

'It's the Oscars of the culinary world'

■ The Laundry's Chef Jody could compete on Food Network

By Sally Rummel

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Chef Jody Brunori of The Laundry in Fenton was busy in the kitchen when she got

a phone call last Thursday, answered by an assistant. "It's for you, Chef. It's the Food Network."

Thinking it was a prank call, Brunori still answered, finding out right away that the phone call was anything but a joke.

See **LAUNDRY** on 15A

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The Laundry Chef, Jody Brunori, is responsible for the popular and ever-evolving menu, which has landed her in talks to be on a cooking show.



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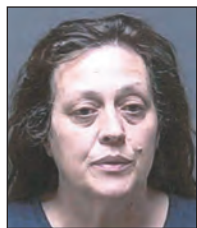
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Testimony shows Mary Bigford planned to kill her granddaughter's father



Mary Lou Bigford

■ Witnesses testify to premeditated murder

By Vera Hogan

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Testimony from witnesses support what Isabella County prosecutors are trying to prove — that Mary Lou Bigford planned to kill her granddaughter's father.

Bigford is charged with premeditated, first-degree murder in the shooting death of Lawrence Howard, Jr. of Fenton on April 18.

Witnesses took the stand during Bigford's preliminary examination last week.

Bigford is accused of gunning down Howard while he sat in his car at the Chase Run Apartments in Mt. Pleasant. He was waiting to exercise

his parental right to visit his daughter, who lived in the apartment community with her mother.

See **PREMEDITATED MURDER** on 16A

Ten police units respond to hoax 911 call

■ Man tells police he shot girlfriend, has hostages

By Sharon Stone

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The Oakland County Sheriff's Office is investigating a hoax (swatting call) complaint in Springfield Township.

On Tuesday, Oct. 20, at approximately 1:40 a.m., the sheriff's office received a call on a non-emergency phone line from a man claiming to be at a residence located in the 17000 block of Coventry Lane in Springfield Township.

Seven sheriff's deputies responded to the house, as well as three troopers from the Michigan State Police.

See **HOAX 911 CALL** on 14A

Largest pumpkin in Michigan...again!



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Mark Clementz of Holly continued his string of successes as a champion grower with the largest pumpkin grown in Michigan for the second year in a row. His 1,734.5-pound monster won \$5,000 in the Dublin, Ohio contest earlier this month. He still holds the state record for his 2014 pumpkin, which weighed 1,947 pounds.

Candidates answer pertinent questions ahead of Nov. 3 election

■ Four hopefuls running for three council seats

By Vera Hogan

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On Tuesday, Nov. 3, voters in the city of Fenton will elect three City Council members. Two incumbents and two newcomers are hoping to fill one of those three seats.

See **ELECTION** on 9A



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“Compare the political debaters. There were four aging white males and an aging white woman for the Democrats. Contrast that bunch with the Republican candidates: there were two with Hispanic backgrounds, an African-American physician, a woman with real business experience, former and current governors and several senators.”

“I have to laugh at people who say 'Detroit is dangerous,' or 'Flint is dangerous.' Neither of those places are dangerous because no places are dangerous. It is the people who are dangerous. It's always the people.”

COMMENT OF THE WEEK

“With downtown parking at a premium, I wish Fenton would have considered some angle parking. Studies show that angle parking provides more than twice the parking spots as parallel. Do we really need sidewalks wide enough for six or more pedestrians to walk side by side?”

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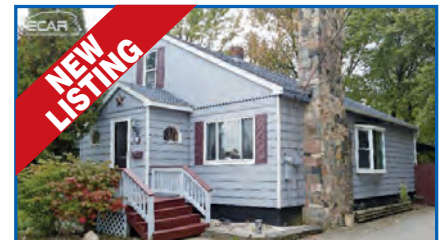
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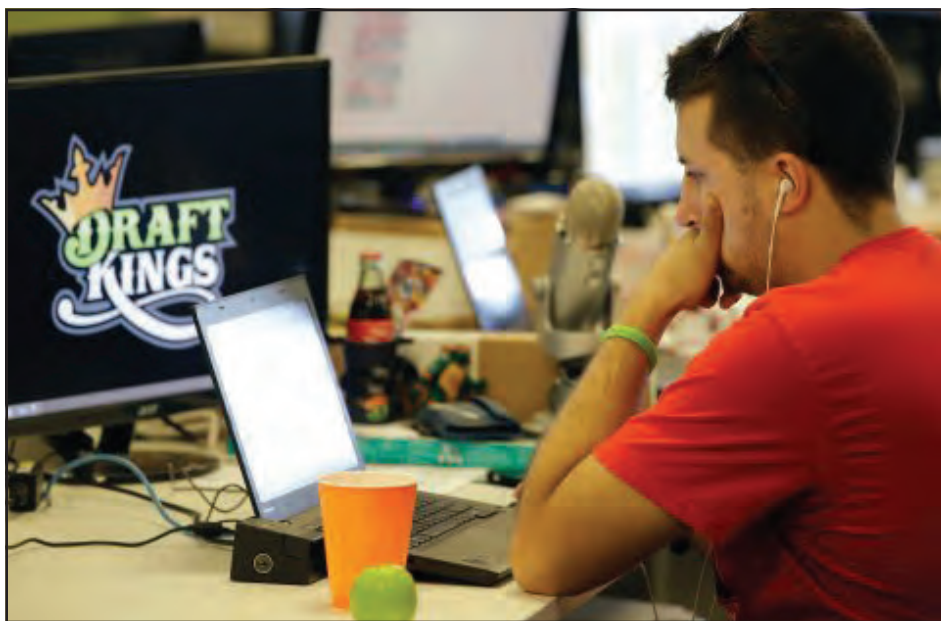
This home has a great location within walking distance to downtown Fenton with its lovely Mill Pond, quaint shops and restaurants. Home currently being used as rental property with one unit up and one down but it could very easily be made back into single family home. Home features very large living area, tall ceilings, and kitchen on the main floor.

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IS IT LEGAL?



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Representatives of Michigan Gamblers Anonymous say there is a correlation with fantasy sports and dangerous gambling behaviors.

■ Gaming Control Board believes playing for real money is 'illegal under current Michigan law'

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Dennis Ferrell loves fantasy sports.

In fact, the Fenton resident has made a second career out of them, as a fantasy sports personality at Detroit sports radio station 105.1FM.

Michigan State Sen. Curtis Hertel, Jr. (D) also loves fantasy sports. "I've been playing them for 37 years now, ever since college," the senator for the 23rd District said. "I've been in one league since I was 22 and it's still going."

Fantasy sports have been part of the professional and collegiate athletic landscape for decades now. However, within recent seasons, there has been a great proliferation of Internet-based fantasy sites, which create their games on events over a weekly or even daily basis.



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Fantasy sports enthusiasts say the popular activity is a game of skill and requires research.

In fact, fantasy sport content sites like DraftKings and FanDuel have become known as daily fantasy sport (DFS) sites, and are now leading what has become more than a billion dollar industry. One cannot watch a sporting event without being inundated with commercials involving these DFS sites and their claims that pretty much anyone who plays can win thousands or even a million dollars through their games.

Governments are taking notice, wondering if these games are innocent games of skill or gambling. The Nevada Gaming Control Board recently issued a notice that calls for unlicensed daily fantasy sports operators to stop operating in Nevada. In addition, in a Sept. 2 story about DFS games in Michigan at legalsportsreport.com, Rick Kalm, Michigan Gaming Control Board

...ANYONE WHO PLAYS CAN WIN THOUSANDS OR EVEN A MILLION DOLLARS THROUGH THEIR GAMES.

executive director, said he believed playing DFS for real money is "illegal under current Michigan law."

One of those questioning the legality is fantasy sports enthusiast Hertel Jr., who is working on Senate Bill 459 to amend the Michigan penal code to specify fantasy sports as a game of skill, legalizing fantasy leagues in the state of Michigan. When asked if fantasy sports are illegal in the state under current guidelines, Hertel, Jr. said. "That's a good question. It's one of the reasons why I submitted the bill."

Hertel, Jr. said the bill's thought process began when he was with some fantasy enthusiasts and the conversation became whether what they were doing was illegal.

The conversation spurred on Hertel's creation of Bill 459. In short, it would allow fantasy sports to be looked upon as a game of skill rather than a game of chance, excluding them from Michigan laws related to gambling. His primary interest was making sure season-long fantasy sports were protected, but if the proposed bill became law it could protect DFS games as well.

See FANTASY SPORTS on 18A

HISTORY OF FANTASY SPORTS

HERE IS A QUICK SUMMARY OF HOW FANTASY SPORTS HAVE GROWN OVER ABOUT THE LAST 40 YEARS.

1980s: Rotisserie League baseball teams popped up after the first official Rotisserie League Baseball book was published in 1984. That same year, Tom Kane, Jr. and Cliff Charpentier wrote the "1984 Fantasy Football Digest" detailing rules of fantasy football. Data was collected by league members, typically with pen and paper. It was time consuming.

1990s: Newspapers and other major publications started creating stories and columns on fantasy sports. Fantasy sports were just becoming big industry.

2000s: With the Internet, the fantasy sports industry exploded and every major sport saw fantasy games explode through many gaming sites such as Yahoo. Instead of keeping the data yourself, sites would do it for leagues, making fantasy sports even more enjoyable. However, most fantasy sports were based on season-long competition.

2009 to now: FanDuel was founded and with it started the push for daily fantasy leagues (DFS). In 2012, DraftKings, FanDuel's major competition, was founded.



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Paying your ‘fair share’

Pretty much everyone is familiar with the term ‘the rich aren’t paying their fair share.’ Never mind that no one can define what ‘fair share’ is. Of course, that doesn’t matter because the goal of repeating this senseless statement has nothing to do with concern for the poor. The actual agenda of the ‘paying your fair share’ parrots is to incite hate and envy of the rich and then offer alleged remedies to this ‘problem’ in the form of more government welfare checks, thus ensuring the poor will continue to vote for the very hucksters who are keeping them poor.

Due to our innate human nature, any time someone attains great wealth

most people will experience one of two emotions: resentment or envy. Sacrifice, risk and hard work are seldom in the equation. Once these emotions surface, all logic and reasoning is pushed aside. That is why in a country where 45 percent of the population pays no income tax (as in zero), that same 45 percent can be convinced that the 1 percent of the people who are wealthy, and who pay 68 percent of all taxes, are not paying their ‘fair share.’

That is irrational and illogical, by any measurement.

Thomas Sowell recently pointed out the obvious in a column about Bill Gates, the richest man in America, whose net worth is \$79 billion. Last

year Gates paid \$6 billion in taxes. Microsoft, his company, paid another \$5 billion in taxes. The 100,000-plus employees at Microsoft also paid taxes. The ancillary jobs created by Microsoft, estimated in the millions, also generate massive taxable income. That is a lot of Americans who are working and who are paying taxes, all thanks to one guy.

Here’s a fact. Bill Gates paid as much personal income tax in 2014 as 558,472 average working Americans combined. They all received the same benefits — the same streets and roads to drive on, the same police protection, the same medical care, the same military security and so on, but one paid 558,472 times as much as each of the others.

According to the media and the left, that’s bad for the poor because...

um — wait, it’s not bad for them at all! Millions of American families who paid no taxes in 2014 received the same benefits as Bill Gates did (likely even far more), but without paying one penny. How can that not be good?

The true enemy of the poor are those on the left who lie to them to keep them poor — because the poor will always vote Democratic, and thus they will always be poor.

What they actually need is an education and marketable skills, not a monthly check that robs them of their dignity and self respect.

If you truly care about the poor in America, quit electing leaders that perpetuate the ‘fair share’ shell game for their own gain.

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“What they actually need is an education and marketable skills, not a monthly check.”

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CITING A NEED for cheap labor and without regard for our security, Governor Snyder is importing 10,000 Syrian refugees, mostly young males. Who will provide background information on these people? Syria? ISIS? Snyder is putting business ahead of our security.

WHAT GIVES FENTON schools the right to ‘auction’ off parking spots? Just because I am not rich does not mean that I should not be able to park in a public spot. It just seems so unethical.

IN VIEW OF the fact the U.S. Senate Democrats voted down Kate Steinle’s law, I’d like to change the lyrics to a popular song from the ‘60s. ‘Are you going to San Francisco, be sure to wear some weapons in your hair.’

OAK STREET AND Lemen have been in bad shape for years. Now that there is a detour going through the residential area, these roads are really looking bad. When will the city fix our roads, Oak Street, Lemen and First through Sixth streets? We are taxpayers and voters.

MY SON, MARK, and I came to Fenton to visit the A.J. Phillips Fenton Museum and I was so sorry to see the terrible

shape the porch, railings and steps were in. If my great grandpa A.J. Phillips were alive to see it, he would be so upset.

FENTON CITY MANAGER says the city can’t give cash for excess trash tags. OK, then give a credit toward our next water bill.

THE CHAMBER OF Commerce should change their criteria for endorsing city council candidates by reducing the percentage of ‘experience’ drastically and creating a category of ‘ability to listen to citizens.’ Cherie Smith shows the ability to do this and has my vote.

THE SENIORS FROM Carotel Inns in Linden wish to give a heartfelt thank you for the dinners at Sagebrush and to the wonderful person who paid for all. Bless you.

THE GREAT LAKES Swing Dance Club has a dance every Wednesday at the roller rink in Flushing.

PLEASE EXPLAIN TO me why the left hand turn lane was taken out of LeRoy Street by Silver Lake Road. You have done one thing for me and that is keeping me from going downtown. I am not going to be in that traffic mess.

JUDICIAL WATCH OBTAINED records this week revealing Obama’s February and March 2015 golf vacations and fundraisers cost taxpayers \$4,436,245.50 in travel expenses alone. To clarify, we pay the cost of a president zig-zagging across the country to attend donor fundraisers.

I AM SHOCKED and repulsed by the vote in the U.S. Senate yesterday when the Democrats voted against Kate Steinle’s law and voted to protect sanctuary cities. This included our illustrious senators from Michigan, Stabenow and Peters. This will allow all these sanctuary cities to ignore federal law and not protect U.S. citizens.

COME ON, PEOPLE, if you’re going to smoke pot why don’t you go in the woods? Why does everyone else have to smell it? And when there’s a child involved, it’s illegal. Thank you.

JUST LOOKING at Hillary Clinton you can tell that she is exhausted from her efforts on behalf of America. She is a true patriot who is being persecuted for doing her job. Would you treat your mother that way?

SO THE DEMOCRATS voted down Kate’s Law. Seems they value sanctuary cities and the money they give to them more than they value our lives as Americans. We need to restructure Congress and the Democrats so that we can get those 60 votes when we really need them.

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Do you believe in ghosts?

streettalk



“I do believe in ghosts. I’ve had personal experiences; glasses flipping over. I’ve seen apparitions, big dark shadowy figures that move through rooms.”

— Megan Dubois
Argentine Township



“Of course. It’s a fun, nice kind of thing to believe in. It’s Halloween. Life has to have some trick or treats.”

— Bill McDunnough
Tyrone Township



“Yes. There’s no evidence they don’t exist.”

— Scott VanBrocklin
Fenton



“Very much believe in ghosts. I’ve had so many personal experiences where there is no explanation.”

— Britni Snavelly
Linden



“I don’t because I’ve never seen one. Seeing is believing.”

— Angel Burkett
Linden



“Yes I do. I’ve experienced being in a home where they are. Doors slamming, strange noises.”

— Richard Zeed
Tyrone Township



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | HANNAH BALL

Thompson Road, between Torrey Road and U.S. 23, might be widened in an improvement project designed by the Genesee County Road Commission.

Thompson Road might be widened

■ Project depends on Fenton Township receiving state grant money

By Hannah Ball

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Fenton Twp. — In a 6-1 vote, the Board of Trustees approved a resolution Monday in favor of a potential improvement project for Thompson Road.

This project, however, depends on whether the township receives a grant from Michigan's Transportation Economic Development Grant Fund. If the township is approved for the grant money, it must match 20 percent of the cost.

Tom Broecker, operations manager/deputy clerk, said the maximum the township could pay is \$200,000.

The Genesee County Road Commission is preparing an application for this grant and developing preliminary designs for improvements on the road.

If the township receives the grant money and matches the funds, improvements will be made to widen Thompson Road between U.S. 23 and Torrey Road to a three- or five-lane road.

A different grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation could cover most or all of the required matching funds.

"Eligibility for this grant is based on the number of new jobs created in the area of the improvement," Broecker said.

With Performance Fabricating's new facility being built on Thompson Road, and the planned expansions at Thompson I.G. and Enihcam Manufacturing, enough new jobs could be created to make the project eligible for the grant, Broecker said.

At the meeting, Trustee Shaun Shumaker cast the dissenting vote. He expressed concerns about having the required matching funds. "I would love to see Thompson Road cleaned up. Dollars are dollars, you've got to come up with them somewhere," Shumaker said.

SUMMARY

■ Thompson Road might be widened between U.S. 23 and Torrey Road, if Fenton Township receives state grant money and provides 20 percent of the costs.

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Residents of Alpine Shores deal with cracked roads, pot holes, bumps, and artesian wells. The Genesee County Road Commission will assess the roads and develop an estimated cost to redo the roads.

Alpine Shores starts process to repave roads

■ Preliminary estimated cost of project is \$765,000

By Hannah Ball

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Fenton Twp. — Some residents complain about pothole-infested roads. Some residents do something about it.

Residents on Lake Valley Drive, Lake Valley Court and South Lake Valley Drive saw progress Monday, during the Board of Trustee meeting, in having their roads redone by creating a special assessment district.

In order to create a special assessment district, residents must turn in a petition to the township with signatures from more than 50 percent of the affected residents.

Residents from these roads in the township procured 33 signatures out of 61 parcels total, with 53.27 percent

frontage.

In the first reading for the Lake Valley Road Improvement Special Assessment District, residents explained how leftover stormwater has been a major issue on these roads, causing deep potholes, watered down lawns, artesian

wells, and possibly sinkholes. Artesian wells form when there is enough pressure on underground water that it comes to the surface.

Provisions of the 1954 Public Act 188 allows them to secure preliminary plans and estimates for a special assessment district for assessing the cost of the road improvement

“There’s always risk in projects like this. Hopefully no one disputes the fact that our roads are desperately in need of repair.”

Stanley Bragg
Alpine Shores resident

project.

Some residents said they regretted signing the petition after hearing the estimated cost of \$735,000, not including financing costs, which total around \$30,000. The residents in the special assessment district pay the cost.

The project would completely redo the roads with 7 inches of limestone and 5 inches of asphalt.

Mark Gibb said he’s one of the residents who has water in his basement. He pumps approximately 40 gallons of water out of his basement per hour. He suggested they proceed with caution.

“In my front yard, I have what I believe to be sinkholes,” he said. Out of three sinkholes, the worst is 2 feet deep. “I can’t disagree the roads are in bad shape, but I also think we need to be very cautious.”

Stanley Bragg, an engineer, who has lived in Alpine Shores for over 20 years, said, “There’s always risk in projects like this. Hopefully, no one disputes the fact that our roads are desperately in need of repair.”

He said he’s for the improvement project because it will last for many years. “It’s not a resurfacing. What sold me on this is it’s an infrastructure turnover, which is very important,” Bragg said.

A few residents were concerned about safety issues.

One resident, Joyce Speer, said she tripped in 2007 on a pothole and broke her elbow. “I witnessed a little girl pushing her baby sister in a stroller and hitting a pothole. The whole stroller tipped over forward and I ran out to see if the baby was OK. This is a real safety issue,” she said.

Maryann Siebert, the circulator of the petition, said she has been in contact with Richard Hill of the Genesee County Road Commission. Hill told her on a scale of 1 to 10, 1 being the worst, their roads are an average of 3 to 4.

“It can’t be a resurfacing. It can’t be a chip and seal. It has to be a total reconstruction,” Siebert said.

Trustee Vince Lorraine urged the residents to keep in contact with the Genesee County Road Commission, which will assess the roads and develop an accurate estimated cost.

Tom Broecker, operations manager/deputy clerk for the township, said the assessing process will take a few months, and if the revised cost is 10 percent higher than the original estimated cost, the process starts over.



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Mayor Sue Osborn, 67, is running unopposed to serve for another two years at the city of Fenton's helm.

She has been a resident of Fenton for 40 years and is currently employed by the city of Flint as an income tax auditor and enforcement officer.



Sue Osborn

"I have taken many classes in tax law and tax theory over the last 30 years," Osborn said. "I also graduated from the State and Executive Program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University."

Osborn said she has attended many classes specializing in local government offered by the Michigan Municipal League and has earned the Diamond Award, offered by the National League of Cities in Leadership by taking numerous classes pertaining to local government.

Married to David Osborn, she has two adult children, Christopher Suszek, 45, and Curt Suszek, who is 41.

"I have one granddaughter, Payton Suszek, 14, who attends Lake Fenton High School as a freshman," said Osborn.

"I am starting my 31st year as an elected official for the city of Fenton," Osborn said. "I have participated in 30 years of budget sessions so I understand exactly the financial position of the city. I have served on almost every city board and commission and I know how our government works."

"I have established a relationship with our state and federal legislators and meet with them regularly with regards to the city of Fenton," she added.

There are two big issues facing the city of Fenton, according to Osborn.

"The first would be our roads and the second is the cost of health insurance for our employees," she said. "The City Council will meet after the election and come up with a plan to proceed with the roads and hopefully by then the state will have some new funding mechanisms."

The City Council continues to review health insurance plans on a yearly basis, said Osborn.

"The cost of health care has skyrocketed and hopefully will begin to stabilize," she added. "Until then, we continue to review policies each year to provide excellent coverage for our employees."

Regarding ever-changing modern technology and the new ways constituents obtain their news and information, Osborn said, "I think the city of Fenton has begun to change with the times. We have a very active website that allows citizens to find out exactly what is going on in their city."

"People may email council members or the administration and attend any meetings they have an interest in attending," she added. "We also have a very active Facebook page that allows us to actively communicate with our citizens. We will look at other options at the next budget session if revenues permit."

Police & Fire report

INDECENT EXPOSURE

A 21-year-old Fenton man was arrested Oct. 16 following an indecent exposure complaint. Lt. Jason Slater of the Fenton Police Department said officers responded to a fast-food restaurant in the 1300 block of North LeRoy Street at 10:45 p.m. to investigate an indecent exposure complaint. The employee at the drive-thru window reported that a male, driving a Ford Focus exposed himself to the worker while at the window. Police located the car and made contact with the driver. He was transported to the police station for processing and lodged overnight.

STORE BROKEN INTO

At 5:09 a.m. on Oct. 19, Fenton police were dispatched to a commercial alarm in the 3200 block of Silver Lake Road. Upon arrival, police discovered that someone had pried open the front door. No one was inside the store. Property, including an iPad was stolen. Police processed the scene for evidence and detectives are following up. Police are also requesting the surveillance video from the business to help identify the suspect(s).

TEEN IN CUSTODY AFTER LOUD CELL PHONE CONVERSATION

At 9:32 p.m. on Oct. 18, Fenton police responded to the area of Fifth and North Oak streets after a caller reported that a white male, wearing a dark sweatshirt was loud and belligerent while talking on his cellphone. Police located the male, later identified as a 19-year-old Argentine Township resident. The teen told police that he was homeless and he was trying to get a ride from a friend. A computer check revealed that the teen had an outstanding arrest warrant from Fenton police. He was taken into custody, lodged overnight and later arraigned on the warrant.

COUPLE STEAL GAS IN FENTON

At 7:43 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 18, Fenton police responded to a gas station in the 2400 block of North Road. Lt. Jason Slater said a man and woman were in a Chevy Tahoe getting gas. While the man pumped the gas, the woman went inside to pay, however, her credit card was declined. At that time, the man drove off in the Tahoe, leaving the woman behind. Witnesses got the license plate number of the Tahoe. While inside, the woman called the man to have him come back and pay. The man did drive back. When he stopped, the woman quickly got in and they drove off, without paying for the gas. Detectives have the license plate number and phone number and will be following up on the investigation. The plate came back with an address in Burton.

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ELECTION

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Each of the candidates was asked the same three questions. Following their introductions, the incumbents' answers are listed first in alphabetical order, followed by the newcomers in alphabetical order.

Incumbent Leslie Bland, 68, is retired after working 41 years for the city's Department of Public Works (DPW). He has resided in Fenton for decades, and has four children and four grandchildren.

Incumbent Patricia Lockwood, 69, has lived in Fenton for 45 years. She currently works as a consultant. She is married to Ronald and they have three adult children and 10 grandchildren.

Nancy Draves, 74, has lived in Fenton for 46 years. She is retired after having worked as a teacher and in retail. She is married to Jim and they have three children and seven grandchildren.

Cherie Smith, 64, has lived in Fenton for decades and is retired. She is widowed, having been married to Ben for 42 years before he lost his nine-week battle with cancer in August 2014. They had no children but have many friends they consider family.

What skills and experiences do you possess that qualify you to serve on the Fenton City Council?

Bland: I have 41 years of experience as the DPW director and foreman. I am a national, life member of the American Public Works Association. As such, I have extensive knowledge of the city's infrastructure and roads. I am also a 28-year member of the Fenton Lions Club, and have served on the Fenton City Council for the past four years.

Lockwood: My 27 years of public service as Fenton mayor, councilwoman, county commissioner and state representative have given me the experience and ability to craft public policy in the best interests of the community and my constituents, and to address the challenges and issues of our community successfully.

Draves: I am a doer and a worker, am fair and honest, and always give 100 percent. I spent years in the retail business and have knowledge of bookkeeping, promoting and running a business. Over the years, I started the Arts Council with a friend and served on its board, helped set up the FARR store, and served on the Adopt-A-Pet Board. I also worked to help bring a Cultural Center downtown. I am currently serving on the Library Board, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and the Cultural Center Committee.

Smith: Since living in the city, I have attended City Council, DDA and Planning Commission meetings regularly, which is the best way to learn the basics of the city's financial situation and about any tax base or tax burden the city many incur. I served on the Beautification Commission for 14 years, 12 as chairperson. I am currently serving on the Parks and Recreation Board. For eight years, I had a partnership with Uncle Ray's Dairyland and the Durant family to help raise approximately \$10,000 for the Beautification Commission and Parks Board projects. I am a member of the Fenton Area Optimist Club, serving as its secretary-treasurer. I also volunteer for many other city and civic events.

What do you believe is the biggest challenge facing the city of Fenton today, and how do you think it should be dealt with?

Bland: The budget will be our main concern to keep our services at the level they are now. We will be taking a hard look at all of the city's expenses and employee benefits. We need to consider creative options and make the decisions necessary for the benefit of the entire community.

Lockwood: Fenton is experiencing a surge of successful growth in the downtown area. It is important to follow the Master Plan, attracting new businesses, maintaining existing businesses and continuing to create a vibrant, walkable community, that is looking to the future and preserving the past. Our ongoing challenges will be to provide services to our residents and businesses, water, police, fire protection and the improvement of our roads and sidewalks.

Draves: I would like to see us continue the momentum in building and refurbishing. The granery is being done, and the Action Auto land is cleared for possible retail and condos. The Topps property is cleared and ready for construction, and our library is a cared for and beautiful building again. We need to keep the small town feel but make it lovely and a welcome place for all ages. We deal with this by keeping and electing individuals who are positive and forward thinking.

Smith: Our biggest challenge is twofold. First, I am concerned about cuts in state revenue sharing to municipalities. This affected our budget and the money must be made up in creative ways. Funding roads is our biggest challenge. Eighty-percent of our Streetscape was funded with state and federal grant dollars. That avenue of funding also is a possibility in the future. The rebuilding of the Silver Lake Road bridge is another grant-funded project slated for 2016. Although building has increased, we will see an increase in tax revenue, but it will not be enough to keep funding our infrastructure needs, creative funding must always be considered. With growth comes growing pains. One of our biggest

needs at this time is parking. With future growth, our parking needs will increase substantially. We need to work together to make everything come together and solve the issues at hand. This may be accomplished by thinking outside the box and getting more creative with financing and partnerships.

We live in a high-tech world and members of the younger generation employ methods of communication that individuals 60 years and over have not embraced 100 percent. Are you willing to change with the times, if you have not already done so, and make yourself more accessible by utilizing the continually changing technology and social media opportunities to better serve and communicate with your younger constituents?

Bland: I admit that I am not a high-tech media person. I do use some social media, such as Facebook. I do email and use my cellphone to communicate and keep up with technology. My daughter, April, and grandson, Andrew, help me. I plan to learn more as time allows.

Lockwood: The last five years have produced some amazing forms of social media. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat and the latest, Periscope. The Millennials have turned from the traditional media; radio, TV, cable as their form of communication and have resorted to their preferred form as digital, social media. Elected officials are always challenged by the ability to openly communicate with their constituents. Technology has afforded us the opportunity to improve those communications in a smart way by managing profiles and making the information we share relevant to the important issues at hand. I make myself available to my constituents through traditional and changing technology methods.

Draves: I am an over 60 loving new technology. My first computer ran on the old DOS system and from there it was Windows. I have kept up with all the new software and pay all my bills

News briefs

'Let Freedom Ring 2015'

The community is invited to attend an event on Nov. 8 to share our gratitude and say 'thank you' to the military men and women who have served with courage and loyalty to preserve our freedom. Guests will enjoy a wonderful evening of patriotic music performed by a community choir, members from the Fenton Community Orchestra, guest soloists, guest directors and media presentations. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with an organ and piano prelude at 6:50 p.m. The event takes place at Fenton United Methodist Church, 119 South LeRoy St., Fenton. For details, email veteransdaythanks.fenton@gmail.com.

electronically. I have the iPad and iPhone, am on social media and use it every day. A few years ago, a few of us taught seniors from Loose Center how to use computers and it was interesting to see some of them take off and embrace this new technology. I love new ideas, new ways of doing things and love this age of progress.

Smith: I have kept up with the techno world, so far. I utilize many social media such as Facebook, Instagram, Linked-in, etc. I was happy when the city began using electronic methods of communicating their agendas, council packets and offering bill paying online. It's a much more convenient and timely method to use. Electronic communication is not limited to the younger generation, it's how many people over 60 handle their transactions as well. Texting is more popular than calling now. I have to admit I love electronic communication, it's convenient, it's a time saver, however it can be a little impersonal and there's nothing like talking to someone face to face. I like to communicate electronically, talk on the phone or face to face with people. There is no shortage of ways to reach me.

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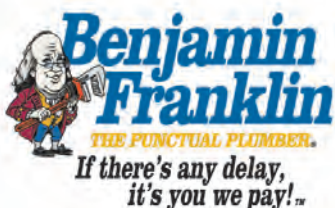
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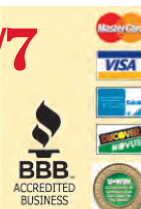
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Times 'Man dead for over a year' story goes world-wide

■ Reprint requests come from as far away as UK

By Sharon Stone

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A Hot line sent to the Times Monday morning inquiring about a discovery of a dead man led to a story being shared around the world. By Monday afternoon, people as far away as the United Kingdom became aware of a Tyrone Township man, dead for more than a year, had been found in his home.

Livingston County Sheriff Robert Bezotte said Gary Richard Buys, 69, had likely been dead for more than a year, based on the level of decomposition.

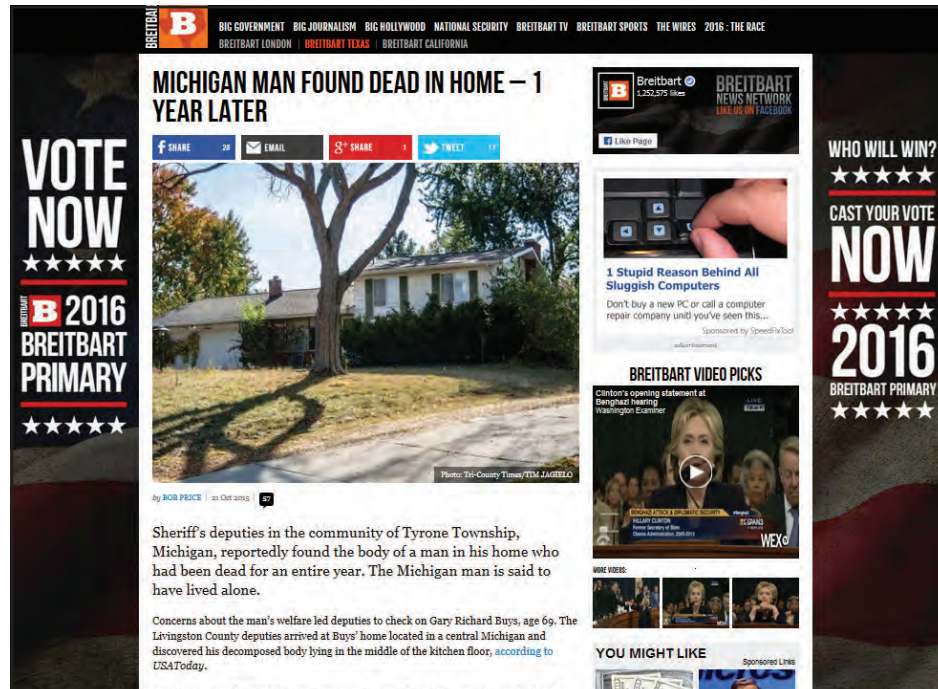
Multiple news organizations, as far away as Texas and the UK contacted the Times asking permission to reprint the story and to use Photographer Tim Jagielo's photos of the man's home. By Thursday morning, the Times story had also been viewed nearly 25,000 times and shared 76 times on its Facebook page.

The discovery of Buys' body came when a concerned neighbor called and requested that the Livingston County Sheriff's Department conduct a welfare check on a home on Farmhill Drive in Tyrone Township last Friday.

Bezotte said a neighbor of Buys, who lives in the 11000 block of Farmhill

SUMMARY

■ A grim local story that started with a Hot line has gone viral, and was re-posted as far away as the UK.



One of the popular sites sharing the story is Briebert.com, which requested to use the story and photos on Wednesday.

Drive, just south of Fenton City limits, called and requested that the sheriff's department check on Buys since he had not been seen by neighbors in a long time.

Bezotte said deputies arrived at the home, which was locked, and made their way into the house. The sheriff said Buys lived alone and had no family nearby.

There were no signs of foul play, however, Buys may have had an alcohol problem, according to Bezotte. Investigators are awaiting the results of the autopsy and toxicology report to determine how Buys died.

Following the discovery, a neighbor said Monday that Buys was extremely private. He would typically get home, drive into his garage, close the door and then stay inside the house without talking to anyone. The neighbor said Buys had lived with his mother in that house until she passed away about three years ago. He said Buys became even more recluse after that.

The neighbor said Buys had a lawn crew come out to take care of some yard work shortly after his mother died. Eventually, neighbors noticed there was no activity at Buys' home and the lawn was becoming overgrown. The neighbor

said he and a couple others went to the Tyrone Township offices to see if anything could be done, however, they were told nothing could be done about the yard.

Occasionally, a neighbor would mow the front yard, not knowing where Buys had gone.

Buys' mailbox disappeared shortly after his mother died and neighbors assumed that a post office box had been set up. With Buys being so private, neighbors figured he had abandoned the house.

When asked if anyone ever walked up to Buys house and knocked on the door, the neighbor said, "Sure."

Bezotte said the heat was on in the house and his utility bills were paid through an automatic payment plan every month. "Mr. Buys also had a home up north and all the neighbors felt he was living elsewhere," said the sheriff.

Leading up to last week's discovery, Buys' neighbor said a man who lived by the Buys' family cottage up north called another resident on Farmhill Drive, asking if any of the Buys were around. Apparently, a tree had fallen onto the Buys' family cottage and neighbors up north wanted it taken care of.

Becoming even more concerned, the Farmhill Drive neighbor called the sheriff's department to see about a welfare check.

"That triggered the whole thing," said the neighbor.

The neighbors are speculating as to what will happen next. They have been told that Buys has a son on the west side of the state, however, that has not been confirmed. No known funeral arrangements have been scheduled.



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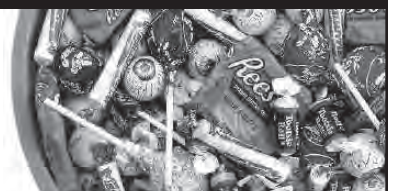
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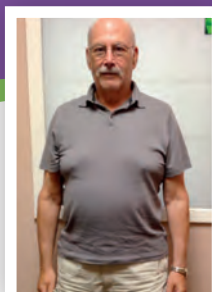


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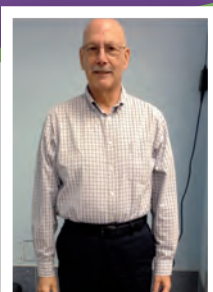


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HOAX 911 CALL

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The man said he had just shot his girlfriend and that he was holding two hostages in the bathroom. He also said he was by the front door with a loaded shotgun and that he wanted to speak to a negotiator or he would shoot the hostages. The man would not provide a name or phone number.

Deputies and troopers responded to the home and established a perimeter around the house. A phone number was located for the house and sheriff's deputies made contact with the 50-year-old woman who lives there. She told them she was home alone and then exited the residence to speak with deputies.

The home was searched and it was determined to be a "Swatting Call."

Swatting call is a term police use to identify a hoax 911 call to draw a large response from law enforcement, usually a SWAT team.

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), those who engage in this activity use technology to make it appear that the emergency call is coming from the victim's phone. It is a serious crime, and one that has potentially dan-

gerous consequences. The woman said she was on an Internet site earlier that night, communicating with people all over the world. She told deputies that a man supposedly from Sweden asked if she lived on Coventry Lane.

Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard said these types of calls are dangerous. "Fortunately, no one got hurt," he said.

Whenever police respond to an emergency, with lights and sirens on, there is always the chance that other drivers are distracted and don't see or hear the patrol car. "They could hit a car," he said. "We try to do this with as much care as possible, but sometimes people aren't paying attention."

Bouchard said another reason these calls are so dangerous is because police have to presume that the called-in circumstances are real. "We respond in that posture," he said. "If not, someone could get killed."

Despite being a hoax, if someone at the scene reacts in an aggressive nature, it can be dangerous for everyone.

Swatting calls are also expensive. "They tie up resources," said the sheriff.

Detectives continue to investigate the case and Bouchard said he would like to find and charge the person responsible. Hoax calls, such as this one, are considered a felony and the judge will determine the prison term at sentencing.

There have been a variety of swatting incidents and the sheriff said many stem from online gaming. In instances, the loser of the game has acquired personal information of the individual they lost to and will take out their hostility on them.

"We encourage everyone never to give out personal information," he said. "That's the key to prevent becoming a victim."

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LAUNDRY

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That one call began a chain of interviews and applications that may land Brunori a spot on Guy Fieri's popular Food Network TV show, "Guy's Grocery Games."

Now in its third season, "Guy's Grocery Games" pits four chefs against each other in three elimination challenges, testing their culinary skills as they make their way through the store aisles. The chef who makes it through all three challenges then has two minutes to go through the aisles collecting items on a shopping list, each worth \$2,000. If the chef gets every item, he or she is awarded the \$20,000 grand prize.

"I watch that show every Sunday," said Brunori, never dreaming that she may end up as one of the four chefs on an upcoming episode. She admits to always having been a Guy Fieri fan. "I watched the Food Network Star when they picked Guy as the next big star."

The Food Network set up a 45-minute Skype interview with Brunori the next day, then called again on Sunday requesting photos and videos. "Now they'll put all the potential chefs' promotional packages in front of the execs and will make some selections," said Holly Nachtigal, marketing manager for The Laundry and Crust – a baking company.

When and if that phone call comes for Brunori from the Food Network, she said she is ready.

"I'm up for it," said Brunori. "I'm very competitive. It's a reality show back there (in The Laundry kitchen) every day."

This isn't the only phone call Brunori is waiting for. She was recently nominated for the prestigious James Beard Foundation Award, "Best Chef in America — Great Lakes Region."

Awards are earned in these categories: Restaurant and Chef, Broadcast Media,



Journalism, Book, and Restaurant Design.

"It's the Oscars of the culinary world," said Brunori. "It's a really hard industry, especially for women. To be recognized for my hard work is a big accomplishment. I take it very seriously."

Brunori's work in local sourcing of raw ingredients and in engaging the community through her work in Empty Bowls, Forgotten Harvest and Gleaner's Food Bank are several reasons she feels she was nominated for this prestigious award.

More than 600 judges are handling interviews nationwide, narrowing the field down to about 20 categories in Brunori's region of five states, including Michigan. The awards will be given out on May 2 in Chicago.

Good news continues for The Laundry, which recently earned another award for "Best Breakfast in America," first reported

by Time Out magazine in New York.

With 16 other restaurants honored from the nation's largest cities, The Laundry was feted for its "bombastic" breakfasts, including the Spanish Conquistador, a cast iron skillet filled with tator tots, chorizo, baked eggs, smoked mozzarella and house-made romesco, as well as Bacon and Brie Pancakes studded with Nueske's pork and covered with apple compote.

"The first Sunday after this came out, we poured four batches of our homemade pancake batter (two-and-one-half gallons each)," said Brunori. "It's a hearty breakfast."



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PREMEDITATED MURDER

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The grandmother allegedly shot Howard six times before fleeing the scene. She was apprehended and arrested later in the day.

According to 9and10news.com, four people said they saw Bigford with a gun at the complex and then driving away from the scene.

Bigford's uncle, Alfred Frizzell, testified that he saw her the day Howard was killed. "I said, 'You killed that guy didn't you?' (She said) 'Yup,'" Frizzell testified.

Frizzell said Bigford drove two hours to his house that day and admitted to killing Howard. "I hollered, 'Mary what did you do with that gun?' She goes, 'I threw it in a ditch,'" Frizzell testified.

He had given her an unregistered revolver two years ago to shoot animals, the same type of gun witness Jessica Perry said Bigford had when she confronted her in the apartment complex.

"She said 'So?' And lifted the gun and continues to shoot three more times," Perry said.

Bigford's friend, Cynthia Skorzewski, testified that she saw Bigford the day before the shooting.

"I think she was telling me good-bye and then I had a really hard time with that because I didn't think about it," said Skorzewski. "I would've tried to stop her if I would've known."

During the first day of testimony, Bigford's sister pleaded the fifth when she was called to the stand.

She did take the stand on the second day of testimony, Thursday, Oct. 22.

According to 9and10news.com, Isabella County Prosecutor Risa Hunt-Scully asked Bigford's sister, Pamela Farris, if she believes her sister is violent.

"Absolutely not," Farris said.

"How would you describe Mary?" Hunt-Scully asked.

"Kind, compassionate, very loving," Farris said.

Farris' words were reluctant as Hunt-Scully asked her to recall the events leading up to Howard's death.

"Mary texted you on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at 9:32 a.m., 'Are you going to be home?' and you texted back at 10 a.m., 'Yeah, I really don't have any plans.' You don't recall those text messages?" Hunt-Scully asked, reading from the text messages between Farris and Bigford.

"I do not," Farris said.

Farris said she refused to talk to detectives when they asked her about what happened. "Because I did not have to have a conversation with them," Farris said.

"So you did not want to help solve a murder?" Hunt-Scully asked.

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"I did not say that," Farris said. "I said I did not want to have any information to help them."

Farris told the court Bigford expressed her concerns to her about Howard possibly molesting her granddaughter.

When asked about other texts and conversations with Bigford, she did not give an answer.

"Do you recall talking to Mary Lou Bigford, the person accused of murdering Lawrence Howard a half-hour after the murder?" Hunt-Scully asked.

"No, I do not," Farris said.

"You know it's a lie to say you don't remember?" Hunt-Scully asked.

"I know it's the truth to tell you that I do not recall," Farris replied.

Judge Eric Janes found there is probable cause for Bigford to stand trial for killing Howard.

Bigford's jury trial is expected to begin Nov. 16.

On the premeditated, first-degree murder charge, she faces a mandatory sentence of life in prison without possibility of parole.

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Cheryl King says good-bye after 24 years on council

■ Advises next official to keep the best interests of the city at heart

By Vera Hogan

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On Monday, Oct. 26, Councilwoman Cheryl King will take her place at the Fenton City Council table one last time.

After 24 years, King has decided not to seek another four years in office.

King, 64, was first elected to office in 1989. She served until 1997, when she stepped down to care for her ailing father, who resided up north at the time. Then her son, Jason, passed away in 1998, making family time even more important.

"My family came first," King said.

King ran for office again in 1999, won and has served on the City Council ever since. Even though she will no longer sit on the council, she plans to remain active, continuing to serve on some boards, such as the Fenton Museum Board, and other committees.

Over the years, King has served on dozens of boards, committees and other groups working on activities for the benefit of Fenton area citizens.

King and her husband, Jim, of nearly 45 years will begin spending some of their spare time by doing some traveling to places they've wanted to visit, such as Toronto and Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

Although she is known for many positive traits, the two things King has always professed is, "I always speak from my heart, and I never ask anyone to do anything I am not willing to do myself."

King recalls her first vote as a member of the Fenton City Council. "It was about drainage from the proposed new Orchard Hills Subdivision," she said. "The people from Whisperwood Condominiums complained that the water from Orchard Hills construction was running off into their neighborhood."

This is when King firmly adopted another of her beliefs, "Always do your homework."

King asked the city inspector, who was Dale Goss at the time, to walk the land with her and explain. "Visually, I could see there was a drainage problem," she said. "It was a no brainer and the council agreed."

Some of the things that occurred during King's time was the explosive growth taking place throughout Fenton.

"One year we had an 18-percent increase

in building," she said. "Fenton is a great place to be. People move here because of its central location between Ann Arbor, Flint, Lansing and the Detroit area. People always say Fenton is a friendly community."

Although King said she has been asked to run for a higher office, she said she's not planning on it. She said she believes, "The most we can get accomplished is through local government."

“If you have special interest groups you want to help, you shouldn’t run.”

Cheryl King
Outgoing Fenton City councilwoman

Over the past 24 years, King not only lost her son and father, she lost a sister this year. Asked how she got through it all emotionally and still manage to serve the city, she said, "Jim and our family have been very supportive. A lot of people get divorced when they're elected officials."

"I would ask Jim, what do you want me to do," King said. "And he would say, 'You do a good job, do what you want.'"

Jim is retired after 36 years working at the Chevrolet V8 Engine Plant. "I've always been interested in politics," he said. "But I



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Jim and "almost former" City Councilwoman Cheryl King plan to do some traveling now that she is leaving office after 24 years.

was never interested in running for office."

King's first bit of advice for the person who takes her seat on the council is not to take things personally. "When you take things personally, you divide the community," she said.

"Whoever takes office should have the best interests of the city at heart," King said. "When you take office, you're not just representing the 500 or so people who elected you, you're now going to represent 11,000-plus citizens."

"If you have special interest groups you want to help, you shouldn't run," she added. "You need to represent the whole city."

King said she is grateful and thanks Fenton citizens for allowing her to serve them for 24 years.

Who would King like to see take a seat on the next City Council?

"I have said publicly many times that I want Cherie Smith to win a seat on the council," said King. "She has done so much for the community over the past 17 years. She has proven that her heart is in the city and that she works hard at volunteering her time for the benefit of Fenton citizens."

"Even after losing her husband, Ben, (former city councilman), Cherie attended all the City Council meetings and remained on boards," King added. "She has shown that she is committed. She reminds me a whole lot of me."

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Jim and Cheryl King in 1989, the year she was first elected to the Fenton City Council.

Rolling trash cart delivery pushed ahead to Nov. 16

■Beginning Nov. 1, residents can put trash at curb without tags

By Vera Hogan

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City of Fenton residents will have to wait until Nov. 16 to take delivery on their new 65-gallon rolling trash bins. According to Gary Hicks of Republic Waste Services, the process was more complicated than anticipated, resulting in the delay.

Starting Nov. 1, however, people can put their trash at the curb without tags and Republic will pick it up even though the new carts have not arrived, according to Councilwoman Pat Lockwood, who is also a member of the city's Solid Waste Committee.

Some homeowners who received and paid their most recent water bill may be somewhat confused. The bill covered water and sewer usage for the period June 4 through Sept. 1, and included an extra charge of \$7.94 for "refuse and recycling."

Previously, residents paid a flat rate of \$13.50 for recycling, and refuse was paid for through the purchase of garbage tags at a rate of \$1.60 each.

On the latest bill, a charge of \$21.44 is shown on the "refuse and recycling" line. According to City Manager Lynn Markland, \$13.50 of that charge is for recycling and the additional \$7.94 is to pay for November and December trash collection under the new system.

The reason for the additional \$7.94 charge was not explained on the most recent water bill, and it did not occur to many residents that a bill that is normally paid in arrears — usage for the previous three months — would include future trash collection charges.

Markland said there would not have been enough space to explain it on the bill, which is printed on a postcard-type document.

"I know that most residents understand what we are doing because we still have many people coming to City Hall to purchase tags and bags," Markland said.

Because the new system will not begin until Nov. 1, residents will still be required to purchase bags and tags for refuse collected the remainder of this month.



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FANTASY SPORTS

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"It's really a game of skill," Hertel Jr. said. "Fantasy sports have taken some flack recently, but I do think they are a game of skill. ... If you spend the time to research, you can get better and have a better chance of success than someone else (who doesn't)."

Farrell said he was initially reluctant to play DFS games, but has enjoyed playing them this season.

"They are nice when you are in a season-long league and you have a team you know isn't going to win," Farrell said. "One-day fantasy leagues offer you that option to win some money."

Farrell believes fantasy games are skill games. "Ninety percent of it is preparation," Farrell said. "If I know the rankings, if I know who is injury prone and if I know the back-up running backs, I have a better chance to do well than a guy who buys a book on draft day and expects to win."

However, even Farrell wonders if fantasy sports don't have a degree of gambling mixed in.

"Is it gambling or not — that's the biggest question I'm asked," Farrell said. "I don't know. Gambling is geared toward luck. With FanDuel and DraftKings, you have to know matchups and you have to get that sleeper guy (to win). There's skill involved."

But while the legality of fantasy sports isn't exactly known, for one organization, their dangers are known. The public

relations chairperson of Michigan Gamblers Anonymous, who isn't allowed to disclose her name (we'll call her Sue), said there is a correlation with fantasy sports and dangerous gambling behaviors.

"A lot of our members are talking about (fantasy sports)," Sue said. "They were watching the Lions' game and every commercial is about how you can win \$1 million through DraftKings. I think a lot of our membership thinks gambling is being pushed down the public's throat."

Farrell admits he can see how fantasy sports, particularly DFS events, can become very addictive.

"These one-day fantasy leagues are so new you aren't hearing a lot of horror stories yet," Farrell said. "I think in a year or two you will be hearing stories about players having gambling issues with the games."

Sue said Gamblers Anonymous defines compulsive gambling as "Any gambling or wagering for self or others whether for money or not no matter how slight or significant where the outcome is uncertain or depends on chance or skill."

"We are pretty strong on that," Sue said. "Sports pools and family poker nights are all gambling to us. And we feel they can lead us down to that horrible life."

Gambling or not, one thing is apparent — despite the questions, fantasy sports have become a fabric of American sports society.

"I enjoy them," Hertel said. "I love sports and I enjoy the research aspect of it."

SUMMARY

■ Are fantasy sports legal or illegal? Daily fantasy sports sites have fantasy players and governments looking for answers.



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Four of 103 area sex offenders are women

■ They reside in 48430, 48442 and 48451 zip codes

By Vera Hogan

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Halloween is just around the corner and trick-or-treaters will be out in full force in Fenton, Holly and Linden, and the surrounding areas during the early evening hours of Saturday, Oct. 31.

The number of trick-or-treaters has dwindled over the years, due in large part to private parties, and special Halloween and harvest activities arranged by civic organizations and area churches.

There are, however, still droves of children, dressed in costume, running from house to house on Halloween night to gather candy, making caution a priority.

While parents would be wise to talk to their kids about traveling in pairs or multiples, paying attention and watching carefully before running across streets, and the potential dangers of loose costumes too close to lit pumpkins, for example, there is another matter to consider — sex offenders.

There are currently a total of 103 registered sex offenders residing in the local communities. Forty-three registered sex offenders are in the Fenton (48430) zip code, 43 in the Holly (48442) zip code, and 17 in the Linden (48451) zip code.

Four of these individuals are women.

Area police departments check on registered sex offenders regularly.

"We physically check each ... knock on the door ... at least twice every year," said Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro.

Michigan has about 45,164 sex offenders living in the state. As long as they let law enforcement agencies know about where they are living and working, it is their right to relocate to a new home. Since offenders frequently change their address, it is very important to always be informed.

Michigan began indentifying offenders in three different tiers in July 2011.

Tier 1 offenders include those convicted of possession of child pornography, aggravated indecent exposure if it is witnessed by someone under 18, misdemeanor sexual touching if the victim is under 18, and taking photos of an unclothed person if that person is under 18.

All Tier 1 offenders must register with police once a year for 15 years.

Tier 2 offenses include soliciting minors for sex, distributing child pornography, using the Internet to seek out children for sex, sexual touching if the victim is between 13 and 17 years of age, and soliciting a prostitute under the age of 18.

These offenders must register twice a year with police for 25 years.

Tier 3 offenders include those convicted of rape, attempted rape, molesting a child under the age of 13, and kidnapping a minor, even if there is no sexual component to the crime.

Tier 3 offenders must report four times a year for life.

In Fenton, there are 28 Tier 3 offenders, 15 Tier 2 offenders and zero Tier 1 offenders.

In Holly, 29 are Tier 3 offenders, 11 are Tier 2, and three are Tier 1 offenders.

In Linden, 9 are Tier 3 offenders and 8 are Tier 2 offenders. There are no Tier 1 offenders.

People concerned about sex offenders in their neighborhood and the type of offense that put them on the list should be aware that laws are strict in order to protect the public. However, it is possible for someone to get on the registry as a Tier 1 offender for urinating in public, for example. It also is possible for someone to be on the registry as a Tier 2 offender, if one person was 18 and the other 15 when they engaged in sexual activity. That couple could now be married and have children of their own.

SUMMARY

■ There are 103 registered sex offenders living in the Fenton, Holly and Linden zip codes. Four of them are women. To find out where they live in your neighborhood, visit www.communitynotification.com and click on Michigan State Police.

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LF XC teams pleased with GAC meet results

By David Troppens
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The Lake Fenton varsity boys cross country's goal all season long was to finish second in the Genesee Area Conference standings.

It took awhile to get there, but the Blue Devils accomplished their mission at the third GAC jamboree meet on Tuesday.

Lake Fenton's boys placed second at the meet, meaning the Blue Devils finished tied for second with Goodrich in the final standings. State-ranked Corunna was expected to be the overwhelming winners, and were, scoring 21 points.

Lake Fenton scored 80 points, while Goodrich had 95. The Lake Fenton girls finished in fourth at the meet and in fourth in the final standings.

"Finishing second (with the boys) was the goal all season," Lake Fenton varsity cross country coach Chris Sobczak said. "Corunna is just such a talented and deep team we knew no one in the conference stood a chance of unseating them."

Lake Fenton's Thomas Mueller capped a strong conference season by taking fourth overall in the final GAC race with a time of 16:451.00. Following Mueller was Jacob Fletcher in ninth (17:17.43), Eric Niestroy in 13th (17:49.03),

Jackson Chenett in 24th (18:36.98) and Thomas Hufton in 35th (19:37.45).

The Lady Blue Devils had two runners finish in the top 10 as well. Alexis Cash capped her GAC career with a third-place finish in 20:05.14. Following the senior was freshman Lydia Horski in seventh (20:34.90).

Lake Fenton's other scorers were Rachel Learman in 24th

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The Lady Blue Devils took fourth at the GAC Meet on Tuesday

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Fenton's Jacob Lee (left) took first at the final Metro League Meet, while Holly's Dilon Lemond (right) placed fifth.

Tigers, Bronchos finish second, third at Metro League meet

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Burton — It was expected to be a close meet among defending Metro champs Holly, Clio and Fenton during Wednesday's Metro League cross country meet held at IMA Brookwood Golf Course.

The event didn't disappoint.

With the three squads entering the final meet in a three-way tie, the Clio

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Lady Eagles soar to top of Metro

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Burton — Alia Frederick is probably best known as a great soccer player around Linden High School.

This fall, she's added a great cross country runner to that resume.

In just her first full season running cross country, the junior capped the Metro League season by winning the individual title at the Metro League Meet held at the IMA Brookwood Golf Course on Wednesday.

Her performance helped lift the Eagles to the Metro League championship, a title they had won in 2012 and 2013 before Flushing took the crown from them last year.

The Eagles took first with 35 points, beating out second-place Fenton, who scored 56 points and finished second in the overall standings. Holly was fourth at the meet and in the final standings.

Linden was the dominant team all season long, winning both of the jamborees and winning Wednesday's meet.

"It's really nice winning Metro because we are the best team for this season at least," Frederick said. "Especially winning all three (Metro races). It was kind of sweet."

"The girls ran good races," Linden varsity girls cross country coach Teresa Wright said. "They really wanted

to bring the trophy back to Linden. ... They are extremely happy with the results. ... I have been very proud of the team's dedication and work ethic, resulting in some amazing performances this season."

Frederick's victory was her first out of the three league events. She ran with Flushing's Paige Deitering for most of the race, but pulled ahead down the stretch, winning the race with a time of 18:23.2, just over seven seconds better than Deitering's second-place time of 18:30.6.

"I kind of wanted to stay with the girl in the lead, hang by her and about halfway through the race kind of speed it up a bit," Frederick said. "I wanted to kind of tire her out at the end."

The strategy worked. Frederick has run some road races in the past, but until this season has never run on a school cross country team. Now she's the school record holder for best women's time in a 5K cross country race.



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Holly's Lauren Hackett (1632) runs with Linden's Audrey Steiert (1687) and Alia Frederick (1677) at the start of the Metro League Meet on Wednesday. Linden won the Metro League crown.

"Coming in I didn't know what to expect because I had never run before," Frederick said. "At the beginning I was getting a little frustrated because I wasn't improving, but then at the race at Holly I improved a lot and I thought I could get some pretty good times."

Linden's performance was solid with six of the team's seven runners finishing with the top 20. The rest of Linden's runners were: Audrey Steiert in

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Mustangs captured the Metro crown by winning the event against second-place Fenton by a sixth-runner tiebreaker. Meanwhile, third-place Holly's 49 points placed them in third despite the total being just two points less than Clio's and Fenton's 47 team points. Due to the tie in first place the sixth runners for each squad broke the deadlock. Fenton's Mitchell Chabot finished a strong 25th place (17:26.9), but he finished six places behind Clio's sixth runner Dylan Mosher.

One huge positive for the Tigers was Jacob Lee. Lee, who won the first two Metro jamborees as well, captured first at the event, earning the individual league title with a time of 15:48.6. Directly behind him were two more Fenton runners — Dominic Dimambro in second (15:58.9) and Andrew Bond (16:03.3) in third.

"Obviously we would have loved to have won, but Clio had a great team this year, one of the best I've ever seen in the Metro," Fenton cross country coach Jesse Anderson said. "When you lose on a tie-break, you can't help but to think of those points you could have picked up, but we won't have any regrets because the guys ran smart. We didn't lose it. We nearly won it."

"I'm just proud of everybody on this team because everybody has stepped it up a notch," Fenton runner Dominic Dimambro said. "Everyone out there running varsity, even the JV guys, were all working their butts off every day just because we all want it so bad. And you can see the fire in their eyes — they gave it their all."

The race for first had a group of runners competing for the top spot until Lee pulled away.

"Our strategy was to relax," Lee said. "I held back. Jess told me to pick a spot around the two-mile mark. I decided to go around the tree mark on the two-mile turn and as soon as I hit that mark, I just took off and never looked back."

After the top three, the Tigers had their other two scorers finish deeper in the field. They were Luke Chabot in 18th (17:13.9) and Nolan Day in 23rd (17:24.8).

Holly had its top six runners finish within the top 16, which was better than any other team in the field. However, the Bronchos didn't have any runners in the



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A pack of Fenton and Linden runners try to separate themselves from the pack during Wednesday's Metro League Meet.

top four and Clio had its top five finish within the top 13 in the field.

Dilon Lemond was Holly's top runner, taking fifth (16:20.3). Following right behind him was Michael Ponkey in sixth (16:39.3). The rest of the Bronchos' scoring five runners were: Blake Staffne in ninth (16:50.7), Francisco Valdovinos in 14th (17:09.8) and Emilio Gomez in 15th (17:11.3). Jacob Alvarado finished in 16th (17:11.7).

"The score still has a sting to it," Holly varsity boys cross country coach Rich Brinker said. "I can't recall a single guy in my top six getting out-kicked and losing a spot. Shoot, my sixth-man ran a 35-second PR. ... On athletic.net we were supposed to finish third and lose by 20 points, so to say we closed the gap would be an understatement. But when it's all said and done we walked away third."

The Linden Eagles were clearly the next-best team after the elite three at the meet, finishing fourth with 85 points, almost half the point total of fifth-place Swartz Creek.

Nick McDonald led the Eagles by taking seventh (16:42.5), while Jack Eck placed 11th (16:59.8). The rest of Linden's top five runners were: Kagen Griffith in 21st (17:23.1), Chase Morse in 22nd (17:23.6) and Tanner Blaney in 24th (17:25.2).

"The team performed well," Linden coach Clint Lawhorne said. "Very pleased that Nick earned first-team all-league. He was the only underclassmen to make the first- or second team."

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(22:53.27), Britney Kauer in 32nd (23:27.15) and Aranda Jabiro in 36th (24:15.11).

"I was happy with how things went," Sobczak said. "The kids all raced hard, real hard. Both teams could not have done much more. We have a lot of new runners step up this year, from freshmen to seniors, who came out for the first time."

"It was fun to watch the kids' race. I have always enjoyed coaching my runners on Corunna's course. It is laid out in a manner that allows you to get to them at a lot of different points, and key points at that. You have to move a bit, but you can cheer them on and support them, which is what it is all about."

Lake Fenton's middle school boys team also placed second in their two-mile race. Lake Fenton runners finishing in the top 20 were: Kyle Lewis in third (11:53.27), Carter Owens in seventh (12:13.04), and MacGregor Hepburn in 15th (12:54.13).



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Lake Fenton's Thomas Mueller (left) and Jake Fletcher helped lead the Blue Devils to a second-place team finish at the GAC meet on Tuesday.

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fourth (19:17.5), Jordan Holscher in seventh (19:50.7), Taylor Ganger in ninth (20:13.2), Maya Gossett in 14th (20:55.1), Meghan Hitt in 19th (21:49.9) and Kristina Lachowicz in 32nd (22:59.8).

The Fenton Tigers had a strong Metro season as well, finishing second at a league event for the third straight meeting. The Tigers were forced to run without their top runner from the first two jamborees, Jenna Keiser, but still held on to second place.

"I'm really happy with (second)," Fenton's Cami Tiemann said. "One of our best runners was out, so we couldn't have had a pretty good chance if we had her in, but I'm very happy with how we did. Our team has improved a lot."

Tieman led the Tigers by taking fifth (19:22.7). The rest of Fenton's top five runners were: Emma Lane in 11th (20:34.5), Bri Costigan in 12th (20:49.3), Emily Battaglia in 13th (20:52.1) and Abbey Lee in 15th (21:05.3). Fenton's other two varsity runners were Emily Kinser in 18th (21:49.7) and Brenna Bleicher in 21st (21:59.3).

"We feel good about our season," Fenton girls varsity cross country coach Jesse Anderson said. "We were able to consolidate our second position despite having to sit our No. 1 from the first two jamborees."

"Our freshman Cami Tiemann has had a great season. She came within a couple of seconds of our school record, putting up a big PR on tough day for



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Fenton's Bri Costigan (front) leads Linden's Maya Gossett and Emily Battaglia during a portion of the Metro League Meet on Wednesday.

them.

"Our depth looked great. We had a good start to the season, but lacked spots after our No. 5. We had our seventh and eighth girls under 22 (minutes) on the year, which is our best depth ever, and puts us in a great spot for the rest of the season and next season as well."

The Holly Bronchos were paced by Lauren Hackett, who placed sixth (19:27.8). However, no other Broncho finished in the top 20. The rest of Holly's top five were: Maris Humphreys in 24th (22:19.3), Samantha Tschirhart in 27th (22:43.0), Hannah Landerwerlen in 34th (23:10.2) and Legan Rose in 41st (25:01.6).

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Linden's Trytan Hughes-LeFavour dribbles the ball in a recent contest. The Eagles beat Orchard Lake St. Mary 2-1 on Tuesday.

Eagles beat OLSM, fall in semis

■ Bronchos loses game to Cranbrook Kingswood

By David Troppens

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Kevin Fiebernitz knew if his team had any chance of beating seventh-ranked Orchard Lake St. Mary in the Linden varsity boys soccer team's D2 district opener, the Eagles would have to change the way they played.

After all, the last time the Eagles played OLSM, Linden lost 5-0.

So that's what the Linden varsity boys soccer coach did. He had his team change strategies, eventually resulting in a 2-1 D2 district opening victory at Linden's Claude Cranston Stadium on Tuesday. However the magic didn't last against another state-ranked foe on Thursday as the Eagles saw their season end in the district semifinals with a 3-0 loss to Cranbrook Kingswood.

"We had to muck it up to have a chance in that game," Fiebernitz said about the team's performance against OLSM. "We couldn't go toe-to-toe with them so we had to do some crazy things in terms of specialized marking. We had to get a little crazy how we approached that game."

It worked. Tied at 1-1, the Eagles broke the deadlock when David Fowler scored the game-winner early in the second half. He took a pass from Tyler Ziccardi and scored the ball in the left corner.

"And we hang on from there," Fiebernitz said. "We learned this weekend (from Michigan State's victory against Michigan in football) that you need to play until the end and to never quit. Our guys fought. They were the underdogs. We weren't the better team, but they executed what they needed to to give themselves an opportunity to win and that was the key factor."

One of the keys was Carson Birchmeyer's play. He was given the job to mark OLSM's top offensive player and did a good job with that task.

"There were times when he was hanging on, but there were times when he came up on top," Fiebernitz said. "He totally shut him down."

The teams played to a 1-1 draw in the first half. Linden's goal was provided by Ziccardi off a free kick midway through the first half.

Fiebernitz likes the future of his team.

"There were a lot of good things that happened this year and I'm looking forward to the years to come," Fiebernitz said.

"Guys like Birchmeyer, Julian Shier and David Fowler are going to continue to mature. We should have a very skillful team next year. The big thing is how do we get stronger and do we get a little bigger. Getting stronger will be on them this winter and summer. They can do what is needed to get a little strength on them."

Cranbrook Kingswood 1, Holly 0 Shoot out

The Bronchos (5-11-2) played a state-ranked squad and didn't lose until Kingswood won during a shoot out, making all five of its shots.

Holly's defense kept the fourth-ranked team in D2 off the scoreboard through 80 minutes of regulation soccer and two 10-minute extra sessions, forcing the shoot out ending.

Holly keeper Lorenzo Rodriguez was outstanding in net, making 27 saves, including several on dangerous Kingswood corner attempts.

Holly's outside backs Ryan Prast and John Kuslowski played the entire match, marking key Cranbrook-Kingswood offensive players. Adam Herdman and Allen McCarthy also sparked the defensive effort.

Tigers' season ends in 1-0 district heartbreaker vs. Notre Dame Prep

By David Troppens

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Fenton — The Fenton varsity boys soccer team had scoring chances.

The Tigers even had a penalty kick opportunity.

They played pretty much even with Notre Dame Prep all contest in all but one area.

Notre Dame Prep was able to score a goal.

Despite both teams having just 12 shots and the Tigers actually holding a 6-5 shot-on-goal edge, Fenton lost a Division 2 district opening contest to Notre Dame Prep 1-0 at Fenton High School on Tuesday night.

"I thought it was a great game," Fenton senior Jared DeGroat said.

"We worked our butts off. We had a couple of great chances, but we didn't finish them. I wish we did, but either way it was a great game, a great season and I couldn't be any happier."

"We got close. It was one of those games again, and we've had a couple of them, where we couldn't find a way to score," Fenton varsity soccer coach Matt Sullivan said.

The contest's only goal came with 26:25 left in the opening half. A rare breakdown by the Fenton defense allowed Notre Dame Prep's Peter Miklas to dribble the

ball into the Fenton box and easily tap the ball into the open Tigers' net for a 1-0 lead.

Minus that goal, the visitors didn't have that many quality scoring chances. And as the game went on, Fenton had more quality chances than Notre Dame Prep.

In the second half, the Tigers had their best chance to tie the game with 12:31 left with a penalty kick chance. Fenton's Liam Adams put the shot on net, but Notre Dame Prep's keeper saved the shot. The Tigers had other scoring chances, but never had a better one than the PK attempt.

Fenton had a solid season, having a chance to win the Metro League right until the final Metro contest of the season. However a loss to Linden pushed the Tigers back to a very competitive third place in the final Flint Metro League standings.

It is the camaraderie that the



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Fenton's Nicholas Melero dribbles with the ball in a recent contest against Linden. Fenton lost to Notre Dame Prep 1-0 on Tuesday.

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Sullivan enjoyed his time with the Tigers this fall.

"It was a great season," Sullivan said. "We had a ton of fun together. I wouldn't change the season for anything."



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Two players who have played key roles in their teams' success this season are Fenton's Chloe Idoni (left) and Linden's Breyanna Turnipseed. The Tigers and Eagles will do battle for a Metro League title on Tuesday.

It's a Fenton-Linden final in volleyball

■ Tuesday wins set up winner-take-all scenario for Metro championship

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On Friday, Fenton's and Linden's tied for first place Metro League football teams faced off in a winner-take-all championship game at Fenton High School.

On Tuesday, the schools' varsity volleyball teams will be doing the same.

Both area volleyball squads assured they'd be going into Tuesday's final Metro match with perfect 6-0 league records by earning conference wins last Tuesday.

The Fenton Tigers locked up their 6-0 mark by defeating the defending Metro champions, Flushing, by a 25-18, 25-14, 25-8 score at Flushing. Meanwhile, the Eagles locked up their undefeated Metro slate by cruising past Clio 25-17, 25-17, 25-22 at Linden High School.

The Tigers (27-10-5 overall), who had won six straight league crowns prior to Flushing's title last season, earned some sweet revenge against the Raiders, playing their best match of the Metro season.

Jessica Warford continued her outstanding season by pounding down 12 kills, while Cassidy Curtis chipped in 10 kills. Jessie Eastman and Chloe Idoni made the most of their attempts. Both had nine hitting attempts and provided five kills. Defensively, Taylor Mowery had a strong contest, earning 20 digs.

"This was our best effort in the last several weeks," Fenton varsity volleyball coach Jerry Eisinger said. "Our entire defense really stepped up, especially our front row with nine total blocks."

"We spread the ball around very effectively to all of our hitters, making us difficult to defend. It was great to see us play up to our potential coming into the last weeks

of the season and a big match versus Linden next Tuesday.

The Eagles have never captured a Metro League crown, but look to have a squad that can earn the first one on Tuesday. It was the Eagles who handed Flushing its first Metro loss since the Raiders joined the league during the 2014-15 academic year, and proved they belonged among the Metro's elite. Since then, the Eagles have continued to win Metro matches, with balanced offensive and defensive efforts.

Megan Klavitter has led the squad defensively, and did so again on Tuesday night against Clio, collecting 19 digs. Meanwhile, Bridget Adams and Breyanna Turnipseed provided the offensive firepower, collecting 11 and eight kills, respectively. Setter Miranda Fowler had 16 assists on the night.

Turnipseed also had 11 digs and two blocks, while Adams also provided two blocks. Klavitter had six aces and Fowler had three aces.

Tuesday's Metro title match will be at Fenton High School starting at 7 p.m.

Holly def. Swartz Creek, 25-22, 25-17, 24-26, 25-23

Holly's offense was effective and diverse, with five players scoring at least five kills. Courtney Accorsi led the squad with 10 kills, while Katie Bartholomew and Juliet Clark had nine kills each. Finally, Shannon Torpey and Taylor McAninch capped the offense with seven and five kills, respectively. Isabelle Brown was the team's top setter, posting 28 assists, while Maddie Meszler had nine assists.

Defensively, Katie LaClair had a team-best 28 digs, while Shannon Torpey had 22 digs. Bartholomew chipped in four blocks. Meszler led the Broncos on the service line with four aces.

"Overall they played hard from start to finish and took home a big win for this young team," Holly varsity volleyball coach Hannah Timm said.

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