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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.

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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 incontinence. More than a third develop gallstones. Alarmingly, according to the New York Times, one study calculated suicide rates for patients 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.

Diet 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

By Vera Hogan • vhogan@tctimes.com; 810-433-6823

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, 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 old.

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THE LIGHTER SIDE OF THE TIMES
MEMORABLE FEATURE STORIES FROM 2016

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Come Heller high water

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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 actual 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 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.

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What changes would you like to see in 2017?

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I’D LIKETO 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 PARENTLY 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 gone and cannot possibly do any more damage than he already has, he stafls 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 being in retail for over 30 years this was, by far, the worst Christmas season. People are so rude, obnoxious and destructive. Where are your principles and manners? Sad 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
Happy New Year!

SOLD IN 2016

Wishing you a happy, healthy and prosperous 2017!

JohnTremaine.com
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
- Fenton
  - 1011 Fabrics
  - Cancun Mexican Restaurant and Cantina
  - Device Doctors
  - Down Home Interiors/Down Towne Apparel
  - El Topo
  - Fenton Fine Used Cars
  - Fenton Fireworks
  - Hamilton Physical Therapy
  - HSP Studio & Imaging, Inc.
  - LaMarsa Mediterranean Cuisine
  - L. George’s Coney Island
  - Luscious Looks Hair & Spa
  - Metro PCS
  - Northern Country Chic
  - Sugar Shack
  - Sunfly’s Boots
  - The Green Olive Tree
  - The Pipe Depot
  - The Relief and Resource Co.
  - Vitality Accupressure Massage Therapy
  - Maurices
  - Famous Footwear
  - Ulta Beauty
  - MRI

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

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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.
Q: My wife hit a curb with the right tire in our 2005 Ford Taurus. The tire is rubbing on the fender well, the steering is pulling hard left, and it makes a grinding sound. I put my spare on because I thought the rim was bent, but the steering is pulling still. The grinding tire doesn’t rub, but squeals when turning opposite from the pull. — Robert

A: Robert, This sounds like you have a bent steering and/or suspension part that will need to be looked at on a hoist and replaced or straightened if possible. After that you will need to get a wheel alignment to confirm that everything is running true again and not causing any tire wear or steering issues that could make your vehicle unsafe to drive.

FURMANCZYK-URBAN
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.

Most viewed online stories of 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, 15, a Fenton High School student.

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-Joie 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: 26,280
   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, Jacqueline 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 woman 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 jigger
   Views: 19,854
   On July 30, 2016, Alexandria “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.
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.

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Robert Dennis, 41, formerly of Fenton, was charged with first-degree criminal sexual conduct with a minor under the age of 13 in Genesee County. Dennis was sentenced to 30 to 50 years in state prison for the Oakland County case.

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

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

Lentils
When cooked, lentils plump up 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 “Skippin’ Jenny,” meant to demonstrate frugality and promote prosperity in the new year.

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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 alongside her co-worker, Tamara Johnson, 45, of Mt. Morris, by a 54-year-old woman named Jacqueline 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 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 the Michigan State Police at 1-855-MICH-TIP (642-4847) or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-SPEAK-UP (773-2587).

TRAGEDIES

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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.

I’m Keith Meadows, owner and operator of Power Vac. Air Duct Cleaning. For years I’ve been improving our community’s health one family at a time. By now, we’ve all heard the statistics: 50% of all illness is a direct relation to dirty indoor air and that it’s 90 times more polluted than outdoor air. Yet, 90% of the calls that I receive everyday are from people complaining about dust, tell me they dust the TV on Friday but by Sunday they are pushing the dust out of the way again so they can watch America’s Got Talent and none of them know exactly where it’s coming from. Well I’m here to tell you that you’re not a bad housekeeper. I tell people that by looking at it, you see a mouth full of cavities. To help them I try to get an idea of their eating habits and lifestyle. 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 not grit their teeth faster than I can fix them and will ultimately lose their teeth to decay and cavities. It is not just soda pop that is the culprit; but also energy drinks, sugar seasoned 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 lifestyle.

Are you thinking about your teeth? Do you want beautiful smiles? Do you want more confidence when you smile? Do you want more freedom to laugh and dance and feel the joy of stepping out and being comfortable in your skin? You can have all of this and much more at Sulfaro Family Dentistry.

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Which brings me to my next point - choosing an air duct cleaning company. We have the equipment that is powerful enough to get the job done right, a PowerVac truck. It’s the most powerful equipment in the industry, the truck motor actually powers the equipment and it’s able to generate 16,000 cfm (cubic feet of air per minute) of vacuum. Most competitors opt for the cheaper, portable equipment attached inside of a van that’s only capable of moving 4,000 cfm. To put things into perspective, your furnace moves 2,000 cfm. So basically what’s coming out of your register. The power vacuum truck we invest in offer quadruple the amount of vacuum than most other companies.

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3295 W Silver Lake Rd. Fenton
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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 it 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 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 DrRezze, 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-stripping.

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.

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.

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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.

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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 materials. For artist Joshua Russell, all they see is a slab of drab building materials. (published June 1, 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**

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 Sept. 4, 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 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 “War of the Worlds.”

**Linden man takes a gamble with casino life**

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 Continued from Front Page**

He owned the once popular and now closed Chasse 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 nearly a year later, 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.

LaJoice 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, LaJoice 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 LaJoice’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.

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

In federal court, LaJoice 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, LaJoice 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.

LaJoice’s properties, including his multi-million dollar home in Tyrone Township, were sold to help pay restitution.

SkyPoint Ventures executed a purchase agreement to acquire the Fenton City commercial properties earlier this summer.

The properties that SkyPoint Ventures has purchased include 229 W. Caroline St., the now-vacant lot where LaJoice 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.

LaJoice 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 LaJoice and his wife, Ashleigh.

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

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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look back
at this week in NATIONAL HISTORY

Compiled by Vera Hogan

Jan. 1
1973: Phoeann 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 hits 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 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 the USSR in 1949.
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 it 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.

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

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’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.

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

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Jeoffrey 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 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 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, 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, 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 “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.
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

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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 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 553 kills in 2008. She pounded down 661 kills, shattering Emily Idoni’s record 4 years later, Bond proved he made the right decision. He ended his senior season a Division I 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, Alexx Keiser. However, based on his regional championship performance and his seventh-place finish at the state meet, Bond has won the overall title.

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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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For 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 CONTINUED ONLINE AT TCTIMES.

ALL TRI-COUNTY VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Volleyball MVP
Jess Warford

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.

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2016 was filled with many memories

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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 Lake Lee wins D1 3,200-meter run title: Fenton’s Jacob Lee capped his impressive prep running career last spring by winning the Division I 3,200-run event title with a time of 9:07.72. He won his title by a reasonably comfortable amount, defeating Rockford’s Isaac Harder’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 Wolverines’ 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 cruised 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 upsizing 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 Keiser and Cambria Tiemann 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 regionals semifinals. When the team played Port Huron Northern in the regional final, the Tigers were regarded as the underdog.

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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 as I 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, but only behind Dimambro. He also finished runner-up at the league meet to Dimambro.

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ALL TRI-COUNTY CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS

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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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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.