



# LaJoyce to be evaluated for competency

**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | TIM JAGIELO  
Michael LaJoyce listens as attorney Michael Manley requests a competency evaluation for his client. This exam will gauge whether LaJoyce will be able to “rationally assist” in his own defense.

■ Defense attorney says client is ‘very remorseful’

**By Hannah Ball**  
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**Independence Twp.** — Michael LaJoyce, the owner of the now closed Chassé Ballroom and Latin Dance Studio in Fenton, will be sent to the Center for Forensic Psychiatry for a

competency evaluation. He is facing 14 felony counts of embezzlement after he turned himself in to the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office on Jan. 6, and admitting to embezzling \$20 million.

**See LAJOICE on 13A**

Watch the video



online at [tctimes.com](http://tctimes.com)

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**FENTON FAMILY TAKES JOURNEY ACROSS THE COUNTRY**

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## HERE WE GO AGAIN

### Silver Lake Road bridge construction starts Monday

**By Vera Hogan**  
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It sounds like an old Alfred Hitchcock line, but starting Monday, Jan. 25, “the bridge is going to be out.”

According to Dan Czarnecki, director of the Department of Public Works (DPW), the Silver Lake Road bridge project involves the removal and replacement of the entire bridge over the Shiawassee River.

**See CONSTRUCTION on 6A**

“With an early start date in January, we are hoping the weather will allow for the project to be completed quicker.”

**Dan Czarnecki**  
Fenton DPW director

## International Auto Show roars into Detroit



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Visitors to the North American International Auto Show in Detroit explore the new Dodge Challenger SRT Hellcat on Jan 16, the first day open to the public. The auto show is open this weekend as well. The show runs Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. **See story on page 19A, and go to [tctimes.com](http://tctimes.com) for a photo gallery and video.**



## Porn addiction growing across all ages and genders

[WWW.TECHNICALATHMA.COM](http://WWW.TECHNICALATHMA.COM)  
About 70 percent of men ages 18-24 visit porn sites in an average month. One in three viewers are women, and 17 percent of women admit to struggling with porn addiction.

■ Teens and pre-teens are becoming addicted at ever-younger ages

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Online pornography has been traded since the 1980s, but with the rise of technology and Wi-Fi, porn is more available than ever. Some studies suggest the porn

industry takes in over \$13 billion a year.

The addiction starts with exposure.

“When somebody is exposed to what you might consider an intense pleasure it can become a substitute

for real life,” said Peter Healey, a licensed master social worker for Serenity Recovery Services in Fenton, who specializes in addiction. “It can become an unhealthy coping mechanism.”

**See PORN on 7A**

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“Can the Times find out exactly why Fenton is hostage to a predatory entity like Charter cablevision? They can’t even sync the sound with the picture. The same tired movies over and over. We pay \$190 per month for this crap?”



“The place to experience the worst behaviors exhibited by drivers is at the high school and middle school in the morning. Drivers will honk at one another, cut off other drivers, and flip each other off. Ironically, it’s the parents behaving this way, not the students. Poor example to set for our kids.”



“The mother, and I use the term loosely, who dropped her 13-year-old daughter off at the Flint motel should be held accountable for her actions. She is the primary cause of every event that transpired that day.”



**COMMENT OF THE WEEK**

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(From left) Witney Brown of Burton, Chris Dye of Flint and Austin Williams (all 17) of Montrose work together on an electrical panel at the Genesee Career Institute in Mundy Township on Thursday.

## Top technical careers:

**Radiation therapist**..... Median pay: \$80,090  
Education required: Associate's degree

**Computer programmer** ..... Median pay: \$77,550  
Education required: Bachelor's degree or associate's degree.

**Nuclear medicine technologist**..... Median pay: \$72,100  
Education required: Associate's degree from accredited program

**Dental hygienist**..... Median pay: \$71,520  
Education required: Associate's degree, state board licensing.

**Registered Nurses** ..... Median pay: \$66,640  
— it's the largest of all technical education careers.  
Education required: Bachelor's degree, associate's degree or diploma from approved nursing program.

**Web developer**..... Median pay: \$63,490  
Education required: Associate's degree.

**Diagnostic medical sonographer/Cardiovascular technician/Vascular technician**..... Median pay: \$62,540  
Education required: Associate's degree

**Master electrician**..... Median pay: \$60,513  
Education required: Journeyman's license, passing state boards

**Radiology technician** ..... Median pay: \$57,370  
Education required: Associate's degree

**Respiratory therapist** ..... Median pay: \$56,730  
Education required: Associate's degree

**Occupational therapy assistant/aide**.. Median pay: \$52,300  
Education required: Associate's degree or accredited program (assistant); high school diploma or equivalent (aide).

**Computer Support Specialist**..... Median pay: \$50,380  
Education required: Associate's degree

**Plumber/pipefitter** ..... Median pay: \$49,451  
Education required: Apprenticeship and journeyman's license, passing state boards

**Medical lab technician** ..... Median pay: \$49,310  
Education required: Associate's degree or certification

**Paralegal**..... Median pay: \$48,350  
Education required: Associate's degree or certification

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# College or technical training?

■ Tech programs designed to prepare students for high demand, skilled jobs

By Sally Rummel

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The question for today's high school students isn't necessarily, "Where should I go to college?" The question all young people should be asking themselves is "What am I going to do after high school that will prepare me for a successful career?"

With Michigan's economy demanding talent and skills in all sectors — from health care to manufacturing and information technology — the search for a successful career begins in high school

with career technical education.

This shift in thinking has given a new respect to skilled trades like construction and related careers, manufacturing, health careers, agri-science and more.

It also means more money in the wallet, starting with top paying careers that require an associate's degree or less (see sidebar).

This new learning starts through the doors of the Genesee Career Institute (GCI), formerly known as the Genesee Area Skill Center on Torrey Road in Mundy Township. With approximately 1,600 juniors and seniors attending GCI on a daily basis from all county high schools, it's a hub of the future talent pool of this

next generation.

Three sessions are held daily, with students getting hands-on experience in careers as varied as finance, information technology, manufacturing, hospitality and tourism, health sciences, marketing/entrepreneurship and transportation/distribution/logistics, to name a few.

"The future for all of us rests in talent," said Jerry Johnson, executive director of communication and development for the Genesee Intermediate School District (GISD), which owns GCI. "The investment in collective brain power is what's going to turn our society around with innovation, new products and

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# Are Flint's days numbered?

It's pretty easy to sit in our comfortable, warm homes and watch the news each night knowing our future, and the future of our children, is secure for the time being. We live in communities with little crime, predictable futures and with reliable municipal infrastructures and superior school systems.

Alas, that is certainly not the case in Flint. The water debacle that is unfolding daily in front of our eyes is catastrophic for all concerned. And not just temporarily, but far into the future — possibly forever. It is a heartbreaking scenario.

Imagine waking up one day to find that the water you have been using for

bathing, cooking, cleaning and drinking is poisonous. Not only is it poisonous now, but will be for the foreseeable future.

That means that the residents of Flint have no usable water. That means they cannot wash their face, their hands, their clothes, their dishes or their homes. They can't bathe. They can't cook because cooking always requires water. And they can't wash their utensils even if they could cook.

As most know, water is life. Our bodies tend to have several weeks worth of reserve energy available from food stores, but a lack of water causes problems with kidney function within a few days. The general rule is that the average healthy human can stay alive

for a full three weeks without food, but will die in as little as three days without water. How in the hell do you live in a home where the most critical component of sustaining life is poisoned?

And these are just the short-term issues. For most of us, our home is our primary asset. Want to buy a house in Flint? Didn't think so. Nor do I. Nor does anyone else. And even if you could find a buyer, no bank is going to give anyone a mortgage on a home that, no matter how pristine or well maintained, will likely soon be valueless, if it isn't already.

And what about the businesses? Are you planning a dining experience at any Flint restaurant in the foreseeable future? Neither am I. No one is going to eat at a restaurant that utilizes Flint

water until the new infrastructure is built, which likely could be years.

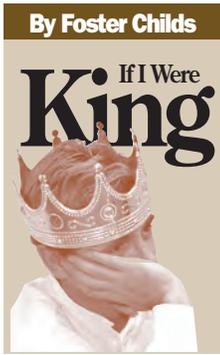
And what about the factories? Are you aware that it requires a minimum of 79,000 gallons of water to manufacture an average vehicle — 79,000 gallons of clean, safe water?

Now factor in the fact that the average U.S. citizen requires 110 gallons of water every single day just to survive. Hell, that's not even considering that the virtual water footprint of a typical human being is 2,115 gallons of clean, safe water every single day.

I am not a pessimist, but I am a realist. I highly doubt that the city of Flint will survive this crisis. Water is life and they have no water.

Do the math.

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**“How in the hell do you live in a home where the most critical component of sustaining life is poisoned?”**

## Hot lines

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**I CAN SEE** we're winning the war against Al-Qaida. But I can see we're losing the war against Al Sharpton.

**HILLARY HAS FINALLY** turned to her husband to straighten out her campaign. You think Obama is good at speeches, you haven't seen anything.

**I WAS DELIGHTED** to read that Linden government is working on getting the old Linden Mill fixed up. It is really such a wonderful, beautiful and unique part of the town.

**THE CITY OF** Flint has been through some tough scrapes, lately. The recent water crisis is yet another example. But, with the help of the governor, the attorney general and the capable city administration, it will survive. So, Jesse Jackson, Cher, Michael Moore, and others can all butt out. We can handle this.

**CITY OFFICIALS ARE** trying to create a 'walkable community,' but yet, they won't enforce the rules of shoveling sidewalks after it snows. Thank you. Signed the 'Guy' walking in the street.

**TO ALL YOU** people behind me at Silver Lake and LeRoy Street on Monday at 4:20, when it says do not cross the tracks. I do not cross the

tracks. If you turned your radios down, maybe no one would get killed at the train tracks.

**HAS ANYONE ELSE** noticed that the two Michigan cities that are in the national news and have major crisis were both run by Democrats for decades. That is what you get when you elect Democrats, Detroit and Flint.

**LAST NIGHT I** saw 10 competent candidates with great ideas for the future of our country as they were running for president. Anyone of them could do the job. On the Democratic side however, Hillary should be in jail and Bernie should be in Russia. Stark contrast.

**FOR POLITICAL REASONS** Congress sometimes passes bills that they know would be bad laws. They depend upon a presidential veto to protect them from the consequence of their own vote. I suspect many congress people were counting on a veto on the bill to defund Planned Parenthood.

**TO THE HOT-liner** upset that Obama shed tears over the Newtown, Connecticut victims and not those killed in the military-service members are grown men and women who voluntarily accept the hazards of the duty they perform. They deserve our respect and support. First-grade children who die screaming in terror as they are mowed down

with an assault rifle deserve our tears.

**THERE ARE GOOD** reasons that enrollment in Linden schools is down — lower academic emphasis than surrounding schools, bullying at all age levels, and favoritism trumping talent in sports.

**THE COMMENTER WHO** disparages the character of Bill Clinton and Obama for not serving in the military must therefore think everyone who has not served in the military lacks character.

**A BIG 'THANK you'** and 'God bless' from us at Angel Haven to everyone who helped fill, wrap and pack a record 776 shoe boxes that we delivered to our friends in the Appalachian Mountains in Virginia. Thank you, too, for all the yummy treats.

**HEY FENTON, A** vacant piece of property about the size of a parking lot just opened up on Caroline Street.

**MY FRIEND AND I** went to VG's on Jan. 17. I went to pay for our groceries and the cashier said 'someone has already paid for yours.' We thought it was the nicest thing anyone can do. It made us feel so good. Thank you so much.

**TO THE PERSON** who is wondering why the state is helping the Flint water crisis — because the state is what caused the problem. Thank you.

**IF IT IS** so evil to be rich, why do so many Democrats buy lottery tickets?

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

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## Who would you vote for today?

Question asked to Linden High School seniors

## streettalk



"I'm voting for Ben Carson. He's not a politician and he's calmer. Or I'm voting for Donald Trump. He doesn't care what people think. He doesn't have that much power anyway."

— Amelia Simberg



"I'll be voting in the next election but I'm going to wait it out and see which candidate most heavily supports environmental change. I'll probably vote for the least radical. I haven't decided yet."

— Kagen Griffith



"I'm going to vote for Rand Paul because he truly understands what liberty means and he has political experience, and his voting record reflects his love of liberty."

— Holden Holsinger



"I will be voting for Donald Trump because I agree with his plan to help rebuild the American economy, and I like how he is not as involved in politics as some of the other candidates. I think it'd be a nice change."

— Jack Eck



"I'd vote for Marco Rubio because I respect his dealings of foreign policy as a Senator. I think he is a rational candidate that will help to keep America safe."

— Trevor Hall

# Possessions of man found dead in his home for a year being auctioned off

■ Auctioneer paints a picture of a Vietnam vet, avid collector and model car builder

By Vera Hogan

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For someone who spent the last few years of his life living as a recluse, Gary Buys was not alone after death.

The story about his passing, or rather the discovery of his body, was shared around the world in just a few short days.

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

Now that Buys' home and belongings will soon be up for auction, we now know a little more about the man Buys was.

### His death

At the request of a concerned neighbor, the Livingston County Sheriff's Department conducted a welfare check on Buys' Tyrone Township home on Oct. 16, 2015. It resulted in the discovery of Buys' remains.

Livingston County Sheriff Robert Bezotte said, Buys, 69, had likely been dead for more than a year, based on the level of decomposition. There were no signs of foul play.

A neighbor reported 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 two to three years ago. He said Buys became even more reclusive after that.

Neighbors didn't suspect anything was wrong at first as Buy's lawn was being mowed. Bezotte said the heat was on in the house so his bills were being paid.

"Mr. Buys also had a home up north and all the neighbors felt he was living elsewhere," said Bezotte.

No one was sure if Buys had family elsewhere, and no known funeral arrangements were scheduled.

### His life

Tim Narhi, owner of Tim Narhi



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | SUBMITTED PHOTO  
This Nazi helmet is among the war memorabilia being auctioned from the estate of Gary Buys.

Auctioneer & Associates, was contacted by Parker & Parker Law Firm to assist them in selling the assets of this estate.

Narhi, who doesn't believe he ever met Buys, shared some observations while getting things ready for the auction (see sidebar for auction details).

"It appears that Mr. Buys grew up in the area and at least attended Fenton High School," said Narhi.

"Mr. Buys, like his father and grandfather, was a U.S. military veteran," he added. "He fought in the Vietnam conflict and received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy. He also was a member of the F.O.E. (Fraternal Order of Eagles)."

Narhi said it seems as though Buys' dad may have passed away shortly after he returned from the service and that he may have been taking care of his mother.

"He enjoyed automobile design as he has a nice collection of die cast and model cars," said Narhi. "He was an avid model builder."

Buys also had an extensive interest in military as he has a collection of war relics,

including Nazi items, Narhi added. "He also had a collection of hundreds of military vehicle models," he said. "Some he built and many new are in the box to be built. Some are factory made."

Other items in the Buys' collection include watches, lighters, knives, coins and stamps, Narhi said.

"It appears as though his mother worked for GM and retired from there as there are many General Motors novelties and retirement gifts," he added.

See **AUCTION on 8A**

### SUMMARY

■ Auctioneer Tim Narhi provides an inside look at what the life of Gary Buys may have been like. The items in his home, which will be auctioned next week during an online auction, show that he, among other things, was a veteran of the Vietnam conflict.

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The Silver Lake Road bridge replacement project in Fenton will begin on Monday, Jan. 25. Officials are hoping an early start date will allow the road to be reopened by July 1.

## CONSTRUCTION Continued from Front Page

Ninety-five percent of the \$1,013,063 project is being funded via a bridge replacement grant from the state of Michigan. The city will be responsible for paying about \$50,653, plus engineering fees. OHM, the city engineers, will perform the construction engineering work for \$251,350.

The project will entail the closure of the roadway in the vicinity of the bridge, according to Czarnecki.

“Silver Lake Road will be closed at River Street on the east side of the project and at Roberts Street on the west side, however, there still will be access available to First Merit Bank, Fenton Vision Center and Continental Interior Designs,” he said.

All businesses west of Roberts Street on Silver Lake Road will continue to be accessible.

Dr. Juan Alvarado of Fenton Vision Center has faith in the city administration.

“I am confident Daniel Czarnecki will keep the ball rolling and do everything he can to get this project completed on time.”

Signs indicating detour routes will be located on Adelaide, Shiawassee and LeRoy Street.

“Local traffic should be able to find their way through this area and still be able to visit the downtown homes and businesses in this area,” Czarnecki said.

A truck detour route has been set up to utilize Poplar Street, North Road and LeRoy Street.

“These are streets that currently carry truck traffic into the northern part of the city,” said Czarnecki. “This different route for trucks is necessary because the intersections on Adelaide are tight for trucks to make turns.”

Davis Construction, Inc. of Lansing has been awarded the project by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).

The major portion of the construction project is to be completed with the street open to traffic by July 1.

“With an early start date in January, we are hoping the weather will allow for the project to be completed quicker,” said Czarnecki.

The entire project, including restoration and final cleanup is to be completed by the first of September.

The work consists of replacement of the bridge, replacement of the water main that travels beneath the bridge and beneath the Shiawassee River, new curbs, sidewalks and street surface.

“Travel in this area will be difficult until motorists find their way through the detour routes and discover the accessibility to the businesses or other destinations they are seeking,” said Czarnecki. “We ask that the public please have patience with us on our project. We will be working as quickly and safely as we can to complete the work in time for summer.”



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# Porn statistics

- **Every second** \$3,075.64 is spent on porn and 28,258 Internet users are viewing porn. Most of these users are men.
  - **About 70 percent** of men ages 18-24 visit porn sites in an average month. One in three viewers are women, and 17 percent of women admit to struggling with porn addiction.
  - **While only one** out of every 50 purchases of porn site subscriptions are women, they account for nine out of 10 purchases of romance novels, most of which include sexual relationships, according to the Wall Street Journal.
  - **Twelve percent** of websites, or 24,644,172 sites on the Internet are porn.
  - **Almost half** of reported porn addicts have experienced divorces because of their addiction, about 58 percent suffer bad financial losses, and about one-third lose their jobs.
  - **Being addicted** to porn is not the same as being addicted to sex. Watching porn is a visual act and many porn addicts are addicted to watching rather than participating, according to projectknow.com.
  - **About 40 million** Americans regularly view porn. One in three of these viewers are women.
  - **The entire worldwide** porn industry is worth about \$13 billion, but makes billions more than that every year.
  - **Twenty percent** of men and 13 percent of women admit to watching porn online at work.
  - **The average porn** site visit lasts six minutes and 29 seconds.
  - **On average, people** first see porn online at age 11.
  - **While many scientists** don't think of porn addiction as an actual addiction, the act of viewing porn has been known to release the same chemical in the brain, dopamine, that heroin addicts experience.
  - **People who suffer** from porn addiction are also twice as likely to experience clinical depression.
- Source: techaddiction.com

## Interesting facts on addiction

- One out of every eight Americans is living with some form of addiction.
  - Drug addiction rates have been steadily rising over the past two decades.
  - About 15 percent of children under the age of 18 have admitted to experimenting with illegal drugs.
  - Approximately 25 percent of children in eighth grade admit to smoking marijuana regularly.
  - Addiction to prescription drugs is a growing problem among young Americans.
  - About 70 percent of people using illegal drugs are employed.
  - Ninety percent of muggings and property crimes are related to drugs.
  - A drug addict needs to come up with about \$200 a day on average to support their addiction.
  - About 25 percent of all hospital admissions deal with alcoholism.
  - Drug addiction is a problem for approximately 30 million people in the United States.
- Source: brainz.org

**“It starts out as a small aspect in a person’s life and as it progresses, it becomes a bigger part in their life until it completely takes over.”**

**Peter Healey**  
Serenity Recovery Services  
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## PORN Continued from Front Page

Porn addiction affects people of all ages, especially younger, easily influenced minds.

When young boys go through puberty starting around the age of 12, they seek to find answers for their questions about sex. Historically, they learn from asking their friends, family, and by watching pornography, according to Healey.

Those between the ages of 12 and 20 are very impressionable and are negatively influenced by the viewing of pornography. “That’s a fairly significant age group for human growth and development,” he said.

If a teenage boy receives most of his sexual knowledge through porn, which is usually violent and unrealistic, they’re conditioned to think that sex and relationships are separate from one another.

According to techaddiction.com, 85 percent of female porn stars have breast implants and 100 percent of the photos are photoshopped, furthering unrealistic expectations about the human body.

“It can lead to a very distorted image of women. It very much objectifies women in the sense that women become fantasies,” Healey said.

While viewing is a private act, the addiction can have negative consequences on day-to-day life.

“There’s a sense of secrecy around it (porn addiction). It kind of holds them hostage and keeps them away from enjoying life with people,” he said. “That inadvertently leads to depression. Any addiction can lead to depression because you’re not living life to the fullest.”

One of the most noticeable consequences is problems with intimate relations. People struggling with a porn addiction are more likely to not be satisfied by their actual partner because they’re regularly being aroused by other things and people.

Having a porn addiction can also ruin someone’s libido and make someone sexually lazy. Because the act of watching porn and experiencing sexual release because of it, addicts are trained to become accustomed to the instant gratification instead of viewing sex as an act that you have to work at.

“It takes up time and is therefore neglectful of other life areas,” Healey said. “It starts out as a small aspect in a person’s life and as it progresses, it becomes a bigger part in their life until it completely takes over.”

Experts recommend that porn addicts seek professional help, such as therapy, to overcome their addiction.

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**TRAINING**

Continued from Page 3A services. These will become the engine of a growing economy."

Tri-county area high schools are well represented at GCI. The stigma of past decades that the "skill center" is all building trades and auto mechanics has been replaced by a new focus on career preparation in dozens of fields in less time than a four- or six-year college degree. "This is a demanding educational experience," said Johnson. "With it comes higher opportunity. We're all about helping you get as far as you can, as quickly as you can."

**“If I could mandate that every student had to attend, I would. It’s that valuable.”**

**Peter Lofiego**  
Holly High School principal

The message of Michigan's need for a more talented, diverse workforce is beginning to filter down from the Governor's office to the students themselves. Fenton High School has approximately 83 juniors and seniors attending GCI. "Our focus has shifted," said Mark Suchowski, principal. "Rather than saying that college is for everyone, our goal is to prepare all students for what is coming after high school. There's a new respect for hands-on technical training."

About 10 to 15 percent of juniors and seniors at Lake Fenton High School attend GCI, according to Joette Schisler, guidance counselor. "You can earn college credit at the same time you're learning a skill. In some cases, if you're



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Haden Beckley of Columbiaville (standing) and Jacob Jankowski, 18, of Argentine Township, work on a 100-amp electrical panel on Thursday. They, along with the rest of students, will be evaluated for neatness and their knowledge of electrical code.

qualified, you can leave high school with certification for a career."

Linden High School has about 70 students involved in GCI, according to Darin Dreasky, interim principal. "It really gives kids a leg-up before college or any type of post-secondary education. Even if you decide that's not the career for you, you've already weeded it out before you waste money on additional education in that field."

Holly High School Principal Peter Lofiego believes strongly in the value of career technical education. "My father owned a construction company when I was growing up. It was one of the most rewarding experiences I've had. I'm not afraid to try anything at my house. I know how much a master electrician makes."

About 80 to 90 Holly students attend the Oakland Schools Technical Campus Northwest in Clarkston, with students from Waterford, Clarkston and Brandon high schools.

"Today's career technical training is more than just the building trades and auto care," said Lofiego. "It's a wonderful opportunity. If I could mandate that every student had to attend, I would. It's that valuable."

**AUCTION**

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"It appears she had a fondness for jewelry as we found many nice pieces of gold jewelry and some costume jewelry as well.

"Neither of them seemed to travel much either as both of their cars have very low miles on them," Narhi said. "They also have nice furnishings and quite a few nice antique and collectible items that they enjoyed."

A preliminary list of items in the Buysstateauction can be found at narhiauctions.com. A full catalog will be posted as the online auction gets closer.



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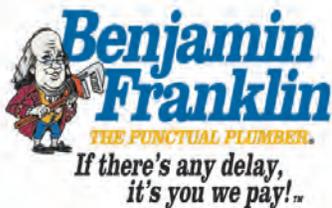
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Partha Nandi, M.D. interacts with guests on his show for an informative, educational look at nutrition, fitness and disease prevention.

## 'Ask Dr. Nandi' TV show moves to WXYZ-TV in Detroit

Married to a Fenton native, Partha Nandi, M.D. now shares latest health information with more than 85 million viewers

By Sally Rummel  
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Medical TV shows like The Doctors and The Doctor Oz Show top the viewing charts in the U.S. with a mixture of part medicine and lots of entertainment.

Now, a Michigan-produced medical lifestyle show, Ask Dr. Nandi, will debut this Sunday, Jan. 24 at 5 p.m. on WXYZ-TV Channel 7 in Detroit. The program is dedicated to sharing the latest information on nutrition, fitness and disease prevention, by incorporating the best of Eastern and Western medicine.

Partha Nandi, M.D., a well-known gastroenterologist with a practice in Troy, is the show's co-creator and host. Married to Fenton native Kali Koester Nandi, his father- and mother-in-law, Craig and Beth Rockman, also reside in Fenton.

Nandi is the chief health editor at WXYZ-TV, appearing on regular news segments to inform, educate and empower viewers to take their health into their own hands.

"We've gotten tremendous feedback from viewers who are interested in health and medical topics," said Mike Murri, vice president and general manager of WXYZ-TV and TV20 in Detroit. "Ask Dr. Nandi is a great component of our 2016 strategy, giving us an opportunity to showcase medical topics in a longer format. We'll air one or more every quarter."

This Sunday's episode will be the first to air on a non-cable, local channel. Ask Dr. Nandi has earned a huge cable TV audience of 85 million viewers in the U.S. since it first debuted in 2012. Worldwide, it is viewed in 80 countries,

including the entire continent of Africa.

Ask Dr. Nandi is designed to focus on one topic per episode, allowing the audience to gain a full understanding of the topic and the guests a chance to connect with Nandi and share their inspirational stories. His goal isn't to unseat any other medical shows, but to use his position on TV to educate people about their own health and how to advocate for themselves.

"Be your own 'Health Hero,'" said Nandi, sharing his show's patented motto and hashtag. "Make your health your most important priority. We want to give you the tools to put yourself in the driver's seat of your health. Don't just be a passenger, ask the questions."

Ask Dr. Nandi's unique format sets him apart from other medical shows. "We don't just say the facts and send you on your way," he said. "We dig deeper with the experts and talk to patients and their families.

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Detroit resident Nana Dansoa was a guest on Ask Dr. Nandi's recent "Cooking for Your Condition" episode. She wants to be healthier and change her lifestyle by becoming a vegan, according to the show's host, Partha Nandi, M.D.

**LAJOICE**

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LaJoyce, 36, of Tyrone Township, appeared in court for the first time Wednesday, Jan. 20, at the 52-2 District Court in Oakland County for a probable cause hearing with Judge Joseph Fabrizio presiding. LaJoyce appeared attentive during the court proceeding.

LaJoyce turned himself in to the Oakland County Sheriff's Department on Jan. 6 and admitted to embezzling \$20 million over 12 years from the Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union where he was chief financial officer (CFO). He was formally arraigned on Jan. 8 on 14 counts of embezzlement, which allegedly took place from October 2015 to December 2015.

Instead of a probable cause hearing, LaJoyce's defense attorney Michael Manley requested LaJoyce be sent to the Center for Forensic Psychiatry for a competency evaluation.

"Based on my conversations with him, I'm asking this court to consider sending him to the Center for Forensic Psychiatry as it relates to competency only," Manley said. "I do have concerns whether or not he is able to rationally assist his counsels at this time."

The evaluation does not necessarily claim mental insanity, Manley said, it is to ensure that LaJoyce understands the charges he faces and he can properly assist his counsels. Manley has spoken to LaJoyce twice, his wife, mother-in-law, and father-in-law.

Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor Robert Novy did not have any objections to the evaluation. "The court has no reason or basis to doubt the basis for the request. I will grant the request," Fabrizio said.

The preliminary examination, originally set for Jan. 26, has been postponed to a date after the competency report is received.

Fabrizio asked LaJoyce if he understood. LaJoyce said, "Yes, your honor."

The evaluation is due within 60 days and a hearing will take place five days after the report is received.

"I thought it was important to explore if he was competent," Manley said. "When you meet with a client for the first time you gauge whether or not they're in a mental state to rationally assist you. Obviously with the stress of this whole thing and with some of the things that I have learned I'm not able to divulge, I felt it was important to at least explore whether

or not he could go forward at this time."

Manley does not believe LaJoyce's wife, Ashleigh, knew anything about the embezzlement but the investigation is still ongoing.

He said LaJoyce's attitude is "not very well. He's very down, he's very remorseful. Obviously, he went in and wanted to clear his conscience with the sheriff's department."

Manley said they're trying to make sure the statements attributed to LaJoyce are true. He anticipates federal charges and state charges.

"That's not uncommon in a case that has dual jurisdiction," he said, adding that they're actively working with state and federal authorities to find a resolution.

LaJoyce is currently being held on a \$1 million bond, is not allowed any contact with Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union, and cannot be rereleased without a GPS tether, which subjects him to home confinement only.

**“He’s very down, he’s very remorseful. Obviously, he went in and wanted to clear his conscience with the sheriff’s department.”**

**Michael Manley**  
*Michael LaJoyce's defense attorney*

**Former Fenton councilman dies at 83**

By Vera Hogan  
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Harry G. Bourne, who served on the Fenton City Council from 1975 to 1981, and again from 1985 until he resigned in 1988, has died from illness at the age of 83.

Former Fenton City Councilman and Mayor Carl Hammond said Bourne was a very nice man. "We worked well together," he said. "I appreciated Harry. He loved the city and always felt that what he did was right. I appreciated his dedication to the city. Anybody that makes the effort and takes the time to run for office deserves to be appreciated."

Fenton City Councilwoman Nancy Draves was saddened to hear the news about Bourne's passing.

"He was a neighbor for years," Draves said. "I always had just a nice

friendly relationship with him. Our kids went to school at the same time. I enjoyed seeing him at VG's from time to time."

Bourne was retired from A.C. Spark Plug. He was a member of Fenton United Methodist Church and the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife, Madeline, daughter, Deborah Frappier (Oley) and son, Harry G. Bourne III (Lori), five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren, and brother, William Bourne.

He was preceded in death by his parents and son, Thomas Douglas Bourne.

Funeral services for Bourne were held Thursday, Jan. 21 at Fenton United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



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Oakland County 52-2 District Court Judge Joseph Fabrizio discusses Michael LaJoyce's case with prosecuting attorney Robert Novy on Wednesday.

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**FOR THE PEOPLE** who aren't aware, seven years ago Hillary ceded the election to Obama because he promised to make her Secretary of State.

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**TRUMP HIT IT** right on the nose. We got a weepy whiny president which made us a weepy, whiny country.

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**LOOKING BACK**

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**JANUARY 24**

**1935:** Canned beer makes its debut. In partnership with the American Can Company, the Gottfried Krueger Brewing Company delivered 2,000 cans of Krueger's Finest Beer and Krueger's Cream Ale to faithful Krueger drinkers in Richmond, Virginia. Ninety-one percent of the drinkers approved of the canned beer, driving Krueger to give the green light to further production.

**JANUARY 25**

**1961:** President John F. Kennedy becomes the first U.S. president to hold a live televised news conference. From a podium in the State Department auditorium, Kennedy read a prepared statement regarding the famine in the Congo, the release of two American aviators from Russian custody and impending negotiations for an atomic test ban treaty. He then opened the floor for questions from reporters, answering queries on a variety of topics including relations with Cuba, voting rights and food aid to impoverished Americans.

**JANUARY 26**

**1934:** One of America's best-loved movie projects gets underway when the producer Samuel Goldwyn buys the film rights to the children's novel "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" by L. Frank Baum. Published in 1900, Baum's novel told the story of Dorothy, a young girl on a Kansas farm who is swept away by a tornado and carried to the magical Land of Oz. Goldwyn's film version of "The Wizard of Oz" was released in 1939. Goldwyn had supposedly intended for Shirley Temple to take the part of Dorothy, but the role went to 17-year-old Judy Garland instead, and it would catapult her to international stardom.

**JANUARY 27**

**1965:** The Shelby GT 350, a version of a Ford Mustang sports car developed by the American auto racer and car designer Carroll Shelby, is launched. The Shelby GT 350, which featured a 306 horsepower V-8 engine, remained in production through the end of the 1960s and today is a valuable collector's item.

**JANUARY 28**

**1986:** At 11:38 a.m. EST (Eastern Standard Time), the space shuttle "Challenger" lifts off from Cape Canaveral, Florida, and Christa McAuliffe is on her way to becoming the first U.S. civilian to travel into space. McAuliffe, a 37-year-old high school social studies teacher from New Hampshire, won a competition that earned her a place among the seven-member crew. Seventy-three seconds after liftoff, hundreds on the ground, including McAuliffe's family, stared in disbelief as the shuttle exploded in a forking plume of smoke and fire. Millions more watched the tragedy unfold on live television. There were no survivors.

**JANUARY 29**

**1936:** In Cooperstown, New York, the Baseball Hall of Fame announces the election of five charter members: Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, Honus Wagner, Christy Mathewson and Walter Johnson. The idea of a Baseball Hall of Fame began gathering steam in 1935, when members of the Clark Foundation in Cooperstown sought to revive business and tourism after the Depression. Claiming that the Army Officer Abner Doubleday, a Cooperstown native, had invented baseball in 1839, they lobbied for a new museum dedicated to baseball to be built in Cooperstown. Though the Doubleday story was later discredited, the museum plans went ahead anyway. The five charter Hall of Fame members were elected by members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America (BBWAA).

**JANUARY 30**

**1933:** On this day in 1933, President Paul von Hindenburg names Adolf Hitler, leader or führer of the National Socialist German Workers Party (or Nazi Party), as chancellor of Germany. The year 1932 had seen Hitler's meteoric rise to prominence in Germany, spurred largely by the German people's frustration with dismal economic conditions and the still-fester wounds inflicted by defeat in the Great War and the harsh peace terms of the Versailles treaty. A charismatic speaker, Hitler channeled popular discontent with the post-war Weimar government into support for his fledgling Nazi party.



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**FENTON SWIM**  
Places second at the county meet.  
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## Eagles collect first win, beat Byron, 71-45

By David Troppens  
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Linden coach Anthony Wright has been waiting for that game his Linden varsity boys basketball team played close to a complete 32 minutes.

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Linden's Garrett Strang attempts a shot in a recent contest.

## Linden wrestlers sweep Holly, Clio

By David Troppens  
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**Linden** — If either team wanted a realistic chance to capture at least a share of the Metro League wrestling championship this winter, the squad needed a sweep at Linden on Wednesday.

The Linden Eagles opened the night defeating area rival Holly 50-22, and then completed the sweep with a 45-30 victory against Clio, becoming the squad that still has a shot at catching Kearsley at the league meet.

"We had some holes in our lineup, so we had to make sure some of our freshmen stepped up and stayed off their backs," Linden senior wrestler Bryce Davis said. "And we needed our normal varsity members to step up. We got pins and it was a big win."

The Eagles were impressive against the Bronchos, winning nine of the 14 matches and suffering only one pinfall loss. Meanwhile, five Eagles — Justin Cygnar (112), Koleton Strauss (119), Noah Quesnelle



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Linden's Johnathan Marme (left) battles Holly's William Greer in the Eagles' 50-22 victory against the Bronchos on Wednesday.

(125), Patrick Kerr (140) and Skyler Stites (285) — recorded pins against Holly foes.

"It went well," Linden coach Todd Skinner said. "This is the position we want to be in. We have one more dual against Fenton. ... This is the position we wanted to go in."

Other Linden winners against Holly were Adam Glazer (103), Davis (140) and Aaron Steedman (189).

The Bronchos' sole pinfall win was posted by Cade Dallwitz (171), but by that time

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## Tigers bounce back, defeat Cardinals

By David Troppens  
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On Friday, the Fenton varsity boys basketball team got off to a slow start against Flushing and the result was a humbling 71-29 loss to the Raiders.

On Tuesday, the Tigers (5-3) had another slow start, trailing at one time 15-2 in the opening period. However, Fenton fought through the weak start, and progressively played better eventually earning 54-47 road victory against Davison.

"Against Flushing we were behind big early and didn't recover," Fenton varsity coach John Gilbert said. "Against Davison we kept our composure and

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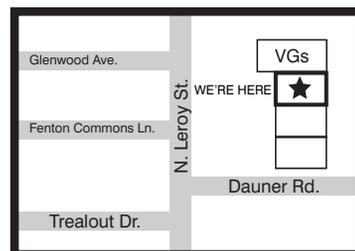
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**GYMNASTICS**

► **LFLF 135.875, Tecumseh 132.5:** Blake Hutchings recorded a 9.275 on the floor, an 8.6 on the beam, an 8.625 on the bars and an 8.85 on the vault, helping lead the LFLF gymnasts to the victory.

Carly Kozlowski recorded an 8.6 on the floor, while Jessica Richert had an 8.75 on the floor. Miranda Stephens had an 8.725 on the bars. Sabra Robinson posted an 8.625 on the floor.

**HOCKEY**

► **Metro League Griffins 7, KBH United 1:** The Griffins moved into first place in the Metro. Jake Thompson had three goals, while Tyler Bourassa had two. Brandon Diener and Bobby Temple provided one each. Collin LaVoie was the winning keeper.

# Lady Tigers hot second half sparks win

By David Troppens

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The Fenton varsity girls basketball team has had a tough time in its non-league games, losing each of the first three non-league contests this season.

The losing streak came to an end on Tuesday at Davison High School. The Tigers used a 34-18 second-half scoring edge to defeat Davison 58-42.

The Tigers trailed after one 14-7, but from that point dominated. The Tigers tied the game up by halftime at 24-all. Fenton (5-4) added two more 17-point quarters in the second half, earning the win.

Chloe Idoni scored a game-high 19 points. She also had eight rebounds and four blocks. Taylor Mowery chipped in

11 points and six rebounds, while Sarah Cummings had 10 points, 10 rebounds, three assists and three steals. Maddie Carr had seven points.

**Mt. Morris 47, Lake Fenton 36**

Lake Fenton remained close throughout the contest, but fell short.

Autumn Beardsley led Lake Fenton with 10 points, while Sierra Arroyo and Sidney Sheyachich had six points each. Sheyachich had 12 rebounds, while Hannah Garty had six steals.



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Fenton's Sarah Cummings attacks the basket in a recent game. She scored 10 points against Davison.

# Fenton swimmers post strong second at county meet

By David Troppens

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The Fenton varsity swim team has a four-year Metro League championship streak it will be defending this season.

If the county meet is any indication, the Tigers should have no troubles defending it.

Fenton placed second, and comfortably defeated all of the other Metro League squads at the county meet, giving the Tigers reason for optimism.

"We did better than expected," Fenton swim coach Brad Jones said. "We did well. We placed second which is what we expected to be."

"The goal was to get state cuts, get

close to state cuts or get close enough to get them to go to the MISCA meet. We had several (types of these performances), which is outstanding."

The Tigers saw three state-qualifying performances and one event county championship. The county champion was Kyle Banner in the 500 freestyle. He took the top spot with a time of 5:03.67, less than a second behind the Division 2 state meet qualifying time of 5:02.89.

Zac Miceli earned a spot in the state meet with each of Fenton's qualifying events. Individually, Miceli earned state invites by taking second in the 200 individual medley (2:02.47) and in the 100 butterfly (54.07). He also teamed with

Michael Fabatz, Justin Beemer and Banner to take second in the 400 freestyle relay (3:22.86), also earning a state time in the event.

Individually, the Tigers had another four top-six performances. They were Banner, third in the 200 freestyle (1:51.97); Evan Bartow, fourth in the 500 freestyle (5:23.40); Noah Sizemore, sixth in the 200 freestyle (1:59.67); and Jacob Vickers, sixth in diving (271.95).

The 200 medley relay team of Fabatz, Miceli, Joe Perrera and Sizemore also earned a third with a time of 1:46.90.

Holly competed at the event and placed 11th with 56 team points. Michael Butler placed 10th in diving (220.85).

# Blue Devils remain unbeaten in GAC Red, defeat Mt. Morris

By David Troppens

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It was an up-and-down game for the Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team on Tuesday night.

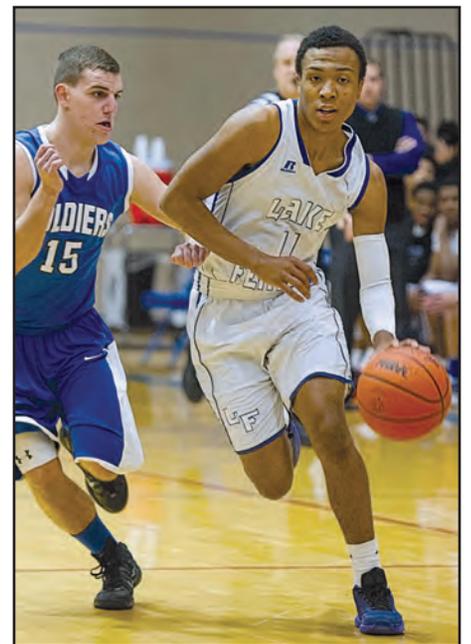
But the Blue Devils had many more up moments resulting in a key 62-48 Genesee Area Conference Red Division victory against Mt. Morris.

The win set up the Blue Devils' Friday's road GAC Red contest against perennial state power Beecher. Results of that game can be found at tctimes.com.

"We played stretches throughout the game that I thought were great, and we had tons of energy. We had other stretches where we were outplayed," Lake Fenton coach Jake Erway said. "Credit to Mt. Morris, they got to the free-throw line in the second half and never stopped playing. We found a way to win though, and we are happy to go 4-0 in the league and have an opportunity to capture sole possession of first place against an extremely well coached and talented Beecher team."

Lake Fenton jumped to a 12-4 lead after one quarter and led 28-19 at halftime. The Blue Devils jumped to a 46-27 lead entering the final period. Mt. Morris tried to work itself back into the game during the final eight minutes, and did cut into the lead, but not enough to take away the Blue Devils' superior lead.

It was a choppy game. The teams combined to shoot 72 free throws, with 34 of them coming in the final period. The Blue Devils only shot 14-for-47 from the field, but enjoyed a huge 53-23 edge on



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Lake Fenton's Chris Bell (right) scored 11 points in the Blue Devils' 62-48 victory vs. Mt. Morris.

the boards, helping spark the victory.

Jalen Miller was Lake Fenton's biggest beneficiary when it came down to free throws. He made 9-of-10 from the charity stripe, recording a game-high 19 points. He also had nine rebounds and three steals. Chris Bell provided another strong and diverse contest, posting 11 points, six assists, seven rebounds and five steals. Andrew Foerster had 12 points and a team-high 11 rebounds, while Isaac Golson had eight points.

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# Holly edged by AA Skyline

By David Troppens

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The Holly varsity boys basketball team had an outstanding chance to add another victory to the squad's 7-0 start against Ann Arbor Skyline on Tuesday.

The Bronchos trailed by just two points with about three minutes to go. However, Skyline was able to hold off Holly, recording a tight 76-73 victory against the Bronchos.

Playing with only nine players due to some sickness and injuries, the Bronchos still remained competitive throughout the night. Holly led 31-24 at the half and still led 49-48 entering the final period. However, with Holly trailing by two, Adam Tooley recorded what looked like a steal. However, a delayed whistle ended up giving Tooley the foul instead, and eventually a technical was called on Holly. Skyline made one of the two free throws, and then made two free throws based on the initial foul. Finally, still with possession, Skyline scored another bucket, giving the home team a seven-point lead when initially it looked like the steal was going to give Holly a great chance to retake the lead.

"That was pretty much the game," Baylis said. "Until then, it was anyone's game."

"I think fatigue set in as well. We only dressed nine guys, so I think we were a bit fatigued in the second half. It was a great game for us because it was the first time all year we had a close game right until the end. This game will help us become battle-tested. We'll learn from it. We wanted it to be close and wanted to win. One of our goals was satisfied."

Ian Hodges scored a game-high 38 points, including 20 by halftime. Hodges also added six rebounds, three assists and three steals.

Kyle Woodruff also eclipsed the 20-point level, netting 24 points. Woodruff is six points shy of averaging 20 points a game himself. However, the big two provided almost all of Holly's offense. Paris Partee was next in terms of Holly scoring with six points.

## EAGLES

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It happened on Tuesday, as the Eagles captured their first victory of the season, crushing Byron 71-45

"We finally got one which was nice," Wright said. "We played OK as well, too. We didn't shoot all that great, but we played well as a team."

"We won every quarter. Defensively we were not very good in the first half, but we missed a lot of opportunities. We amped it up a bit in the third quarter. We played very unselfish. Nobody took more than nine shots and we had 17 assists."

Linden led 22-16 after one quarter and led 36-27 at halftime. Instead of allowing Byron back into the contest in the third quarter, the visiting Eagles thumped Byron by outscoring them 22-8 in the next eight minutes.

Trent Strang led the squad with 14 points and seven rebounds. Cole Sarkon and Tyler Hoerberling chipped in 11 points each. Hunter Michael had six points and seven rebounds, while Garrett Strang had five points, four assists and four steals. Connor Faught had four points and seven rebounds.



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Linden's varsity boys basketball coach Anthony Wright talks to his team during a timeout at a recent game. The Eagles defeated Byron on Tuesday, 71-45.

"We have had so many opportunities for wins. It was kind of irritating, but the guys always came to practice and always believed in themselves," Wright said.

"Now that we have that first win, maybe we can get on a run. We have Fenton on Friday and the guys are excited about that. It should be a good game."

## TIGERS

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slowly and methodically worked our way back into it. It was a battle from that point. We had to focus on doing things well. It wasn't a quick turnaround. Every quarter we were slowly climbing that mountain. It was a good win for us. We needed a bounce-back victory after being beat at Flushing."

By the end of the first quarter, the 15-2 deficit was cut to 18-10, and by halftime the Tigers trailed just 27-21.

In the second half the Tigers trailed by double-digits once again, but Fenton quickly erased a decent chunk of that gap with a few quick hoops, getting the deficit to single-digits for the rest of the contest. Fenton outscored Davison 17-6 in the fourth quarter to ice the victory.

"We took care of the basketball and worked for quality shots," Gilbert said. "It's hard when you are behind because everyone wants to make up all the points in one possession. We had to fight through that feeling, and they did a good job."

Chris Gilbert led the Tigers with 23 points, scoring 19 of those points in the pivotal second half. Peyton Coffman finished with eight points.

## WRESTLERS

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Holly trailed 39-19 with just three matches remaining. Other Holly victors in the match were Wyatt Scribner (130), Mitchell Nelson (135), William Greer (160) and Jimmy Gray (215).

"We didn't compete very well against Linden, but we knew Linden was going to be tough," Holly coach Don Pluta said. "We are not quite there yet."

Linden wrestlers who finished with 2-0 marks were Strauss, Kerr, Davis, Steedman and Stites. Cade Dickson (171), Caleb White (130) and Jaylin Steedman won matches against Clio. Holly (12-6) defeated Flushing 38-29. Colton Cleaver (152), Michael Kelly (130), Greer (160), Dallwitz (171), Collin Dallwitz (215) and Gray (285) earned victories against Flushing.

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## 'The Fentonian' up for national award

■ Award-winning yearbook staff to hold fundraiser to upgrade computers, equipment

By **Hannah Ball**  
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The Fenton High School yearbook staff is hoping to celebrate yet another national award for their yearbook, The Fentonian.

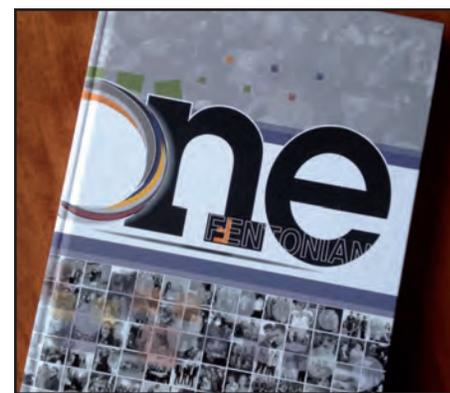
The 2015 book is one of 49 that have been named a Crown Finalist from Columbia Scholastic Press Association. They'll receive the gold crown if they win, or the silver crown if they don't win first.

The winners will be announced in March.

Hannah Swain, 18, the co-editor-in-chief of the yearbook this year, has worked on the yearbook for three years, and every year they've received at least a silver crown.

"Even though this year I'm in charge of this book, last year was just as important," she said. "Receiving that award was really an eye opener, to see all of our hard work. It was nice to see that our editors-in-chief last year finally reached the high reputation."

However, this year is different because they're publishing the book in spring, not



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The Fenton High School yearbook The Fentonian has been nominated for a national award through the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

fall like they always have in the past. "We need to get stuff done a lot better and a lot quicker," she said.

They're focusing on better time management and getting everything perfect the first time.

"This year it's really my and my co-editor-in-chief's responsibility to hold up this high reputation we've built up for ourselves," she said. "We're trying to impress everyone we can with our designs and our writing."

The Fentonian has received seven gold crowns and eight silver crowns from the CSPA, as well as six Pacemaker Awards and six Pacemaker Finalist Awards from the National Scholastic Press Association.

"It's really nice when we are a finalist for both," said yearbook adviser Pam Bunka. "You're getting some recognition."

She said the students are excited. "I think they always are. The sad part of these awards is we don't find out about them until about a year after," she said. "A lot of the students who graduated worked on it last year."

Bunka said the association judges the yearbooks based on the piece as a whole.

"They look at how well they represent the theme. Are they really showing students in action? They look at innovation. They look at design and they read some of the copy, too," she said. "They also look at how does this book stack up to other books in the country?"

The association doesn't give feedback.

A fundraiser has been planned on Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Panera Bread on Owen Road to help the students raise money to buy better equipment for their computers. Participants can bring a Fentonian flyer, found at the school or online at The Fentonian's Facebook page, and a portion of the proceeds for that time frame will go to the yearbook.

If someone doesn't have a flyer, mentioning the fundraiser to the employees will count as well.

The amount donated depends on how many people participate. If 50 people bring in a flier, they get 20 percent of the profits.

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A group of friends from London, Ontario, Canada, pose for a photo in front of a custom Fiat 500, styled in Italy to resemble a Star Wars storm trooper.

## Detroit auto show draws crowds from around the globe

■ Taking a peek into the future of the automobile industry

By Tim Jagielo

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**Detroit** — Walking through Cobo Center during the North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) is like walking through a futuristic mall or airport from a science fiction movie or the next “Mission Impossible” installation.

The lights, sounds, spinning projected graphics and sharply dressed floor professionals all create this feeling, along with the diversity of visitors and variety of languages being spoken.

As a sign of the times, YouTube stars, not local news celebrities, do snappy high-energy broadcast segments from the floor of the show, about what’s next with cars.

Guests have their faces scanned, and appear along a rotating panoramic projection lining the wall of the Ford exhibit. Some even have a “selfie” taken from inside a car, which is also shared on the wall.

More accurately than a “futuristic mall,” you are walking through a carefully constructed advertisement for the auto industry; music and lights are timed to aggressively give the visitor an experience beyond sitting in a car, and checking out the paint.

The auto show is always about the future — this year it was about self-driving cars, and more power and efficiency. The Chevy Bolt EV, a subcompact fully electric car, made its debut.

Muscle cars were also a highlight, with the Ford GT and Dodge Viper featured heavily. Mainstays like the Chevy Camaro and Ford Mustang were observed by enthusiasts under the lights as well.

The NAIAS is a hands-on activity. Families check out the trunk space of a new Volvo, while gear heads pour over a bisected display model of a new engine.

All day, visitors from all over the world can sit on a motorcycle, on in a car or track, feel the seats and the steering wheel, trying their dreams out for size.

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Muscle cars, like the 2017 Chevy Corvette, are popular and draw crowds at the NAIAS.

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