

Michael LaJoyce: A year after his confession

■ \$18 million embezzlement saga nears closure

By Hannah Ball

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Nearly a year after Michael LaJoyce turned himself in and admitted to embezzling more than \$18

million, his multiple court cases are close to completion.

A year ago today, the public was unaware that the 37-year-old Tyrone Township man had embezzled more than \$18 million from the Brandon-Clarkston Community Credit Union, (now

Michigan State University Federal Credit Union) when we had chief financial officer.

Prior to his turning himself in, LaJoyce took expensive trips to Disney World with his family, and purchased many buildings in Fenton.

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Michael LaJoyce will be sentenced in federal court on March. 14.

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Dibbleville house will be torn down
Fenton DDA to spend \$16,500 on demolition

Loved ones mourn, say goodbye to Lyric Work
Shooter charged with premeditated murder

New Fenton superintendent contract approved
Adam Hartley starts July 1, plans move to Fenton

Man runner shot four times in back
Police still searching for suspicious vehicle in Rose Township murder

Midweek Times

Michael LaJoyce deemed competent to stand trial
Probable cause conference set for March 22

Family and friends say goodbye to Quasarano family at Saturday funeral

Ryan Stevens facing five felony counts related to child porn video

2016 YEAR IN REVIEW

Public projects change the face of our communities each year

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Each year, municipalities undertake public projects in an attempt to improve its communities.

Here is a selection of notable public projects and changes by the cities of Fenton and Linden, and the village of Holly in 2016.

CITY OF FENTON

Following massive back-to-back projects with the Cornerstone building in 2014, and the Streetscape project in 2015, Fenton's public projects were on a smaller scale for 2016.

See **REVIEW** on 14A

Most heart-wrenching tragedies

■ Two cold-blooded murders and a silent killer

By Vera Hogan

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There wasn't a dry eye in the local communities when people learned of the deaths of a family of six in their Fenton Township home on Feb. 21, 2016.

SILENT KILLER FINDS QUASARANO FAMILY

On that day, Feb. 21, 2016, Heather, 39 and Len, 35, Quasarano, along with their four children, died in their home.

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Six members of the Quasarano family of Fenton Township died in their home in February 2016 as a result of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Notable 2016 court cases in the Times

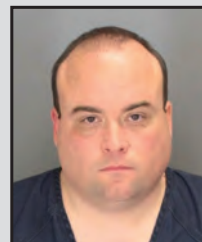
■ Crime report filled with bank robberies, break-ins, murder

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Crimes of all kind occur, even in small towns. Here are the crimes and criminals that made the headlines in 2016.

Michael LaJoyce was arrested January 2016 after admitting to embezzling \$18 million from the Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union while he worked there as chief financial officer. He faces cases in Oakland County Circuit Court and the U.S. District Court. See **COURT** on 9A



Michael LaJoyce
EMBEZZLED
\$18 MILLION



Ryan Stevens
LINDEN SCHOOL
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“I hope everyone had a good Christmas celebrating Jesus' birthday. Life is short. Let's not waste it on things that have no real meaning.”



“I'd like to thank the Times for writing about the license plate fee. If you paid it by the end of the year, you can save the 20-percent increase if your birthday is before June. That saved us more money than what a subscription to the paper cost.”



“A sincere thank you to the leadership of Fenton for achieving the monumental task of renovating our city. We have every feature that makes a downtown great, including a river, a quaint Dibbleville, good restaurants, plenty of parking and a safe environment. It truly is a good place to live, work and play.”



COMMENT OF THE WEEK
“I have made no resolutions for the coming year. The habit, or tradition, of making improvements, of criticizing past behavior and attempting to better my life through sanctions is already too much of a daily event for me. So, Happy New Year!”



Why virtual bariatric surgery is better

This is the best long term weight loss option

Bariatric surgery seems like the perfect solution. And it might be, if it weren't for the failure rate. Importantly, according to an NIH study, lap-band surgery only has a 65 percent success rate.

Side effects are the problem. According to Pharmacy Times, approximately 40 percent of bariatric patients develop "Dumping Syndrome." During or immediately after a meal, patients report nausea, bloating, cramping, diarrhea, dizziness and then vomiting.

Other problems include fecal incon-

tinence. More than a third develop gallstones. Alarming, according to the New York Times, one study calculated suicide rates for patients at five times more than normal.

Virtual Bariatric Surgery, is different. Clients go into hypnotic trance and have imaginary bariatric surgery. Once out of trance, they eat like they've had the surgery, but with zero side effects. And the cost is tiny by comparison to the real surgery. But insurance does not cover it. The great news is this: It has a 74 percent success rate.

Dr. Tomlinson, certified in the procedure, believes hypnosis allows clients to do more. Weight problems are psychological. As such, his eight-week program helps clients with the deep-seated issues that keep clients from losing weight.

Diets fail due to defiance. If we're told we have to - we don't want to. If told we can't, we want it more. Tomlinson Medical Hypnotherapy does it differently: Biochemically, bodies make extra fat four ways. When clients stop, they can easily lose 1-2 pounds per week.



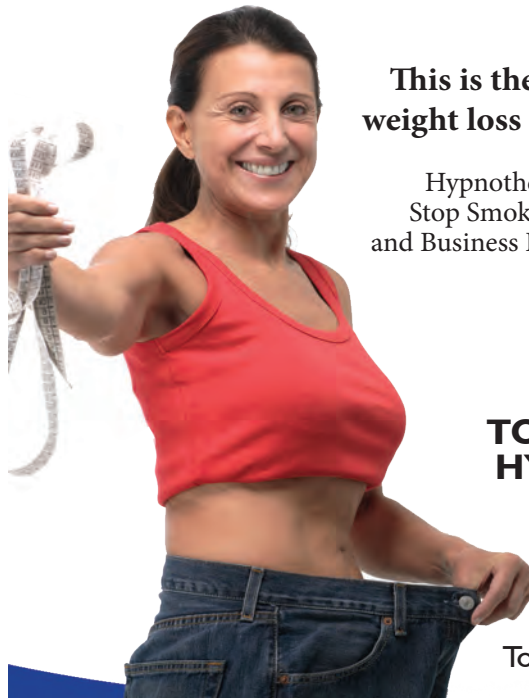
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The best way to stop smoking

The Surgeon General says 90 percent of smokers start between the ages of 12 and 19. They start for reasons of defiance.

Rigidly over-controlled teens get sick of being told what to do and take a stand. They do this by adopting one or more of six defiant behaviors they're told never to do — smoking, drinking, drugs, sex, crime and overeating.

Medical professionals, as wonderful as they are, just don't get it. Telling smokers to stop doing the very thing they started doing to prove no one can tell them what

to do doesn't work. The more they feel pressured, the more they'll subconsciously dig in their heels.

According to published reports, going cold turkey has a 3.5 percent success rate, the patch/gum has a 7 percent success rate and Chantix has a 14 percent success rate. Nationally, four sessions of hypnosis has a 74 percent success rate.

Even better, Tomlinson Medical Hypnotherapy has a 90 percent success rate. Dr. Tomlinson is successful because he helps win the war in their head. The problem isn't that you lack willpower — it's because you're way too stubborn. With hypnosis, smokers can win the war and save a significant amount of money in the process.

Bottom line — if you want to stop, you can. Einstein said, "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing the same way over and over and expecting a different result." The old ways just don't work. Hypnosis is not perfect, but it's the best there is. Remember, the patch can't help win the war in your head.



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SAD FAREWELLS

From natural causes to murder, these 25 local residents lost their lives in 2016

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The lives of 25 local families and friends were changed forever in 2016, when they had to endure the loss of loved ones to everything from illness to accidents to murder.

Although there are many people who died in 2016, people whose lives were just as important as anyone else's, the following are the people whose deaths resulted in a news story:



Steven Garrett Parker



Zeb Holland

Steven Garrett Parker, a Flint Township police officer and Fenton resident, died at the age of 48 on Jan. 15. He was on his way home from work when he was involved in a fatal highway crash.

Harry G. Bourne died on Jan. 15 of natural causes at the age of 83. Bourne was a former Fenton City councilman until 1975.

Clair Hopkins of Tyrone Township died on Jan. 28. He was walking along White Lake Road when he was struck by two cars.

Zeb Holland, formerly of Fenton, died in Georgia on Feb. 6 of natural causes. He was 91 years old. Holland was an active, life

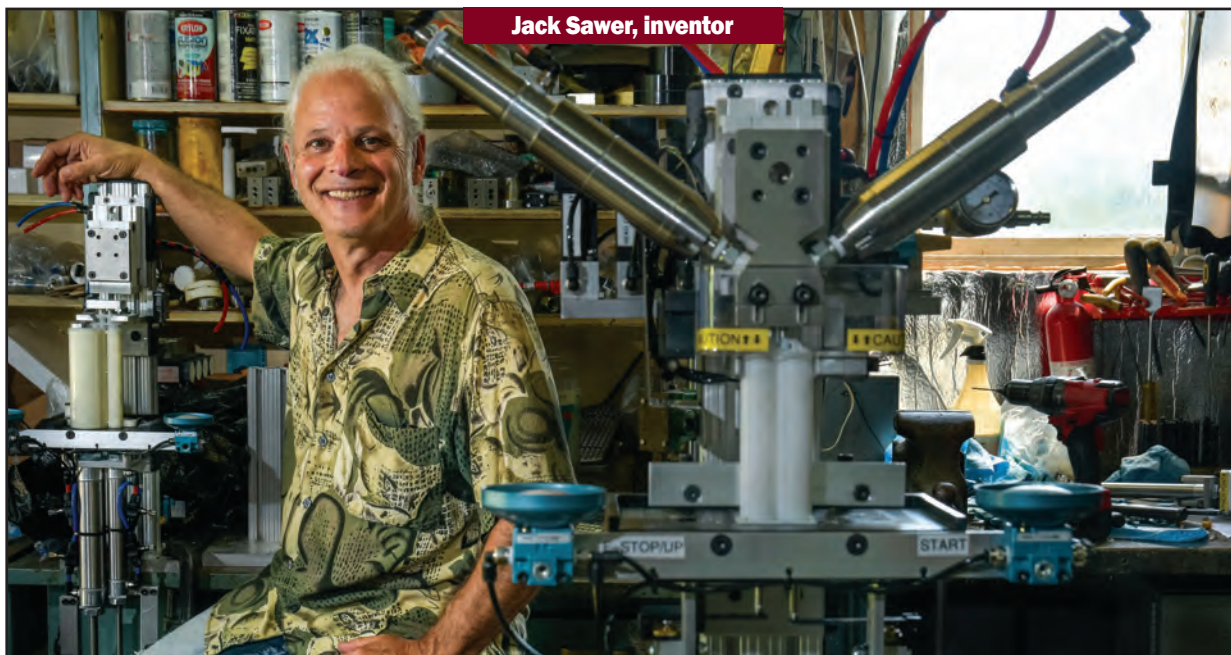
member of the Fenton VFW Curtis Wolverton Post 3243, and was a member of its Honor Guard, as well as several other civic organizations.

The Quasarano family, all six of them, perished in their Fenton Township home on Feb. 21 from carbon monoxide poisoning. Leonard, the father, was 35 years

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The Quasarano family



Jack Sawyer, inventor



The VanGilders



Josh Russell, concrete artist



Khan family

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF THE TIMES

MEMORABLE FEATURE STORIES FROM 2016

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Whether it's work, family or leisure, every person has a story, and the Times has shared many of those stories during 2016. Many of these people are your neighbors and friends, so take a few moments to read about the people who gave us a reason to smile this year.

Muslim family appreciates 'small town' Fenton

Iqramullah Khan and his wife, Penny, are raising their four sons here, appreciating this small community where neighbors help each other and education is valued (published Jan. 3, 2016)

Perry found safe and sound

Missing pooch Perry was finally found by the ski patrol at Mt. Holly

after six long days and nights of searches by land and by air, following his escape from a transporter on I-75. (published Jan. 13, 2016)

'Hollywood' comes to Fenton for Red Carpet Gala

Local composer/Fenton High School Band Director Andrew Perkins and the Fenton Community Orchestra performed his original

score for the 1963 thriller "The Birds." (published Feb. 7)

'Clowning around' at college

Fenton students Jessica Binaei, a.k.a. "Pee Wee" and Matthew Graham, a.k.a. "Bonkers" learn how to clown around as members of the Mott Community College Clown Troupe. (published Feb. 28, 2016)

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A few things to ponder

• **Michigan schools** can't find nearly enough substitute teachers, which is why you're seeing billboards all over the state advertising for them. One superintendent told the Free Press, 'The state really needs to do something. We have to look at why are students not going into education.' She must be joking. What's to look at? Just ask current teachers.

They tell me all the time, they're tired of union-busting, tired of teaching to tests, tired of data-driven education to the exclusion of all else, tired of being treated like dirt by politicians and



Andrew Heller
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parents, tired of being blamed for not turning sow's ears into silk purses, tired of large classroom sizes, tired of paying for their own classroom supplies, tired of idiots saying 'they only work nine months,' tired of the low pay, tired of the declining benefits, tired of attacks on their pensions, tired of working nights and weekends, tired of being overly scrutinized, and tired of being under-appreciated. I'm guessing that superintendent doesn't get out much.

• **Being an '80s pop idol** seems like it was dangerous to your health — Prince, George Michael, Michael Jackson and others, all gone. Hang in there, Madonna. You're all we have left.

• **You know** how the ads on your computer screen change according to what 'The Great Internet' (an omniscient character I just created) somehow knows you've bought online and what they think you'll buy? Well, mine right now are for Tecfidera and Mon Paris, so apparently either someone else has been using my computer or the Great Internet thinks I'm going to get multiple sclerosis and start buying ladies perfume. I better ask my doctor like the ad says.

• **Bold prediction:** The Packers will whip the stuffing out of the Detroit Lions in their big showdown Sunday

at Ford Field, and no Lions fan on the planet will be surprised. Yes, I'm a Packers fan. So?

• **A new report** says more and more air passengers are lying to the airlines so their pets can fly with them as service or emotional support animals. I can't believe people would do that. I also can't believe I never thought of that. No, seriously, I wouldn't do that. I travel to get away from our dog, Tonka. Besides, if he flew with me, he'd try to hog half of the 12 peanuts they give you. Seriously, though, don't you think a dog would be a better seat companion than a third of the people you fly with? (It's OK to admit it — you're among friends here.) Although I hate to think what kind of condition they'd leave the bathroom in.

• **Donald Trump** is angry about President Obama's comment that he'd have won if he could have run for a third term. In response, Trump tweeted, 'Doing my best to disregard the many inflammatory President O statements and roadblocks. Thought it was going to be a smooth transition — NOT!' So if you had any lingering doubts about whether Trump does or does not have the thinnest skin ever in the history of mankind, you can now officially put them to rest.

• **Your success** and happiness lies in you. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties.' — Helen Keller.

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• **CARRIER'S BUILDING AIR** conditioners in Mexico. People, use your brain. Carrier's are not the only people who build air conditioners. If you don't like it, buy someone else's air conditioners. They're all cool.

• **I'D LIKE TO** just say thank you to the Tri-County Times for providing our communities with a first class newspaper. Out-of-town visitors are always amazed at the quality of our hometown paper and wish they had one like it. Thank you to the staff and the Rockman family.

• **TO THE LADY** at Walmart on Saturday, Dec. 24, who told her child if he didn't stop, she was going to drop him off at Toys for Tots — Treat your children with respect and they will learn to respect others.

• **SINCE OVER 2** million more people voted for Clinton, it shouldn't take a math major to figure that Americans have not spoken. Trump's 'rigged' system has. Have a nice holiday season.

• **WOULD SOMEBODY PLEASE** inform me where to find out about Hillary's criminal convictions? It is easy to find where Trump has been convicted and paid fines, etc. but I'm having trouble with hers. Thanks in advance.

• **HILLARY, AND HER** supporters, are so conceited they cannot accept she lost the election. Donald Trump is the President-

elect. If Hillary supporters wish to, they can be the loyal opposition — with a big emphasis on 'loyal.'

• **JUST A SHOUT** out to all our former neighbors on Blossom Lane. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Vegas.

• **VLADIMIR PUTIN APPARENTLY** understands the American public better than Hillary Clinton does. I never dreamed I would ever say anything good about Putin.

• **SO WHEN YOU** think Obama is just about gone and cannot possibly do any more damage than he already has, he stabs Israel in the back. There was another person who destroyed the Jews some years ago to the point of extinction — I believe his name was Hitler.

• **WHILE I REALLY** enjoy the live video camera, it's so interesting that there never seems to be any traffic, unlike when I am actually driving there.

• **I MUST SAY** that after being in retail for over 30 years this was, by far, the worse Christmas season. People are so rude, obnoxious and destructive. Where are your principles and manners? Sad this is what you think Christmas is about.

• **YOU CLAIM OBAMA** ranks number one in the giving of pardons and commutations. Is it possible that you have forgotten about the many thousands of draft dodgers pardoned by Ford? Just think Ford accomplished his feat in just two to three years.

• **IT IS BECOMING** more and more apparent that the liberal left that claims to be the more tolerant party is indeed the party of intolerance, hate and mean.

• **LET'S FACE IT.** The reason Obama was a complete failure was because he wouldn't work with other people. No compromise. It was his way or the highway. Too immature to know how to make deals.

• **IF 94 PERCENT** of Americans celebrate Christmas as an article in the TCT states, please don't feel guilty saying 'Merry Christmas' in public.

• **YES I TRULY** believe starting a column with 'left-wing nuts' is hateful rhetoric. I also believe calling me 'delusional' is also hateful rhetoric. The problem is you and many people like you have forgotten how to converse and debate without name-calling.

• **WISHING EVERYONE A** safe and happy New Year.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

Compiled by Tess DeGayner, intern

What changes would you like to see in 2017?



"More conscientiousness in the food markets with how we do things. And more smiles, real ones."

Paul Spitzer
Former Holly resident



"More positivity in the world. I think not taking things for granted can get us there."

Gabby Burbary
Fenton



"It would be nice if the politicians could agree with each other so things could be changed, but as of now I am happy with how things are."

Anne Morton
Linden



"Local stores should abandon the green card memberships and give everyone the same bargain. Sale prices and discounts should be for anyone who walks through the doors."

David Will
Fenton Township



"I want to see Trump fulfill his promises for change. Get rid of Obamacare. I am retired and it takes a lot out of my pension."

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Tyrone Township

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Confessions Saturday3:30-4:30 pm
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Customers shop at Fenton Kmart's liquidation sale in September 2016. By the end of December the Silver Parkway original had closed.

Three national chain businesses close, while more than 30 new businesses open their doors

By Sally Rummel

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The entrepreneurial spirit was alive and well during 2016 in the tri-county area.

A number of local, independent businesses opened their doors this year, while three national chains closed their doors, including Ruby Tuesday, Bob Evans Restaurant and Kmart, all in Fenton.

Here is a non-exclusive list of businesses that have opened this year:

Argentine Township

- Ekklesia on the Water

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- Cancun Mexican Restaurant and Cantina
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Police&Fire report

STATE POLICE REPORT INCREASE IN TRAFFIC FATALITIES DURING BUSY HOLIDAY PERIOD

Preliminary reports by the Michigan State Police (MSP) show six people lost their lives in six separate traffic crashes during the 2016 Operation C.A.R.E. (Combined Accident Reduction Effort) Lifesaver Weekend. In comparison, three people died in traffic crashes during the 2015 initiative. The initiative ran from 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 16, through 11:59 p.m., on Monday, Dec. 19. These preliminary numbers only reflect fatalities reported to the MSP as of 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27. "Initiatives like this aim to reduce injuries and fatalities resulting from crashes caused by dangerous driving behaviors," said Capt. Thomas Deasy, commander of the MSP Training Division. "The MSP continues to urge motorists to not drink and drive, to always use proper restraints and to avoid all distractions."

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Edward and Julie Furmanczyk of Fenton are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Lynn Furmanczyk, to Brian Keith Urban, son of Frank and Leslie Urban of Arlington Heights, Illinois. Jessica is a 2009 Fenton High School graduate and a 2013 graduate of Kettering University. She has a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Brian is a 2009 graduate of Buffalo Grove High School and a 2013 graduate of Purdue University. He also has a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Jessica and Brian are both employed at General Motors as engineers. The celebration will take place in July 2017.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

Fenton police investigate the fatal train incident on Monday Nov 14, 2016. Two days later, another person was killed by a CN train in Fenton.

Most viewed online stories of 2016

■ Times online stories read by hundreds of thousands from around the world

By Hannah Ball

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The Times publishes many stories every year about varying topics. The most popular stories read online in 2016 dealt with human trafficking, death, and train fatalities.

Here are the Times most well-read stories from 2016.

1. Mom believes daughter was human trafficking target

Views: 175,917

The Times published the story on Sept. 30 about a Fenton area woman and her daughter, after the mom reported to police that her daughter was almost a human trafficking victim. This story is our most viewed story of the year.

2. Family of six found dead from carbon monoxide poisoning

Views: 94,847

The original story about the Quasarano family of six found dead inside their home published Feb. 21 is our second most viewed story of 2016.

3. Fenton High School student fatally struck by train identified

Views: 57,075

On Nov. 15, the Times revealed the identity of the 15-year-old FHS student who was struck and killed by a train to be Victoria Lane. The accident happened on the railroad tracks, east of North LeRoy Street and south of Main Street.

4. Riverview project developer jailed

Views: 52,443

On Jan. 6, the Times published the breaking news story about the prospective Riverview developer Michael La-Joice turning himself in for embezzling more than \$18 million from the credit union where he was employed.

5. Authorities on scene of second train related fatality this week

Views: 28,417

Our article on police responding to the second train fatality in one

week published Nov. 16 is our fifth most viewed story of the year. Police discovered the body of one deceased male at the scene near the U.S. 23 overpass by North and Silver Lake roads.

6. Grand Blanc woman charged with murder

Views: 26,567

On July 29, the Times wrote that the alleged shooter of Tamara Johnson and Lyric Work, Jacquelyne Faye Tyson, 54, was a resident at Grand Oaks Apartments. She was charged with first-degree, premeditated murder, assault with intent to murder and two counts of felony firearm.

7. Former Linden woman on life support after shooting

Views: 26,280

On July 27, the Times published an article about Lyric Work, the 20-year-old pregnant woman who was fatally shot by a Grand Blanc women on July 26. Work's baby survived.

8. Pedestrian fatally struck by CN train in downtown Fenton

Views: 26,219

The original article about a pedestrian being struck and killed by a CN train in Fenton published Nov. 14 is the Times eighth most viewed story of 2016. The pedestrian was later identified as Victoria Lane, 15, a Fenton High School student.

9. Rose Township shooting victim identified as 31-year-old jogger

Views: 19,854

On July 30, 2016, Alexandra "Ally" Brueger, a 31-year-old nurse and aspiring writer, was shot four times in the back and killed while she jogged near her Rose Township home on Fish Lake Road. Her murderer remains at large.

10. Linden man sentenced to federal prison

Views: 15,288

On Oct. 14, the Times wrote about how Carl Steven Spencer Jr. was sentenced Friday, Oct. 7 to nine months in federal prison after Fenton police investigated more than 81 complaints of wire fraud and/or taking money under false pretenses for his work in repairing engines.

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He will be sentenced March 14 in federal court.



Ryan Stevens

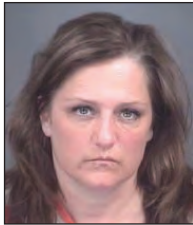
Ryan Stevens, Kody Brewer, La-marr Dukes

On Oct. 28, 2015, Argentine Township Police discovered information about a plan to carry out a possible school shooting at Linden High School. Two of the three defendants have been sentenced.

Stevens received five years probation, and Dukes was sent to a rehabilitation facility. Brewer is to be sentenced this month.



Eric Corcoran



Angela Corcoran

Eric and Angela Corcoran, a Deerfield Township couple, face second-degree child abuse charges after investigators discovered they kept their adopted son, Justin, isolated in the basement. The couple is scheduled to be sentenced Feb. 2.

Jacquelyne Faye Tyson, 54, of Grand Blanc, is charged with first-degree, premeditated murder, assault with intent to murder and two counts of felony fire-arm after shooting Lyric Work, 20, formerly of Linden and Tamara Johnson, 45, of Mt. Morris at the leasing office of Grand Oaks Apartments July 2.



Jacquelyne Faye Tyson

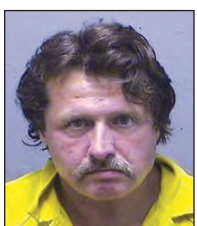
Tyson was found incompetent to stand trial on Nov. 2. If she's still incompetent in 15 months, the case will be dismissed.

Thomas (Tommy) Tubbs of Grand Blanc was arrested in March for real estate fraud. Investigators with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office claim he collected \$150,000 from an Atlas Township couple for a real estate transaction, and kept the money for himself. He pleaded no contest in August 2016 and will be sentenced in January.



Thomas Tubbs

Kevin H. Ross, Mary A. Morris, Rhonda R. Ross were charged with multiple drug and firearm charges regarding an alleged meth lab they were operating in a Gaines Township home. All three cases are currently going through Genesee County Circuit Court.



Kevin Ross



Edward Usewick

Edward Frank Usewick III, was sentenced to 28 months in federal prison. This 36-year-old former Fenton Township resident pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit bank fraud.

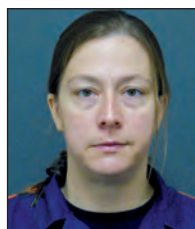


Carl Spencer

Carl Steven Spencer Jr. was sentenced Oct. 7, 2016 to nine months in federal prison at the Morgantown Federal Penitentiary in West Virginia. Police received more than 81 complaints about Spencer for wire fraud and/or taking money under false pretenses after not providing adequate services rebuilding diesel engines with National Diesel.



Christopher Ramirez



Erin Dennis

Christopher Ramirez, 40, formerly of Fenton, is serving time in state prison for a Midland pharmacy break-in in November 2015. He was sentenced July 18, 2016 to as many as seven years in prison. His co-defendant, **Erin Dennis**, 42, also formerly of Fenton, received the same sentence.

Matthew Cornell, 29, of Holly was sentenced July 6, 2016 to one year of probation after his arrest in March, following a raid of his home by Oakland County Sheriff's Narcotics Enforcement Team. Detectives seized cocaine, marijuana, a drug ledger, digital scales, and drug packaging. Cornell



Matthew Cornell

was arrested for delivery of marijuana from two previous undercover drug sales to NET detectives.



Jeffrey Robinson

Jeffrey Robinson, 43, of Byron was sentenced Sept. 9, 2016 to one year in state prison for bank robbery. On April 27, 2016 Robinson, robbed the Chase Bank in Byron and fled the scene on bicycle.



Christian Corbett

Christian Corbett, 24, of Argentine Township was sentenced on June 14, 2016 to up to six years of probation after pleading guilty to four counts of second-degree criminal sexual conduct, (CSC) and one count of fourth-degree

CSC in Genesee County Circuit Court. The charges are related to an incident that occurred on Sept. 5, 2015 in Argentine Township involving a juvenile female.

Robert Lee Dennis, 41, formerly of Fenton, was charged with first-degree criminal sexual conduct with a minor under the age of 13 in Oakland County, as well as eight counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct with a defendant under the age of 13 in Genesee County.



Robert Dennis

Dennis was sentenced to 30 to 50 years in state prison for the Oakland County case.

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Certain foods bring 'good luck' for the new year

■ Their ethnic origins explain what it all means

Compiled By Vera Hogan

Many families choose their New Year's Day meals based on stories that have been passed down from generation to generation. These foods, many of which can be combined to make one great soup, are said to bring good luck to those who eat them on the first day of the new year.

They are:

Long noodles

In China, Japan and other Asian countries, it's customary to eat long noodles, signifying longevity, on New Year's Day.

Long noodles (don't break them) can be enjoyed in stir-fry meals, spaghetti and a variety of soups.



Cornbread

A favorite throughout the year, cornbread is especially revered as a New Year's treat in the southern United



States. The reason is easy — its color resembles that of gold.

Pomegranates

Pomegranates represent good luck in Turkey for many reasons. Their red color, which represents the human heart; denotes life and fertility; their medicinal properties represent health; and their abundant, round seeds represent prosperity.



Round fruit

The number of pieces varies by region, but eating any round fruit is a common New Year's tradition. In the Philippines, the custom calls for 13, considered a lucky number; in Europe and the U.S., it calls for 12, which represents the months in a year. In both cases, their shape, which looks like a coin, and their sweetness are the common denominators. Oranges of all variety are great choices for round fruits, as are grapes.



Greens

From the coastal American South to Europe, people eat green leafy veggies — including kale, collards and cabbage — on New Year's Day because of their color and appearance, which resembles paper cash. Belief has it, the more you eat, the more prosperous you'll be.



Pickled Herring

In Germany, Poland and Scandinavia, it's believed that eating herring at the stroke of midnight will ensure a year of bounty — as herring are in abundance throughout Western Europe. Their silvery color also resembles that of coins, a good omen for future fortune.



Pork

In some countries, including Cuba, Spain, Portugal, Hungary and Austria, pigs symbolize progress.



Some say it's because these animals never move backward, while others believe it's all in their feeding habits (they push their snouts forward along the ground when rooting for food.)

Lentils

When cooked, lentils plump with water, symbolizing growing wealth. Lentils also are considered good luck in Hungary, where they're preferred in a soup.



Black-Eyed Peas

Considered good luck due to their penny-like appearance and abundance, these peas, enjoyed in the southern United States, are traditionally served in a dish called Hoppin' John. On the day after New Year's Day, leftover "Hoppin' John" becomes "Skipin' Jenny," meant to demonstrate frugality and promote prosperity in the new year.



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Paula Deen, considered one of the divas of southern cuisine, shares this recipe for "Hoppin' John"

INGREDIENTS:

2 tablespoons butter
1 small onion, chopped
1 small red bell pepper, chopped
Garlic powder
2 cups black-eyed peas, cooked
2 cups cooked rice
House Seasoning, recipe follows
8 sprigs fresh parsley, for garnish

House Seasoning:

1 cup salt
1/4 cup black pepper
1/4 cup garlic powder
(Mix ingredients together and store in an airtight container for up to six months.)

PREPARATION:

Melt the butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add onion, bell pepper, and garlic powder, to taste, and cook for 5 minutes. Add peas and rice and cook an additional 10 to 15 minutes. Be careful not to overcook; this dish is best if the bell pepper and onion still have a crunch to them. Add House Seasoning, to taste. Garnish each serving with sprig of parsley.

Source: foodnetwork.com



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

Genesee County Sheriff Robert Pickell holds a press conference in February to explain details surrounding the deaths of the Quasarano family due to carbon monoxide poisoning.

TRAGEDIES

Continued from Front Page

children, Luke, 11, Brenden, 9, Rachel, 7, and Grant, who would have turned 2 on March 4, were discovered in their Stony Brook Pass home in Fenton Township.

They had died sometime over the weekend from accidental carbon monoxide poisoning.

Three of the Quasarano children attended Linden Elementary.

Len operated his own Computer Support Company called NextGen. Heather worked as an ultrasound sonographer for McLaren Imaging. Despite their busy schedules, the parents were very involved with their children's school activities.

If anything good came from this family tragedy, it is community awareness about this deadly, silent killer. Several individuals and groups spearheaded efforts to see that people who needed a CO detector could get one.

LYRIC WORK, 20 AND NEAR MOTHERHOOD, SHOT AT WORK

The unthinkable occurred again when former Linden resident Lyric Work was shot in the head in her Grand Blanc leasing office on Tuesday, July 26, 2016.

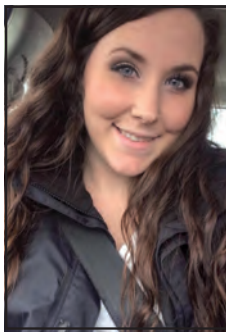
The pregnant 20-year-old was shot along side her co-worker, Tamara Johnson, 45, of Mt. Morris, by a 54-year-old woman named Jacquelyne Tyson.

Johnson died at Hurley Medical Center a short time later.

Work was rushed to Hurley as well, where an emergency cesarean operation was performed to deliver her baby seven weeks early. The baby survived and is being cared for by family members.

Work was taken off life support and died on July 29, 2016.

Tyson, in the meantime, was charged with premeditated murder, but has recently been declared incompetent to stand trial, if she does not become competent after 15 months of treatment.



ALLY BRUEGER CASE, RUNNING ON EMPTY

A few weeks later, another homicide took place in Rose Township — a murder that remains unsolved to this day. There is a \$10,000 reward being offered for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person who shot Alexandra Nicolette "Ally" Brueger, four

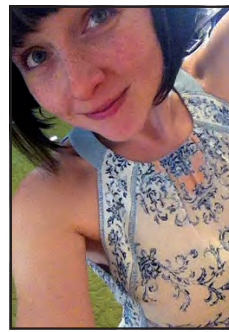
times in the back, killing her.

Brueger, a full-time nurse and aspiring writer and poet, was on one of her daily 10-mile runs on Fish Lake Road in Rose Township on July 30, 2016, when her 31-year life was cut short by an unknown assailant.

The people of Rose Township and surrounding communities are still fearful because this murder has not yet been solved.

First Lt. Michael Shaw of the Michigan State Police-Metro Post has addressed the Rose Township Board of Trustees and concerned residents to calm fears twice since the murder.

Regardless of how insignificant it may seem, anyone with information about suspicious persons or unusual vehicles in the area of Fish Lake Road is urged to contact Michigan State Police at 1-855-MICH-TIP (642-4847) or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-SPEAK-UP (773-2587).



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By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

SODA POP

We Americans are addicted to sugar. Our Standard American Diet composed of highly processed, meat based, sugar added foods is the root cause of a marked increase in many diseases over the last few decades. Heart disease, diabetes and cancer rates are all on the rise. One of the worst offenders in our diet is soda pop. Sugar-sweetened soda is the single biggest source of added sugars in our diet. In fact, soft drink consumption may account for 50% of America's weight gain since 1970. The recommended daily allowance of sugar is only six teaspoons. One can of soda pop alone can contain ten teaspoons of sugar. Soda pop is not only bad for our bodies but is incredibly bad for our teeth as well. And it's not just soda pop that is the culprit; but also energy drinks, sugar sweetened teas and fruit juices are all equally bad for us and our teeth. I often see patients who present to my office with a mouth full of cavities. To help them I try to get an idea of their eating habits and life-style. When questioned they often times don't claim to eat a lot of sweets. I ask if they drink a lot of pop or some other sweetened drink. The answer is usually that they only drink 1 or 2 a day. I usually find that even though they only drink 1 or 2, they are often sipping on their sweetened drink throughout the course of their entire day. By sipping throughout the day, their mouths are constantly bathed with sugar causing uncontrolled, rampant tooth decay. Someone who sips constantly on pop will rot their teeth faster than I can fix them and will ultimately lose their teeth. My advice to everyone who wants to have a beautiful smile that lasts a life-time is brush and floss every day, see your dentist twice a year for check-up and cleaning and drink plenty of water-NO POP.

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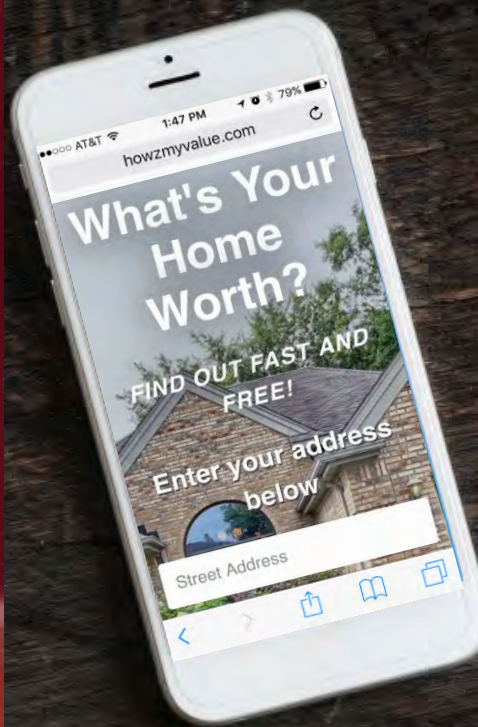
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REVIEW

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The largest project was the **Silver Lake Road bridge replacement**. The discussion to replace the bridge began as early as 2011. The city hired an engineering firm to assess the bridge and determined it was in poor condition.

The project began in February and was completed in late June, ahead of schedule.

The project cost \$972,000, and the city was responsible for paying \$48,000. The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) covered the rest.

As part of the master plan, the city saw the way cleared to **extend Caroline Street** to Walnut Street downtown. It was cut off by a strip mall during the controversial urban renewal project of the 1970s.

Guenter Beholz Jewelry and Fenton Flowers, which were located in the one story brick strip mall building in the path of Caroline Street, have moved ahead of the project.

The buildings and property are owned by SkyPoint Ventures, which financed and handled the project.

In June, a portion of the building located at 130 N LeRoy St. was demolished. As of this report, the site is vacant and fenced until development continues.

Most controversial was the **dismantling of 106 W. Shiawassee**. The home was built in the early 1900s, and was last used as a business by Rex Todd Rogers Design Studio.

Leading up to the project, some residents were concerned that the city was destroying the historical quality of Dibbleville property by property. They voiced their concern though public comments and protests on the site.

Nevertheless, the city-owned property



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In May 2016, Teresa Doan and others protest the proposed demolition for 106 W. Shiawassee in Dibbleville. The building's deconstruction was finished in September 2016.

was taken apart and salvaged piece by piece by a company that plans to repurpose the materials. The deconstruction was completed in September. The site is also fenced off, waiting for development.

CITY OF LINDEN

The city of Linden made progress with one of the most heartbreaking chapters in Linden's history — at least related to its downtown buildings.

In 2007 the "Union Block" in downtown Linden burned to the ground. The historic buildings housed attorney Marilyn DiRezze, Broad Street Grill, two vacant businesses, a proposed coffee shop and Serendipity Day Spa. Apartments were also located on the second floor, one of which had occupants.

The Union Block is now a grass lot, and was sold again this year, this time to

Dr. Nicole Wax, an orthodontist with her practice located across the street. There are currently no public plans for the site.

HOLLY VILLAGE

The village voted in April to add bike lanes to S. Saginaw Street for the first time. The roads are re-striped at the cost of \$10,000 each year, and adding bike lanes would not add to the cost. The plan was implemented during the regular re-striping. It reduced the road to one northbound, and one southbound lane, with a turning lane in the center and a bike lane on either side.

What has been coined the "road diet" was part of the Oakland County's "Imagine Midtown" report and recommendations. During public meetings, the community voiced concern over bike rider safety. Adding bike lanes was part of Holly's emphasis on recreation.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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■■■
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■■■
NEW POLLS SHOW that consumer confidence is the highest it's been in 13 years. Also, another poll shows that 66 percent of Americans surveyed think America is on the right track.

■■■
TO THE PERSON trying to turn left onto Silver Lake Road from U.S. 23, it's called patience, something that is sorely lacking in most people today.

■■■
TRUMP, PLEASE GET rid of these Obama-phones. That's one step in reducing the drug consumption. Also, drug test welfare recipients. Tired of my tax money being misused.

■■■
IF A NATION such as America aspires to become a nation of strength, integrity, tolerance and order, it need only to ensure itself that it possesses three key societal members who can, by themselves alone, make all the difference. They are the father, the mother and the teacher.



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Diana Voges of Linden receives tuning assistance from instructor Joe Snider before her viola lesson at A Joyful Noise Music Studio on March 26, 2016. Voges chose the viola because she prefers the lower tone range it has, compared to a violin.

LIGHTER

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Lessons learned

Diana Voges of Linden offers her career as a General Motors software engineer by learning to play the viola at A Joyful Noise Music Studio. (published April 6, 2016)

365 days of running

Justin and Erin Best of Tyrone Township lace their sneakers every day, come rain, snow, sleet or mud, not missing a single day for an entire year. (published April 10, 2016)

The carving artist

Some people look at concrete and all they see is a slab of drab building materials. For artist Joshua Russell, 34, of Byron, concrete is more fab than drab, turning this thousands of years old building material into works of art. (published April 17, 2016)

'American Pickers' come to Holly

The popular reality TV show "American Pickers" was in Holly on Thursday, June 30, 2016. The only evidence of them being in town was a non-descript RV (possibly with the show's stars, Mike Wolfe and Frank Fritz, inside) and a rental van parked outside. The segment aired on Dec. 26, 2016 on the History Channel. (published May 22, 2016)

Running for their lives

Janet Ruggirello trains for the Crim while running outside with her husband, Mike, in his wheelchair, after this U.S. Air Force veteran and marathon runner suffered a debilitating stroke. (published June 1, 2016)

From forensic scientist to boutique owner

Kit Maloney is a local businesswoman behind the racks and shelves of trendy boutique clothing and gifts at Thimbleberry Antiques in Linden. But behind her light-hearted business side is a scientific mind that had her at the forefront of some of Michigan's most horrific crimes as a forensic scientist for the Michigan State Police. (published July 8, 2016)

From high school dropout to CEO

Jack Sawyer may just be the most interesting man in the world. He's the

first person to admit that most people at Fenton High School didn't think he'd amount to much when he dropped out of school in the 10th grade.

But this white-haired, ponytailed 64-year-old has built a global career out of specialty machine building that affects industries as varied as construction, aerospace and dentistry. (published July 31, 2016)

Van Gilders miss their grocery years at VG's

Nearly everyone remembers shopping at VG's Grocery in Fenton when Russ "Buzz" Van Gilder was at the helm, working side by side with his wife, Shirley, son, Rusty and daughter, Lisa.

"I really miss it," said Russ, now 82 and retired after selling their business to Spartan Foods in 2008, when daughter Lisa was unable to continue her role as chief executive officer for health reasons. (published Sept. 4, 2016)

Greatest hoax of all time happened 78 years ago today

Seventy-eight years ago today, Oct. 30, 1938, a young 23-year-old radio personality pulled off what is believed to be the greatest hoax in world history.

We're, of course, talking about Orson Welles and his fake news bulletin describing a Martian invasion of Earth. Millions of listeners mistook those bulletins for the real thing, causing mass panic and nationwide hysteria. (published Oct. 30, 2016)

Linden man takes a gamble with casino life

Jesse Mason knew it was a gamble when he moved from Linden to Las Vegas to play poker, but it has become a win-win career for him in the crazy high stakes world of casinos. (published Nov. 6, 2016)

Keeping up with the Joneses

Tom and Rochelle Jones moved from Fenton to Ann Arbor two years ago, the first step in their plan to downsize their lives to live their dreams of early retirement and travel around the country. Their dreams are taking them behind the wheel of a new fifth wheel motor home for at least one year, while they explore a work-free lifestyle of driving, hiking and adventure. (published Dec. 9, 2016)

LAJOICE

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He owned the once popular and now closed Chassé Ballroom and Latin Dance Studio. He was also the would-be developer of the multi-use "Riverview," project and known philanthropist who gave to many charities in the community.

Everything changed Jan. 6, 2016 when the developer turned himself in to Oakland County Sheriff's office, admitted to his crimes and was arrested. He's been lodged in Oakland County Jail since.

Now after nearly a year, he's no longer a business owner or building owner, and his multiple court cases in Oakland County Circuit Court and the U.S. District Court are coming to a close.

LaJoyce reached a plea agreement Nov. 3, 2016 in U.S. District Court for bank fraud. His Oakland County Circuit Court embezzlement case is pending.

By agreeing to the Circuit Court plea deal, LaJoyce pleaded guilty to one count of bank fraud, which comes with a sentencing guideline of 121 to 151 months with a maximum fine of \$1 million. He faces a statutory maximum term of 30 years imprisonment.

The plea deal was agreed upon by LaJoyce's defense attorney, Michael Manley, Philip Ross, the assistant U.S. attorney with the Asset Forfeiture Unit and John Neal, chief of the White Collar Crime Unit.

LaJoyce was also ordered to pay restitution of \$17,748,380.

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In federal court, LaJoyce said he committed check fraud by addressing cashier checks out to himself, along with a few other methods. As CFO, he was able to write large deposits, and then approve them with no oversight.

According to U.S. Attorney Barbara McQuade, to conceal the fraud, LaJoyce created fictitious investments in certificates of deposit and bonds, and represented to auditors and bank examiners that the money he stole had in fact been invested in these vehicles.

Sentencing is scheduled for March 14.

LaJoyce's properties, including his multi-million dollar home in Tyrone Township, were sold to help pay restitution. SkyPoint Ventures executed a purchase agree-

ment to acquire the Fenton City commercial properties earlier this summer.

The properties that SkyPoint Ventures has purchased include 225 W. Caroline St., the now-vacant lot where LaJoyce planned to construct a multi-million dollar, mixed development called "Riverview."

The remaining properties are at 229 W. Caroline St., 125 S. Adelaide St., 219 S. Adelaide St., 116 Mill St., and 108 S. LeRoy St.

LaJoyce paid nearly \$2.5 million in cash for these properties. Many of the homes were rented to area families and individuals. The SkyPoint purchases do not include the multi-million dollar Tyrone Township home owned by LaJoyce and his wife, Ashleigh.



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HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE APPLE DOESN'T fall far from the tree. After reading Foster Child's columns over the years, I'm convinced he is Foster Brook's first born.

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friends and neighbors come out after Christmas and help you rescue your child's Christmas toy that made it 62 feet high stuck in a tree. We measured. Happy New Year, too.

IT'S A BRIGHT, sunny, warm December day. Better loosen up those snow shovels. Winter is on its way.

VG'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT, God bless you, whoever bought me that ham. You brought tears to my eyes. Thank you very much.

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JAN. 1

1973: Roseann Quinn, a 27-year-old New Yorker, visits Tweed's Bar on the Upper West Side and is picked up by her soon-to-be killer. The incident inspires the cautionary novel and subsequent movie Looking For Mr. Goodbar. For many, Quinn's murder represented the dark side of the sexual revolution.

JAN. 2

1971: Sixty-six football (soccer) fans are killed in a stampede at a stadium in Glasgow, Scotland, as they attempt to leave a game after a late goal by the home team. Initial reports suggested that the disaster was caused by fans returning to their seats after hearing of the last goal, but in fact it was simply the crush of spectators all leaving at the same time on the same stairway that led to tragedy.

JAN. 3

1961: In the climax of deteriorating relations between the United States and Fidel Castro's government in Cuba, President Dwight D. Eisenhower closes the American embassy in Havana and severs diplomatic relations.

JAN. 4

1974: President Richard Nixon refuses to hand over tape recordings and documents that had been subpoenaed by the Senate Watergate Committee. Marking the beginning of the end of his Presidency, Nixon would resign from office in disgrace eight months later.

JAN. 5

1933: Construction starts on what will become one of America's most famous landmarks — the Golden Gate Bridge. When completed in 1937, the Golden Gate has a 4,200-foot-long suspension span, making it the world's longest suspension bridge. Since opening to the public in May 1937, almost 2 billion vehicles have crossed the bridge, in both the north- and southbound directions.

JAN. 6

1994: Olympic hopeful Nancy Kerrigan is attacked at a Detroit ice rink following a practice session two days before the Olympic trials. A man hit Kerrigan with a club on the back of her knee, causing the figure skater to cry out in pain and bewilderment.

JAN. 7

1953: In his final State of the Union address before Congress, President Harry S. Truman tells the world that that the United States has developed a hydrogen bomb. It was just three years earlier on January 31, 1950, that Truman publicly announced that he had directed the Atomic Energy Commission to proceed with the development of the hydrogen bomb. Truman's directive came in response to evidence of an atomic explosion occurring within USSR in 1949.

News **briefs**

NEW YEAR'S EVE REVELERS IN OAKLAND AND GENESEE COUNTIES CAN GET A 'SAFE RIDE HOME'

The Michigan State Police have announced that if you've had too much to drink on New Year's Eve, just call a cab or Uber to take you from the bar to your home. Pay for the ride that night and get a receipt. The next day, simply email a copy of your receipt along with a copy of your driver's license to saferidehome@davidchristensenlaw.com to receive a reimbursement of up to \$35. The offer is good from 4 p.m. on Dec. 31, 2016 to 4 a.m. on Jan. 1. You must be at least 21 years old. The maximum reimbursement is \$35, good for a one-way ride to your home. Receipts must be received by Christensen Law by midnight, Jan. 6 to be eligible for reimbursement. Your ride must be within Genesee, Wayne, Macomb, Oakland and Washtenaw counties. The provider of ride must be a licensed taxi company or Uber. Email a copy of the official taxi company or Uber receipt along with a copy of your valid driver's license to saferidehome@davidchristensenlaw.com, or send those materials via U.S. Mail to Christensen Law Safe Ride Home, 25925 Telegraph Rd., Suite 200, Southfield, MI 48033. Call Christensen Law at (248) 213-4900 for more details.

NAMI CONNECTIONS

NAMI Connections is a support group for persons with mental disorders and Family Support Group is for relatives and friends. Meetings are at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays (next is on Tuesday, Jan. 10) at the McLaren Behavioral Health Center at Oak Bridge Center, 4448 Oak Bridge, Dr., Flint. The Oak Bridge Center is off the east side of Linden Road between Corunna and Lennon roads. Family-to-Family classes for family members and friends of adults with mental disorders and NAMI Basics classes for parents of children with mental disorders will begin in February. Register by Jan. 29. There is no charge for NAMI meetings and classes. Call (810) 232-6498 for more information.

Police&Fire
report

PERSON WITH GUN TO BE EVALUATED
On Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2016 Genesee County Sheriff deputies responded to a home in the 1400 block of St. Lawrence Court in Fenton Township on a report of a person with a gun. There were no injuries reported. A male was transported to Hurley Hospital for medical evaluation.

WARRANT ARREST IN FENTON TOWNSHIP
Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2016 Genesee County Sheriff deputies responded to northbound U.S. 23 at Thompson Road in Fenton Township to conduct a welfare check on a male. The male was taken into custody for a warrant arrest. He was lodged in the Genesee County Jail.

Don't let gift cards with tiny balances get lost in the shuffle

■It's not much, but it's yours

By Vera Hogan

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It happens all the time — people receive gift cards for Christmas, make their purchases and with a dollar or two or three still left on the card, toss in a drawer never to be seen again.

If you're one of those people you are giving big money away. VISA and Mastercard and large retailers like Amazon sell millions in gift cards each year. If just \$2 was left on 100,000 cards, that's \$200,000 that retailer is getting back. The actual amount is much higher.

Some states have laws that allow the gift card holder to turn in the card and get paid cash if the balance is under a certain amount like \$5 or \$10, or less.

Unfortunately, Michigan is not one of them.

Here are some suggestions on what to do with gift cards that have a small balance remaining.

Buy something extra

Some people would rather spend a few extra dollars than hold onto a card with a miniscule balance. When at the cash register, throw a pack of gum on



the conveyor belt or add a candy bar to the total. Spend as little as possible to get above the gift card balance so the card will be fully redeemed.

Split your purchase

Use what's left on your gift card to pay for part of another large purchase. If your groceries come to a total of \$60, present the cashier with your gift card first. Tell the cashier you would like to pay with what's left on the card first, then the balance with your cash or other method of payment. That way the card

goes down to zero.

This only works with VISA and MasterCard gift cards though. Individual retailers, including the big ones like Walmart or Target, are obviously not going to allow you to pay for your purchase at their store with a card from another.

Apply it to your account

If the merchant allows you to add a gift card to your online account before redeeming it, then simply redeem the card, add the balance, and apply it to a future purchase. Amazon and iTunes both work this way. You can redeem a gift card and then just chip away at the balance every time you make a purchase until the money is gone.

Buy an e-gift card with a VISA gift card

Buy Amazon.com e-gift cards using small VISA gift card balances. For example, if you have \$3.71 left on a VISA card, you can use it to buy a \$3.71 Amazon e-gift card on the Amazon.com site. This only works if you buy directly from Amazon and the dollar amounts are the same. When the Amazon e-gift card arrives, redeem it and apply it to your account. Next time you make a purchase, the money will be available.

Donate the balance

For some merchants, a "minuscule" amount may still be double-digits if you can't redeem the balance without spending a great deal more money.

If you have a gift card worth \$15 or more, donate the unused portion to charity through Cardpo ol's association with Compassion International, a Christian child development organization that assists children who are living in poverty. Check to see if your gift card qualifies at CardFunder.com.

Source: Giftcards.com

TOWNSHIP OF HOLLY NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY

Notice is hereby given that on December 21, 2016 the Holly Township Board adopted amendments to the Holly Township Code of Ordinances Chapter 32 Zoning, Section 32-144 Essential Services.

Notice is hereby given that on May 15, 2013 the Holly Township Board adopted amendments to the Holly Township Code of Ordinances Chapter 32 Zoning, Article IV, Section 32-134 Accessory Structures and Uses.

A true and complete copy of Holly Township's Code of Ordinances can be viewed online at www.hollytownship.org or can be inspected or obtained at the office of the Holly Township Clerk, 102 Civic Drive, Holly, Michigan, 48442, at all times said office is open for business.

THE FOLLOWING CONSTITUTES A SUMMARY OF HOLLY TOWNSHIP'S AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES:

SECTION 1 – AMENDMENTS

1. Section 32-144 is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

Sec. 32-144. - Essential services.

Essential services shall be permitted as authorized and regulated by law and other ordinances of the township. All buildings and uses associated with essential services shall be subject to the provisions of article VI of this chapter regarding site plan review. Otherwise, the construction, maintenance, and alteration of essential services shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter.

SECTION 2 - INVALIDITY

SECTION 3 - EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective 7 days after publication as prescribed by law.

SECTION 4 - REPEALING CLAUSE

SECTION 5 - ADOPTION

CERTIFICATION

I, duly elected clerk of the Township of Holly, County of Oakland, and State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Holly Township Ordinance Notice of Adoption and Summary for the Amendment to Chapter 32, Section 32-144, adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Township of Holly at the regular meeting held on the 21st day of December, 2016 at which a quorum was present.

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HOLLY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES DECEMBER 21, 2016 REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Supervisor Kullis, Clerk Winchester, Trustee Ruth, Trustee Ruth and Trustee Feeney.

Approved: Proposed Code of Ordinance Amendment – Essential Services.

Approved: Planning Commission Appointments – A.C. Alrey and Lloyd Kernen.

Approved: Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment Mike Poshadlo and Bob Lecleraq.

Postponed: Construction Board of Appeals Appointments.

Approved: Appointment of Township Board Liason to the Planning Commission – Trustee Feeney.

Approved: Appointment of Township Board Liason to the Zoning Board of Appeals – Treasurer Freeman.

Approved: Appointment of Township Board Liason to the North Oakland County Fire Authority – Supervisor Kullis and Clerk Winchester.

Approved: Appointment of Township Board Liason to the Holly Area Youth Assistance Board – Supervisor Kullis.

Approved: MTA Subscription.

Karin S. Winchester, MMC
Holly Township Clerk

George A. Kullis
Holly Township Supervisor

SAD FAREWELLS

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old and his wife, Heather, 39. The children were Luke, 11, Brenden, 9, Rachel 7, and Grant almost 2 years old.



Patricia Lumley

Patricia "Trish" Lumley died at the age of 44 on April 6, 2016. The cause of death for the Rose Township treasurer is unknown.

Jeffrey Noll Henry of Linden lost his life on April 15 as a result of a car crash on S. Holly Road. He was 51 years old.

Larry "Tiger" Bowerman drowned while he was fishing on May 8, 2016. He is reported to have had a seizure before falling into a Holly Township pond. The Grand Blanc man was 28 years old.



Pastor Jack McMaster

Pastor Jack McMaster died as a result of illness on May 8. A resident of Linden, he was

73 years old. He was the founding and senior pastor of Faith Baptist Church in Linden from May of 1981 through September of 2009.

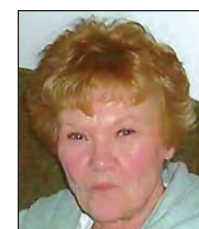


Joan Garfield

Joan Garfield of Fenton Township died on June 9, 2016 from illness. She was 79 years old. Garfield served as the Fenton Township treasurer for many years.

Lyric Work, a young pregnant woman of 20, formerly of Linden, was shot in the head and killed on July 29, 2016. She and a coworker were murdered while they worked in a Grand Blanc rental office. Emergency personnel were able to save the life of her daughter who is now with family.

Alexandra "Ally" Brueger, a Rose Township nurse, was murdered on July 30, 2016 while she jogged near her home along Fish Lake Road in Rose Township. The 31-year-old was shot in the back four times. This homicide remains unsolved.



Dorothy Orth

Dorothy Orth, a Fenton resident and employee for a local dentist's office, was struck and killed by a vehicle on Oct. 16 while walking across N. LeRoy Street in Fenton. She was 77 years old.

Mike Foster, 26, of Byron was killed in a car accident on Oct. 25, 2016 in Burns Township. A male passenger also died as a result of the crash. A female occupant remains hospitalized.

Victoria "Tori" Lane of Fenton, a 15-year-old Fenton High School freshman was struck and killed by a train while walking on the tracks, just east of Red Fox Outfitters in downtown Fenton on Nov. 14, 2016.

Dale Clayton Burkel, 63, was struck and killed by a train on Nov. 16, 2016, under the U.S. 23 overpass between North and Silver Lake roads. A bike was found nearby.

Patrick J. Carmody of Fenton Township, a former trustee and treasurer for Fenton Township died on Nov. 27, 2016 of natural causes. He was 79 years old.

Dr. Doran Kasper, 73, of Fenton died of a massive heart attack on Dec. 11, 2016. In addition to being a popular optometrist, he was a former Fenton City councilman, planning commissioner and current member of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).



Gerald Laskey

Gerald Laskey, former Lake Fenton Community Schools superintendent, died at the age of 76 of natural causes on Dec. 11, 2016. He gave 30 years of service to Lake Fenton schools.



Richard Cooley

Richard "Dick" Cooley, former Fenton Township attorney, died of natural causes on Dec. 14, 2016. He was 81 years old. He served as Fenton Township's legal counsel for 45 years.

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Feature
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The "Year in Review" for photos should provide a visual index for significant moments throughout the year. In some cases, I submitted photos based on the significance of the event, rather than its feature-photo quality. Throughout the year, most photos were taken by me; others were taken by reporter Hannah Ball. With either photographer, great care is taken to make photographs that are accurate, fair, and entertaining.



Fenton's Bond is our leader of the XC pack

By David Troppens
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About four years ago, Fenton's varsity cross country coach Jesse Anderson met Andrew Bond for the first time.

Bond had yet to run his first varsity cross country race and Anderson wasn't Fenton's varsity coach just yet.

"I actually met Andrew when I fit him for shoes when I was working at Bau-

man's (Running and Walking Shop), well before I was coaching," Anderson said. "He was pretty quiet that day, but he seemed really excited to be taking part in Fenton cross country, which always gets my attention as a former harrier. The first ingredient for a successful career is wanting to get better."

After years of playing other sports like soccer and football, he was about ready to give cross country a whirl. And about

four years later, Bond proved he made the right decision. He ended his senior season a Division 1 regional champion, a Division 1 All-State performer and now as our 2016 Tri-County Cross Country Runner of the Year. Our Female Runner of the Year is another Fenton harrier, Alexa Keiser. However, based on his regional championship performance and his seventh-place finish at the state meet, Bond has won the overall

title.

Bond said he always wanted to run cross country, so he decided to go for the team starting in ninth-grade, a tad later than many others who may start in middle school.

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ANDREW BOND
Fenton's Division 1 All-State runner is our 2016 Cross Country Runner of the Year. Bond won a regional championship and finished seventh at the state meet.

Sports Times

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Warford captains our volleyball team again

■ Fenton senior sparks Tigers to best Class A season in school history

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When it comes to emotion, Jess Warford isn't one to show much of it while playing on the volleyball court.

It doesn't matter if she just pounded down a set point against a rival. It doesn't matter if she's in pain due to a bad ankle sprain. If you are looking to see any change of emotion on the Fenton senior's face while she plays volleyball, chances are you'll be waiting a long time to see those expressions.

But what you will see consistently is her leaping into the air for what seems minutes at a time, convinced she must be leaping off a trampoline to get the height she accomplishes on her attacks. What you will see are some of the strongest velocity hits you may expect outside of an Olympics match being pounded on the opposition time and time again. And with most, you can expect them to be deadly accurate.

For Warford, emotion is a bit overrated. Results count. Warford has some impressive results on her side. The senior outside hitter led the Fenton Tigers to their first-ever Class A state semifinal trip, earning her Class A All-State Honorable Mention status. And for the second straight year she's earned another honor — the Tri-County Volleyball Player of the Year award.

"We always joke to her that she needs to show more emotion on the court after she makes a great play," Fenton varsity volleyball coach Jerry Eisinger said. "But it's not necessarily a part of her outward nature. She probably smiles internally, but she doesn't let it show externally very often."

"That makes total sense," Warford said when told it's hard to figure out her emotional status while competing. "I get that a lot from coaches. Coaches hate it. They say I should really cheer, but when I get (a kill) I want to get to the next point. I get excited and want to keep (the action) going I guess."

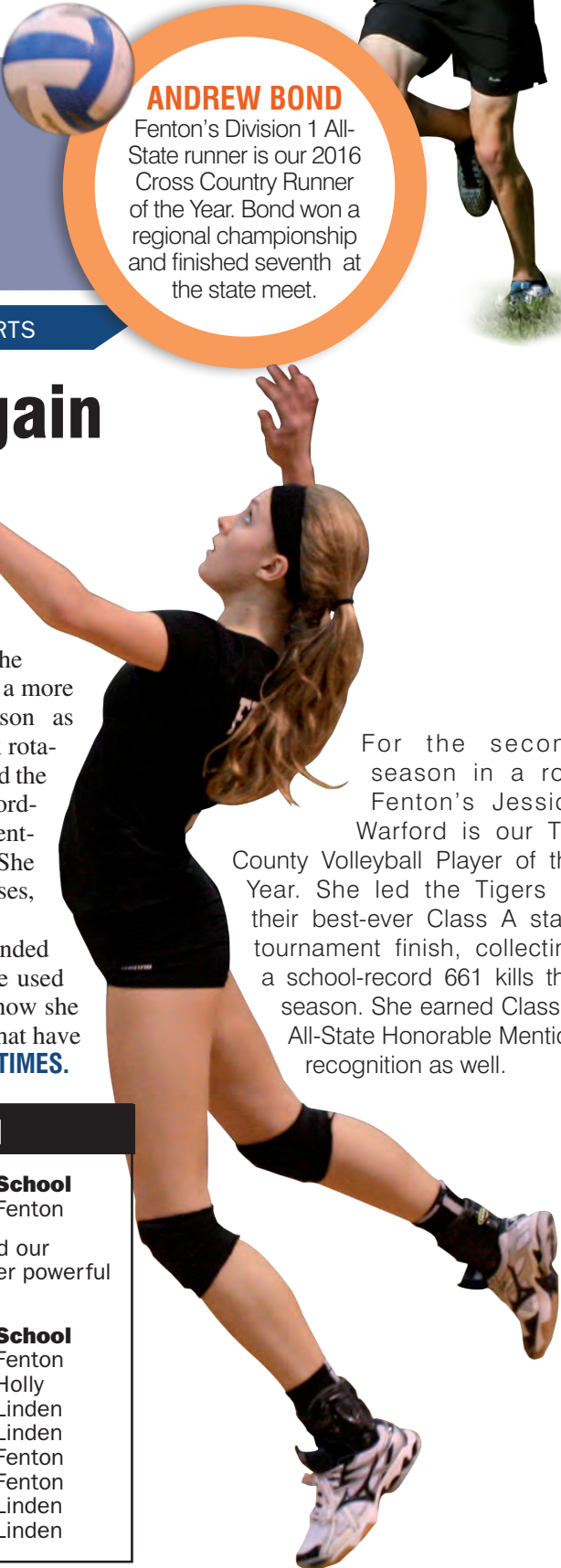
Warford's career at Fenton has been well worth cheering about. This year she broke a school record by pounding down 661 kills, shattering Emily Idoni's record of 553 kills in 2008. She pounded down

those kills in 1,587 attempts, posting a 42 percent kill percentage. She also had 17 solo blocks and 47 assisted blocks while playing in the front row. Warford became a more complete player this season as well, usually playing all six rotations on the court. She ended the season with 422 digs, recording a 72 dig success percentage and posting 53 aces. She also had 335 successful passes, passing at 88 percent.

"She's a more well-rounded player," Eisinger said. "She used to just pound the ball, but now she has developed more shots that have

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For the second season in a row Fenton's Jessica Warford is our Tri-County Volleyball Player of the Year. She led the Tigers to their best-ever Class A state tournament finish, collecting a school-record 661 kills this season. She earned Class A All-State Honorable Mention recognition as well.



ALL TRI-COUNTY VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Volleyball MVP	Grade	Pos	School
Jess Warford	Senior	Outside Hitter	Fenton

Comment: For the second season in a row, Jess Warford has earned our honor by presenting constant fear in opponent's defenses through her powerful hitting arm. She finished her season with a school-record 661 kills.

Rest of first team	Grade	Pos	School
Chloe Idoni	Sophomore	Mid/Out hitter	Fenton
Katie LaClair	Junior	Back row	Holly
Allison Conly	Junior	Outside hitter	Linden
Emma O'Keefe	Senior	Right side hitter	Linden
Kiley Aldred	Senior	Setter	Fenton
Taylor Mowery	Senior	Back row	Fenton
Morgan Fitch	Senior	Setter	Linden
Breyanna Turnipseed	Senior	Middle hitter	Linden

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2016 was filled with many memories

By David Troppens

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It's the start of a new year.

And with the start of the new year, that usually means looking back at the year that just finished, and looking for that 365-day span's biggest stories.

The sports staff has selected 12 stories or themes that we thought best represented 2016. This list is different than our top team polls in that popularity and tradition does play a role in these polls. This means some of the higher profile sports have an advantage. Also, teams that are traditionally strong may have a disadvantage. This week's edition will detail the 12th through seventh selections.

No. 12 – Fenton's Jake Lee wins D1 3,200-meter run title: Fenton's Jacob Lee capped his impressive prep running career last spring by winning the Division 1 3,200-meter run event title with a time of 9:07.72. He won his title by a reasonably comfortable amount, defeating Rockford's Isaac Harding's second place time of 9:10.56. This could've rated higher, but it was just one individual versus most of the other events involving teams.

No. 11 – Fenton residents play large role in Michigan return to college football's elite teams: Fenton residents Matthew Godin and Kenny Allen have played a huge role in the Michigan Wolver-

ines' sudden return as one of the nation's top 10 teams. Allen is the team's starting punter, place kicker and field goal kicker and has had an outstanding senior season. Godin is a starting defensive tackle and has also had a strong season. Both played in this week's Orange Bowl against Florida State.

No. 10 – Lake Fenton football wins the Genesee Area Conference Red Division title: The Blue Devils not only won the GAC Red Division title, but did so with an undefeated 5-0 mark. It marked the first time since 2007 that the Blue Devils earned at least a share of the GAC Red crown and the first time since 2006 that Lake Fenton won the title with a perfect record. Lake Fenton crushed its first four foes, setting up a third battle with Corunna in 53 week's time. Lake Fenton won this battle 22-20, earning the league crown with a perfect record.

No. 9 – Cross country teams continue to dominate: The tri-county area had two league champions, had three teams qualify for state meets and had five all-state runners this fall. During the regular season, Fenton's boys and girls teams were the talk of the area, cruising to outright Metro League championships.

When the postseason came around, it was Linden's squads and the upsurging Lake Fenton boys team that took center-stage,

all qualifying for the state meet as teams. Lake Fenton surprised area power Linden by finishing 15th at the state meet, while the Linden boys took 20th. The Linden girls were the area's top squad in any race, placing 12th at the state meet. The Eagles were led by All-State runners Alia Frederick and Audrey Steiert. Meanwhile, the Fenton cross country teams had three individual qualifiers — Andrew Bond for the boys and Alexa Keiser and Cambria Tieman for the girls — earn All-State honors as well.

No. 8 – Fenton girls basketball's tournament run: The Tigers had a strong regular season, finishing at 14-6, but it wasn't until the postseason that Fenton really made news. The Tigers captured a Class A district title by defeating Linden, Brandon and Holly in the hosted by Brandon High School. Fenton had a solid senior class combined with freshman Chloe Idoni inside the paint, making the run possible. The tournament run didn't end there, however. Idoni scored 32 points in Fenton's 58-46 victory against Stoney Creek in the Class A regional semifinals. When the team played Port Huron Northern in the regional final, the Tigers were regarded as the underdogs.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES
MARK BOLEN

Lake Fenton's varsity football team (above) went undefeated in Genesee Area Conference Red Division action, winning a conference title. Fenton's Jacob Lee (left) won the Division 1 state 3,200-meter run event during the spring.

BOND

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"I was always a pretty good runner and I had tried all the other fall sports like soccer and football a try, so I decided to give running a try and I fell in love with the sport," Bond said.

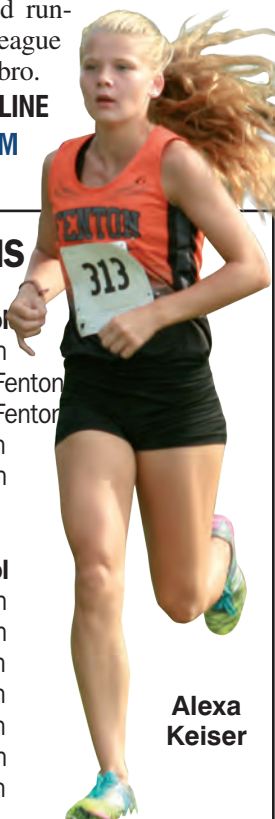
"I like the competitiveness of the sport but at the same time while we are extremely competitive, we have a great respect among opponents. Outside the meets, everyone is a friend and we are all friendly with each other."

Bond's season

Bond didn't go into the season as the favorite to become our Tri-County Cross

Country Runner of the year. Those honors went to a few other names — teammate Dominic Dimambro, girls teammate Keiser and Linden runner Alia Frederick were names that popped up first. So, Bond had to earn his right to be among those leaders. He began the season with three straight top-four finishes in the team's first trio of meets. By the second Metro League jamboree he finished second, only behind Dimambro. He also finished runner-up at the league meet to Dimambro.

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Alexa Keiser

ALL TRI-COUNTY CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS

Boys team

Names	Grade	School
Andrew Bond - Runner of the Year	Senior	Fenton
Isaac Golson	Senior	Lake Fenton
Thomas Mueller	Senior	Lake Fenton
Tyler Buchanan	Freshman	Linden
Mitchell Chabot	Junior	Fenton
Michael Ponkey	Senior	Holly

Girls team

Names	Grade	School
Alexa Keiser - Female of the Year	Freshman	Fenton
Cambria Tiemann	Sophomore	Fenton
Alia Frederick	Senior	Linden
Audrey Steiert	Sophomore	Linden
Hannah Wabel	Freshman	Linden
Abbey Lee	Sophomore	Fenton
Taylor Acox	Sophomore	Linden

Note: The teams, and Runner of the Year, were selected by the sports staff using two equations that are based on the three biggest meets of each season - the final league meet, regionals and the state meet for those who competed at the event.

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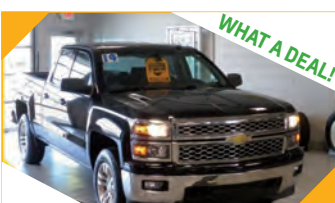
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