in Genesee County Circuit Court on April 30.

See STABBING CASE on 14A



Austin Culkins



The intersection of North and Torrey roads in Fenton is being transformed into a roundabout. Currently, traffic on North Road is open in both directions and there is access to all businesses. Torrey Road at North Road is closed. See story on Page 8A. Drone photo by Fred Moses

Argentine Township gets patrol boat

Named after clerk's grandson who died in car crash

By Hannah Ball

This past Labor Day weekend was the first time The Troy Ounce hit the waters and patrolled Lobdell Lake during the fireworks show and boat parade. See PATROL BOAT on 15A



The Argentine Township Board of Trustees approved the name for the new police boat at the Monday, Aug. 26 meeting. **Submitted photo**

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LEVERYONE just needs to chill out. Tailgating, political party fights, pothole complaints. We are all headed to the same place. Peace and love."



bout at Torrey and North roads? Have not seen one yet. How will they handle three roads and three business entrances?" [Editor's note: Thank you for the photo suggestion.]



C Many thanks and appreciation to Kirk, Dan and Rob of the Fenton park maintenance department for their work in Silver Lake Park. The pruning of high, long and

heavy branches, some old and weather damaged along the park and residential line frequented by many, mostly children, was very well done. Great job!"

COMMENT OF THE WEEK

GLI am so excited for the new craft beer and wine tasting event in downtown Fenton on Sept. 28! I love that our community always has something going on and best of all this event is for a great cause — FARR!"

WEEKEND TIMES



Highways of the future?

Michigan testing roads that could last 50 years

By Tim Jagielo

Flint — On I-475, the highway is closed south of Carpenter Road.

The southbound lanes are smooth and inky black. This brand new asphalt has only been driven on by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and contractors.

Separated by the new barrier walls is a project that is just getting started — the 50-year pavement design that could change the way roads are built in Michigan.

The small stretch will look the same as the southbound lane beside it, but it's designed to last 50 years instead of 20 or 30. It's expected to be completed by December and is part of an overall \$44-million project to repair 18 miles of I-475. The 50-year stretch is a complete rebuild, down to the clay.

See HIGHWAYS on 18A



Workers with Dan's Excavating, Inc. install storm drains under northbound I-475 in Flint on Thursday, Aug. 29. This section is part of the 50-year pavement design. **Photo: Tim Jagielo**



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Mark my words

Five Sunday moanin' thoughts

HOUGHT #1 — Longtime newspaper writer Bob Talbert offered a "Monday Moanin' column" every week, as a round-up of multiple topics. I always looked forward to those tidbits of wisdom and humor, so — in his memory — I'm adapting the moanin' concept for use now and then. You're welcome.

THOUGHT #2 — Even though most youngsters complain about it, I'm estimating 98 percent of kids are glad to be back in school, as summer vacations have ended. I vividly remember the smells, sights and sounds of my classrooms every year, with new crayons, pencils and notepads. It was good seeing friends again, too, as we began the steady routine of learning everything possible from new teachers starting on page one of those big textbooks.

But it was still a great feeling — we kids were a year older and felt much more grown up. Now I'm wondering: why in the world did we want to hurry to be adults?

THOUGHT #3 — Why do our

By Mark Rummel

eyes and ears get bom-

lawyer ads on local TV

barded with so many



Mark Rummel

stations? I've recently watched channels in Detroit, Lansing, Traverse City and out of state. There are easily four times as many lawyer ads here, on our Flint-Saginaw-Bay City stations, all day long.

Is that because Flint area folks like to sue others more than in other communities? Is it because opportunistic lawyers (who mostly do not even live around here) think everybody wants to sue everybody else, for every reason, every time?

To avoid this, I record ALL the shows I view, rather than watch them live. I don't even watch newscasts live, and I'm a news junkie. I'll start viewing a show maybe 20 minutes after it begins, so I can fast-forward through those dumb commercials.

At first, I expected cable or satellite channels wouldn't present so many legal ads, but I was mistaken. Today's broadcast technology offers those ads on cable shows, too. And, we see more of them here than in any other Michigan TV market, even Detroit. That's very, very sad.

THOUGHT #4 — As a lifetime music historian and song lover, I've always liked the story of how the late country sing-

er Conway Twitty got his name. He was born Harold Jenkins and began his recording career with that forgettable name. Looking at a map, he put together the town names of Conway, Arkansas and Twitty, Texas. And Conway Twitty the entertainer was created.

THOUGHT #5 — Along that line, I can't wait for the Ken Burns PBS TV documentary on Country Music, which begins Sunday night, Sept. 15. It will cover eight nights across two weeks, and it should be amazing. I didn't listen to country music growing up, but I so greatly respect the performers and history of this uniquely American music form.

And since it's PBS, there won't be any commercials, not even from lawyers...

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a gun isn't a financial burden to taxpayers. Like knives, not all guns are weapons. Quality, affordable healthcare depends on one's ability to pay or money available from taxpayers. Constitutional rights are about freedoms, not finances.

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common sense when you have none. Your claim that access to auns went up 100 percent is pure nonsense fantasy. Access has only decreased as federal, state and local governments regulate to restrict access.

SUMMER IS OVER. I will miss my kids' smiling faces all day.

What book impacted you the most? Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter



"The Bible overall and the story 'Heidi.' It's about a little girl who lives with her grandfather and learns the good life is having education, faith, hard work and healthy food." Jan Foster, Fenton

"Aside from the Bible, it's Todrich. It's a faith pilgrimage told as fiction. A young man becomes a monk and a mentor."

> **James Foster** Fenton



"Seven People You Meet in Heaven' by Mitch Albom. Just because I've had a lot of death in my family."

Kelly Boulware

Fenton



"The Catcher in the Rve." It's real and there's no fakeness to it. It's blunt and open."

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"Probably 'Tuesdays with Morrie.' I read it in high school. It's something about making sure you take care of the people in vour life."

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Comedy show to support dog park

■ Proceeds from Oct. 13 event will help fund a sign and more waste stations

Are you looking for a way to support the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park? If so, go to a comedy show.

On Sunday, Oct. 13, Legend's Bar & Grill will host the "Laugh Your Tail Off" comedy fundraiser from 5 to 8 p.m., with all proceeds going to the dog park.

Keri Kostich, dog park committee member, said, "We've wanted to do a comedy fundraiser for some time, but had to put the idea on hold as our committee member numbers dwindled. This year, we've had several individuals commit their time and energy to helping the park. 'Laugh Your Tail Off' is just one of several events that we hope to schedule."

Host Matt Bach will entertain the audience before introducing four other comedians, including Kathy Ryan, Marv Barnett, Billy Reno and Teena Green. Attendees can participate in a silent auction, drawings, and a 50/50 raffle.

Tickets are \$30. The cost includes pizza, salad, bread sticks and pop. Tickets can be purchased at eventbrite. com. The link can be found on the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park Facebook page.

"Legend's banquet room holds 50 and seemed like the perfect atmosphere for a comedy show. Our host, Matt Bach, used his contacts to schedule a hilarious lineup. All five comedians are donating their time," Kostich said. "Area businesses and park supporters have generously donated items for the fundraiser and we are considering working with Prestige Authentics for the silent auction."

The money will help fund a donor recognition sign at the park on Thompson Road, as well as more waste stations.

"The park operates on a tight budget, but we are determined to work to raise the funds needed for these park enhancements," she said.



COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

The following are stories you may have missed in the Wednesday, Sept. 4, Midweek Times. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

Superintendents talk security

A.L.I.C.E. training video cameras, grants and more help districts prepare for the worst.



Fenton man arrested for arson, assault

Fenton police officer quickly extinguishes small kitchen fire.

Fenton fire considers tougher cost recovery action

City council discusses recommendation to hire collection agency.

Mueller testifies before House Judiciary Committee

Former Livingston County deputy calls for stiffer penalties for disarming a police officer.

Dangerous jobs: waste collector

Distracted drivers make this the fifth most dangerous industry.

Michigan Vietnam Traveling Wall coming to Holly

Motorcycle escort took place Friday, Sept. 6.

Sharin' the spotlight

After a few days in Florida, Editor Sharon Stone has new appreciation for living in the Fenton area.

Walgreens implements new 'Tobacco 21' policy

Age to purchase tobacco upped from 18 to 21; became effective Sept. 1.



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Work continues on the roundabout and road construction at North and Torrey roads on Thursday, Aug. 29. Times file photo

Roundabout construction is moving right along

Public asked to slow down and pay attention to barricades and signage for safety of workers and motorists

By Vera Hogan

The North Road repaying from Poplar to Oak Park in the city of Fenton is completed and that section of roadway has been re-opened to two-way traffic, said Daniel Brisson, Fenton's interim Public Works director. The contractor is working on a few back-of-curb areas, doing final grading, restoration and sidewalk work.

"Work began last week on the northern portion of the roundabout which is phase 2A of the project schedule," Brisson said. "Underground utility and storm drain work is underway. Grading and earthwork is starting to show the shape of the roundabout. The north leg of the roundabout is scheduled for completion by the end of September."

Brisson said, the southern portion of the roundabout (phase 2B) will begin as phase 2A is completed. The remaining North Road area will be repaved as the southern leg of the intersection is completed.

"We expect to have North Road, Torrey Road and the roundabout opened to traffic by mid-November," he said.

There will be back-of-curb work to finish (weather permitting) with final

restoration completed in spring 2020, Brisson added. Lighting for the intersection has been ordered and fabrication of the light poles is underway. The LED lighting is expected to be installed in December, pending final delivery schedule of the light poles.

"As far as traffic control, the contractor and our engineering team found a way to construct the northern portion of the roundabout and keep both east and westbound North Road open to traffic," Brisson said. "This eliminated the westbound only, eastbound closed detour route that was originally planned. Having North Road open in both directions during phase 2A is very helpful to the traveling public as well as the local businesses at the North/Torrey intersection."

The current detour route only affects Torrey Road, he said. Torrey is closed from the U.S. 23 interchange to North Road. The posted detour route for motorists needing to travel from Torrey to North Road is — Torrey to S. Long Lake to N. LeRoy to North Road and vice versa to get from North Road to Torrey Road. The U.S. 23 interchange at Torrey remains open for exit and entrance to the expressway.

"As far as problem traffic for this phase of the project, everything is See **ROUNDABOUT** on 19A

Times media editor debuts documentary

■Video shows efforts of Ojibwe tribe to preserve culture

By Hannah Ball

The Bay Mills Indian Community is a reservation in the Upper Peninsula. It's home to the native Ojibwe tribe and the location of a cultural tipping point. The tribe is going through its "seventh fire" or seventh generation, working to preserve their traditions and pass them on to future generations.

They're featured in the documentary "The Seventh Fire: UP Michigan Natives reclaim their past to save their future," made by Times Media Editor Tim Jagielo.

He traveled to the U.P. to learn about Ojibwe culture and shoot the documentary. It debuts in the 2019 Royal Starr Film Festival Sunday, Sept. 8 at the Emagine Theater in Royal Oak. The video is 70 minutes long.

"The Seventh Fire is a prophecy. It's a part of their general history," Jagielo said.

The seventh generation, which is the current phase, is about young tribe members having a choice — finding their way back to tradition and culture after it was nearly gone, or not.

Through language to education to powwows, this tribe is fighting to keep their culture alive.

"If we are no longer a unique individual, we're no longer a people. If we are completely assimilated and do nothing different than the mainstream America, we're no longer indigenous American people. We are just American people and that could change everything," said Sonja Killips who is featured in the documentary.

"Things could go one way or the other," Jagielo said. "They're supposed to be revitalizing their culture and sharing it."

Jagielo got the idea from columnist Mark Rummel, who frequently travels to the U.P. with his wife Sally Rummel, features writer for the Times. Rummel told



A male fancy dancer waits to perform at a summer powwow in 2016. The documentary is also screening at the Soo Film Festival in Sault Ste. Marie the following weekend. Still image from documentary

Jagielo that there were native arts and crafters in the U.P., so Jagielo made some calls.

The U.S. government calls it the Bay Mills Indian Community, which is located in Chippewa County. The term the Ojibwe use for themeselves is "Anishinaabeg," which means "first people" in the Ojibwe language. They have their own government, school system, health department and more.

Planning began approximately four

years ago. Jagielo's first trip was a five-day trip the first week of November 2015 when he shot footage of basket making, gill netfishers, trap net fishing and more.

"I got the natural beauty of the area," he said. "That trip was supposed to be a punchy short documentary, but Sonja Killips broke it wide open talking about how it's an important movement. That is what led to it being a long-

> term documentary." Jagielo returned to Bay Mills four more times to learn more and interview people about fighting to keep their culture alive. The documentary covers how decades ago, many native youths were forced into American boarding

schools and lost the knowledge of traditions.

The documentary shows the tribe's focus on education and community to preserve their culture.

The hardest part wasn't getting there or meeting people, Jagielo said.

See DOCUMENTARY on 14A



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Support groups

NAMI is a non-profit support, education and advocacy organization serving persons with mental disorders and their relatives and friends. The group has a new location at 2346 Stonebridge Dr., Building H, Flint, off S. Linden Rd. Support meetings are 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays. NAMI family-to-family classes for family and friends of adults with mental disorders will begin Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required for classes but not for support groups. The NAMI Illuminate Community Suicide Prevention event will be held Saturday, Sept. 21, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in downtown Flint in the flat lot. There is no charge for NAMI meetings, classes or activities. Call (810) 232-6498 for more information.

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ELDER LAW ATTORNEY TO HOST FREE WORKSHOPS SEPT. 10 AND 12

Michael E. Thomas, a Flint attorney specializing in elder law, says nothing is more tragic than seeing a family lose their life savings because of a stroke, onset of dementia, Parkinson's disease

or another significant medical event. Statistics reveal that there is a 50-percent chance that any person over the age of 65 will spend six months in a long-term care facility, which can drain a family's savings. The good news, says



Thomas, is that there are legal methods of sheltering funds, so no family has to go broke due to those circumstances. Thomas will explain those methods at four free workshops Sept. 10 and 12, from 10-11:30 a.m. and from 6-7:30 p.m. on both days. The worships will be held at the Holiday Inn, Gateway Centre, 5353 Gateway Centre Blvd., in Flint. To register, call 800-823-8597. Refreshments will be provided. Seating is limited.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

FOR THE DEMOCRATS that hate God and the Bible, at the very least you can make use of the Ten Commandments, which will never get old.

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TO THE WRITER on firearms asking 'what I am afraid of?' I am 'afraid' of the same things our founding fathers were afraid of.

GREAT TO HEAR that our school districts are making security improvements.

REALLY ENJOYED VERA'S 'Wizard of Oz' trivia.

PATRIOT DAY ★ 9/11





Owner Dave Lamb Jr. (left) and his wife Cindy Lamb pose with Barbara and Dave Lamb Sr., who founded the company in 1969. **Submitted photo**

Dave Lamb Heating & Air Conditioning

 Marks 50 years with community celebration Sept.
27 at Fenton location

The heating and cooling experts at Dave Lamb Heating & Air Conditioning Inc. have served the Fenton community for 50 years and the public is invited to a celebration marking their success on Friday, Sept. 27.

Founded by Dave Lamb, Sr. in 1969, the same year that Neil Armstrong first walked on the moon, Dave Lamb Heating & Air Conditioning remains a family run business. It is currently owned by Dave Lamb, Jr. and his wife, Cindy. Dave's brothers Dan and Dennis are also heating and cooling experts, owning their own businesses in other areas of the state.

Dave Jr. and Cindy's daughter Jamie Lamb marks the third generation of the Lamb family to be part of the Fenton business.

A heating and cooling professional,



Dave, Sr. started the business out of his home, using the newspaper and word of mouth to attract customers. He has been able to keep many of those same customers 50 years later thanks to the company's honesty, integrity and expertise.

"I'm very proud," Dave, Sr. said of marking 50 years in business. With his wife Barbara by his side, the two shared stories of the early days. They remembered how they moved to a space on LeRoy Street in 1977 only to outgrow it two years later and land in their current location at 409 E. Caroline St. in downtown Fenton.

Community members, customers, vendors, builders and more are all invited to that address at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27 for a 50-year celebration. Featuring music, a food truck, bounce house and a big tent, the event is a way for the Lamb family to say thank you.

"The community has been good to us," Cindy said. Barbara agreed adding, "We all feel very blessed by this community ... Customers have been very, very loyal to us over the years."

Also loyal are many Dave Lamb team members, some of whom have been with the company for 30 years.

The family says they plan to continue their tradition of great customer service and heating and cooling expertise for at least another 50 years.

For more information, call (810) 629-4946 or visit davelambheating. com.

Sharing the road with school buses

■ Protect our children flashing yellow lights mean slow down and prepare to stop

By Hannah Ball

School has started and the large yellow buses are on the road once more.

Make sure to follow these rules to ensure the safety of the children and to avoid a ticket.

Last fall, after a string of accidents that involved vehicles hitting children at bus stops, Fenton Police Chief Jason Slater said removing distractions and focusing on the road is important.

In Fenton, passing a bus illegally can result in three points on your driver's license and \$220 in fines. This law is explained in Fenton's municipal law section 257.682. The consequences can be much worse if a driver strikes and injures a child who's crossing the road.

When buses slow down and amber lights flash on the overhead lights, drivers must slow and prepare for a stop.

Once the bus is stopped, the lights flash red. If motorists observe red flashing lights in both directions, they must stop no less than 20 feet from the bus. When red lights are turned off, drivers can proceed.

School buses also have yellow hazard warning lights that may be active in the midsection of the bus. These mean proceed with caution.

These rules still apply for larger roads that have multiple lanes and no divider.

"The operator of a vehicle on a highway that has been divided into two roadways by leaving an intervening space, or by a physical barrier, or clearly indicated dividing sections so constructed as to impede vehicular traffic, is not required



Students in the Lake Fenton school district board their bus on Rolston Road in this Times file photo.

to stop upon meeting a school bus that has stopped across the dividing space, barrier, or section," Slater said.

"There is no barrier or separation on North LeRoy (north of Wass Street) and as such all five lanes on N. LeRoy Street must stop if a bus activates its red overhead lights," he said.

The Argentine Township Police Department shared rules on its Facebook page.

2018 INCIDENTS:

On Oct. 30, three children were struck and killed, and a fourth was injured, as they were waiting to get on the bus in Indiana. Three of them were siblings — two 6-year-old twin boys and their 9-year-old sister.

On Nov. 1, a 7-year-old boy was struck and killed by a hit-and-run driver while he was waiting for his school bus in Pennsylvania. The bus driver found the body and called 911.

That same day in Tampa, Florida, seven people, two adults and five children, were rushed to the hospital after a car struck students at a bus stop. None of the injuries were considered life-threatening.





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McLaren Flint and Karmanos Cancer Institute offer free women's health event

McLaren Flint and Karmanos Cancer Institute invite area women to attend a free event celebrating women's health Sept. 21, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Hospitality House at McLaren Flint, G-3170 Beecher Rd., Flint. The event will include guest speakers, a Q & A opportunity with women's health experts, and community education and wellness activities. Attendees can expect educational booths, local vendors and resources, great learning opportunities and topics from engaging speakers. Refreshments will also be offered. RSVP to (810) 342-3857 or contact Hannah Ardelean, nurse navigator, for more information at Hannah.Ardelean@ McLaren.org.

Resident walks all of Fenton's streets

Reports that '95 percent of people' take care of their home

By Hannah Ball

Fenton — Have you driven every street in Fenton? Better yet, have you walked every street?

One Fenton resident, Dan Taylor, can say he has.

From the middle of June to early September, Taylor walked every street in the city, equipped with a map he picked up from city hall. He marked the routes as he traversed them.

At the Tuesday, Sept. 3 Fenton work session, he described the experience to the Fenton City Council.

"Since June 15, I've walked every city street in city limits," he said. "I didn't just step on them. I walked all the way to the end."

He started on Caroline Street and walked to a few destinations, like

State Road Elementary where his wife works. When he ran out of destinations, he went to city hall and got the map that showed the city limits.

"I'm not here to bad mouth the city. I'm here to say we live in a really great

city. I would say 95 percent of people in the city of Fenton take care of their homes. Their lawns are mowed ... their houses are painted," Taylor said. "It's virtually litter-free. I saw very little litter in the city of Fentor

ter in the city of Fenton, except for on Torrey Road along the expressway, so that's nonresidents that don't care."

The city has approximately 60 miles of street. All in all, he said he walked about 107 miles.

Taylor's motivation was losing weight. From April 1 to June 15, he lost 28 pounds and wanted to lose more for his daughter's wedding. He lost about four inches from his belt.

"I really did it because I felt like I needed to have a destination to walk to," he said.

One of his favorite routes was Oak

Street and Pine Street because of the hills.

"Oak Street does not have any oak trees on it," he said, drawing laughs from the council and audience. "I didn't get

attacked by any dogs. There's a lot of American flags that fly in the city of Fenton. I think we live in a very unique city and I'm really proud to say I'm a resident of Fenton."

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Nancy Brown, CEO of the American Heart Association, called the order, "bold and appropriate action in response to the epidemic of youth e-cigarette use." Brown added that, "The recent outbreak of respiratory illnesses associated with e-cigarette use has only added to the uncertainty and increased the need for immediate action. We urge the FDA to move urgently to protect public health and exercise strict oversight over all ecigarette products."

In making the announcement, Whitmer said, "As governor, my number one priority is keeping our kids safe, and right now, companies selling vaping products are using candy flavors to hook children on nicotine and misleading claims to promote the belief that these products are safe. That ends today. Our kids deserve leaders who are going to fight to protect them. These bold steps will finally put an end to these irresponsible and deceptive practices and protect Michiganders' public health."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in 2018, more than 3.6 million U.S. kids, including one in five high school students and one in 20 middle school students were regular users of vaping products.

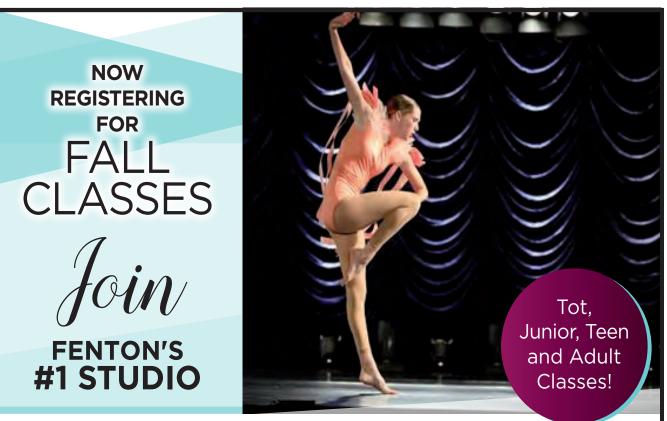


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It didn't happen.

Frederick Daniel Clark, 30, Christian Lee Lover, 25, and Mataya Delores Shaw, 24, were charged with murdering Culkins, originally from California, by stabbing him to death in April 2018. The three suspects, all from Owosso, faced life in prison without possibility of parole.

There have been numerous actions in court to do with their cases since April 30. Clark and Lover were scheduled to begin their jury trials on Wednesday, Sept. 4. However, it was postponed again with no new date scheduled. According to court records, DNA analysis and the appointment of a DNA expert at the public's expense was requested.

Shaw accepted a plea deal June 28. Count I, premeditated, first-degree murder was amended to second-degree murder. Count II was amended to conspiracy to deliver a controlled substance causing death. Shaw pleaded guilty to the amended counts.

According to Genesee County Circuit Court documents, Shaw "shall be sentenced to prison for mandatory minimum of 25 years with maximum up to life on amended counts I and II."

She will be sentenced Friday, Sept. 20.

Although he is still in jail on the current charges, Lover was paroled in November 2017 after being convicted of breaking and entering and unlawful use of vehicle. The offense took place in December 2011; he was sentenced in April 2012. His parole on these crimes is set to end on Nov. 8.

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"That part was easy. It was compiling everything and narrowing it down. 6,000 files are attached to that project," he said. "I can only leave in about 5 percent of what I shot. I went there for days and days...you have to decide — what's the story? How do you make this a story when it's continuing? You have to make it feel like a movie."

Jagielo said he's going to sit in the back of the theater Sunday at the Royal

Background

Culkins was found in a Mundy Township field, near Baldwin and Jennings roads, on Saturday, April 21 2018.

According to a previous Times story, nearby residents called 911 just before 11 a.m. that morning. They said they saw a truck, which turned out to be an older model GMC pickup with California license plates, by some trees in

> the middle of their farm field at the northwest corner of S. Jennings and Baldwin roads. They found Culkins lying next to it.

Witnesses who testified in the summer of 2018 included Anne Davies, a Metro Police Authority of Genesee County officer, who was first to respond to the call.

After allegedly stabbing Culkins to death, it is believed the trio went to a nearby gas station. After they left, the gas station clerk noticed the wrapper from a stolen store item in the restroom and called 911.

Officer Gunner Wright of the Grand Blanc Township police stopped the three on foot. He said he found a pair of blue latex gloves with a red substance on them. Clark admitted to Wright that it was blood. He said he was drunk at a bonfire the night before and had hit his head on a tree.

All three were arraigned April 27, 2018. Currently, Clark is being represented by Major White, an attorney he retained. Lover is being represented by Glenn Cotton, who was appointed, and Shaw is being represented by Archie Haymen, a retired Genesee County court judge, who she retained.

Starr Film Festival. "I don't know how I feel. People have watched my stuff before. There may be even smaller crowds than the last documentary. I'm nervous," he said.

He hopes people are interested in the tribe's effort to save their culture in Bay Mills, which is happening right in Michigan.

"It's a good thing to know about your local history and history of indigenous people ... Not every big change happens quickly or with a bang. Some things happen really slowly and some things happen quietly," he said.





Mataya Shaw





WEEKEND TIMES

PATROL BOAT

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The Troy Ounce is Argentine Township's police patrol boat, named after Clerk Denise Grave's grandson, Troy Aldrich, 22, who died in July after a car crash. His parents decided to donate his organs.

At the Aug. 26 Argentine Township Board of Trustees meeting, Supervisor Brian Saad made the motion to name the boat after Troy.

"I didn't expect it. I was just there, taking minutes and Brian brought it up. I was overwhelmed. I got very emotional," Graves said, adding that when she started crying she had to push her notes to someone else and leave the room. "It was such a kind gesture, I never expected it."

Police Chief Daniel Allen said the boat is "excellent. I've been trying for 12 years to get a boat out on that water. All the feedback was very positive."

The Troy Ounce is a 19foot, 1999 Campion Center Console boat. Allen

said it's an older boat, but it's in good



The TroyOunceisArgentine Township's police patrol boat, named after Clerk Denise Grave's grandson, Troy Aldrich, 22, who died in July after a car crash. **Submitted photo**

shape. It cost approximately \$10,000, and all the funds were anonymously donated. The township paid for the title

transfer and yearly insurance costs, which Allen described as "nominal."

Officer Jeff Mulnix, who completed a marine safety course and added the emergency equipment to the boat, will operate it. Mulnix has the power to issue tickets and to arrest people.

Allen said he is able to train others in

marine law and safety.

The main goal of the boat is education.

"We don't want to go out and ruin people's fun. What we want is to make the lakes safer," Allen said. "We've got more waterways than any other township in the county. It only makes sense for us to have a boat."

Marine patrol normally consists of 90 percent education and 10 percent enforcement, he said. The department has received numerous complaints about personal watercraft getting too close to swimmers and docks while the law states they need to be 100 feet away from both. They also receive complaints about people driving on the wrong side of the lake.

A few years prior, they received a report that some people were riding on the front portion of a pontoon with their feet in the water while the boat is moving. This is illegal and dangerous, Allen said, because the person could fall in the water and get run over.

Mulnix will educate boaters on safety and the law.

It was a joint decision between Allen and Saad to name the boat "The Troy Ounce." Allen said a troy ounce is what's used to measure precious metals, like silver.

"And grandkids are precious," he said. Graves said she called her daughter after the meeting to tell her about the name.

"I can only deduce that it's because (former State Rep. Joe Graves) and I have served the community for a long time and we care about it. We lived on the lake for 16, 17 years. Now we live off the lake. I wish I could see the boat out on it," she said.

As a kid, Troy often came to the Argentine Township offices with Graves.

"He would help me with work. Everybody in the office knows him," she said.



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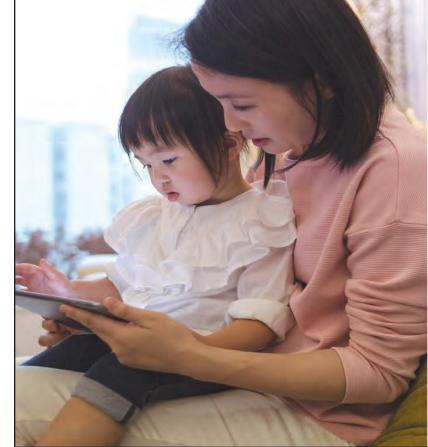
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Notice of Public Hearing on the 2019 Special Assessment Roll for the Fenton Township Fire Protection Special Assessment District

To the residents and property owners of Fenton Township, Genesee County, Michigan, the owners of land within the Fenton Township Fire Protection Special Assessment District and any other interested persons:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that that supervisor and assessing officer of the township has reported to the township board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a special assessment roll prepared by her covering all properties within the Fenton Township Fire Protection Special Assessment District. Said assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of raising money by special assessment for furnishing fire protection, emergency and medical services, purchasing and housing equipment, and for the operation of same within the aforesaid assessment district, which assessment for 2019 is in the total approximate amount of \$537,875.00.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the assessing officer has further reported that the assessment against each parcel of land within said district is such relative portion of the whole sum levied against all parcels of land in said district as the benefit to such parcels bears to the total benefit to all parcels of land in said district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the township board will meet at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan on Monday September 16, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto. Said roll may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours of regular business days until the time of said hearing and may further be examined at said hearing. Appearance and protest at the hearing held to confirm the special assessment roll is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner, or party in interest, or his or her agent may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. Written protests should be submitted in advance of the public hearing if possible. [The owner or any person having an interest in the real property who protests in person or in writing at the hearing may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the state tax tribunal within 35 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll.]

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

ROBERT E. KRUG FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK 12060 MANTAWAUKA DRIVE FENTON, MI 48430-8817



WEEKEND TIMES

LOOKING BACK at this week in **HISTORY**

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

SEPT. 8

1664: Dutch Governor Peter Stuyvesant surrenders New Amsterdam, the capital of New Netherland, to an English naval squadron under Colonel Richard Nicolls. Stuyvesant had hoped to resist the English, but he was an unpopular ruler, and his Dutch subjects refused to rally around him. Following its capture, New Amsterdam's name was changed to New York, in honor of the Duke of York, who organized the mission.

SEPT. 9

1776: The Continental Congress formally declares the name of the new nation to be the "United States" of America. This replaced the term "United Colonies," which had been in general use.

SEPT. 10

1977: At Baumetes Prison in Marseille, France, Hamida Djandoubi, a Tunisian immigrant convicted of murder, becomes the last person executed by guillotine. The guillotine first gained fame during the French Revolution when physician and revolutionary Joseph-Ignace Guillotin won passage of a law requiring all death sentences to be carried out by "means of a machine," thought to be more humane than other execution techniques, such as hanging or firing squad. On April 25, 1792, a highwayman became the first person in Revolutionary France to be executed by this method.

SEPT. 11

1857: Mormon guerillas, stoked by religious zeal and a deep resentment of decades of public abuse and federal interference, murder 120 emigrants at Mountain Meadows, Utah. Although historical accounts differ, the conflict with the wagon train of emigrants from Missouri and Arkansas apparently began when the Mormons refused to sell the train any supplies.

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SEPT. 12

1846: Elizabeth Barrett eloped with Robert Browing. Barrett was already a respected poet who had published literary criticism and Greek translations in addition to poetry. Born in 1806 near Durham, England, at her father's 20-bedroom mansion, she enjoyed wealth and position, but suffered from weak lungs and tended to be reclusive in her youth. She became even more so after the death of her beloved brother in 1840. However, her poetry was well received, and she met with Wordsworth and other renowned poets.

SEPT. 13

1971: The four-day revolt at the maximum-security Attica Correctional Facility near Buffalo, New York, ends when hundreds of state police officers storm the complex in a hail of gunfire. Thirty-nine people were killed in the disastrous assault, including 29 prisoners and 10 prison guards and employees held hostage since the outset of the ordeal.

SEPT. 14

2015: A 14-year-old Muslim boy is arrested at his high school in Irving, Texas after a clock he made at home using a pencil case was mistaken by his teacher to be a bomb.

Source: history.com



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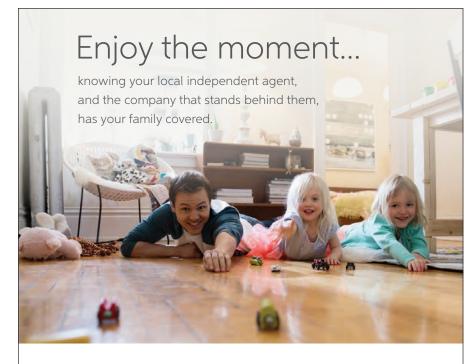


Old storm drain pieces and barrier walls litter the ground of what will become the new durable section of I-475. Photo: Tim Jagielo

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Project Manager John Welch said this is one of four "showcase projects" mandated by Michigan legislature to test the durability of longer-lasting designs. The other project is on I-69 from Ballenger Highway to Fenton Road on the westbound side. This is a 30-year design.

Roads that are more durable are more expensive and require more material. It is made of the same materials, but more of them. The southbound section, which is a standard "20-year" design has





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Old concrete is pulverized to be used in the new highway. Photo: Tim Jagielo

The 50-year design

is a trial section in

effort to provide a

cost effective, longer

lasting pavement

life. 77

John Welch

MDOT project manager

a base of 18 inches of sand, 6 inches of aggregate (crushed stone and concrete) and topped with 7.75 inches of hot mix asphalt (HMA.)

The 50-year design will have significantly more materials — 24 inches of sand, 12 inches of aggregate and 11 inches of HMA.

MDOT and Michigan State University (MSU) will periodically test this 50-year road using the southbound lane for comparison. "The concept is to determine in a real world setting if these longer term designs truly last longer and require less maintenance costs over their lifespan," Welch said.

On Thursday, Aug. 29, Dan's Excavating Inc. began laying concrete storm drains into the ground. In other spots, they rolled the clay base to prepare for the first layer.

A mini concrete plant is set up farther to the north, where old barrier walls are crushed and ground down to be part of the new road.

The approximate cost to rebuild a rural freeway is \$2 million per lane mile, and \$2.5 million for an urban freeway. These roads are designed to last 20 years, and even longer with preventative maintenance.

This 50-year design costs approximately 37 percent more to build.

Whether it is cost effective to build these roads will be determined during testing.



The Ally Challenge free to military

■Includes access to Dow VETerans DEN on hole 18 **By Sharon Stone**

Tournament officials announced that complementary admission to The Ally Challenge presented by McLaren is available to members of the United States Armed Forces (active duty. National Guard, Reserve, and retirees) and veterans.

The Ally Challenge presented by McLaren, Sept. 9-15, at Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club, will be one of the premier regular season events on PGA TOUR Champions

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ment series used to determine the Tour's season-long champion.

"We are thrilled to offer members of our nation's armed forces and veterans the ability to attend The Ally Challenge for free," said Chris Coffman, tournament director. "Giving back to those that defend this great nation is truly an honor."

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working well with few motorist concerns," Brisson said. "There was some cut-through activity in The Barn restaurant parking lot and we worked with the owner and decided to split the parking lot with barricades by the building entrance. This allows access to the restaurant from both roads and eliminates through traffic that could be damaging to the parking lot and potentially dangerous for patrons walking to and from their vehicle.

"As with any road construction project, we ask the traveling public to be attentive of construction worker activities and moving equipment in the work zone," Brisson said. "Slowing down

when workers are present and extra attention to barricading and signage helps keep the work zone safe for both the motorist and the construction crew. According to Brisson, the entire proj-

ect will cost \$1.34 million, \$860,354 will be paid with state and federal funding. The city will be responsible for the remaining \$485,950.

Because the majority of the funds are coming from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), the project was bid by the state and L.A. Construction in Flushing was selected and is doing the work.

The city's engineering firm, OHM Advisors, is overseeing the day-to-day operations.

Active Duty, National Guard, Military Reserve Service Members, Military Retirees and Military Veterans.

Fans 17 and under are admitted free of charge with a ticketed adult.

All three rounds of The Ally Challenge presented by McLaren will be broadcast on Golf Channel. For more information about The Ally Challenge, visit theallychallenge.com. For the latest Ally Challenge news and updates on social media, follow the tournament on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

PUBLIC NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF A REGULAR PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2019 AT 7:00 PM BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AT 12060 MANTAWAUKA. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ZBA19-025 Steve Morin, 2437 Davis Rd.

Requesting an 1,880.76 sq. ft. maximum allowable sq. footage variance to expand a detached accessory building at 2437 Davis Rd, parcel 06-02-300-015.

NEW BUSINESS:

ZBA19-026 Nykole Pfaff, 12277 Margaret Drive

Requesting a 5-foot and 5-foot side yard setback variance to for an addition to an existing home and a 6-foot side yard setback variance for the expansion of an existing deck at 12277 Margaret Drive, parcel 06-11-502-021.

ZBA19-027 Danielle Dikes, 13342 Enid Blvd

Requesting a 39-foot sight line variance to build a pergola over an existing boat house located at 13342 Enid Blvd., parcel 06-14-577-023.

ZBA19-028 Gary Metzger, 2511 W. Thompson Road

Requesting a 2.5-foot side yard setback variance to construct an attached garage at 2511 W. Thompson Road, parcel 06-02-300-062

ZBA19-029 Bill Richardson, 12182 Margaret Drive

Requesting a 31-foot rear vard setback variance for the construction of a new accessory building at 12182 Margaret Drive, parcel 06-11-501-087.

HO19-002 Jeffery Coon, 11174 Sharp Road

Requesting a Home Occupation Permit to conduct internet sales, private sales, and transfer of firearms at 11174 Sharp Road.

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Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Fenton Township by writing or calling the following: Robert Krug, Fenton Township Clerk, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430, (810) 629-1537.

Ordinances, meeting schedules and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

ROBERT KRUG, FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK



COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNITY PET BLESSING

The community is invited to attend the third annual Community Pet Blessing on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m. at Adopt-A-Pet, at 13575 N. Fenton Rd., Fenton. In the ups and downs of life, one of the greatest blessings that our Lord bestows upon mankind are our pets, according to organizers. Attendees will gather to offer thanks to God for our furry friends, and to bless them so that they can, in good health, continue to assist us throughout our journey in life. Any leashed or crated pets are welcome. There will be a special gift for all pets in attendance. For more information, contact St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church at (810) 750-1401 or at st-marymagdalene.org or Adopt-A-Pet at (810) 629-0723 or adoptapetfenton.com.

FBI launches 'Sextortion Awareness Campaign' in schools

Compiled by Sharon Stone

Students in many high schools and middle schools will soon be walking by FBI posters warning them of a crime that begins on their smartphones, computers, and game consoles.

"The goal of our 'Stop Sextortion Campaign' is to alert young people to one of the risks that they can encounter online," said Supervisory Special Agent Brian Herrick, assistant chief of the FBI's Violent Crime Section. "Both youth and caregivers need to understand that a sexual predator can victimize children or teens in their own homes through the devices they use for gaming, homework, and communicating with friends."

Sextortion begins when a predator reaches out to a young person over a game, app, or social media account. Through deception, manipulation, money and gifts, or threats, the predator convinces the young person to produce an explicit video or image. When the young person starts to resist requests to make more images, the criminal will use threats of harm or exposure of the early



images to pressure the child to continue Why do

producing content. "These predators are really good at targeting youth," said Special Agent Kiffa Shirley in the FBI's Billings Resident Agency in Montana. Shirley recently investigated a case where the criminal offered money in exchange for explicit images from teens. That man, Tyler Daniel Emineth, was sentenced to 18 years in prison for his crimes.

"Young people don't seem to have an on-guard mentality when it comes to strangers contacting them through the internet," Shirley said. "And many teens feel less inhibited about sharing online."

That sense of trust and comfort allows a criminal to coerce a young person into creating and sending an image, which begins the cycle of victimization.

The Stop Sextortion campaign seeks to inform students of the crime so they know how to avoid risky situations online and know to ask for help if they are being victimized.

FOLLOWING ARE A FEW QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FROM THE FBI

Read the entire Q & A with the FBI online with this story at myfenton.com.

What is sextortion?

Sextortion describes a crime that happens online when an adult convinces a person who is younger than 18 to share sexual pictures or perform sexual acts on a webcam.

How does it start?

Sextortion can start on any site where people meet and communicate. Someone may contact you while you are playing a game online or reach out over a dating app or one of your social media accounts.

In some cases, the first contact from the criminal will be a threat. The person may claim they already have a picture or video of you that they will share if you don't send more pictures. More often, however, this crime starts when young people believe they are communicating with someone their own age who is interested in a relationship or someone who is offering something of value.

After the criminal has one or more videos or pictures, they use the threat of sharing or publishing that content to get the victim to produce more images.

The adult has committed a crime as soon as they ask a young person for a single graphic image.

Why do young people agree to do this?

The people who commit this crime have studied how to reach and target children and teens.

One person the FBI put in prison for this crime was a man in his 40s who worked as a youth minister so he could learn how teens talked to each other. Then, he created social media profiles where he pretended to be a teenage girl. This "girl" would start talking to boys online and encourage them to make videos.

Another person offered money and new smartphones to his victims.

In one case, the criminal threatened a girl — saying he would hurt her and bomb her school — if she didn't send pictures.

Other cases start with the offer of currency or credits in a video game in exchange for a quick picture.

How do you know who can be trusted online?

That's what is so hard about online connections. The FBI has found that those who commit this crime may have dozens of different online accounts and profiles and are communicating with many young people at the same time trying to find victims.

Be extremely cautious when you are speaking with someone online who you have not met in real life. It's easy to think: I'm on my phone, in my own house, what could possibly happen? But you can very quickly give a criminal the information and material he needs to do you harm.

But how can this harm me?

It's true that these criminals don't usually meet up with kids in real life, but the victims of this crime still experience negative effects. The criminals can become vicious and non-stop with their demands, harassment, and threats. Victims report feeling scared, alone, embarrassed, anxious, and desperate. Many feel like there's no way out of the situation.

What do I do if this is happening to me?

If you are ready, reach out to the FBI at 1-800-CALL-FBI or report the crime online at tips.fbi.gov. Our agents see these cases a lot and have helped thousands of young people. Our goals are to stop the harassment, arrest the person behind the crime, and help you get the support you need.

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Buchanan leads Linden to second-place finish at Metro jamboree

By David Troppens

Linden — Tyler Buchanan has been the dominant runner during recent boys Metro League cross country seasons.

It looks like that trend is going to continue this fall.

> Linden's Tyler jamboree race

Buchanan won the first Metro League jamboree race at Linden Middle School, posting a time of 16:23.8, 18 seconds ahead of Owosso's second-

place runner Jorden Sowash's 16:41.8. Buchanan helped the Linden Eagles place a strong second

in the boys meet. Holly placed fifth and new Metro member Lake Fenton placed sixth.

Linden's girls placed third in the women's race while Holly and Lake Fenton were unable to field complete teams at the event. Fenton's squads won

both races. Their results can be found in a story elsewhere in this publication.

Buchanan was happy with his performance, but he's gunning for bigger goals.

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Buchanan won the boys Metro League Wednesday. Linden took second.

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Fenton XC teams continue their Metro dominance

Both Tigers' squads win first league jamboree

By David Troppens

Linden — Alexa Keiser is entering her senior season.

Entering Wednesday's first Metro League cross country jamboree, Fenton's star runner was a perfect 9-for-9 during her first three years in jamborees on the Tigers' squad.

She made it 10 straight jamboree victories, crushing the field in the 5K girls race with a time of 19:00.6 at Linden Middle School.

Keiser helped her team to a firstplace finish with 26 points, 27 less points than second-place Flushing. Fenton's varsity boys team was without its No. 1 runner, Adam Jesse, but it ended up not mattering too much as the Fenton boys won the men's jamboree with 61 points, 27 points less than second-place Linden.

Both Fenton teams are threetime defending league champs, and Wednesday's results seemingly suggest they are the clear-cut favorites to make it four straight league championships.

Keiser has some lofty goals this fall.

"I want to win all the Metros and create history a little bit," Keiser said. "I don't think (anyone has ever won 12 Metro races). Individually I want to win every Metro race and I want to break 18 minutes as a time goal."

Both Fenton varsity squads dominated by posting their top five runners before anyone else had more than three runners finished.

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(Above) A pack of Fenton, Linden and Lake Fenton runners begin iamboree women's race. (Left) Fenton's Aidan Brzezinski (left) (right) run during the men's race. Photo: David Troppens

• Fenton boys tennis beats Holly for first time since 1991

By David Troppens

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The last time the Fenton varsity boys tennis team beat Holly in a dual meet the Gulf War was happening. Sparky Anderson was still the Detroit Tigers' manager and the Detroit Lions actually won a playoff game.

The Lions are still looking for another playoff game since then, but the Tigers don't have to look that far back for its last the first Metro League win against Holly after Tues-• day. The Tigers won a 6-2 dual against the Bronchos.

It was a closer meet than the and Michael Crane . final score indicated. Five of the eight flights were settled in a third set.

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Bronchos impress in straight set victory vs. Linden

By David Troppens

Linden — Deena Maher has one thought she expresses to her Holly varsity volleyball players consistently — to be aggressive.

But there was a time late in the first set against Linden with her team trailing she wondered if playing it safe made more sense.

The passive thoughts didn't last long. Maher decided to have her team continue their "let's be aggressive" mindset and it paid off. Holly bounced back to win the first set and ended up earning a 25-23, 25-12, 25-15 victory against the Eagles.

Holly trailed 20-13 after Linden's Maddie Shier recorded a kill. However, over the next three vollies, Jewell had two kills and a shared block kill with Marissa Walker, cutting the gap to 20-16. Linden still led 21-17 a few plays later.

But that's when Jewell's tough service paid off with five straight points. By the time the run ended with a kill by Amanda Patterson, the Bronchos

led 22-21. Holly went on to control the rest of the set. A block kill by Paige Weeder gave the Bronchos the 25-23 victory in the first set.

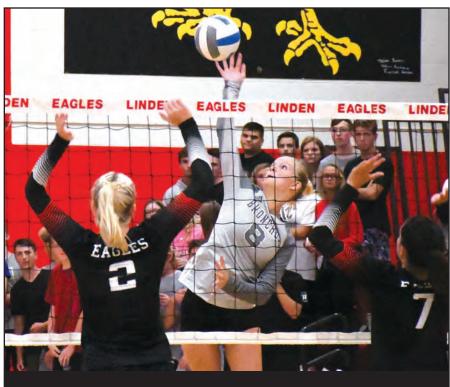
"At that point, the team really taught me something," Maher said. "I always tell them not to play it safe and we are going to play it aggressive. Sarah has this great top-spin serve and at one point I was wondering if we should just be safe. I figured to just let her go for it, and she did the rest."

Holly never let go of control of the match. Holly's strong passing game resulted in 16 kills in the second set, with Kennedy Hogan providing seven of those kills. Conversely, Linden managed just seven kills in the second set, resulting in the Bronchos' 25-12 second-set win.

The Bronchos continued to cruise in the third set. Holly had 13 kills versus just three hitting errors in the final set with five different players providing kills. Marissa Walker had four of those kills.

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Holly's Sarah Jewell attacks a ball during the Bronchos' victory against Linden. Linden's Ellie Klocek prepares to try to block the attack. Photo: Christopher Summers

Fenton soccer remains perfect in Metro League

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity boys soccer team is still undefeated in Metro League play.

The Tigers, the league's defending champion, remains tied in first place with new Metro members Goodrich after earning a 6-1 victory versus Owosso.

Both squads are 3-0-0 in league play. Many teams remain in the race with Brandon, Flushing, Linden and Swartz Creek holding 2-1 league records.

Fenton's top offensive contest. Photo: David Troppens star, scoring a three-goal

hat trick. His goals were assisted by RJ Stack, Calvin Curtis and Keegan McKellar.

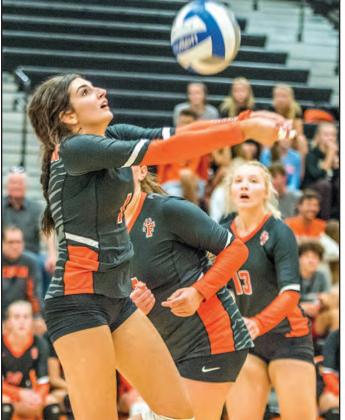
Curtis had two assists while Trevor Brown, Flannery, Will Dickens, Aus-



Alex Flannery was Fenton's Keegan McKellar dribbles the ball in a recent

tin Ames and Mitchell Scheer had an assist each.

Fenton returns to Metro League action with a home game against Corunna on Monday.



Fenton setter Sydney Acho sets a ball during the Tigers' three-set victory against Swartz Creek. Photo: Mark Bolen

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Tigers open Metro with win vs. Swartz Creek

By David Troppens

Meghan Polce's first Metro League match as Fenton's new varsity volleyball coach began with a lot of positives on Monday.

The Tigers dominated Swartz Creek in what was Fenton's first Metro contest of the season, sweeping the Dragons in three sets. In fact, Polce was pleased with all three teams — varsity, JV and freshman. All three won.

"The entire program worked so hard all summer, so it was nice to see all of their hard work pay off," Polce said. "All of these girls are so competitive and hungry for success. The freshmen had a wonderful group effort tonight with everyone seeing the floor and contributing in many ways. The JV con-

tinued that group effort and worked together to win the third match and go 2-1. I was definitely proud of the fight they showed."

The varsity Tigers are a squad with a good mixture of experience. Sydney Acho returns as an all-league setter, and has six other seniors with her on the squad. The team also has five juniors, two sophomores and a freshman. However, the squad did lose a lot of their offense due to graduation. Included on that list of graduates was fouryear starter Chloe Idoni. Fellow senior offensive players Delaney Meisch and Chloe McKenzie also graduated, so the Tigers' hitting lineup has definitely changed.

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BOYS SOCCER

Clio 2, Holly 1: Nick Rees scored Holly's only goal off a Ben Gramer throw in. Clio broke the 1-1 tie with a penalty kick goal with 25 minutes left in the game.

Flushing 2, Lake Fenton 0: The Raiders edged the Blue Devils in the tight Metro League contest. **GIRLS GOLF**

Fenton 187, Holly 199: At

Tvrone Hills. Brook Herbstreit and Victoria Carnell shared medalist honors, shooting 44s for the Tigers.

Katelyn Burkett shot a 49 while Summer Smith shot a 51.

Holly was led by Kate Brown's 45 while Kelsey Malone shot a 46. Makayla Bilbia shot a career best 54. Kendall Sitllwell also shot a 54.

Linden 203, Brandon 229: Emma Lurvey shot a 48, leading the Eagles in the match. Brooke Goll and Kaitlyn Straub each shot 51s while Cassie Most had a 53.

Linden soccer soars past Blackhawks, 5-1

finished within the top

35. River Meckstroth

placed 10th (17:31.8)

while Kyle Eberhard

was 18th (17:50.1). The

rest of Linden's top five

were Liam Sack in 23rd

(17:56.1) and Simon

Dicks in 36th (18:41.6).

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pleased.

Linden varsity boys

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity boys soccer team is slowly getting better.

The Eagles controlled their contest with Brandon from the start, earning a 5-1 victory against the Blackhawks.

"We are still a little behind the eight ball, but we are getting better," Linden varsity boys soccer coach Kevin Fiebernitz said. "We still have a long

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better and trying to get that school record — 15:30 or so — and hopefully be league champ and regional champ," Buchanan said. "I'm hoping to place top three or top five at the state meet."

After Buchanan, the rest of Linden's top five

"I thought we did a fairly good job in transition. We still have a ways to work on the defensive scheme of things and movement. ... But it was a good performance overall from start to finish. I still want a little more spunk to our game. Overall, I took a lot of positives out of it."

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Linden's Alexcis Parker (left) and Holly's Monica Ruiz compete at the first jamboree. Photo: David Troppens

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