

Communities look forward to bright future

■ Projects started in 2015 will continue progressing this year

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Things really picked up for area communities in the year 2015, and now, local leaders are looking forward to continuing the flow of growth and prosperity in 2016.

City of Fenton
Mayor Sue Osborn says the groundbreaking

and construction of the Riverview building by LaJoy Properties on the old Topps site is eagerly anticipated. The project, which recently received final site plan approval by the Fenton Planning Commission, is scheduled to begin this spring.

“This building will definitely change the landscape of downtown and will be a tremendous asset to our community,” Osborn said.

Osborn said the extension of Caroline Street

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“Now we may begin to enjoy the fruits of our sacrifices and look forward to a much brighter future for our community.”

Sue Osborn
Fenton mayor



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The most eagerly anticipated project in Fenton is Riverview, which is expected to break ground in April.



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Muslim family appreciates ‘small town’ Fenton

■ The Khans integrate their own faith and traditions with American way of life

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Ikramullah Khan has lived in Fenton since 1999, raising his family here and appreciating this small community where neighbors help each other and education is valued.

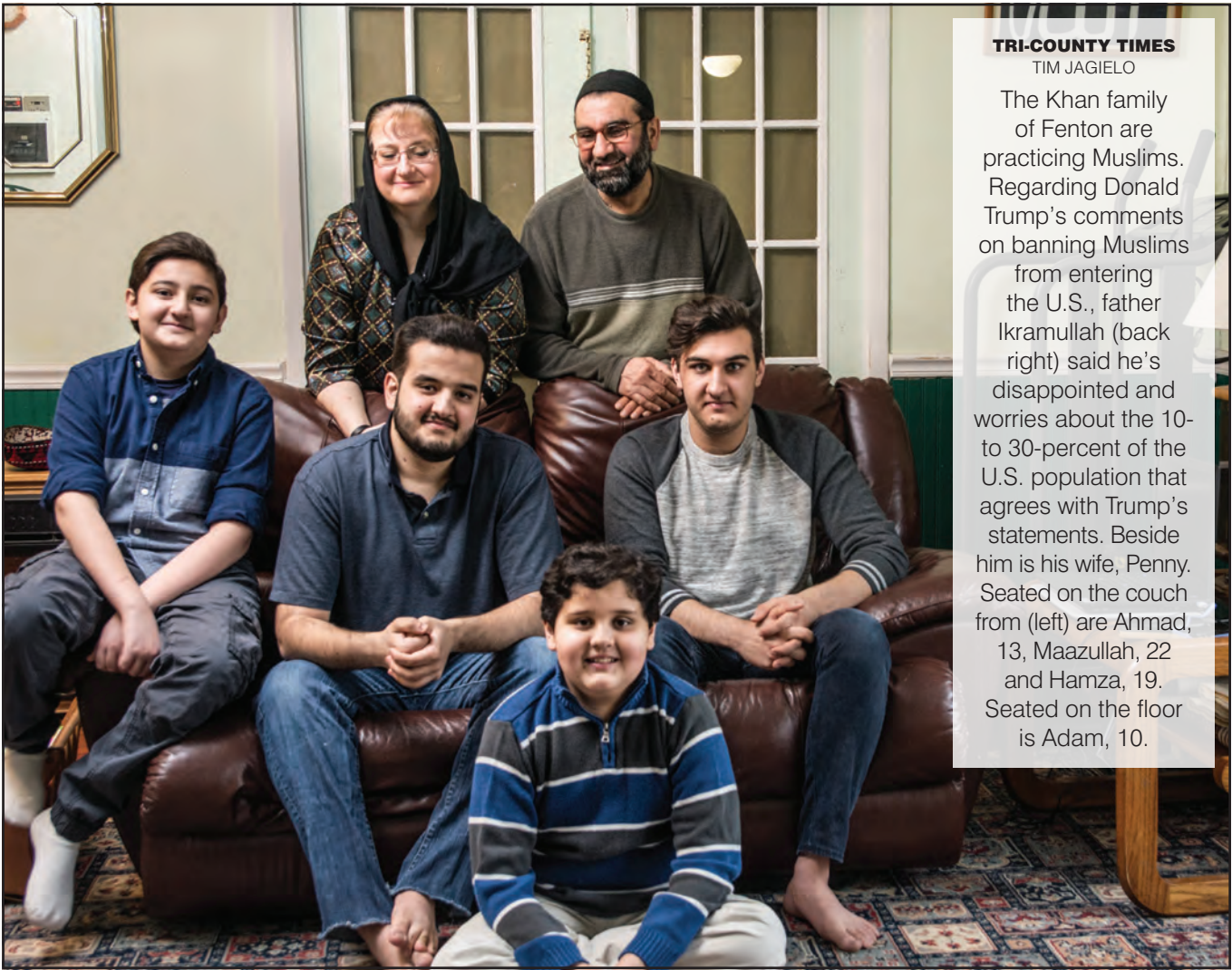
SUMMARY

■ One local Muslim family has enjoyed living in Fenton since 1999 and appreciates its small town atmosphere and neighborliness.

He and his wife, Penny, have four sons, Maaz, 22, Hamza, 19, both students at University of Michigan-Flint, studying pre-med and pre-law, respectively; Ahmad, 13, a seventh-grader at Fenton AGS Middle School and Adam, 10, a fifth-grader at Tomek-Eastern Elementary School and a married daughter, Hira, 25, with her daughter, Jennah, age 3.

Penny and “Khan” met through mutual friends 26 years ago, when he was attending college in

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The Khan family of Fenton are practicing Muslims. Regarding Donald Trump’s comments on banning Muslims from entering the U.S., father Ikramullah (back right) said he’s disappointed and worries about the 10- to 30-percent of the U.S. population that agrees with Trump’s statements. Beside him is his wife, Penny. Seated on the couch from (left) are Ahmad, 13, Maazullah, 22 and Hamza, 19. Seated on the floor is Adam, 10.



Allegiant Air will take over Southwest’s Florida flights

Allegiant Air will be the new airline in town at Bishop International Airport in April, when they take over Southwest Airlines’ flights to Orlando and Tampa/St. Petersburg.

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“To all you homeowners who take the time to put up the wonderful Christmas decorations, thank you for the enjoyment you provide to my family and thousands of other families in this area.”

“We had a lot of crazy criminals around Fenton in 2015. It doesn’t seem that way until the Times printed it all in aggregate. Drugs, murder, six-shooting grandmas, wife killers, drunks, child abusers, animal cruelty and more. Maybe we should change our name to ‘Flinton.’ ”

“It was fascinating to watch the Times video of the Cornerstone being built from a vacant lot to the finished building in just four minutes. How in the world did you do that?” [Editor’s note: The video can be viewed at tctimes.com, on the right hand side of the homepage.]

COMMENT OF THE WEEK

“I, for one, miss my sleepy little town. Can’t ever drive through Fenton anymore without stopping at multiple red lights. I guess there may be some truth to the old saying, ‘be careful what you wish for.’ ”

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African children's choir

performs as part of ministry outreach

By Hannah Ball

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Fenton received a taste of South African Zulu culture last Thursday when an African children's choir performed at Fenton United Methodist Church.

The children performed for Good News for Women, an inter-denominational Bible study group and women's seminary, at their annual Christmas brunch.

"Their voices bring hope and it's unmistakable," said Colleen Carnell, a member of Good News for Women. The children sang Christmas music and traditional Zulu African music.

These children, from Durbin, South Africa, were chosen by a mission group called Key of Hope to perform at different churches around Michigan. They

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“Their voices bring hope and it's unmistakable.”

Colleen Carnell

Good News for Women member

are Zulu tribe members, and the music and dancing is a taste of Zulu culture. Key of Hope is a non-profit organization that aims to help children living in poverty in Durbin.

"They're coming to the U.S. to visit churches and ministries that help support them, and also to other places that they have been invited," she said.

Their goal is to communicate what has been happening in Durbin.

Rachel Smither, Key of Hope co-founder, said that most children do not have proper documentation to help them get into school. School, she added, is not free. This is amid an AIDS epidemic as well. The organization assists with food, shelter, documentation and getting children into schools.

Good News for Women isn't associated with Fenton United Methodist Church. Visit keyofhope.org to see the African children's choir performance schedule.

For more information on Key of Hope, go to keyofhope.org. See the performance at tctimes.com.

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On Dec. 17, 2015, the Key of Hope Children's Choir performed for an audience at the Fenton United Methodist Church. These children are from Durbin, South Africa, and are of the Zulu Tribe. They performed traditional songs, dances and free-form okikiza (whistling, stomping, chanting) along with western Christmas songs. The organization aids children who need food, shelter and education amid the AIDS epidemic there.

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Highlights of the year 2015

■ **Television:** TLC cancelled its popular reality series Here Comes Honey Boo Boo following news that Honey Boo Boo's mother was in a relationship with a man who was convicted of molesting a young relative 10 years ago. In a related development, sales of Mountain Dew plunged 50 percent overnight.

■ **Worst Fad:** The 'man bun,' a hideously repulsive hairstyle distantly related to leisure suits, worn by alleged men who are trying super-hard to look super cool while looking like they aren't trying super hard to look super cool.

■ **Biggest Scam:** AMC's amateurish attempt to make viewers think Glenn got killed on The Walking Dead while they decided whether to give in to his demands for a raise. I knew he wasn't dead!

■ **Humanitarian Event:** After a terrorist attack at the French offices of satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo kills 12 employees, President Obama is criticized for not sending top officials to France to show support. Secretary of State John Kerry then travels to France with James Taylor, who sings You've Got A Friend at Paris City Hall. (Seriously, I am not making this up).

■ **Biggest Sports Scandal:** While earthquakes, tsunamis, floods, wildfires and hurricanes ravage the planet, tens of millions Americans are more concerned with the scandal known as 'DeflateGate,' an event whereby a still-unidentified perpetrator let some air out of a football. Al Gore blames it on 'climate change.'

■ **California Drought:** In a move hailed by environmentalists everywhere, Governor Jerry Brown passes controversial legislation, which requires all California citizens, under penalty of law, to fill their pools in a manner 'not to exceed more than 90 percent full.'

■ **Scandals:** NBC suspends Nightly News anchor Brian Williams for embellishing (code for making it up) his near-combat experiences while travelling in a military helicopter in Iraq. Williams claimed he has been 'under considerable stress' since teaching Michael Jackson how to do the moon walk.

■ **Government:** President Obama has announced that the most popular monetary currency in the world, the \$100 bill, will be redesigned to feature a photo of Rosie O'Donnell. O'Donnell narrowly beat out Whoopi Goldberg for the honor.

■ **Movies:** Birdman, a cinematic masterpiece seen by hundreds of moviegoers in 2015, won the Best Picture Oscar

award, continuing the trend of Hollywood of awarding their highest honors to awful, self-serving movies that no one wants to see, in order to prove how 'artistic' they are.

■ **White House:** In an act designed to bring attention to...well, nothing, a Florida Postal Carrier landed a home-made helicopter on the White House grounds, thoroughly embarrassing the Secret Service, as well as ruining their euchre game.

■ **Supreme Court:** In a ruling that caught the Supreme Court Justices by surprise, Kim Davis, clerk of Rowan County, Kentucky overturned the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling that state laws banning same-sex marriage are unconstitutional.

My thanks to the incomparable Dave Barry for his assistance in compiling this historical record.

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■ **I CANNOT BELIEVE** they are able to take over the park on Margaret Drive. It's stealing. You can't even tell the difference between their yards and the park anymore. Try keeping your flower gardens, stones and sidewalks on your own property.

■ **I WANT TO** thank the two men in the white Jeep who stole parts from the jungle gym Sunday afternoon on Runyan Lake Road. The remaining parts are useless without the stolen pieces. Merry Christmas to the both of you.

■ **DON'T BLAME THE** Muslims for the offensive ideology presented by our media. Put the blame squarely on the Democrats who embrace anything that works in their perceived favor. Just saying.

■ **AFTER WHAT HAPPENED** in Las Vegas with that lady running down all those people with her car, one thing is clear, we need more background checks for people who buy cars.

■ **WHOEVER WAS WONDERING** why the President says ISIL. ISIS means Islamic State in Iraq and Syria. ISIL

means Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant. Some big news agencies such as Associated Press, Aljazeera, say ISIL. Both mean the same.

■ **TO THE HOT** liner complaining Trump wants to violate the Constitution by denying immigration rights to all Muslims. There is no such thing as immigration rights. Amendments I, XV and XIX protect freedom of religion and voting; no mention of immigration. The right to immigrate to the United States does not exist.

■ **SO, HILLARY WANTS** everyone to get rid of their guns and not be able to buy guns. So does that mean her security detail that is with her at all times will get rid of their guns first to show us that the normal everyday people who want to protect themselves from the bad guys don't really need them? I doubt that very much.

■ **Y'ALL COMPLAIN** A lot.

■ **WE DO NOT** need gun control. We need idiot control.

■ **I WISH THE** council would answer what its limits are on spending locally. They spent \$5,000 more on trucks this time. Would they spend \$20,000 more next time?

■ **IF CHRISTIANS ARE** no longer Christians once they commit a mass shooting, then by that logic, Muslim terrorists are no longer Muslims after committing terrorism. So why are we punishing all Muslims?

■ **I KNOW SEVERAL** people who are on Medicare, Social Security, and use government assistance for home help, yet they still vote Republican. They are voting against their own interests. Republicans are constantly trying to end these programs in favor of a lower deficit, yet create a \$500 billion spending bill for their corporate donors.

■ **I WISH I** could give everybody a gift to open, especially a heart and mind.

■ **HOPEFULLY, THE NEW** Tyrone Township clerk will get rid of the wasteful spending in the elections department.

■ **SO, YOU'RE GOING** to vote for Hillary because of party loyalty? You shouldn't vote then. We should be voting for a person who will make America great again. You need to use your mind, brain, and common sense to vote.

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"I would pay off bills and take care of my family and friends and go on a few vacations. Maybe Hawaii, especially on a day like today."

Shandra James
Linden



"We'd go shopping for sure. And share. Donate some to Whaley Children's Center in Flint. It would go pretty quickly. I would spend some and give some to my children."

Denise Penwell
Fenton



"I would first donate quite a bit to Adopt-A-Pet and homeless shelters. Secondly, I would make sure my family is all taken care of. Then I'd go on vacation to Italy, probably."

Michele Casey
Fenton



"Pay off debt and invest. Invest for profits, and give to charity."

Kevin Miller
Linden



"I would pay off all my debt. I'd pay off the house. We'd probably go on vacation. I wouldn't spend it all at once."

Glen Williams
Fenton Township

Police&Fire report

STORE CLERK EMBEZZLES

Fenton police arrested a 19-year-old Flint female for embezzlement on Dec. 17 after a loss prevention employee at a home improvement center on Silver Parkway called police to file a complaint. The loss prevention employee told police that the 19-year-old worker was activating gift cards without paying for them. This happened a couple of times and showed up through a shortage of money from her register on Dec. 11 and 13.

FENTON WOMAN TO BE SENTENCED ON HOME INVASIONS

April Delamielleure, 25, of Fenton pleaded guilty to two counts of second-degree home invasion on Nov. 25, 2015 in Genesee County Circuit Court. Her sentencing has been scheduled for Jan. 26. Fenton police arrested Delamielleure on Nov. 13, 2015 after responding to a home invasion complaint at Georgetown apartments. A resident of the complex told police he was awakened by a woman, later identified as Delamielleure, entering his apartment early in the morning. The resident woke up his two roommates, who soon discovered their wallets were missing. The roommates saw the woman at another resident's door, but lost sight of her as she went down the staircase. Later that day, police received another call from one of the male roommates who saw the same woman again. Police located and arrested Delamielleure when she returned to her apartment. Due to a previous home invasion complaint made on Nov. 27, 2015 she was jailed pending arraignment. She posted bond and was released.

TEENS BREAK INTO HOLLY HOME

At 7:42 a.m. on Dec. 12, 2015, Holly police responded to a home in the 4000 block of Grange Hall Road to investigate a home invasion complaint. The 49-year-old victim said she was awakened by two males inside her home. When she yelled at them, they fled through the same window they had broken to gain access. The victim told police that she has a valid license to grow medical marijuana. When the suspects fled, they left behind their two backpacks stuffed with marijuana. From their investigation, police identified and located two suspects in Holly. The suspects, a 16-year-old Holly male and 17-year-old Davisburg male were taken into custody. They face home invasion charges.

QUARTERS, DECORATIONS STOLEN

At 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 23, 2015, Fenton police responded to an apartment on Dauner Road to investigate a breaking and entering complaint. Fenton Police

Chief Rick Aro said a 62-year-old resident reported that sometime between Nov. 27 and Dec. 22, 2015, someone stole \$200 in quarters and some of her Christmas decorations from her apartment. She has no idea who would have done this. There were no signs of forced entry.

FENTON MAN ARRESTED FOR DOMESTIC ASSAULT ON CHRISTMAS DAY

At 11:40 p.m. on Dec. 25, 2015, Fenton police responded to an apartment in the 200 block of Trealtout Drive to investigate a possible domestic assault. The caller told dispatch that he could hear a man and woman yelling at each other in an apartment. The caller said he heard the woman scream, "Why did you push me?" When police arrived, the woman was visibly distraught and the man was intoxicated. Both were interviewed. The 22-year-old woman from Flint told police the 34-year-old male who lives at the apartment tried to prevent her from leaving. She said she fell onto a toolbox when he pushed her. Police observed injuries on her back from the fall. The man said the woman refused to leave and that she punched him in the face. Police observed no injuries to the man. The woman's belongings were also thrown from the apartment balcony. The man was arrested and lodged at the county jail pending arraignment.

BUSINESS OWNER SCAMMED OUT OF \$2,900

A 76-year-old Linden man fell victim to a scam, which is being investigated by Holly police. According to the police report, the victim, who owns a business in Fenton Township, received a voicemail on Dec. 18, 2015, from someone claiming to be a Consumers Energy representative instructing him to call 888-591-1118 to learn more about the money he owes on a bill. When he called the number, a "representative" told the Linden man that if he did not pay an outstanding bill of \$4,998.36 by 1 p.m., power to his business would be shut off. Unsure if his associate paid, he complied with the suggestion of going to a pharmacy in Holly to pay \$2,900 of the total amount through a Red Money Gram phone in three transactions. Later that day, the man learned that all of his bills were current and that this was a scam. When the victim went back to the pharmacy in Holly, he was told that nothing could be done to get his money back.

BREAK-IN ON HARTNER DRIVE IN HOLLY

On Dec. 13, 2015 at 7:22 a.m., Holly police responded to a home on Hartner Drive to investigate a breaking and entering complaint. The 46-year-old female homeowner said that while she was working overnight, someone broke into her home that she shares with her 47-year-old husband and stole several jewelry pieces, jewelry boxes and a camcorder. She discovered the break-in when she returned home. Her husband had been at work with her and then trav-

eled up north. The woman provided the name of a possible suspect. Pry marks were observed on a frame of a door. This case remains under investigation.

ROOMMATE SUSPECTED OF THEFT

On Dec. 17, 2015 Holly police responded to a home in the 700 block of Janice to investigate a break-in, which turned out to be just a larceny. The 23-year-old resident said his 25-year-old roommate, who had been living there for several months, was gone, as well as all of his personal belongings. The resident said numerous items of his own were also missing, including camping gear, a laptop, several firearms and a knife collection. The resident believed the suspect might be heading back to Maryland. This case remains under investigation.

EMPLOYEE'S CASH STOLEN FROM WALLET

Just after 9 p.m. on Dec. 26, 2015 Holly police responded to a restaurant in the 4000 block of Grange Hall Road to investigate a larceny complaint. A 20-year-old female employee told police that she had just gotten paid and \$600 in cash was stolen from her wallet, which was on a desk in an office. She said the cash was needed to pay her rent. Other employees were questioned and a possible suspect was identified. This case remains under investigation.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

REFUGEES ARE UPROOTED by force, narrowly escaping death, facing hunger and untold dangers. I want to thank the local Presbyterian, Methodist and Nazarene churches, which are helping the humanity for which Christ died.

YES, OTHER PRESIDENTS took vacations, some didn't. Like President Bush stayed home with his family because of the fact he wanted the Secret Service to be home with their families on Christmas, not chasing him, extended family and friends around on Christmas — of course at taxpayers' expense. Merry \$15 million to us this Christmas.

THE BIG HOUSE was not torn down to build the big church. It would have been wonderful to use it as a church, but was becoming a safety issue in bad condition.

WHY DO YOU people keep running these red lights? Aren't you afraid of killing yourself or an innocent person? Sooner or later you are going to find yourself in the hospital or the morgue if you don't slow down and pay attention.

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Librarian Lucy Summers is retiring

Long-time children's librarian Lucy Summers will be retiring this month. The community is invited to attend an open house at the Holly Township Library honoring Summers from **2 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 12.** For 35 years Summers has served the community of Holly with her work at the Holly Township Library. She has been the story time librarian for several generations of local families. Help the library say "thank you" to Summers. Library staff and supporters wish her the best in her retirement. She will be greatly missed.

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Local senator misses nearly 30 percent of votes

Michigan's 38 senators and 110 representatives missed a combined 1,055 recorded roll call votes in 2015 according to the Missed Votes Report compiled by Jack McHugh, editor of MichiganVotes.org. The Times regularly publishes Michigan Votes, provided by MichiganVotes.org, in the Midweek and Weekend editions.

Excluding purely procedural votes, the Senate voted 642 times and the House cast 504 votes, for a total of 1,146 possible votes. The number of missed votes in 2015 was down from 1,093 votes last year and 21,162 votes were missed in the 2001-2002 legislative session, the year MichiganVotes.org began.

"The days of some legislators just not showing up for work are long past," McHugh said. "Legislators' habits changed almost immediately when MichiganVotes.org began making this information easily accessible to voters."

Two senators and two representatives missed 50 or more votes in 2014. There were 14 senators and 65 representatives who missed no votes. The full report can be sorted by name or by the number of missed votes.

Locally, Sen. Jim Ananich (D-District 27) missed 71 of 242 roll calls. State Sen. David Robertson missed seven and state senators Mike Kowall, Joe Hune and Ken Horn missed zero. State representatives Hank Vaupel and Joe Graves missed zero, as well.

When asked why he missed so many

votes, Ananich said, "Unfortunately, a majority of the missed votes were from three session days that I was sick, and there were quite a few votes taken on those days. I also had a family commitment and an event about Flint's water issues that kept me from votes."

The total number of possible votes is also listed for each legislator. By clicking on a legislator's name, users can see a brief, plain-English description of the actual votes he or she missed. Missed vote totals for previous sessions can be viewed by entering a different date range.

McHugh added that in most cases, missed votes occur when other demands within the legislative process call a lawmaker off the floor for a few minutes or when serious family or personal issues require an absence of an entire day or longer.

"Legislators are people, too," McHugh said. "No one should jump to conclusions or assume bad faith, but if someone demonstrates a consistent pattern of missed votes for weeks on end, voters have a right to ask why."

While large numbers of missed votes get people's attention, McHugh said the votes they don't miss matter much more — and are the real focus of MichiganVotes.org's different services.

"The searchable database with all the bills and all the votes of each and every legislator is just one way to promote accountability from those who represent us in Lansing," McHugh said. "In addition, there is a free weekly roll call report for newspapers showing how local state legislators voted on key bills (which is also posted on Mackinac.org every week). There also are emails every session day for users who want to know about actions taken on subjects they choose."

The VoteSpotter app alerts smartphone users about how their own state and federal lawmakers voted on key bills and allows subscribers to send a "one-touch" email

LOCAL MICHIGAN STATE SENATORS

242 TOTAL ROLL CALLS	MISSED VOTES
Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)	7
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)	0
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)	0
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	71
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	0

LOCAL MICHIGAN STATE REPRESENTATIVES

504 TOTAL ROLL CALLS	MISSED VOTES
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)	0
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Twp.)	0

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"State lawmakers are very attentive to feedback from constituents on a particular vote," said Andrew Koehlinger, project director for VoteSpotter. "Legislative accountability begins with knowing how your representatives voted; telling them what you think of a vote takes it a step further."

MichiganVotes.org is searchable and sortable by legislator, category, keyword and more. It has described nearly 30,000 bills since 2001. The service was started to give citizens more information to help make democracy work better, and its main benefit has been increased transparency and accountability. The site's database now contains 15 years' worth of legislators' votes — complete records of the full legislative careers of many lawmakers.

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YOU READ IT first in the Tri-County. Whatever is going to happen is going to happen in the next year. The next 12 months are going to be the most dangerous we've ever experienced.

THE MAJORITY OF Muslims and Christians are peaceful people who do not want to fight over religious beliefs. ISIS would like nothing better than to force moderates of both religions to take sides and fight World War III. Donald Trump is aiding ISIS in that goal.

IF YOU THINK President Obama has the power to pass gun control against the votes in Congress you should have zoomed up the chimney with Santa Claus.

ON CHRISTMAS EVE, a nice man paid for my grocery bill at Walmart. God bless him and other good people.

ABOUT THE TV channels when one's louder than the other stations. Has anyone caught on to how commercials, they're louder? Captions are out of sync. Billions put into Charter cable and we're getting less quality. Get it together, Charter.

EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT Jeb Bush has a wealthy background and he must have hired new writers. His whole campaign changed to a tough guy who is going to do this and that. Give me

Obama and his 'common sense' any day of the week.

I LOVE THE Hot lines. I can vent my feelings and feel good about it.

I WISH I would have told my dad when he was alive. He gave me some advice I will never forget. He said 'don't ever buy anything where you have to lose to win.'

IS ANYBODY ELSE in the Silver Ridge subdivision aggravated by the late mail delivery? It doesn't seem like we should have to walk to the mailbox with a flashlight to get our mail.

IN MY PAPER, they sell the same picture of Hillary almost every day with her mouth wide open and that big fake smile on her face.

I'D LIKE TO celebrate the positives with Fenton. That is the revitalization of LeRoy Street in the business district. It looks beautiful. The negative is, of course, the mistake on the lake, which is a hideous eyesore.

OBAMA WENT INTO the White House with no foreign and business experience. He's ruined our economy over seven years and he's ruined our foreign military. Trump has built almost 500 businesses in his lifetime. He knows the world of business and he knows how to lead.

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Saturday Traditional Worship6:30 pm
Sunday Traditional Worship.....8:30 am
Sunday Education Hour.....9:45 am
Sunday Contemporary Worship 11:00 am
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Contemporary Service 11:05am
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Great Vespers5:00 pm
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Sunday School..... 10:30 am
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Children's Sunday School..... 10:30 am
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Sabbath School..... 11:00 am
Prayer Meeting 11:00 am Wednesday

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THANK YOU, JOE Graves, for helping me be a better voter. By eliminating the straight ticket option, you continue to let me know whose side you're on. The heck with democracy, you already know what's best for me, even if it is my vote.



IT IS NOT the Democrats or Republicans who will make this country great again, it is the working class people. Choose to make a difference rather than complain about everything.

THE HOT LINE about the new Linden AD neglected to mention that he is working this year free of charge to the district, he has an impeccable business background, will end up saving the district more than his increase in pay, and is a 35-year veteran. Some people are concerned that he doesn't come from a teacher union background, but he is overly qualified for the job and loves the school district and the kids.

DIVERSITY IS KEY — we all agree.

MYTH ABOUT COSTS of presidential vacations: taxpayers foot the bill for presidential vacations.

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****CONCUSSION (PG13)**
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***2D POINT BREAK (PG13)**
***THE BIG SHORT (R)**
***@STAR WARS: EP. VII - THE FORCE AWAKENS: AN IMAX 3D EXPERIENCE (PG13)**
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KRAMPUS (PG13)
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Police&Fire report

SON ARRESTED FOR ASSAULTING PARENTS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

A 30-year-old Fenton man was arrested for domestic assault on Christmas Day. Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said three police officers responded to the domestic assault complaint at 3 p.m. on Dec. 25, 2015. Dispatch was told that the suspect had struck his mother and father before fleeing the home they share. A description of a vehicle was provided to police. While en route, one of the officers spotted the suspects vehicle and initiated a traffic stop on Elizabeth Street. Inside the vehicle were the suspect and two other occupants. One of the occupants had an arrest warrant out of Saginaw County. She was arrested and turned over to Saginaw. The suspect also was arrested. He complained of injuries and was transported to the hospital. After being cleared, he was transported to the county jail pending arraignment. He also had an arrest warrant from Linden police to take care of. The suspect's father told police that he suspected his son was stealing their prescription medication and when he confronted his son, an argument and struggle over a pill bottle ensued. The father had a laceration over one eye. Trying to help control her son, the suspect's mother was also injured when she was kicked multiple times in the leg. The victims were transported to the hospital for treatment of their injuries.



ASK THE MECHANIC

Chris Wilkinson,
Certified Mechanic

Q: I have a 2004 Dodge Ram 1500 with a 4.6l V8. It starts shaking when I'm stopped. I just did a minor tune-up. What do you think is wrong with it?

A: Stephen, Anything I tell you at this point would just be a guess without hearing the vehicle run and knowing the history. First, if the shaking did not start until after the tune up then you need to look for a possible cracked porcelain on one or more of the spark plugs. Check to make sure the proper spark plugs where installed since sometimes they are cataloged wrong. Next, I would make sure when you are checking the plugs to pay attention to the coil boots as you remove the coils to make that they are seated properly and in good condition. If the shaking was present before the tune up then it is probably best at this point if you have a professional look at it. Some components are difficult to test and may take some specialty equipment to test. With the cost of parts for today's vehicles guessing is not a good way to go.

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Winners and losers of 2015

■ Includes hover boards that catch fire to streaming movie services for 69 million subscribers

By Hannah Ball

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Products and companies come and go as consumers decide what's hot and what's not.

Some winners delivered top-notch TV streaming services while others resulted in literal flames.

Here are 2015's winners and losers.

WINNERS

Netflix

What started out as a company that mailed movies has turned into one of the most important catalysts that changed the way the world consumes television shows and movies. Netflix now has more than 69 million subscribers worldwide.

With 45 Emmy nominations, 10 Golden Globe nominations, and two Academy Award nominations, the streaming service rivals cable television in producing in-demand content.

Netflix total revenues continue to increase each quarter. In the third quarter of this year, the site made a reported \$1.74 billion, which is up 23.3 percent from the third quarter in 2014.

Amazon

The easiest way to shop for Christmas presents is one of the year's biggest winners.

Analysts at Cowen and Company, a financial services company, predict that Amazon will become the largest U.S. apparel retailer by 2017, growing from \$16.34 billion in 2015 to \$52 billion in 2020. There's even speculation that Amazon will start manufacturing its own private label apparel.

Amazon has also been competing with huge streaming services like Netflix with Amazon Prime, earning its first-ever Emmy with its series "Transparent" this year, receiving a total of 12 Emmy nominations.

Apple

Worth approximately \$657 billion, Apple is the world's largest company by market capitalization.

The iPhone 6 was released in September 2014 and Apple's share price reached new highs in 2015. The phones sell for an average of \$670, and the company sold



Netflix and Amazon continue to dominate their respective markets, while new products like hover boards and Apple Watches fail.

more than 48 million in its latest quarter.

The company made more than \$234 billion in 2015, making it the most successful year ever.

LOSERS

Smart watches

The frenzy for smart watches when they first came out wasn't as big as a new iPhone frenzy, even though Apple anticipated another huge success with the Apple Watch.

Apple still hasn't released sales numbers for the Apple Watch, which is pretty telling for how well the product sold.

Simply look around and try to find someone with a smart watch to confirm this failure.

Hover boards

What started as excitement quickly turned into a fiery mess. Not only do these boards not even hover, there have been many reports of these products bursting into flames while in use.

Many airlines and retailers have banned them, and media have been warning people of the danger.

Facebook notifications

As if getting notifications for unwanted events wasn't enough, Facebook started offering notifications for your device. Now, when you get a message or a notification from a comment on your status, your phone, iPad, or computer will also notify you.

Many people think Facebook is getting a little overbearing.

You can turn off these notifications by going to 'settings' then 'notifications.'

Privacy

Privacy became nonexistent for cheaters and Hollywood producers this year. The Ashley Madison hack, which released more than 30 million users' information in July, proved the end of many cheaters' personal lives. The Sony hack in April revealed drama between Hollywood producers, executives, and actors.

TO BE DETERMINED IN 2016

Chip credit cards

The new credit cards with the added chip make it harder for hackers to steal card information, but many shoppers are upset because they take longer to process while waiting in line to check out. Plus, not all stores have implemented the new chip readers yet, and many small businesses may not have the means to do so.

Virtual reality

Samsung partnered with Oculus Rift to build a headset for virtual reality that could completely change the video game world.

LG, HTC, Sony, and Microsoft have also announced plans for their own virtual reality headsets, so consumers in 2016 will decide if the product is a bust or a must.

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Michigan is above national average in smoking, drug-related deaths, obesity

■Went down in rankings from 34th to 35th healthiest state

By Hannah Ball

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Michigan residents may eat too much fast food and not exercise enough compared to the rest of the country, according to the United Health Foundation.

Michigan is worse than the national average in all state health categories like smoking, obesity and infant mortality, making it the 35th healthiest state in the country. The state dropped one spot in the rankings from last year.

Genesee County Health Department Health Officer Mark Valacak said Michigan's unhealthiness is a continuing trend.

In Michigan, 21.2 percent of people smoke compared to 18.1 percent nationally. Valacak said smoking is one factor that influences the overall health of the state.

"A lot of it is because we have higher rates of smoking. People are physically inactive and we eat the wrong kinds of things," he said. "All those things are contributing factors to things like heart disease and strokes."

Michigan residents may smoke more compared to the healthiest states like Vermont because of the lower tax on

tobacco. "Higher tobacco taxes result in fewer people using tobacco products," Valacak said.

The UHF found that about 25.5 percent adults in Michigan are physically inactive compared to 22.6 nationally, 30.7 percent of adults are obese and 10.4 percent have diabetes, while the national numbers are lower at 29.6 percent obese and 10 percent diabetic.

With drug overdoses, there are 14.5 deaths per 100,000 people from drug overdose compared to 13.5 deaths per 100,000 nationally.

"It used to be more of a problem in urban areas but we've had drug deaths from heroin overdoses in Fenton," he said. "It's a growing problem across the country in all populations."

The UHF also found that there are seven infant deaths per 1,000 live births in Michigan compared to six deaths per 1,000 live births nationally.

"We see much higher rates in the African American population and it's often



“A lot of it is because we have higher rates of smoking. People are physically inactive and we eat the wrong kinds of things.”

Mark Valacak
Genesee County Health
Department health officer

associated with factors like getting good prenatal care, doctor checkups while you're pregnant, and making sure you're doing everything that's recommended," Valacak said. "Taking prenatal vitamins and following your doctor's recommendations are going to lead to healthier babies."

Michigan also has higher rates of premature births and higher low birth rates.

Valacak said while it's well known that smoking while pregnant can be extremely harmful to the baby, many women still take the risk. "Unfortunately, we have women who continue to smoke while they're pregnant. All of these things are contributing factors to infant mortality," he said.

Finally, 65 percent of children in Michigan are vaccinated compared to 71.6 percent nationally. "Our immunization rates aren't as high as I'd like to see them," he said.

One reason for this is the surplus of

misinformation available about immunizations. "They're the best way to prevent communicable diseases. A lot of people don't think they're important anymore," he said.

A measles outbreak in Traverse City prompted the closing of schools, and Wayne County experienced a chickenpox outbreak. "These are all vaccine-preventable diseases," Valacak said.

The GCHD and the University of Michigan conduct yearly surveys to measure the health of the district called Speak to Your Health, which measures smoking rates, immunizations rates, and much more. Valacak encourages residents to participate in the online survey at www.gchd.us.

"The more data we get the better the results are," he said.

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Rehab instead of jail for addicts

■ Successful drug addiction treatment program sweeps the nation

By Hannah Ball

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Instead of jailing addicts, one police department in Massachusetts started putting them directly into rehab as part of its ANGEL Initiative, and has seen promising results.

This addict outreach program, part of the Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (PAARI), has saved the Gloucester Police Department taxpayer money, and has significantly decreased ancillary crimes in the area like theft, shoplifting, breaking and entering, and larceny.

This is a program Argentine Police Chief Daniel Allen said he would implement for the Argentine community.

"The strength of that program is that it's the person stepping forward and asking for that help," he said. "No one in my experience in law enforcement has ever kicked a drug habit unless they wanted to help himself."

Gloucester Police Chief Leonard Campanello started the ANGEL Initiative after the fourth person died in his area from drug use in the first four months of the year.

"He was tired of watching people in his community needlessly die," said John Guilfoil, spokesman for the Gloucester Police Department. "The people are not arrested, they're not interrogated. All we care about is putting them into rehab and getting them help."

When police catch someone with drugs or an addict comes seeking help, they're put into rehabilitation within 24 hours. If they relapse, they're put in rehab again.

Since the program started June 1, 2015, the department has placed more than 260 people in treatment, and has seen a 23-percent drop in ancillary crimes, according to their numbers in October, 2015.

The department hasn't calculated new numbers yet, but compared to last

summer, the department saw more than a 30-percent drop of ancillary crimes during the summer of 2015.

He attributes the decrease to the criminal justice mission of ANGEL Initiative.

"One theory behind this is that the people who committed these crimes to get drugs are people who would not be committing these crimes if they weren't addicted to drugs. They're not hardened criminals," He said. Instead, they're people trapped by addiction.

About 40 police departments in 14 states have also joined the PAARI and created their own treatment programs. Additionally, 55 treatment centers from 19 states have joined.

"Traditionally police are seen as the bad guys because they're arresting people," Guilfoil said. In this case we're very happy to be able to convince people to come to a police station to get help."

Guilfoil said it not only helps dispel the ill will toward police, it helps the police feel like they're making a difference.

Moreover, no taxpayer money has been spent on this program. Funding comes from the police department's drug seizure account, which is money seized from convicted drug dealers.

The department has spent about \$13,750 on the program, which results in an approximate cost per person of \$55.

According to the department, jailing one person for one day costs \$220.

The Argentine police chief said it could "absolutely" be helpful for a community like Argentine.

"As far as a drug problem in Argentine, it's not super prevalent out here; no more than any other community. No community is untouched by drugs," he said.

Argentine Township Clerk Denise Graves said she was impressed with the program's success rate and the way it's operated.

"The chief (Campanello) has said it didn't matter if it was one, two, three or four times they relapsed. They still put them back," he said. "If you can save people's lives, it really helps society."

“It's a humane way to approach it. Treat it as an illness, not a social disorder.”

Denise Graves

Argentine Township clerk

“...the people who committed these crimes to get drugs are people who would not be committing these crimes if they weren't addicted to drugs.”

John Guilfoil

Gloucester Police Department spokesman



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Fenton police and fire respond to a three-vehicle crash on Silver Parkway during the afternoon of Dec. 24, 2015. Two drivers were transported to the hospital. The at-fault driver declined medical care and was cited for "failing to yield."

Fenton man cited after causing crash

■ Two drivers struck by man's Avalanche transported to hospital on Christmas Eve

By Sharon Stone

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A 25-year-old Fenton man was cited for failing to yield after he caused a three-vehicle crash on Dec. 24, 2015 in Fenton.

Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said police and emergency responders were dispatched to a three-vehicle injury crash on Silver Parkway, north of Owen Road at 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 24, 2015.

From their investigation, Aro said the Fenton man, driving a burgundy 2007 Chevrolet Avalanche, pulled out of the Walmart driveway and was attempting to

drive north on Silver Parkway.

As he pulled into the roadway, he struck a white 2014 Chevrolet Impala, driven by a 64-year-old Fenton woman who was traveling northbound on Silver Parkway. The man's Avalanche then struck a black 2011 Chevrolet Malibu, also northbound, driven by a 22-year-old Ohio resident.

The 64-year-old Fenton woman complained of back and neck pain and was transported to the hospital for medical treatment. As a result of the impact, her car came to rest in the grassy area near Applebee's and Ruby Tuesday. The driver from Ohio also was transported to the hospital for treatment. The driver of the Avalanche declined medical treatment.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SALLY RUMMEL

Fun With Frosting owner Lindsay Black shows the variety of decorated cakes she offers, along with more than a dozen cupcake varieties and decorated cookies.

Fun With Frosting specializes in decorated cakes

■ Professional cake decorator
Lindsay Black opens her
first bakery storefront

By Sally Rummel
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When you think of the local business Fun With Frosting in Fenton, the first thing that comes to mind is probably cupcakes.

But that's just the "tip of the frosting" when it comes to the passion and decorating expertise of owner Lindsay Black. Her professional background has always been cake decorating, with cupcakes the most visible product at local farmers markets in Fenton, Davison and Flint.

She moved into her first commercial storefront at 1539 North LeRoy St., the former Panda Water Ice location, on Aug. 8, 2015, after years of baking in her home

kitchen. "This is something I've wanted to do for a really long time," she said.

Black launched Fun With Frosting in 2012 at the Taste in Fenton, and quickly spread the word of her business through active participation at local farmers markets. Even though her passion is cakes, she still offers 30 different varieties of cupcakes, with 12 to 15 varieties available each day.

Whether she's baking a wedding cake or birthday cupcakes, her dough and batters are all made from scratch. "Our icing is custard-based, so it's smooth and creamy," she said. "It actually takes longer to make the frosting than the cake."

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | HANNAH BALL

The Linden City Council will use a \$50,000 grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund to construct restrooms at the Eagle's Wooden Park in downtown Linden.

Linden to use \$50,000 grant for park restrooms

■ Future phases include
improved parking, connection
to proposed pathway

By Hannah Ball
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The Land and Water Conservation Fund, administered by the Department of Natural Resources, awarded the city of Linden a \$50,000 grant to provide better public outdoor recreation.

The Linden City Council will use the money to install restrooms at the Eagles Wooden Park.

"The installation of the restroom (facility) will definitely improve the park," said City Manager Paul Zelenak. "This park is used by children of all ages. There is a boardwalk, pavilion

and a children's playground as well."

This is the second phase of improvements the council has planned for the park, located at the end of Walmar Street, off Silver Lake Road in downtown Linden.

"We did sidewalk improvements to the park last year. After the installation of the bathroom, we will look at ways to obtain funds to make improvements to the parking lot as well," Zelenak said.

In the future, they hope to link the park with a pathway coming from Broad Street.

The City Council applied for the grant in March of 2015 and expects to spend the money this year, according to Zelenak. The money can only be used for the restrooms per grant regulations.

WAY OF LIFE

Continued from Front Page

Chicago from his native country Pakistan. She was a Catholic farm girl from Indiana who converted to Islam before their children were born. Today, she wears a scarf covering her hair (hijab) for modesty, took shorts out of her wardrobe and removed pork from her family's menu.

"I came over here for an education," said Khan. "We lived in Chicago for four years before moving to Fenton. We came here to raise our family in a small community where we could know our neighbors. Our family loves living in Fenton. In the city, you don't get to know your neighbors."

He said the best thing about the U.S. is that it's easy to make a living, compared to many other countries, including Pakistan. "It's also fairly safe, and the kids go to school here. That's only true for rich families in Pakistan. Poor kids can't go to school. You take a lot for granted here, especially the opportunities and freedom."

With certain certification in auto mechanics, Khan works on people's cars through the As-siddiq Institute & Mosque in Burton, where he and his family are members. "I work as the manager there, doing purchasing, mowing lawns, handling events, doing what has to be done," he said. His wife, Penny, does catering for the mosque, cooking for up to 120 people.

Recent global terrorist incidents are as troubling to this American family as they are to everyone in the U.S. "Extreme Muslims are very small in number, out of the 1.5 billion Muslims in the world," said Khan. "They are a result of war, not religion."

Khan, 53, would like to let others know what Islam is really all about, and what it means to be Muslim.

"There are a lot of misunderstandings. Muslims are just like any good Christian. We're all people of the 'Book.' That's why Christianity, Judaism and Islam are called Abrahamic religions. The Quran is full of mention of Jesus and his miracles. Jesus, Abraham, Moses, Mohammed — they're all prophets, so we respect and honor all of them."

Charity, helping others, raising children the best they can — "these are the important things to us, just like everybody else," said Khan.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Ikramullah Khan is from northern Pakistan, and his native tongue is Pashto. He only uses Arabic to pray, such as the prayer for safety displayed on his wall.

He believes that people who have no exposure to the outside world are those who misunderstand the most.

Khan says that he has gotten to know many people in Fenton and feels very welcome, not targeted in a negative way for being Muslim.

"Things aren't so bad now, not like after 9/11," said Hamza, 19. "We had to be tough-skinned at school back

then. We are as American as anyone else. My mom is Muslim and she spent four years in the Army National Guard."

"Defending this country is part of our faith," added Khan.

ABRAHAMIC RELIGIONS AND THEIR NUMBER OF ADHERENTS WORLDWIDE

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Christianity — 2.2 billion
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Judaism — 14 million

Source: PBS

“Extreme Muslims are very small in number, out of the 1.5 billion Muslims in the world. They are a result of war, not religion.”

Ikramullah Khan
Fenton resident and proud
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Regarding today's terrorist attacks, Hamza said, "A lot of people think we 'put up' with those kinds of extremists within the Muslim community. It is not tolerated at all; it is condemned. There's zero tolerance. They're not 'our people.' They're not true Muslims."



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HILLARY STATED THAT ISIS was using Trump in recruitment videos. I did happen to see some footage of a video where they showed pictures of her husband Bill in their recruitment. She is just one big lie after another. I'd like to be a fly on the wall at her house when she saw that.

DOES EVERYONE KNOW that Obama's chief adviser, Valerie Jarrett, was born in Iran?

I REMEMBER THE Trojan war. Helen of Troy started it. The Revolutionary War, the war between the states. World War I, World II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War. I graduated from high school in 1951 so people do remember. I also can quote the Constitution of The United States, the Gettysburg Address, and the Declaration of Independence.

Can your saliva reveal your heritage?

■ A simple cheek swab could expose your exact lineage

By Hannah Ball

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Your saliva is more than just sticky and gross. Besides helping to speed up the healing process for cuts, your drool also contains information about your heritage.

By analyzing the DNA in your saliva, it's possible to find matches by looking at the small genetic changes.

Lineage-based testing looks at the Y chromosome in men, which is passed down practically unchanged from fathers to son, and the mitochondrial DNA, which is practically unchanged as it's passed down from mothers to their children, according to technologyreview.com.

The small changes, or mutations, in the Y chromosome and mitochondrial DNA become markers of descent.

All you have to do to discover your

heritage is swab the inside of your cheek with a Q-tip and send it to a lab for testing. One of the largest testing companies and databases, AncestryDNA, offers DNA testing and will send personal kits and a cheek swab (see sidebar).

In order to find out your heritage, the sample is compared to other DNA samples in a database of haplotypes, which is a set of linked genes for DNA polymorphisms that have been identified in specific populations.

If your DNA matches the sequences of these polymorphisms, it's possible to discover which

populations that person came from. However, discovering your lineage this way depends on how big the database is. The more samples they have, the more likely you'll find a match.

This kind of testing only counts for one half of your ancestry. The Y chromosome traces paternal ancestry, while the mitochondria traces maternal ancestry.

Another kind of test for discovering your heritage is admixture testing, which depends on the 22 pairs of nonsex chromosomes in every cell.

People contain recombined segments of DNA they inherited from their mother and father. This test will compare someone's DNA with specific sequences of more prevalent DNA in people from one part of the world than another part.

It determines the major biogeographical populations a person comes from, like European, Asian, African, or Native American.

However, accuracy also depends on which populations are well represented in the database. Certain European groups also need to be broken down.

Since the results come as a percentage, if the test finds that someone is 7 percent European, it could be an error.

Technologyreview.com suggests reading historical documents of ancestors, talking with older relatives, and combining that information to confirm your heritage.

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Allegiant Air will be the new airlines in town at Bishop International Airport in April, when they take over Southwest Airlines' flights to Orlando and Tampa/St. Petersburg.

Allegiant Air will take over Southwest's Florida flights

■ New flights begin April 13-14 at Bishop International Airport as Southwest rearranges its system

By Sally Rummel

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If your 2016 travel plans include trips to Florida or Las Vegas from Bishop International Airport in Flint, you'll be interested in new flight schedules coming to Bishop International Airport in April.

The last scheduled Southwest Airlines non-stop flights to Orlando, Las Vegas, and Baltimore, Maryland will be April 12. Southwest will still be a strong presence in Flint with three daily flights from Bishop to Chicago Midway International Airport.

"Southwest isn't leaving Bishop, they're just rearranging flights throughout their system for greater access through Chicago Midway International Airport," said Patricia Corfman, marketing director for Bishop. "That's their largest city. This will allow our passengers to have greater access to more than 250 flights through Chicago."

Allegiant Air will begin flying into Bishop on April 13 and 14, making four weekly trips to Orlando/Sanford and Tampa/St. Petersburg, twice a day on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"They have just announced they will also add Orlando, Florida seasonally on Saturdays from June 5 through Aug. 5," said Corfman. "Allegiant Air is going to be a great complement to Southwest. We'll have it all covered."

With the addition of Allegiant Air, Bishop will offer flights from the top five airlines in the U.S., including American, United, Southwest and Delta. "Eighty-five percent of available seats in the U.S. are on these airlines," said Corfman. "It's a great roster."

All of these airlines offer travel to Florida. "The difference for passengers flying Allegiant Air and Southwest will be that they'll have to buy tickets directly from allegiantair.com and southwest.com for these flights," said Corfman.

She said that Bishop Airport is extremely happy so far with Allegiant Air. "We've always been a strong airport for service from Flint to Florida. There will be fewer flights available, but they'll be just as full as they were."

Regarding Southwest Airlines' change of flight schedules from Bishop, Corfman said, "Of all the things they (Southwest) could have done, this was the best outcome for us."

“We’ve always been a strong airport for service from Flint to Florida.”

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HAVE YOU EVER noticed the only thing our legislators vote on and they say 'yes' is if it benefits them?

I'M READING HOW badly our schools are struggling. Isn't that where the money from the lottery is supposed to go? If you honestly believe they're going to use that money and fix the roads, you're a moron.

HEY CHARTER, HAVE you heard the one about excuses? They're like rear ends. Everyone's got them and they all stink. No cable on Christmas night, when there was no wind, ice, or any kind of storm.

I CAN'T WAIT for the debates to come between the Democratic nominee and Republican nominee and I have to say the Republicans have three or four nominees who are way better than anything the Democrats have. Hillary will have to answer to all the her errors and mistakes she made.

I'LL TELL YOU what I think is sad. Someone knowing how unethical Hillary Clinton is and is going to vote for her anyway because of party loyalty.

JOE LOUIS' TRAINER lived out on Center Road on the south side.

WHAT A WONDERFUL surprise. I would like to give a big 'thank you' to the person who purchased our dinner on Christmas Eve at Big Boy's. May God Bless you. For the New Year, we wish you good health and lots of fun.

FUTURE

Continued from Front Page

is also scheduled for this spring. This extension will return the street to the condition it was before urban renewal.

"This was made possible by the Hagermans (Phil and Jocelyn Hagerman) when they purchased a building on LeRoy Street for development," Osborn said. "In turn, they have allowed the city to purchase part of the building to extend the road. This will make the downtown much easier to maneuver through and provide the city with new opportunities.

"We also are scheduled to replace the bridge on Silver Lake Road beginning in January," said Osborn. "The replacement is funded by a state of Michigan grant and provides a form of needed preventive maintenance. A new bridge avoids the inconvenience and high cost of a future bridge failure."

The city also plans a new parking lot for the downtown area and library to start this spring, Osborn added.

"All these projects will keep the city busy in 2016, providing increased employment, business and improvements for Fenton citizens to look forward to," she said.

Each project, when added to 2015's completed projects — the Cornerstone building, newly remodeled Community and Cultural Center, Red Fox Outfitters, downtown Streetscape, and others in years past — builds a new and vibrant Fenton that all can be proud of, said Osborn.

"So many have helped to make this possible, especially those who endured significant inconvenience and hardship," she added. "Now we may begin to enjoy the fruits of our sacrifices and look forward to a much brighter future for our community."

Linden

Linden City Manager Paul Zelenak said this year, the city is looking at implementing

its Road Improvement Plan. Last year, a road study was conducted to determine which roads are in the worst condition.

"We have already identified sections of roads to repave and replace," Zelenak said.

"We are looking at paving Ripley Road, which is the one and only gravel road in the city of Linden."

Paving Ripley Road, which is about a one-mile section, has been identified as a high priority for a number of years. "We are trying to obtain funds through Genesee County and the federal government for this project," he said.

Another section needing improvement is Main Street in the downtown area near the Post Office and City Hall.

"We are looking at redesigning the road as well as making drainage improvements and sidewalk improvements to make them

more pedestrian friendly," Zelenak said.

In 2015, the city of Linden did a study on the historic Linden Mills building, which is about 150 years old. "We have an architect who has identified items within a range of costs to make repairs to that particular building," said Zelenak, who added that a committee would be established to oversee short- and long-term improvements for the building.

Short-term improvements include what people can see now, like the need for a facelift such as painting, etc. Long-term improvements include the foundation and electrical work, and exterior and interior issues.

"For the long-term items we're going to need community support through fund-raising goals and identifying sources for grants," said Zelenak. "We want to ensure the building remains in Linden for another 150 years."

The city of Linden was recently awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund. This money will be used to construct a new restroom facility at Eagle's Wooden Park in the downtown area. The original cost of that project was projected to be about \$100,000 and the city is currently working with engineers to see what needs to be done, Zelenak said.

"We hope to get started on that this year and have it completed within 2016," said Zelenak.

Zelenak said the city will be working on other downtown improvements as well. "This will be done through the DDA (Downtown Development Authority)," he said. "We're looking at adding more benches, bike racks, having banners and other aesthetic improvements. This should start to take place this spring."

In addition to the regular annual events in Linden, such as the farmers markets, Music at the Mill, Back to the Bricks, etc., the city of Linden is looking forward to hosting its second annual Gus Macker 3-on-3 basketball tournament, the first of which was a big success last year. The Gus Macker tournament was made possible through collaboration with the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Successful firsts in 2015, such as the Ladies Night Out and lighted holiday parade, also will be held again in 2016.

"Another event we're looking at hosting is Civil War Days," said Zelenak. "A number of years ago, Linden had an encampment for Union and Confederate soldiers and we look forward to doing again this year."

Zelenak said he and Jack Furry, owner of Linden Hotel attended a conference of Civil War Reenactors in the Thumb last year. "We met with them to help with a city of Linden enactment," he said. "We plan to bring cannons in town for firing."

Working with neighboring communities, Zelenak concluded that the city of Linden also is looking forward to the joint effort on pathways to connect local communities.

Village of Holly

According to Holly Village Manager Jerry Walker, 2015 was a great year for the village in many respects, but one area that really stood out was revitalization and the boost in the local economy.

"Due to the village being an older established community there's not much space for new construction, but building repair and refurbishing activity was brisk," Walker said. "For the first time in over 20 years the historic downtown was 100 percent occupied, which led to shoppers on the sidewalks and parking spaces full."

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SUMMARY

Local leaders talk about progress in their communities during 2015, and outline some of their plans for this year. Local leaders are expected to outline their plans and prediction for 2016 during the Jan. 13 forecast breakfast, presented by the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Anderson Chiropractic offers weight loss program

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By Sally Rummel

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If you have tried and failed on weight loss programs in the past, this is your chance to succeed with the guaranteed NutriMost Fat Loss System, available locally through Dr. Scott Anderson at Anderson Chiropractic in Fenton Township.

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LOCAL

5 YEARS

Sunday, Jan. 9, 2011

Teacher heading to Afghanistan. State Road Elementary School teacher Stephanie Roberts hugged students during an assembly in her honor. Roberts is a captain in the U.S. army and has been called back to active duty in Afghanistan. "Memories of today will push me through the hard days I'll have," she told students.

10 YEARS

Sunday, Jan. 8, 2006

First day of classes approaches at new LMS. Linden Middle School students, teachers and other school staff will move into their new building this month. It is located on 162 acres near Linden High School, and is being paid for from the \$35.6 million bond voters approved in September 2003.

15 YEARS

Sunday, Jan. 7, 2001

Father and son help rescue crash victim. When Will Sparks, Jr. decided to enroll in first-aid classes at Holly High School last year, he hoped he would never have to use what he had learned. His training and selflessness came in handy when he helped extricate a 68-year-old woman, after the pick-up truck her husband had been driving north on U.S. 23 was struck by another vehicle, vaulting a guard rail before plunging about 50 feet from an overpass onto Silver Lake Road.

20 YEARS

Sunday, Jan. 7, 1996

State auditors investigate Argentine Township. The Michigan Department of Treasury made Argentine Township one of its first orders of business for the new year when they entered the township offices to gather records for an investigation now underway into bidding procedures and construction of a fire hall.

25 YEARS

Wednesday, Jan. 9, 1991

Fenton has lost a friend. The legendary Ivan Williams, a long-time Fenton High School coach and athletic director has passed away at the age of 82. He had a championship-filled career as a Fenton High School coach from 1941 to 1955, followed by a career as athletic director, which he held until 1971.

30 YEARS

Sunday, Jan. 5, 1986

Big kill! Richard Lindsay of Linden was among 20 lucky lottery winners in a contest that determined who would get the available licenses for Michigan's 1985 elk hunt. More than 50,000 applicants paid \$4 each for a chance at one of the 120 openings. Lindsay not only got a chance to hunt but also took the fourth biggest bull with an officially listed 10-point, 588-pounder.

NATIONAL

JAN. 3

1999: After three days of high winds and heavy snow, people in the Great Lakes region begin digging out from one of the worst blizzards on record. More than 100 people died in storm-related accidents. The storm began on Jan. 1, when snow began falling across Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Michigan and Ohio. Most areas saw at least 15 inches of snow before the storm moved on.

JAN. 4

1964: Mary Sullivan is raped and strangled to death in her Boston apartment. The killer left a card reading "Happy New Year" leaning against her foot. Sullivan would turn out to be the last woman killed by the notorious Boston Strangler, Albert DeSalvo, who had terrorized the city between 1962 and 1964, raping and killing 13 women.

JAN. 5

1998: In his characteristically blunt and self-deprecating manner, Sonny Bono transformed himself relatively late in his life, morphing from the shorter, homelier, masculine half of a 1960s husband-and-wife singing and acting sensation (alongside his glamorous third wife, Cher) into a respected California lawmaker and U.S. congressman. On Jan. 5, 1998, Bono's unusual journey was cut tragically short when he was killed in a skiing accident while on vacation with his family in South Lake Tahoe, California.

JAN. 6

1838: Samuel Morse's telegraph system is demonstrated for the first time at the Speedwell Iron Works in Morristown, New Jersey. The telegraph, a device that used electric impulses to transmit encoded messages over a wire, would eventually revolutionize long-distance communication, reaching the height of its popularity in the 1920s and 1930s.

JAN. 7

1789: America's first presidential election is held. Voters cast ballots to choose state electors; only white men who owned property were allowed to vote. George Washington won the election and was sworn into office on April 30, 1789. As it did in 1789, the United States still uses the Electoral College system.

JAN. 8

1941: One of Hollywood's most famous clashes of the titans, between 24-year-old Orson Welles and 76-year-old newspaper tycoon, William Randolph Hearst heated up. Hearst forbade any of his newspapers to run advertisements for Orson Welles' movie, "Citizen Kane," which was based on Hearst's life.

JAN. 9

1984: Angelo Buono, one of the Hillside Stranglers, is sentenced to life in prison for his role in the rape, torture, and murder of 10 young women in Los Angeles. Buono's cousin and partner in crime, Kenneth Bianchi, testified against Buono to escape the death penalty.

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Along with commercial success, the village of Holly experienced resurgence in downtown apartment living, with units being renovated and families moving in. Some of these apartments had not been occupied for many years.

"Currently, there are at least nine new units being renovated that will be available early this year," Walker said.

"As we move north into the Lakes District, formerly referred to as midtown, revitalization is spreading there, with a rehabilitations to sites such as a Wilkinson Auto and Northern Oak Brewery to name a couple," Walker added. "In this district we look for a bright 2016 by using results of the design charrette (visioning) to play a major role."

The design charrette Walker refers to was put on by the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) in 2015 with assistance from Oakland County Planning-Main Street.

"During the process, input was taken from business owners, residents, property owners and interested persons through open forums, interviews and an electronic survey," Walker said. More than 400 of the electronic responses involved what people would like the Lakes District to look like, he added.

"The end result was more landscaping, public parking, bike lanes on North Saginaw Street, stricter code enforcement, more pedestrian crossings and further development of Ganshaw Park to include a boardwalk along Bevins Lake," said Walker.

Early this year, Walker and DDA Director Andy Potter will begin presenting the study findings to all village boards and commissions, as well as affected property owners.

The North Shopping District, the area along North Holly Road between Grange Hall Road and Holly Hills Drive, has some changes coming, too, according to Walker.

"Hamilton Plaza is set for demolition and a new O'Reilly's Auto is slated to replace it," Walker said.

New sidewalks along Grange Hall Road to provide greater pedestrian safety, as well as access to shops and a new banquet center off Holly Hills Drive are on track for completion, among other smaller projects.

"In closing, 2015 was a very good economic year in the village and we look for 2016 to be even better," said Walker. "Many factors play into that success, which include the property owners, investors, entrepreneurs and village staff. A change we have made on a staff level is adopting the philosophy 'we don't just want you to follow the rules, but let us also help you succeed.'"

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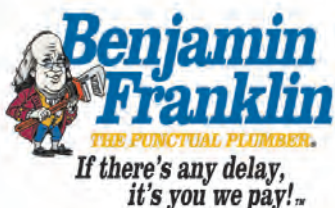
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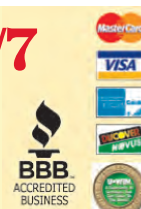
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Fenton's Warford leads our area volleyball team

■Tigers' senior had to wait her time to earn outside hitter's role

By David Troppens

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When one sees Jess Warford play volleyball, one thing sticks out beyond anything.

It certainly did for Fenton varsity volleyball coach Jerry Eisinger when he took

over the program about two years ago.

"Obviously, the first thing you notice is how high she can jump," Eisinger said. "The second thing you notice is how hard she hits the ball. She's a great combination of athleticism."

During Eisinger's first season at Fenton, Warford had to wait her turn to take over a starting outside hitter role. After all, the Tigers had University of Charleston-bound Carly Granger holding down

the starting role last year. So, she spent last season as a middle hitter. This season she finally got a chance to play on the outside and the junior flourished, quickly becoming the league's most dominant attacker. She earned

unanimous First-Team All-Metro League honors and was

a unanimous All-Region selection. She's earned another honor today. Warford is the 2015 Tri-County Volleyball Player of the Year.

"There's a huge difference, especially in timing and the difference how the plays run," Warford said about the change from middle to the outside. "You run completely different plays. The sets are a lot lower, and when you play in the middle, you

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JESS WARFORD
The Fenton junior is our 2015 Tri-County Volleyball Player of the Year.



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Bronchos' Sammut earns our top male soccer player honor

■Bronchos' attacking midfielder scores 18 goals during 2015

By David Troppens

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Lucas Sammut was only 3 when he learned one of his first loves of his lifetime.

"I started playing AYSO soccer when I was three," Sammut said. "Ever since then I never quit. I loved the sport since then."

The Holly junior has gotten pretty good at the sport as well.

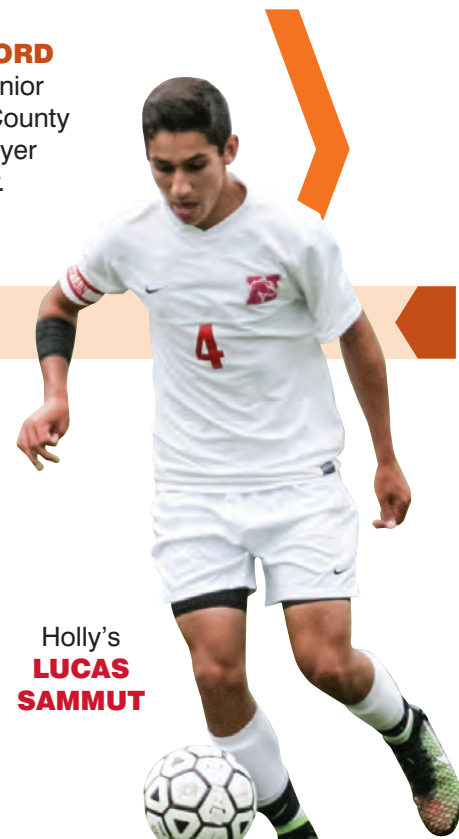
The midfielder completed his junior season by earning First-Team All-Metro honors and earning a spot on the Division 2 All-State Boys Soccer Team as well. He's earned another honor. He's

our 2015 Tri-County Boys Soccer Player of the Year. The honor doesn't shock his high school coach, Mark Diskin.

"I think Lucas Sammut is the best soccer player in the area, period," Diskin said. "I just can't say enough about this kid."

Sammut capped the fall with 18 goals and three assists, and was among the most feared players in the Metro League. "I definitely wanted to make first-team

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all-league and I really wanted to make All-State Honorable Mention," Sammut said about his goals prior to the start of the season. "I wanted to get the most goals I possibly could get. I got 18 this year and I got nine last year, so I doubled my total. Yeah, it was definitely the best season I've ever had."

Unfortunately, as talented as Sammut was, that didn't always translate into team success. Despite his production, the Bronchos finished the season with just five victories and finished just seventh place out of eight teams in the Metro League's final standings. However, when a player averages a goal a game, it's easy to see how Sammut did all he could to make the final record a bit better.

"I wish we could've had a better season," Sammut said. "But one thing I think that is important is team work, that's one of the biggest things. Team bonding is important and we did more bonding this year. We always hang out and go eat food after games. We did better last year, but we can always do better. We'll be practicing a lot and training in the summer and that'll help us for next year's high school season."

Sammut did have his games when he basically, single-handedly, led the Bronchos to victory. One such occasion happened in a 4-3 victory against Swartz Creek.

"We trailed 3-0 at Swartz Creek and

“Yeah, it was definitely the best season I’ve ever had.”

Lucas Sammut
Player of the Year

he scored three goals and then scored a PK goal in the shootout," Diskin said. "Without him, we don't win that game."

"He has a lot of character. He was a junior captain and he definitely earned it. He could always be counted on to add something to practices. We were definitely playing our best soccer at the end of the season."

Sammut plays more of an attacking midfield position for Holly. He plays more of a strict forward striking position for his club team, SC Bolton. Sammut has goals to improve before his senior year.

"I want to get better at finishing," Sammut said.

"This year I've been mainly playing attacking midfield. More shots I can make, the better. I'm running track and it's getting me faster."

Diskin is the first to admit he didn't

know Sammut would end up being this good for the Bronchos.

"I had no idea he was this good," Diskin said. "He only scored six goals in 2014, so my expectations weren't too high."

"But his ball control and skills gives defenses fits. One defender can't cover him. Even two struggle."

Diskin is glad he gets to coach Sammut one more season.

"He's a great kid," Diskin said. "I can't wait to see him play during his senior year."

One thing is certain. Sammut's Metro League opposition isn't going to be happy seeing him for another season. Sammut hopes to eventually play collegiate soccer as well.

"I want to be named First-Team All-State," Sammut said. I really want to get that next year. I also want to be named to the Dream Team. I think that would be really special."

ALL TRI-COUNTY BOYS SOCCER TEAM

Player of the Year: Lucas Sammut

Class: Junior **Team:** Holly

Comment: Sammut was the player who stuck out among the four tri-county squads during the fall, recording a team-high 18 goals and three assists. He earned First-Team All-Metro honors and was named Second-Team All-State. The Bronchos won only five contests all season, but Sammut will return next year and try to do something about it. And considering he saw his production increase from nine goals a year ago, there's a chance he may even be better next season.

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Lucas Sammut (back) battles for a ball during a game this fall.

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don't play any back row and you don't serve. You play one position and that's it. Outside you have to be diverse."

Eisinger was pleased with Warford's transition to the outside.

"She played outside this year and that's more where she is used to playing," Eisinger said. "It was a good move to have her out there because it enabled the setters to set her more. From that perspective it's good to have a nice dynamic outside hitter. We replaced Carly with Jess and that's a nice trade. Both are really nice players, obviously."

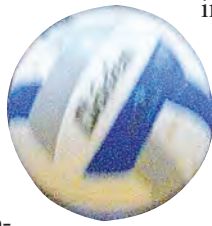
Warford had many opportunities to impact matches, and usually did in dramatic fashion. She finished the season with 1,029 attack attempts, recording 454 kills. She finished the season with 33 percent attack efficiency, recording an average of 3.31 kills per a set. She also recorded 41 block assists and 28 solo blocks at the net. As the season continued, Warford became more diverse of a player. She started serving, recording 14 aces in just 159 attempts. She also got

some back row action, recording 122 digs and 213 good service receives.

"She started serving for us at about mid-season and her defensive skills improved dramatically as the year went," Eisinger said. "I'm sure she will be a six-rotation player next year."

But as good as she is on the court, Eisinger thinks she's just as good a person.

"Beyond her talent, she is just a great kid," Eisinger said. "She works really hard in practice and takes the game seriously. She's a great kid to be around."



Jess Warford led the Fenton Tigers with 454 kills during the season. She also earned the title of 2015 Tri-County Volleyball Player of the Year. She helped lead the Tigers to a Metro League championship and a Class A district crown.

Warford helped the Tigers return to the top of the Flint Metro League standings, capping the 2015 fall season with a perfect 7-0 Metro mark. The squad

also won another Class A district title. Warford was pleased with the team's season.

"I really like playing with everybody. Everyone on the team is really cool," Warford said. "We worked really well together, worked really hard and gave it our all every practice and every game. We left it on the court every match and that's what I like about the Fenton team."

"I was really proud of the whole sea-

son overall. ... We were in it together and we wanted the same thing. I was a little bummed we didn't get past regionals, but I'm proud we gave it our all."

Eisinger is excited about having Warford for one more season.

"I see nothing but good things for her next year," Eisinger said. "There are a few things I'd like to see. I'd like to see her hit a quicker ball and beat the blockers to the spot. Right now she gets it over the ball. We'll get a few more tools in her tool bag and she'll be really hard to stop."

As if she wasn't already hard to stop as it is.

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Jerry Eisinger

Fenton varsity volleyball coach talking about junior Jess Warford

ALL TRI-COUNTY VOLLEYBALL TEAM

MVP: Jess Warford
Pos: Outside Hitter

Grade: Junior
School: Fenton

Comment: Jess Warford literally jumped to the top of the tri-county volleyball scene by becoming the area's most dominant offensive player. Making a change from the middle to the outside this season, Warford finished the season with 454 kills and 69 total blocks.

Rest of first team

Taylor Mowery
Megan Klavitter
Jessie Eastman
Bridget Adams
Breyanna Turnipseed
Reagan Goupil

Grade

Junior
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Def. Specialist
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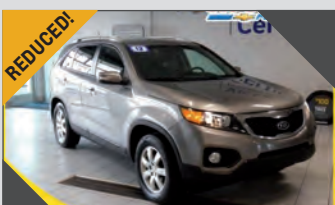
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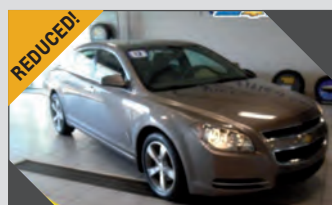
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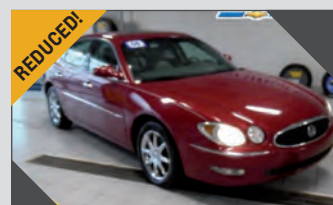
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