

# No plea deal, LaJoyce headed to trial

## ■ Admitted embezzler sells off all properties, including home

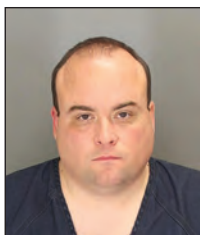
By Hannah Ball

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Nearly nine months after turning himself in to authorities, the Tyrone Township man who admitted to

embezzling \$20 million from his employer will stand trial on Dec. 12.

Michael LaJoyce, 37, is currently involved in six different cases — two criminal cases, one



Michael LaJoyce

in the federal system and one in the state system; two forfeiture cases, one in the federal system and one in the state system, and two additional cases involving properties that he owns.

His attorney, Michael Manley, said, "I'm trying to come up with

**See LAJOICE on 16A**

**“I’m trying to come up with a global resolution. We would like to have all of this done before Mr. LaJoyce faces the judge.”**

**Michael Manley**  
Michael LaJoyce's attorney



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**LAKE FENTON LIGHTHOUSE GETS NEW LIFE**

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## Fenton residents will have another cable choice in 2017

By Vera Hogan

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City of Fenton residents who have been hoping for cable service from Comcast may wish to thank a city council member.

On Monday, the Fenton City Council voted unanimously to approve a Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement, required by the Michigan Public Service Commission, to Comcast of Flint, Inc.

According to Rob Ponto, public relations representative for

**See CABLE on 18A**



## Applefest 2016



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Degan Wheeler, 17, (left) and Payton Michelle, 16, both of Fenton, take a Ferris wheel ride with some friends into the late afternoon sky on Thursday, Sept. 15, as the annual St. John's Applefest kicks off for the weekend. **See more photos on Page 6B**

## Street corner solicitations outlawed

### ■ Likely to impact local charities and schools

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City leaders don't seem to like it — but the next time civic and charitable organizations ask for permission to solicit donations from city roadways and intersections, the Fenton City Council is going to have to say “no.”

Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette has recently issued a new opinion on **See SOLICITATIONS on 17A**



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State law prohibits organizations from collecting donations on street corners and intersections.

## Three charged after meth lab found in Gaines Township home

### ■ Drugs, equipment, weapons and three small children found in drug raid

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Two Gaines Township residents and one Sebewing resident were arraigned on multiple drug and firearm

charges regarding an alleged meth lab they were operating in a Gaines Township home.

Michigan State Police-Flint Post troopers and a probation officer raided a home at 12100 W. Reid Road, west of Duffield Road in Gaines Township on Aug. 27, according to Spl/F/Lt David A. Kaiser, **See METH LAB on 16A**



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**“Trump said that if elected he will authorize a ‘deportation task force.’ I don’t think we’ll need it, if he’s elected half the citizens will leave voluntarily.”**



**“There is no way that Hillary Clinton will ever take part in an unscripted debate. Answering important questions with honest answers is simply not in her DNA. It would be political suicide and a deal-killer. She will feign an illness.”**



**COMMENT OF THE WEEK**

**“Was told that Fenton quietly retired the silly tag line ‘Be Closer.’ If you had just asked the citizens for tag line ideas someone would have come up with a real winner and the city would not have wasted our tax dollars. Try listening to the taxpayers once in a while.”**



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# Nearly 2,000 square feet of vintage lumber salvaged from Dibbleville house

■ Iconic Shiawassee property now a distant memory

By Vera Hogan

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The deconstruction of 106 W. Shiawassee Ave. in Dibbleville has been completed.

"We're done. If you drive by the house, you wouldn't see anything left," said Robert "Bob" Bloomingdale of Bloomingdale Construction in Rochester.

Bloomingdale was the contractor on the job. The materials salvaged from the house is his only payment.

Last month, the process of taking apart the house while sparing the usable wood and other materials, began.

According to Joe Bruz of Milford Salvage & Iron, the house was taken apart manually with the goal of preserving all of the salvageable old-school lumber so that it may be repurposed into furniture and other items.

See **SHIAWASSEE** on 7A

“The museum has been great working with us in researching the history of the material.”

**Robert "Bob" Bloomingdale**  
Bloomingdale Construction, Rochester



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On Friday Sept. 9, David Stimage of Rochester Salvage sorts lumber that they'll be keeping to take back to the shop. His company salvaged 2,000 square feet of material, some of which will be turned into tables and other furniture. On Friday, Sept. 16, only the chimney and one corner of the house remained.



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The grassy area on the south side of the restaurant will be turned into outdoor seating in the near future.

## Fenton Hotel to expand with outdoor patio

### SUMMARY

■ The outdoor seating area recently leased by the Fenton Hotel Tavern & Grille, has been purchased by owner Nick Sorise, who plans to invest in major improvements.

By Vera Hogan

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The Fenton Hotel Tavern & Grille will soon be the owners of another little corner in the city.

On Monday, the Fenton City Council unanimously approved selling the parcel the city agreed to lease to them earlier this summer for the purpose of installing an outdoor seating area.

The lease amount was \$1. The

sale price is \$4,270.

Since the city agreed to the lease in June, Nick Sorise, owner of the Fenton Hotel Tavern & Grille, has done some investigating and now plans to make a substantial investment in the development of outdoor dining and improvements to the exterior of the restaurant, according to City Manager Lynn Markland.

"In order to assist in financing and because of the substantial investment, the owner has decided to request the City Council consider the sale of the property," Markland added.

He said he has discussed the possible sale with the city assessor, Tonya Molloseau, who provided him with the \$4,270 sale price for

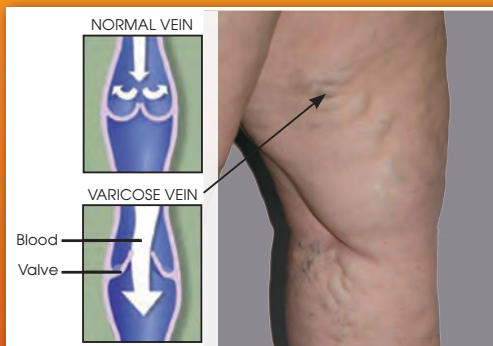
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## Come *Heller* high water

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### Bits and pieces

• **If there's a prettier time** in the tri-county area than mid-September with the early morning fog on the lakes and the dew glistening on everything, I don't know what it is. The only problem with fall is it's followed by (I can hardly bring myself to type the word) winter — a.k.a. the long dead, the big sleep, the epoch of gray, Andy's worst nightmare.

• **Yeah. I kinda hate winter.** Does it show?

• **Everyone is jazzed** about the 'secret' speakeasy behind El Topo in downtown Fenton. And it is undeniably wonderful. (Try the mix-and-match charcuterie board — good Lord!) But El Topo's street tacos are right up my alley. And it's open 'til 11. It's a good thing I don't live within walking distance or I'd weigh 500 pounds. Fenton is lucky to have both.



Andrew Heller  
FEATURED COLUMNIST

• **OK, perhaps Hillary** was too cutting with her 'basket of deplorables' quip about the racists, homophobes and Islamophobes who support Trump. Maybe she could have been a touch softer by going with something like 'hamper of haters' or 'hefty sack of intolerants.' But there's still a lot of truth to what she says — about some of his supporters anyway, not half. Truth hurts, I guess.

• **And, yeah, I believe** Hillary when she says she didn't tell anyone about the pneumonia at first because she thought it was no big deal. My mom has had an operation and didn't tell anyone. It's how that generation rolls. When we found out, we asked mom why she didn't tell us, she said, without a trace of humor, 'You didn't ask.' So now we ask, even if she seems fine. 'Any operations today, mom? Having your gall bladder removed? A leg chopped off? Anything like that?' My guess is reporters will do the same with Clinton from here on out. I pity her.

• **Seriously, though,** I'm not worried about Clinton's or Trump's health. Sure, they could die or be incapacitated in office. Stuff happens. But presidential candidates in their late 60s and early 70s these days

are a lot likelier to be healthy than ever before. Do you know how many of our presidents had real and undisclosed health issues? Do you know how many smoked, drank, never exercised, had quacks for doctors, had cancer, dementia, heart disease and so on? If we're so worried about the health of our president, maybe we need an age limit.

• **Here's how I think** presidential campaigns should go: The parties pick their own candidates without a primary. I don't care how. Then on Nov. 1 everyone gets the day off work — by law — and — by law — they are required to read a uniform one-page Q&A about each candidate and their views. The next day we all vote online or at precincts. Boom. Done. Popular vote, no electoral college, so it's not just the big states that matter. If someone doesn't vote, they pay a hefty fine and their worst photo ever is posted in the town square on a big board for public mocking.

• **Favorite insult** meme of the week: 'You are the reason they have instructions on shampoo bottles.'

• **Airfare seems** really cheap right now. They must be up to something.

• **If you think** you can do a thing or think you can't do a thing, you're right. - Henry Ford.

**“Do you know how many of our presidents had real and undisclosed health issues?”**

## Hotlines

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• **WHY NOT JUST** vote for Hillary? You'd rather support someone who is a habitual liar, career politician with no accomplishments. You say we Republicans nominated a bad candidate. Your campaign strategy is to talk about Trump because you have nothing else to offer and everything to hide.

• **NOW THAT THE** Lutheran Church on Main Street is complete, I'd just like to say that's an awesome sign they have out front. Thank you, Roger Sharp, you're awesome.

• **REMEMBER WHAT THE** Bible says in Mark 12:31. 'Love they neighbor...' Come on, please make an effort to get along with your neighbors.

• **THERE IS PENDING** legislation to let dogs be allowed on outdoor patios at restaurants in Michigan. If this law passes, my wife and I will not patronize these establishments. If you want to eat with your pet, stay at home and eat 'Gravy Train.'

• **EVERYONE OVER 40** will soon be able to use cursive writing as a secret code that no one under 40 will be able to understand. More bad school policies by liberals.

• **OBAMA SAID THAT** Hillary was the most qualified person, man or woman, who has ever run for president. Remember when he said, 'We deserved 9/11 because we

didn't respect Islam. We should not repeat that mistake.' Liberalism is a sickness.

• **MY FAMILY LIKED** Fenton a whole lot more when we moved here nine years ago than we do now. This is exactly why we moved away from living in Rochester. Too much noise, traffic and visitors. Most everyone I speak with agrees.

• **POLITICIANS ARE EITHER** authentic or phony. The authentic ones use words the people understand. The phony ones have words that are carefully prepared and are said as if they had been rehearsed. The words are tested with focus groups and are prepared to change people's minds, though the phony politician may never act upon what they say.

• **I HEAR PEOPLE** complaining about Trump coming to Flint to talk about the water crisis. They say he's just doing it for his campaign and that he should have already done something about it. He's in no government position to do anything — unlike all the worthless elected officials who have done nothing.

• **AS A MARINE** and Vietnam veteran I was taught to shoot very well. I can't figure out why the Clintons and others are trying to make sure we can't defend our country.

• **I DON'T KNOW** why Hillary is trying so hard to discredit Trump when she won't answer questions about herself.

• **I WOULD TRUST** Bin Laden as a leader way before I would vote for Hillary Clinton.

• **AFTER SEEING THE** pictures of the new Silver Lake Bridge in the paper, this is just my opinion, but it would appear to me they got the facades reversed.

• **I SEARCHED UP** and down the ballot, both sides, and didn't see a single box to check for political correctness.

• **FOR YOU WHO** are so thrilled about Republicans and don't think Obama has done a good job, do you want to go back to George W. Bush and his failed economy, people getting laid off, housing industry in the toilet, people losing their houses, automobile industry in the toilet, two wars raging on?

• **FOOLARY CLINTON ONCE** again deceived the American citizenry by refusing to admit to health issues because it would be disadvantageous to her campaign. Lying is lying, and she is a proven pathological liar.

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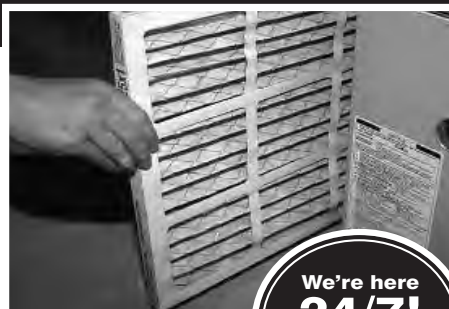
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## What do you like best about your job at Applefest?

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## streettalk



"Mainly meeting new people and the friendly people I work with. Every weekend my philosophy is I have 2,500 grandchildren because I operate a kid's ride."

**Tina Bonser**

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"I really love making the cotton candy and I love the people that I work for. They treat us like family."

**Kimberly Mays**

Cotton Candy Maker  
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"Let's just say making people smile."

**Megan Maddox**

Worker  
Skerbeck Family Carnival



"The camaraderie, just getting to talk with people, see people, and work with people I only get to see once a year."

**Dave Wardin**

Co-chair  
St. John's apple pie committee



"The fellowship and sense of community."

**Karen Swanson**

Chair  
St. John's apple pie committee

# Celebrities do it - 'Y' not you?

## The Y Lift™ is your fastest, safest (non-surgical), technique for a natural look

By Sally Rummel  
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Every time you look in the mirror, you may begin to notice that each advancing year has diminished your high cheekbones, defined jawline and nice, taut neck.

You're still confident in your appearance and have never even considered plastic surgery or a traditional facelift. But if you can instantly turn back the clock and achieve a very natural, more youthful look over your lunch hour, wouldn't you want to do it?

The Y Lift™ is the newest technique in today's generation of non-surgical facial contouring procedures, pioneered by Dr. Yan Trokel, a New York cosmetic surgeon.

Y Lift trained, Dr. Eric Seiger, Medical Director of the Skin & Vein Centers (in Fenton, Sterling Heights and Garden City) performs the procedure locally and is one of only 17 surgeons in the U.S. to do so.

As a highly-skilled cosmetic surgeon for more than 25 years, Dr. Seiger has earned a national reputation for using cutting-edge technology and science. He pioneered The Hour Lift (a mini-facelift technique) more than 15 years ago, and considers the Y Lift™ the most amazing non-

surgical, facial/neck procedure he has ever seen. Many patients elect Seiger's "Total Lift," which combines both the Y Lift and Hour Lift techniques to achieve a desired look.

The Y Lift™ itself, re-volumizes the facial structure from the hollowness under your eyes, to your cheekbones, jawline and neckline. It can literally be done during your lunch hour, with no incision, stitches or general anesthesia. You can resume your daily activities immediately after the procedure.

How does it work?

Basically, it's a molding and sculpting technique, according to Seiger. "As we age, our skin isn't looser because of gravity, but because we lose volume in our bone structure. This technique is based on 'structured

volumizing,' replenishing lost volume and restoring youthful facial contours. Suitable for men and women of all skin types, The Y Lift™ accentuates the cheekbone region, revives the under eye area and defines the jawline and upper neck instantly.

The Y Lift™ is customized to each patient and uses FDA-approved fillers. This technique is suitable for adults, ages 25 to 80. Results last between one and three years,



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depending on the product used.

"The Y-Lift utilizes a specific technique and instruments to inject filler in order to achieve these amazing results without surgery" states Seiger. "Physicians who use fillers in their practice cannot achieve the same result as a Y Lift. Standard filler injection technique is completely different to the Y Lift."



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## Thinking about having The Y Lift™?

Here's what to expect:

**Q. What happens during the procedure?**

**A.** The Y Lift™ is performed, first using novocaine to numb the area. Then, a specialized titanium instrument is inserted beneath the skin and maneuvered throughout designated parts of the facial region to instantly lift and contour the muscles, fascia and fat underlying the skin.

Once lifted, naturally occurring hyaluronic acid is then added to hold the new position of the facial features, at which point the titanium instrument is removed. The rejuvenated face is then "sculpted" by Dr. Seiger to accent and highlight each individual's facial features highlighting their natural beauty.

**Q. How long will the Y Lift™ procedure take?**

**A.** The entire procedure itself takes 30 minutes. Include some time for a consultation beforehand and a brief follow-up afterward.

**Q. Is the procedure painful?**

**A.** The Y Lift™ doesn't involve any painful surgery, sutures or anesthesia. A local anesthesia is applied to manage any discomfort.

**Q. What can I expect during recovery?**

**A.** There is no recovery time with the Y Lift™ and you can resume normal activity right away. However, you may have

some slight swelling and soreness for a couple of days.

**Q. How much does the Y Lift™ cost?**

**A.** The cost can be determined at a free consultation and is based on each patient's own particular age and facial structure and the type and amount of fillers used.

**Q. Can I talk to anyone from The Skin & Vein Center who has had the Y Lift™ done?**

**A.** The Skin & Vein Center can arrange for a contact with someone who has had the procedure and agrees to speak to prospective patients.

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## New superintendent outlines goals through year-end

■ Aims to boost revenue, save money and create positive culture

By Vera Hogan

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Since his first day on July 1, Adam Hartley has hit the ground running in his new job as superintendent of Fenton Area Public Schools (FAPS).

On Monday, he outlined to the Fenton Board of Education his July through Dec. 31 goals.

### Finance

Finance is one of the goals from the action plan Hartley unveiled when he started in the district.

Hartley said he will continue efforts to address budgetary issues and develop a strategic plan for addressing budget allocations, while enhancing teaching and learning.

Embracing the SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Timely) concept, Hartley said by Dec. 31 he will have a list of both cost savings and revenue-generating opportunities for Fenton schools.

He has already implemented one board-approved cost saving measure successfully.

"We are piloting Odyssey software for credit recovery labs," said Hartley. It was possible to license Odyssey software through Swartz Creek Community Schools, the district he came from.

"This allows us to provide a high school course in our credit recovery labs, saving more than \$25,000 this year by doing so," he said.

A credit recovery lab is where students behind in their high school credits can catch up.

A revenue-generating idea being considered is a long-term lease for the property owned by FAPS — a parcel of land between the administration building on Owen Road and the Target store.

"That's something we're pursuing later in stages," Hartley said. "We've got it narrowed down to two companies that are looking for a long-term lease from us. Things like that."

### HOT LINE CONTINUED

**WHILE THE LAKE** Ponemah Trailer Park is being revamped, I would like it to become a 55 and older community. Cranberry Lake off Highland Road would be a perfect model to copy. They have garages, beautiful yards and a beachfront. Prices fit seniors' income. I would be there if it were in Fenton.

■■■  
**I JUST SAW** an ambulance ignore flashing signals and gates at a train crossing, while the train was very close to the crossing blowing it's horn. What kind of drivers do these ambulance companies have working for them?

■■■  
**A HOT-LINER** pointed to recent Republican presidents who have involved us in wars. Those Globalist presidents have opposed Trump and quietly support Hillary who has voted pro-war.

■■■  
**WHY DO WE** even vote for a president when it's the electoral votes that count, not the popular vote?

To achieve his financial goals, Hartley said he will hold continuous learning sessions with all district administrators and the teachers union.

He will review the current organizational chart of the district, each department, and individual buildings to ensure efficiency and effectiveness.

Hartley also will research peer districts and learn what others have done to save money and generate revenue. He will then create a marketing plan that is focused on bringing in new families and retaining current families.

### Student Achievement

Hartley said he plans to build upon the academic success of the school district, while expanding technology integration and professional learning communities, to ensure a world class education, maintain high student achievement and improve student achievement gaps.

"By Dec. 31, I will hold instructional walk-throughs in each building with principals and district administrators," he said. "This will be to build on the common understanding of what effective classroom instruction entails in Fenton Area Public Schools in order to provide quality educator feedback under the new educator evaluation system."

"I need to make sure that I learn and become an expert on how we evaluate our teachers," Hartley said. "I will be walking around with administrators, observing classrooms and talking about the various strategies teachers use. Then I can see how administrators evaluate teachers. It is important for me to get into classrooms. Between now and December, I will have been to each building."

### Communication and Culture

Hartley plans to establish transparent communication and collaboration with all members of the school community to create and maintain a true culture of learning and expand on the work of the Board of Education and previous administration.

"By Dec. 31, I will have baseline data on the overall culture within the Fenton Area Public School community and will improve the communication from central office administration to both the FAPS staff and families," he said.

Hartley said he will be creating a series of surveys to help meet this goal.

"They will be available on the website ([www.fentonschools.org](http://www.fentonschools.org)), I will be sending emails, and reminding families about the surveys via our phone messaging system," he said.

"We will also have stations available during parent-teacher conferences in November," Hartley added. "There, parents can sit down at a Google Chrome book and complete a survey."

The surveys, he said, won't be available until late October and during parent teacher conferences in November.

"This is going to give us some baseline data on how we do with communication and learn what the overall culture of the school is," he said.

Hartley said he can use this data to potentially increase the positive culture and have more effective communication coming from his office. He wants to know peoples' perception so he can close any gaps.



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While the landscaping is still well tended, the house on Shiawassee Avenue, as of Friday, Sept. 9, was nearly gone.

## SHIAWASSEE

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Milford Salvage & Iron is being paid \$16,450 by the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to tear down the house, which includes asbestos abatement and demolition.

Bloomingtondale will be re-using the wood for making tables, chairs or other furniture. The goal was to salvage everything of historic and architectural significance.

The work to repurpose the items removed from the house will be done by places like The Work Shop in Detroit, which specializes in creating new products from repurposed materials.

"We will do some of it ourselves, too," said Bloomingtondale.

"What we do that we think is unique is we're going to brand the lumber with the address that it came from.

"We'll have some pictures, some of the history. Then we brand the address. We have not decided about adding the zip code, but we might so wherever it goes people will know where it came from."

Bloomingtondale said there are a great deal of people looking for vintage lumber.

"We've been building homes for years, and have demolished a lot," said Bloomingtondale. "I always felt bad about disposing of material that we're never going to find again. Slow-growth lumber doesn't exist anymore and here we are throwing it away."

That's why Bloomingtondale decided to get himself a warehouse and start dismantling and reusing materials out of these homes.

Next week, a crew from Milford Salvage & Iron will come out with their heavy equipment to help remove the last five or six beams from the basement, which is currently fenced off.

"They are the wood beams that came from the original stable," Bloomingtondale said.

Once items are removed, the concrete from the basement will be dug out and the hole filled. The parcel will be graded and grass planted.

Bloomingtondale said he is taking away approximately 2,000 square feet of all vintage lumber.

"We got doors, windows, trim, the 9-inch base molding that runs parallel with the floor," said Bloomingtondale. "It's very unique and rare.

"We also got iron grates out of the floor, one of which we gave to The Iron Grate store across the street," he added. "We got some really unique brick that was not necessarily part of the building.

"Someone stored them there," Bloomingtondale said. "They probably came from the hotel that was once on or near that site. We took some brick from the chimney and gave them to the museum.

"The museum has been great working with us in researching the history of the material," said Bloomingtondale. "The stable came from one of the owners of the house. There's a story that goes along with these materials."

Bloomingtondale promised to stay in touch so that Fenton residents, especially those interested in history and historical artifacts, will be able to see some of the "cool" things that will become of the salvaged materials.

### How it all started

Since it became public earlier this spring that the DDA intended to demolish the house, community members have spoken against the plan. They want to preserve the house and what's left of the history of downtown Fenton.

The age of the home and its historic nature came into question and became a topic of controversy. It was originally believed that it was a hotel built by Judge Daniel LeRoy and William Fenton in 1837.

It was later revealed that the house, after being dismantled and changed over the years, may have been torn down in 1901 and a short time later rebuilt to what it was today.

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Multiple fire departments responded to this fire on Main Street in Fenton Wednesday morning. No one was injured and the cause of the fire is undetermined.

## Fire destroys Fenton home

■ Fire department confirms owner up north at time of fire

By Tim Jagielo

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**Fenton** — At approximately 7 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, several local fire departments were called to a fully involved structure fire on Main Street at Eddy Lake Road, just inside the city of Fenton limits.

Because the fire department couldn't confirm the whereabouts of the homeowner at the time, they conducted multiple searches for the person inside, fearing he may be deceased.

Almost immediately, friends and family members took to social media discussing the fire, and suggesting the owner was "up north."

Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff confirmed his whereabouts at 3 p.m.

Wednesday.

According to Cairnduff, following the fire marshal's investigation, the cause of the fire is undetermined.

On Wednesday morning, Fenton City, Linden, Fenton Township, Holly/Groveland and the North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) were on the scene, while Hartland Township Fire Department covered for the city of Fenton until the fire was handled.

Cairnduff said there was heavy fire when they arrived, and that it was necessary to pull firefighters out of the structure initially. One firefighter was transported to a local hospital for treatment of minor injuries, leaving with his foot wrapped.

Just before 9 a.m., fire personnel were able to begin to ease traffic congestion, as motorists waited through significant traffic backup east of the scene.

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## Police Appreciation Picnic set for Sept. 24

■ Here's your opportunity to thank your local police

By Sally Rummel

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If you have ever wanted to thank a police officer for putting their lives on the line every day for you, a Police Appreciation Picnic on Saturday, Sept. 24 will give you an opportunity to do just that.

Herman Ferguson, who has spearheaded a national campaign of Concern Over Police Safety (C.O.P.S.), has teamed up with Tim Scarberry of Wind Walker Farms in Tyrone Township to plan a day to bring police officers, families and community together in one place.

The picnic begins at 2 p.m. at Wind Walker Farms, located at 9204 Valley View Dr., off Foley Road between Hartland and Runyan Lake roads.

The picnic will include hot dogs, ice cream, live music, a bounce house, games, pony rides and horse demos, and will last into the evening with a bonfire and fireworks.

Most importantly, the picnic will open dialogue between police officers and their communities. "We want our police officers to know how much we appreciate what they do," said Scarberry.

Police officers and families from Genesee, Livingston and Shiawassee counties have been personally invited, and Ferguson is hoping to include officers from Oakland County as well.

This picnic is a local demonstration of support for police that has gone national through Ferguson's efforts. He has distributed 20,000 C.O.P.S. wristbands to police departments in 45 states. "I've spoken personally with more than 3,000 police



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The Police Appreciation Picnic set for Saturday, Sept. 24 resulted from Herman Ferguson's efforts to support police through C.O.P.S. (Concern Over Police Safety), a movement that has now impacted police departments in 45 states.

officers across the country," he said. He's hoping for a huge turnout of support locally for the police at this picnic.

Many local businesses have donated food, funds for fireworks, etc. "We're still in need of fireworks donations, plus ice, cups and plates," said Ferguson. "We're hoping for a turnout of about 500 people." To make a donation contact Ferguson at (810) 730-3627 or Scarberry at (810) 287-2415.

Ferguson is also looking for a really large flag that can be hoisted on a crane up to 120 feet high. "As we raise it up, Dave Scarberry, Tim's brother, will play the 'Star Spangled Banner.'"

Scarberry said he's had nothing but positive response about the Police Appreciation Picnic from every person he has spoken to.

"I really hope the people of this community feel as strongly as we do about our police," said Scarberry. "I've got to believe that there are a lot of people who believe in law and order like I do. I'd like to see people come out and get a conversation going. We're all just people."

**"I really hope the people of this community feel as strongly as we do about our police."**

**Tim Scarberry**  
Co-organizer

## Shooter of pregnant Linden woman back in court

■ Suspect facing multiple murder charges

By Hannah Ball

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During a preliminary exam on Wednesday, Sept. 7, Genesee County District Court Judge Jennifer Manley ordered Jacquelyne Faye Tyson to undergo a competency evaluation to determine if she is competent to stand trial. Tyson has been charged with fatally shooting Lyric Work, 20, and Tamara Johnson, 45 on July 26.

Tyson's attorney Michael Ewing said, "We have to know she's competent before we go forward with any criminal proceedings."

Tyson will be transported to Ann Arbor, where the state conducts the test. He said if she's found to be incompetent, she will not walk free.

"If she's found to be incompetent, they will get her on the right medicine," he said. She'll also have counseling in order to become competent to stand trial.

A review date has been scheduled for Nov. 30 to see if the evaluation is complete.

"They can take a very long time," he said. "The state does a lot of these."

In the meantime, Ewing said they are still

waiting on evidence, like the autopsy reports, which haven't been completed yet.

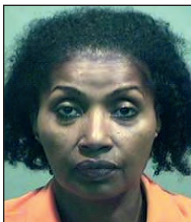
Tyson, 54, has been charged with first-degree, premeditated murder, assault with intent to murder and two counts of felony firearm.

On Tuesday, July 26, Grand Blanc police officers responded to 11284 Grand Oak Dr., the leasing office of Grand Oaks Apartments, on reports of two females being shot.

Johnson was pronounced dead. Work, who was pregnant at the time, was put on life support so doctors could deliver her baby, Marley by emergency C-section. Work died Friday, July 29.

Work was formerly of Linden and Johnson lived in Mt. Morris. They both worked as leasing agents with Grand Oaks Apartment complex.

Tyson is lodged in the Genesee County Jail on \$1 million bond.



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Last year, approximately 250 people participated in Linden's Zombie Walk. Event organizers anticipate more people will attend this year.

## Zombies to swarm Linden

■ Linden City Council approves second annual zombie walk

By Hannah Ball

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**Linden** — Blood, guts, and gore are coming to Linden for the second year in a row on Oct. 14.

At its meeting on Monday, the Linden City Council unanimously approved the second Zombie Walk, put on by the Linden Arts Council.

Sue Turpen, president of the Linden Arts Council, addressed city officials and answered any questions.

"I'm excited about it. It was a great success last year," she said. "It was the first time we had ever done anything like that."

The walk, which will take place between 6 and 9 p.m., will start near the Fairview Cemetery entrance on Tickner Street, and

will make its way to Main Street, where the flash mob dance will take place.

Turpen said the dancers will perform to Michael Jackson's "Thriller," a popular Halloween song. Afterward, a disc jockey will play music for about an hour.

Tickner Street will be temporarily closed.

The public is invited to attend and dress up like a zombie with fake blood, pale skin, and torn clothing.

"We're expecting it to be bigger and better. We had about 250 walkers last year. I'm sure that we'll up that," she said.

A few council members said they're looking forward to attending.

Councilor Danielle Cusson said, "I just want to clarify — it's not actually starting in the cemetery, because I know this was an issue we had last year, it's outside the cemetery."

**“We’re expecting it to be bigger and better.”**

**Sue Turpen**  
Linden Arts Council president

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First responders work the scene of a fatal rollover crash on Tuesday, Sept. 13. The driver was ejected from the vehicle, and later died from injuries.

## Speed and alcohol factors in fatal U.S. 23 crash

By Hannah Ball

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A 38-year-old man died following a rollover crash on northbound U.S. 23 at 3:53 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13.

According to the Genesee County Sheriff's Office, Gene Todd Harrington of Burton lost control of his 2002 Chevrolet pickup truck while driving northbound on U.S. 23 just south of Lahring Road in Fenton Township.

Harrington's truck ran off the road and to the right, causing the vehicle to roll over. He sustained life threatening injuries.

"Harrington was ejected from the vehicle during the crash. Alcohol and speed appear to be contributing factors in the accident," according to the Genesee County Sheriff's Office.

He was transported to Genesys Re-

gional Medical Center in Grand Blanc Township where he died from his injuries.

It was reported via police scanner that the taupe-colored pickup truck was "all over the road" before ending up on the side of the highway. The Fenton Township Fire Department, Linden police and the Genesee County Sheriff's Office controlled the scene. The sheriff's office reconstructed the crash scene for their investigation, which prompted the closure of northbound lanes for several hours.

### SUMMARY

■ Speed and alcohol were likely factors in a rollover crash Tuesday afternoon which resulted in the death of the driver, a 38-year-old Burton man.

Traffic was backed up for miles on northbound U.S. 23 after the crash. A local fire department blocked off U.S. 23 just north of the North

Road entrance, diverting traffic to other nearby roadways. Emergency responders cleared the crash site and reopened the northbound lanes at 7:39 p.m.

## Your 'change' can help many local kids

### ■ The State Bank's 'Change for Kids' program kicks off another year

The State Bank is kicking off another year of fundraising for its "Change for Kids" program, which supports the children and families in six local schools districts, including Fenton, Lake Fenton, Holly, Linden, Grand Blanc and Brighton.

Change for Kids began in response to a need to assist low and moderate income families.

"We especially want to provide the funding to meet the physical and educational needs of those children," said Stacey Webb, The State Bank vice president. "We want to meet the basic physical needs ranging from toothpaste and deodorant to clothing and shoes.

"We also want to provide the educational supplies needed to be a successful student, such as pencils, paper, markers, binders, backpacks and other necessities. These materials provide the foundation so that students can concentrate on their educational goals."

Funds are collected through a variety of

fundraising events organized by Bank staff.

Upcoming fundraisers include:

- Villagers Restaurant (Holly) — Sept. 27, 3-9 p.m. — 15 percent of all sales during this time will be donated back to Change for Kids.
- Candle sales — all branches are selling jar candles in various scents for \$7.
- Candy bar sales — all branches are selling candy bars for \$1.
- Customers of The State Bank are also very generous and supportive of this local cause, often times making a monetary donation when visiting a branch. Additionally, the bank itself also makes a large donation to this program. To date, the Change for Kids program has raised over \$60,000 for local schools.

The funds can be used by the districts at their discretion as needs arise. For example, one district purchased a mattress and bedding for a student living with grandparents who could not afford it. Another district used the funds to assist a family that lost everything in a fire. Additionally, funds have also been used to provide food, clothing, toiletries and miscellaneous supplies as needed.

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## News briefs

### Don't throw out those old eyeglasses

The Fenton Lions have a new drop box for used eyeglasses and hearing aids. It is located on the east (millpond) side of the Fenton Police Department next to the parking lot. This will make it easy for people to drive up and deposit their old eyeglasses. The program is called "Recycle for Sight." Many households have unused eyeglasses lying around. Those glasses can change a needy person's life. They are delivered to the Special Needs program at Saginaw Intermediate School District where they are sorted and sent to mission programs for distribution throughout the world. Thanks to charter member Ernie Barnes, the Fenton Lions Club collects thousands of used eyeglasses every year. They also have collection boxes at The State Bank locations downtown and on Silver Parkway, First Merit Bank, Michigan Eye Institute, Diamond Optical, Sharp Funeral Homes, Walmart, and a few other locations.



## WHAT YOU MISSED in the MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following are stories you missed in the **Wednesday, Sept. 14 Midweek edition**. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

### 'An experience I will never forget'

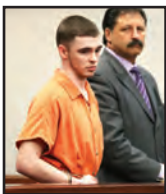
After 15 years, former Argentine Township Fire & Rescue Battalion Chief Joe Ludwig returns to Ground Zero.

### Dining on patio with Fido could be reality

Michigan Senate Bill 272, if passed in the House, would overturn old laws that banned dogs from all restaurants.

### Stevens' plea deal may be off

Linden teen admits shooting plot threat at school was childish, not funny. His sentencing was adjourned until he can testify against his co-defendants.



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The dog park portion of the entire Thompson Road park will cover approximately 2.2 acres.

## Linden joins dog park efforts

### ■ Anonymous \$10,000 donation kick starts process

By Hannah Ball

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**Linden** — On Monday, the Linden City Council unanimously passed a resolution verbally agreeing to support the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park.

Linden now joins Fenton Township and the city of Fenton in developing this regional dog park in Fenton Township.

"The fiscal implications are none as of yet," said Linden City Manager Paul Zelenak. "That will be spelled out later in the agreement. Right now, they're just taking donations."

The city of Fenton joined in the effort to develop this dog park after receiving a \$10,000 donation specifically for this purpose.

The 2.2-acre dog park, part of a larger approximately 36-acre park, is located on Thompson Road, just east of Wiggins Road. The bigger park will include baseball diamonds and soccer fields. The area will be handicap accessible, with hardtop surfaces for parking and a path.

Linden will begin helping to raise funds, and plans to approve an agreement

at a later date relating to maintenance and other activities, Zelenak said.

"One of the things we had asked about was the maintenance costs and I see that's still something being left to be decided," said Councilor Danielle Cusson.

Zelenak said one thing they discussed with the park planners was making sure the dogs are either licensed or had some test done to prove they don't have diseases like rabies.

"It was discussed that each community would chip in at a later date for maintenance...whether it's supplying doggie bags or maintain the lawn out there," Zelenak said. "But those things have not been finalized."

The park is currently in the fundraising phase. The public can donate a certain amount of money to become a sponsor (see

sponsorship opportunities with this story at tctimes.com).

"There needs to be lot of dialogue on this," said Councilor Ray Culbert. He said controls need to be in place so they don't have dogs in the park that aren't licensed and aren't up to date on their shots.

"This is an opportunity to do a regional thing with Fenton, Fenton Township and Linden," he said. "I think that's always good. It minimizes the cost for all of us."

**“This is an opportunity to do a regional thing with Fenton, Fenton Township and Linden...I think that's always good.”**

**Ray Culbert**  
Linden City councilor

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

IN THE FBI interview, Hillary said she couldn't remember many things. She never remembered firing anyone for erasing 23 days of emails, she never fired anyone for destroying government records. She doesn't recall putting our national security at risk.

OVER THE LAST few years, the Philippine President has killed more than 2,400 involved in the drug trade in Philippines. He said they were ruining his country.

HAVE YOU NOTICED that the only thing that gets the Hillary Clinton scandal off the front page of the news is her newest scandal, which is week after week?

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ARE YOU AWARE of the battle lines being drawn in Georgia and New Jersey over the proposal to build a new huge mosque and Islamic schools against strong opposition in towns where construction is being proposed?

THEY IMPEACHED THE president of Brazil and booted her. Maybe there's still hope for us, we need to get rid of Obama.

YESTERDAY, HILLARY GAVE a speech in front of the American Legion, to a group of about 9,000 veterans. She had a very lukewarm response to her talk. She did not talk about her abuse of the VA system and how she ignored the treatment vets received. She did not talk about her role in the Benghazi scandal.

AS SHE EMBRACES open borders, uncontrolled immigration and Black Lives Matter, Hillary Clinton and her Democrat party are now associated with being anti-border, anti-military, anti-police, anti-Christian, anti-white and, of course, anti-American.

I'M NOT SURE what in the world is going on in this country, but it seems to me the powers that be are slowly getting us ready for the USA's death knell.

THE 'GET OVER it' bully continues to tell us what to think about downtown development, that we can do nothing about it. So, good citizens of Fenton, are we going to just roll over?

I LOVE THE Linden mill. Great job to Linden for preserving its history.

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**METH LAB**

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public information officer.

Finding three young children in the home, including a newborn, the Department of Human Services removed the children.

Flint Area Narcotics Group (FANG) assisted with the investigation.

Kaiser said responding troopers recovered a one-pot methamphetamine lab, three grams of meth and components for producing the drug.

Several weapons were also recovered during the raid.

One man and two women were arrested and transported to the Genesee County Jail, pending arraignments, which were held on Aug. 31.

Kevin H. Ross, 48, of Gaines Township was charged with eight felonies including operating a meth lab, operating a meth lab in the presence of a minor, possession of meth/ecstasy and felony firearms. His cash surety bond was set at \$200,000.

Mary A. Morris, 36, of Gaines Township was charged with the same eight counts as Ross, plus an additional charge of manufacturing and delivering

**HOT LINE** CONTINUED

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**OBAMA'S MEANINGLESS TRIP** to China failed to recognize that carbon emissions are down in the U.S. with a 20-year all-time low, and the U.S. leads the world in this.

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**I AM CURIOUS.** What is going on with the website for Linden athletics? It always was a great place to go for information on all of the teams. Now, there are not even scores posted. Hopefully, this is corrected soon.

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**ZOMBIES, BEWARE.** ON Oct. 14 at 6:30 p.m., zombies will walk the city of Linden. Prepare now.

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**REAGAN RAISED TAXES** 11 times.

a controlled substance. Her cash surety bond was set at \$225,000.

Rhonda Ross, 53, of Sebawaing was charged with six felonies, including running a meth lab, and manufacturing and delivering of a controlled substance. Her cash surety bond was set at \$60,000.

All three co-defendants are expected back in Genesee County District Court on Oct. 7 for their preliminary exams.



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | FRED MOSES

The sale of Michael LaJoice's 5,800-square-foot home in Tyrone Township is scheduled to close by Oct. 7.

**LAJOICE**

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a global resolution. We would like to have all of this done before Mr. LaJoice faces the judge. It's very unlikely it's going to a jury trial."

LaJoice turned himself in on Wednesday, Jan. 6, following an audit at the Clarkston

Brandon Community Credit Union, which has since been taken over by the Michigan State University Federal Credit Union, earlier that week. He reportedly told law enforcement at the Oakland County Sheriff's Office that he embezzled approximately \$20 million from this credit union over the past 12 years. He had been the chief financial officer (CFO) since June 2015.

On Jan. 8, LaJoice was arraigned on 14 felony counts of embezzlement, each count in excess of \$100,000. He is facing federal bank fraud as well.

LaJoice passed a competency evaluation in March and was deemed competent to stand trial.

On Sept. 12, he was in court for a pre-trial hearing where no plea deal was worked out. He is scheduled to stand trial Dec. 12 and face the embezzlement charges.

Manley said he is trying to resolve the cases before Dec. 12.

"You can never have loose ends in these cases. It's better to take your time and do it right rather than do it quickly and have something go wrong later," he said.

LaJoice-owned properties in the city of Fenton, including the site planned for the "Riverview" project, have all been sold to Skypoint Ventures.

SkyPoint bought his properties at 229 West Caroline St., 125 South Adelaide St., 219 South Adelaide St., 116 Mill St., and 108 South LeRoy St.

Manley said the sale of LaJoice's 5,800-square-foot home in Tyrone Township is scheduled to close by Oct. 7. Proceeds from the sale will go to the credit union.

Manley added that the sale of the properties eliminated the need for the government to get involved, which saved the taxpayers money.



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**HOT LINE** CONTINUED

**FENTON TOWNSHIP AND** Genesee County Road Commission need to make the paved portion of Ripley Road a marked 45 MPH zone. I'm sure people think it's 55 but I heard it isn't.

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**I'VE TRIED.** I mean I really tried to give Andrew Heller a chance. I enjoy articles that are not only informative but also interesting. Heller just makes up these stupid stories? A few months ago he claimed he was talking with Trump's publicist. Bring back the King.

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**SO, ROMNEY BACKS** Gary Johnson for president. Wow, does that mean that Romney is smoking the same thing Gary Johnson is so proud to smoke (weed).

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**WHO ON EARTH** thinks it is acceptable to throw fast-food bags, liquor bottles, water bottles etc. out of their car window? There are trashcans everywhere for you to throw your trash. You should be ashamed.

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**TO VOTE FOR** Hillary because of her lies and promises and name-calling with no substance is the most ignorant thing I've ever heard. How about you do some research on her and vote based on facts, or do not vote at all.

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**IT'S AMAZING HOW** under Obama the unions have lost so many members and lost so much power despite them giving millions toward his election.

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**MR. OBAMA HAS** placed a red line on North Korea I bet it is the same red line that was placed on Syria. Hence, it means nothing, and Kim and the whole world know that.

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**SOLICITATIONS**

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soliciting on public streets and highways.

It is Schuette's opinion that section 676b, MCL 257.676b of the Michigan Vehicle Code, prohibits a person from soliciting contributions, including on behalf of civic or charitable organizations, from the occupants of vehicles if the person soliciting blocks, obstructs, impedes, or otherwise interferes with the normal flow of vehicular traffic upon a public street or highway in the state.

"No other statute or rule authorizes or permits the authorization of a person to engage in this activity," said Schuette in his opinion.

Schuette also said the Uniform Traffic Code provides that a person cannot stand in a roadway for the purpose of soliciting a ride, employment or business from the occupant of any vehicle.

A violation of the above laws constitutes a civil infraction.

Mayor Sue Osborn said Stephen Schultz, the city attorney, has advised council that because of the attorney general's opinion, it can no longer allow these activities.

"The nonprofit charities that request permission to do street soliciting for the most part have been supported by the council and this community because we understand that this plays a major role in their funding," said Councilwoman Pat Lockwood.

**"I sincerely wish the attorney general had included discussions with the local municipalities and the charities before rendering this opinion."**

**Pat Lockwood**

Fenton City councilwoman

"The charities use all safety precautions while soliciting in the streets," Lockwood added. "I believe this ruling by the attorney general will have a serious impact on their ability to do the good work that they exist for."

"Charities such as the Lions, Project Graduation, Old Newsboys, VFW, Fireman's Fill the Boot and many more will be impacted," she added. "I sincerely wish the attorney general had included discussions with the local municipalities and the charities before rendering this opinion."

Lockwood said she believes all requests for street solicitations will be denied based on this new opinion.

"This is the law," she said.

While the law is intended to ensure the safety of everyone on the roadways, Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said, "We haven't had any injuries or accidents

that I'm aware of in Fenton because of this activity."

"I volunteered with the Old Newsboys in the past," he added. "However, when the Michigan attorney general gives an opinion indicating that an activity is a violation of law, my opinion or feelings don't really matter. I took an oath to uphold and enforce the law and that's what I do."

"All of the organizations we have worked with here in the past are great groups with a worthwhile cause," Aro said. "I'm hopeful they can find another

**facebook**

"I don't disagree for safety and other reasons with this new law," said **Susan Lasak Balmas** on the Times' Facebook post. So much has changed in fundraising, those great organizations that will be impacted will find a new path to achieve their goals.

**Jessica Whitten McDonald** also commented. She said, "I guess I don't understand what the problem is. You can certainly still give to any of these organizations, just not from the convenience of your car window."

"Let the charities collect without a permit, and don't give them tickets," said **Jeffrey Peake**.

venue to use that works, possibly large stores, events, etc."

Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff said his department stopped collecting at intersections for the "Fill the Boot" campaign about eight to 10 years ago for safety reasons.

During her 24 years on the Fenton City Council, former Councilwoman Cheryl King consistently voted against allowing street solicitations, citing safety reasons.

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## CABLE

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Comcast of Michigan, getting local approval for the franchise agreement is the first step in a multi-step process.

Although he said it was too early to tell, Ponto said he believes construction could begin sometime early next year.

Ponto was not at liberty to reveal what exact services Comcast will provide to Fenton residents, or what areas will be served first, but said the public will be informed as soon as possible.

"Charter Communications does not

have an exclusive franchise with the city," said City Manager Lynn Markland. "The city of Fenton also has a franchise agreement with AT&T U-verse. The AT&T U-verse is available in some areas of the city."

In his letter to the city, John Gardner, director of external affairs for Comcast, Heartland Region in Lansing said, "We look forward to continuing to be the company that your residents look to first for the communication products and services that connect them to what's important in their lives."

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**John Gardner**  
Director, External Affairs  
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## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**IRAN IS TAUNTING** our ships and North Korea is talking about shooting our planes down. Our president is out campaigning for Hillary.

**YOU GAVE YOUR** 2 cents and said Obama had done a great job. Everyone that says that never says what he has done.

**HEAR ME NOW.** Mark my words. Hillary's

debate prep is — play sick so she doesn't have to do it. Just watch.

**I SAY IF** you do not want to stand and put your hand on your heart for the Pledge of Allegiance and you do not want to respect our national anthem the door swings both ways. Find another country where you will have a better life than here and be respected more. Don't let the door hit you in the butt.

## OUTDOOR PATIO

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the property. Sorise and his wife, Margaret, have agreed to the price.

Markland said there are no public utilities located on the parcel to his knowledge.

The outdoor seating will be on the south side of his restaurant, facing Main Street. It will be fenced in, as liquor will be served to diners.

The parcel has a zero lot line, which means the building wall is on or in close proximity to First Street, which is no longer a real street.

The Fenton Hotel Tavern & Grille may

not obstruct any sidewalk or pedestrian right of way adjacent to the outdoor seating area.

**"The property is a part of the old street right-of-way and we will not need it for future development of the downtown."**

**Lynn Markland**  
Fenton City manager

Once the sale of the property is completed, the restrictions outlined will not be an issue, said Markland.

"The property is a part of the old street right-of-way and we will not need it for future development of the downtown," he added.

The Fenton Hotel Tavern & Grille will be responsible for maintaining the parcel in accordance with applicable ordinances and regulations.

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By David Troppens

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**Fenton** — So far the Fenton varsity volleyball season has gone about as good as can be expected, but success can have its issues.

The Tigers created a preseason goal of winning two weekend tournaments, and that's al-

ready become an issue. Why? Well, let's let Fenton senior Kiley Aldred explain why.

"Our goal was to win two tournaments, and we've already won two tournaments," Aldred said. "Now our goal is to win four tournaments."

The team also has a couple of other goals according to Aldred. The Tigers want to

repeat as Metro League champions and advance beyond the regional championship game as well. The Tigers took the first step toward the Metro League title goal on Tuesday, defeating Brandon 25-12, 15-14, 25-5 at Fenton High School.

Aldred is excited about the season. "I think we have a lot of room for

improvement, but I think we are a strong team and can make it far this year.

When we put our mind to it and bring the intensity I think this team has a lot of potential.

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# Allen expanding his role with Wolverines

■ Fenton resident adds punting to his starting chores this fall

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Kenny Allen's dream keeps getting better.

Growing up a Michigan Wolverine fan, the Fenton resident always wanted to be a member of the Michigan football team.

He accomplished that goal when he joined the Wolverines his freshman year in 2012, not under schol-

arship.

Since then, Allen's dream has continued to get better and better.

In 2013, he appeared in one game and registered a first punt of 51 yards. During his junior season, he earned his first varsity letter and appeared in 11 games. Last season, Allen finally became the team's starting placekicker on all kickoffs, field goals and extra points.

Now, this fall reality may have finally surpassed his own dreams. Allen, who is under scholarship for the Wolverines, is the team's starting placekicker, punter and field goal kicker.

"It feels good. It feels good to be back out there and doing all three again," Allen said. "It's been a long time since I've done all three, but it's fun."

"It's incredible. Looking back it's kind of weird how things have turned out. I've been beyond blessed. I'm beyond happy

and now my time is winding down. By no means am I done yet, but it feels like the hard work has paid off, and it's a great feeling."

**The journey**

When Allen was handling all the kicking duties for the Fenton varsity football team in 2011, he had a full-ride scholarship offer from Oregon State. He had many big-name Division 1 football teams interested in him, places where his trip to being a starting kicker/punter looked like a bit easier path to navigate. After all, there was a time when he was ranked the second-best punting recruit coming out of his senior class in the nation. But Allen didn't want easy. He wanted to be a part of the Michigan football program, so verbally committing to Michigan was his choice.

"My whole life, me and my brother would play football outside and pretend

See **ALLEN** on 20A

## LF boys, Mueller place second at first GAC cross country jamboree

By David Troppens

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**Byron** — Thomas Mueller has one goal when he runs.

He has one goal for his team when it competes.

And if you ask him what that goal is, he'll be more than happy to tell you what it is — that is to see the team "do it's best."

The Lake Fenton varsity boys cross country team did a pretty good job trying to

accomplish Mueller's goal by taking second at the first Genesee Area County jamboree race, held at Byron High School on Tuesday. Not only did the Blue Devils' boys finish in second, but Mueller finished the race in second place himself. The Blue Devils recorded 64 points, 43 points behind first-place Corunna.

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Lake Fenton's (from left) Jack Miller, Sam Selley and Remington Clements run during the first GAC jamboree.

## Linden, Holly volleyball open Metro League season with victories

By David Troppens

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It was a strong start to the Metro League season for two area volleyball squads.

Linden proved why the Eagles are among the contenders in the league race by defeating Swartz Creek, while the Holly Bronchos proved they may be steadily improving by beating Kearsley.

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Linden's Alexis Harden leads the team as the players slap hands after the Eagles' win against Swartz Creek.



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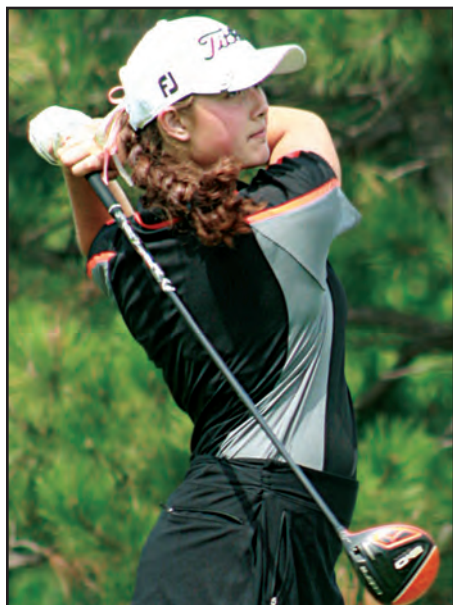
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Fenton's Keegan Miller shot a 42 against Holly on Tuesday.

## Fenton, Linden split recent Metro duals

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It was a good news, bad news week for the Fenton varsity girls golf team.

The Fenton Tigers defeated the Holly Bronchos 172-213 on Tuesday at Tyrone Hills Golf Course, but then lost a 182-182 fifth-golfer tiebreaker against Flushing on Thursday.

Two Tigers shared match medalist honors against Holly. Margaret Berry and Keegan Miller each shot 39s.

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## Holly boys tennis collect 99th straight Metro League dual win

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**Holly** — The Holly varsity boys tennis team has won 99 straight Metro League dual tennis meets.

Can the Bronchos get to 100? They'll have to wait until next fall.

Holly concluded its dual portion of the Metro League season by crushing Swartz Creek 8-0 on Tuesday.

All but one of the flight victories were in straight sets. The only match to go three sets was played at No. 3 singles where Cason Konzer was pushed to a third set against Jacob Pitcher.

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Holly's Joey Lavigne won his match against Swartz Creek on Tuesday.

## Linden soccer wins a pair of 3-1 verdicts

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The Linden varsity boys soccer team has to feel pretty good as the squad prepares to begin Metro League action this week.

The Linden Eagles recorded a pair of 3-1 victories last week, defeating Orchard Lake St. Marys by that score on Monday and Goodrich by the same score on Wednesday.

"We are doing all right," Linden varsity boys soccer coach Kevin Fiebernitz

said. "We are off to a good start, obviously. Our biggest thing now is we have to stay healthy and we have to be able to be consistent."

Against St. Marys, the Eagles got three goals from Julian Shier to earn the victory.

"The St. Marys game we won 3-1, but the better team was St. Marys. They were as good this year as they were last year."

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## ALLEN

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we were a team. Every time we'd pick Michigan," Allen said back in the fall of 2011 when he verbally committed to Michigan.

Patently, Allen worked and prepared for the day he thought he'd be Michigan's starting punter. After all, that's the position he was being groomed for most of his career. However, when a starting position opened up, Allen ended up earning himself the field goal/placekicking duties last season.

He made a positive difference. Allen converted 18-of-22 field goals, hitting a long of 47 yards. He also made all 46 extra-points he attempted and kicked 34 of 78 kickoffs for touchbacks.

### Becoming a punter as well

Entering this season, Michigan needed a new punter, opening up possibilities for Allen.

"I knew they would've rather not having me do all three if they had a choice, but as camp went on, I was doing all right doing all three of them," Allen said. "It kind of eased their mind a little bit. Toward the end of camp they made up their minds that I'd be doing all three."

Two games into the season, working triple duty hasn't been a problem at all. Allen leads the team in points, converting all 10 of his extra points and all three of his field goals. Eight of his 13 kickoff attempts have gone for touchbacks, as Allen is averaging 64.6 yards a kick. His newfound punting duties didn't begin until last week's 51-14 victory against Central Florida. That's because Allen never got a chance to punt in the season-opening 63-3 victory against Hawaii. Last week he punted three times

## sports **briefs**

### HOLLY GIRLS GOLF

► The Bronchos placed ninth out of 17 teams at the Oakland County Division 2 Tournament, held at The Links at Crystal Lake in Pontiac on Wednesday.

Megan McReynolds shot a personal-best 18-hole score of 91, leading Holly to a team score of 386. Kate Brown shot a 93.

### LAKE FENTON VOLLEYBALL

► The Blue Devils lost a competitive match to Powers in three sets. The Chargers won 28-26, 25-23, 25-18.

Allison vonDaggenhausen led Lake Fenton with eight kills, seven digs and two aces while Hannah Garty had eight digs, seven kills and three aces. Reilly Conn had 13 assists and seven digs.

### HOLLY GIRLS SWIMMING

► Alex Karakuc won the 100 butterfly (1:13.62) and the 100 backstroke (1:15.17), and also was on two winning relay teams, but the Bronchos still lost a tight dual to Avondale 97-87.

Karakuc teamed with Kelly Sky, Lydia Brauher and Hannah Ehrhardt to win the 200 medley relay (2:19.26) and the 200 freestyle relay (2:05.16) as well.

Brauher took a first in the 200 freestyle (2:31.44) while Sky won the 100 breaststroke (1:23.63).

### HOLLY BOYS SOCCER

► The Bronchos (4-4-1) were outscored 4-1 in the second half, resulting in a 5-2 loss against Auburn Hills Avondale on Thursday.

Lucas Sammut scored his eighth goal of the season in the contest, while Darius Reynolds scored Holly's other goal. Holly keeper Parker Munday made 23 saves.



Fenton resident and Michigan kicker Kenny Allen attempts an extra point during the Wolverines' victory against Hawaii.

for an average of 45.7 yards.

Allen doesn't talk much about personal goals for his final season at Michigan.

"The team goals are to win and play as well as we can as a team," Allen said. "If we do that, my personal goals will be achieved."

### Allen's future

Allen is not sure what his future will hold in terms of athletics, but it's obvious Allen wouldn't mind a shot at kicking in the National Football League.

"My goal is to play as well as a team this year and my personal goal is to play in the NFL, but right now my focus is on this season," Allen said. "If we do well as a team, those goals after the season will sort themselves out. If I have a chance to do it, yes, I'll 100 percent take that chance. It's definitely something I want to do. But right now I'm focusing on the next kick and we'll see where it leads me."

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### Look here for best auto options for busy families

By Sally Rummel

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The phrase "family car" conjures up old memories from "Leave It To Beaver" with a station wagon, no seat belts and passengers all crammed into the back seat

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At Vic Canever Chevrolet, the **Chevy Traverse** and **Chevy Equinox** are two large crossover luxury SUVs that stand out for families who are looking for spacious interiors, cargo room, safety features like rearview cameras, plus entertainment options, according to Jeff Canever, sales manager.

Families looking for sedan options may want to consider the **Chevy Malibu**, one of the highest rated vehicles in its size and class. Its roomy back seat can comfortably carry kids to school or co-workers to lunch. Its intuitive infotainment system and Teen Driver system add to its appeal. The Teen Driver system allows parents to set limits on some aspects of the Malibu's operation and get report cards on how it is driven, with the goal of encouraging safe driving habits in new drivers.

Matt Lasco at Lasco Ford recommends that larger families take a close look at the **Ford Flex** and the **Ford Explorer**.

The **Ford Flex** offers a spacious and comfortable interior with three rows of seating, plus all the styling and tech options that make it appealing to adults and kids.

The **Ford Explorer** continues to be a popular large crossover SUV with three rows of seating. It is a comfortable ride,

has good fuel economy for its class and an impressive array of safety aids and tech features, when fully optioned.

A small family looking for an economical vehicle with mini-van-type features should consider the **Ford Transit Connect**.

"It's a hidden gem," said Lasco. "It seats five comfortably with space at the rear, all for a lease price of under \$300. Ford has started to put incentives on it that has made it a good value."

Look no further than Randy Wise Buick GMC for some of the top luxury SUVs for families, according to Lisa Consiglio, sales manager.

The **GMC Yukon** offers a number of family friendly features, including Apple Car Play, Wi-Fi, a rear seat entertainment system, hands-free lift gate and proximity key. It also has safety features such as forward collision warning, lane keeping assist and a rearview camera.

The main difference between the Yukon and the **Yukon XL** is the length, which adds more interior space.

If you're in the market for a large SUV with seating for up to eight, the **Buick Enclave** should be on your list. Along with plenty of passenger room, you'll also get numerous standard features and generous cargo space.

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## 'Out with the OLD, in with the NEW'

■ New 2017 models are rolling into area dealerships

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Local dealerships are just as excited as customers are about the new 2017 models rolling into their showrooms this time of year. Now it's a good time to not only see what's new, you'll also likely find excellent sale and lease deals on 2016 models still on the showroom floor.

"A lot of our models are changing over to 2017," said Jeff Canever, sales manager at Vic Canever Chevrolet. "Watch for the new **2017 Chevy Cruze Hatchback**. It's compact, but has cargo space for storage, camping equipment, etc. It's sleek and roomy."

Canever is also excited about the **2017 Chevy Volt**, with extended 50-mile battery range before it kicks into gas. "It's already in our showroom," he said.

A lot of great vehicles are hitting the Lasco Ford showroom, according to Matt Lasco. "Watch for the **Escape** and **Explorers** to be freshened up with great styling, more color options and sport packages," he said.

Trucks continue to be the big seller at Lasco Ford. The new **2017 Super Duty F-250 and F-350** pickups and the **2017 F-150 Raptor** are the hottest vehicles this year, according to Lasco.

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"We're transitioning now from the 2016 models to the 2017s," said Lisa Consiglio, sales manager at Randy Wise Buick GMC. "It's a great time to buy 2016s, because we're closing them out with strong year-end leases."

The long-awaited convertible **Buick Cascadia** is creating a lot of excitement, along with the new **Buick Envision** and new **GMC Acadia**. "People should stop in and take a look at these vehicles," said Consiglio, "These are all new re-designed vehicles with all new body styles."

### SUMMARY

■ Now is the time of year when new model cars and trucks begin to fill local auto dealership showrooms.





# FALL

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■ Here are the four most important systems to check on your car or truck this fall

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With rainy and snowy weather on the way, fall is just the right time to make sure that your vehicle is in good working order.

Here are four parts of your car to check thoroughly while the weather is still sunny and warm, according to pepboys.com:

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