Newspapers are critical to maintaining economically healthy and civically active communities

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George enlisted in the Navy and admits he was lonely being so far from home. He was away at sea in the Navy for two years. The couple wrote and saved more than 50 letters to each other in 1956 and 1957.

Pierrette and George LaMarche have been married 60 years as of Thursday, Feb. 8. They are great-grandparents. Before they were married, George was away at sea in the Navy for two years. The couple wrote and saved more than 50 letters to each other in 1956 and 1957.

As soon as I read it, I went to Havana and bought an engagement ring, strapped it on my pants around the bottom of my right leg.

George LaMarche
Married to Pierrette for 60 years

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She spoke French, he spoke English — couple celebrating 60 years of marriage

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The young couple grew up in the same town of Lachute, Quebec, Canada, but his family spoke English, while her family spoke French.

As kids, but didn’t become close friends until they were both 19. George enlisted in the Navy and admits he was lonely being so far from home.

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Come Heller high water...

I know many adults are struggling to understand why teenagers across the country are chewing on laundry detergent pods.

I believe I can bring some clarity to this question. It’s because they’re morons.

I do not say that to be insulting. I say it because: A) I was a teenage boy once, and B) I have raised three teenagers, two of them boys.

So I know whereof I speak.

In my experience, boys are far dumber than girls, who tend to reserve their teenage stupidity for random acts of meanness against other girls they feel competitive with. (Ladies, correct me here if I have that wrong. But the worst I can remember is when my daughter Annie doing was gossiping darkly about the girls on the cheerleading squad.)

Boys, on the other hand, tend to do intentionally stupid stuff to get attention or because they think it’s going to be funny. You can always tell a boy is going to do something totally idiotic when it’s preceded by the words, “Watch this...”

In my case, I once got caught pegg- ing crab apples at cars with my pals Mike, Pat, and Jig. We were quite the gang of thugs. As I recall, I hid in tall grass about 20 yards back from the road with Pat while Mike and Jig were in the branches of a tree overarching the road. The idea was to hit the car from the side and the top, which seemed like absolute genius to us at the time — I mean, the side AND the top, can you imagine how cool?

Anyway, we nailed a couple of cars before the entire city police force showed up, this being a major, major event in a town like Escanaba, a veritable crime wave. I ended up getting a stern lecture at the police station about how lobbing crab apples was a gateway to a life of crime.

I honestly don’t remember why we decided denting cars with crab apples would be a great and adventurous way to kill an afternoon. And from the perch of adulthood I am damned sure I’d view an apple attack on my car as evidence that society is falling apart.

But the truth is it just seemed like the thing to do at the moment. Teenagers do stupid stuff. That’s really all there is to it.

The type and degree of stupidity, I think, varies by generation. For instance, when I was a kid we wouldn’t have eaten laundry detergent because our parents (aka ‘homicidal Nazis’) intentionally made us eat soap if we swore or lied. It was called “cleaning your mouth out.” My parents favored Zest. I still can’t use it to this day.

I do think today’s teens and young adults have drifted toward more self-destructive stupidity, and that’s rightly got people concerned. We can search all we want for the deep, dark, sociological or psychological reasons behind the Tide pod phenomenon. And the cinnamon craze before that. And the gallon challenge (where someone tries to chug a gallon of water or milk) before that. (What is it with this generation and ingesting stuff?) But in the end, teens do stupid things because teenagers are stupid. It’s kinda that simple.

You just gotta hope they survive to become adults who shake their head at the dumb things teenagers do.

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If money were no object, how would you spend your time?

“Traveling. I would like to take care of my family and take them on vacation and see things I’ve never seen before.”

“Would spend my time on a beach, and go a long way to get there.”

“I would probably go to a beach, and go a long way to get there.”

“I would travel to Hawaii again. I went there once. I would probably go to Europe, too.”

“Fishing. I like to go to the Saginaw Bay, Lake Erie and the Detroit River, anywhere I can.”

“I would probably go to Scotland because I went there once before and I loved it, it’s beautiful.”

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When someone overdoses it’s not pretty

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This is the third and final article in a three-part series about the growing, and sadly, drug abuse crisis ranging across America.

The first two parts of this series addressed the opioid epidemic, which can be the prelude to heroin abuse and worse drugs, such as fentanyl and those that are making their way to Michigan — bromodal and “Rizzy.”

What some people may not realize is what happens to someone’s body when they overdose on heroin or worse.

Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff said, “Obviously this is a touchy subject and describing what it’s like can be difficult, but I am a proponent of telling kids what to really expect. It’s no different than vehicle accidents, guns, and suicide.”

“The thing kids, or adults, need to realize is it’s not like on TV. When someone overdoses it’s not pretty,” Cairnduff said.

“It’s not you simply pass out and someone gives you some medication and you’re all better.

“It’s sad, disgusting, and pathetic. People can die instantly or it can be a long drawn out death. Sometimes people die instantly from the overdose, so quick that help can’t get to them in time,” he said.

“It’s not uncommon to find people with the needle still in their arm. That’s how fast it can affect you and kill you.”

“We can in fact revive people with Narcan, but it typically isn’t pretty,” Cairnduff said. “The medication Narcan, how it works, is that it instantly stops the effect of the opiate and puts the user into a state of withdrawal. At that point, people can become very violent. In fact, we have safety protocols in place for when we administer it. People vomit, urinate, and defecate on themselves. It is not something I would wish on anyone.”

“Then there are the family and friends that may see them. It is something they will never forget seeing,” Cairnduff said. “We are responders that live in the community we protect, and it really is hurtful and sad when we encounter someone we know and see the grief of those around them.”

Unfortunately, television glorifies things and makes it seem better than it is, he added. This goes for most things. That is something people need to realize. “I hate to see TV shows that show people dying in a peaceful and almost graceful way. That is not reality. Death is not pretty especially when it’s from trauma or from things like an overdose,” Cairnduff said.

When someone overdoses it’s not pretty.
**Deadly flu virus can live on all these everyday items**

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The spread of the flu in Michigan is considered "widespread," according to a report by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

In the state, doctors are dealing with 535 positive influenza-related hospitalizations since Oct. 1, 2017. Those affected include 30 children and 505 adults. The report stated that many of these outbreaks occur in assisted living facilities and schools.

Across the nation, 37 children have died so far this winter season of the flu, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). While a vaccine is advised, there are other preventative measures possible to take, such as cleaning.

Chuck Gerba, Ph.D, who is a microbiology professor at the University of Arizona, told WebMD that 80 percent of cell phones in homes that have a child with the flu have the virus on them.

Other places that carry the virus include the TV remote control, bathroom faucets, tables, computers, stuffed animals, and sheets and blankets.

**WHAT TO WAS TO AVOID THE FLU: Toys** — If you have kids in the house make sure to wash or wipe down all of their toys. If they have play dates with other kids, they might be carrying the flu virus on them.

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**WHAT TO WASH TO AVOID THE FLU**

- TVs
- Cell phones
- Refrigerator doors
- Door handles
- Counter tops
- Shelves
- Table tops
- Any other electronic devices people regularly touch need to be cleaned if left unchecked.

Germs spread easily in a home and they could infect the entire house if left unchecked. Clean countertops, the stove top, refrigerator door, the coffee pot handle, the salt and pepper shakers, the drawer handles, and anything that people touch.

The sink and surrounding areas carry numerous germs as well, and make sure to wash any dish clothes and throw away any sponges that are old.

**Vehicles** — Your home isn’t the only place the flu virus can infect someone. Your car can carry germs on the seats, on the door handles, on the knobs to change

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**Corridor study — what was hoped for vs. what happened**

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Imagine a Trader Joe’s on Thompson Road, or a boutique and a grocery store, like Trader Joe’s, senior care facilities, of the types of commercial development discussed during the planning conversations for previous planning.

“Obviously, the Miller Industries development was nice, but I think their vision was more a retail corridor and it’s really not going to be,” Tucker said. “It’s really going to be more of a manufacturing corridor.”

On the south side of the road, the corner of Thompson and Torrey roads, on the northeast side of the road, the community members had in mind 16 years ago when the 2002 Thompson Road Corridor study was done by Rowe Incorporated, which is now Rowe Professional Services Company.

Instead, Thompson Road is home to the manufacturing company, Miller Industries, and a few commercial developments, including Freeway Sports Center Inc. McDonald’s, Fenton Lanes and other businesses.

Treasurer and Planning Commissioner John Tucker said, “The general consensus was that folks preferred a community center plan, and that was known to the participants, but the participants may have come up with a different vision for what would happen in that area,” he said.

When the site plan was to be approved for Miller Industries, there was no way to implement what was desired from the corridor study because the zoning for that development had been approved before the study even existed. Tucker said this is why development has not matched the “wish list.”

Now, 16 years after the study, the area between U.S. 23 and Torrey Road has a much more industrial feel.

“Personally, I don’t think the vision under the corridor study for that area is realistic in light of actual development that has occurred in the area. Consequently, it may be necessary to move the envisioned retail areas east of Torrey Road where the land is still relatively undeveloped,” Tucker said, adding that these are issues they’re looking at when updating the Master Plan.
Schools of Choice — some schools win, some schools lose

By Tim Jagielo

Abigail Zayan, 16, is from Gaines Township, but she only knows Linden Community Schools. “I’ve enjoyed making friends and memories at Linden schools,” she said. “My schedule is a little crazy sometimes because school starts so early.”

It takes her a little longer to get to Linden High School, but she wouldn’t have it any other way. Under the optional Schools of Choice (SOC) program, her family opted for Linden Community Schools (LCS) instead of Swartz Creek Schools (see sidebar).

All Michigan school districts have the option to open their schools and programs to students outside their residential coverage area, as allowed under the State School Aid Act. With SOC, public school districts have a chance to attract more students — though they run the risk of losing students as well.

Every student attending a local district is worth more than $7,500 in state funding, according to Julie Williams, superintendent of Lake Fenton Community Schools. “We feel fortunate that so many families want to be a part of our Lake Fenton family,” she said.

Many enter the district their kindergarten year.

Inversely, there are 261 district residents who attend school elsewhere. “This year our student count was actually down a few students,” said Hartley. “Without Schools of Choice, we probably would have been down more than 40 students which would have impacted our budget significantly.”

Linden Community Schools (LCS)

LCS lost 267 students through SOC. Linden Superintendent Russ Ciesielski said there are 259 students entering LCS through Schools of Choice. This includes new students and continuing students.

There are 526 students who opted out of the district. Ciesielski said his district tracks students for enrollment purposes, and that the numbers have been consistent, allowing for budget planning.

Holly Area Schools (HAS)

According to Superintendent Dave Nuss, his district has 183 SOC students, canceling from 17 other districts.

HAS has no restrictions on SOC student enrollment, save for severe disciplinary issues from the student’s home district. “We believe in choice, and we attempt to offset students who might leave HAS for a closer district by allowing students to attend HAS if they believe we are the best fit for their education,” he said via email.

One family’s perspective

Madeleine Zayan, 18, and Abigail Zayan, 16, live in Gaines Township, and technically reside in the Swartz Creek school district, but have always attended Linden Community Schools. Their mother, Heidi Zayan, said this was due to their actual proximity to Linden schools. “The girls were in daycare in Linden and my husband and I worked south of Linden so it was on the way to work. We live in Gaines/Swartz Creek school district but the schools were north and out of our way... Great academic support, student programs and athletics have made their experiences positive,” she said. Madeleine graduated in 2017 and Abigail is a junior at Linden High School.

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Amy Golomski takes a photo of her daughter, Chelsea, 8, at her first day back to Linden Elementary School on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2017. Parents who send their children out of district are still responsible for home-district millages.

SOC can mean flexibility to change districts, or change schools within a district, providing the local board of education has opted in to SOC.

Depending on the SOC program, the home district or school may have to approve a release of records to allow a student to leave the district, or school. When utilizing SOC, districts aren’t required to transport students.

Districts can limit the number of students, programs, grade levels or buildings that are accessible by SOC. The only grounds for refusal are previous expulsions or suspensions or current felonies by students.

Some may only allow students to go to different buildings. Others may limit the amount of students that may change to their district.

Brian Ciloski, a specialist with the Michigan office of State Aid and School Finance, said that statewide, approximately 1 to 2 percent of students enter a district under SOC.

Local districts and Schools of Choice

Each year, the student count for each district changes slightly. For example, sometimes a district will lose local students because they move away, but gain the difference through SOC. The following enrollment numbers are based on the most recent available data. According to local superintendents, these are representative of the average enrollment trends. Districts must draft their budgets based on previous enrollment figures.

Fenton Area Public Schools (FAPS)

FAPS gained 100 students through Schools of Choice. Superintendent Adam Hartley said that the district brings in 547 students annually on average, approximately 1 to 2 percent of students entering FAPS under SOC. The district has gained 40 students, save for severe disciplinary issues.

Fenton High School (FHS) gains and loses students, depending on the number of students who attend school elsewhere. “This year our student count was actually down a few students,” said Hartley. “Without Schools of Choice, we probably would have been down more than 40 students which would have impacted our budget significantly.”

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Hartley said students may attend parochial schools, be homeschooled, or leave the area for another district. “I view SOC as just that — a choice,” said Hartley. “Families have the ability to choose which school their child attends based on want or need and not based on their address.”

Hartley said that SOC has made districts more competitive, and more communicative about their “points of pride,” so that families better understand prospective districts.

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Local woman in running for Ms. Veteran America

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Everyone who has ever watched a Miss America competition know...
Local residents have options in Hartland, Fenton and Milford schools

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Do you miss summertime swimming? You may think swim time is put on hold when the lakes are frozen over, but local residents have a few options if they want to swim some laps or have fun in a pool.

**Hartland Caroselli Aquatic Center**

The Hartland Caroselli Aquatic Center, which is roughly 20 minutes south of Fenton, offers adult open swim, splash and play, lap swim, a play area, and more.

Fenton resident Penny Abner said she takes her grandkids to the center as often as she can.

“They love it and get exercise. I use the hot tub and the lazy river,” she said. It’s a nice, clean area, she said, and all the pools are “wonderful.” The center also has a large pool with a diving board for older swimmers.

“They accommodate the real small children with a small slide and a place to play. The only thing I am afraid of is we are revealing our gem,” she said.

On Facebook, Fenton resident Lauren Denton said, “I teach first grade in Hartland and I take my first-graders there every spring. They love it there and stay busy for the full two hours. Plus, the staff and lifeguards there are very organized and alert so I feel like all my kids are very safe even when I can’t personally watch every single one of them.”

**Fenton High School**

Through Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation, there are open swim times at Fenton High School throughout the year. Lap swim is normally available Monday through Thursday, from 8-9 p.m., but from Jan. 2 through March 16, there is no evening lap swim. In February, seniors can go to Senior Splash at 11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and there are swim lessons on Saturday at 9:30 a.m., except for Feb. 24 when swim lessons start at 4 p.m.

**Huron Valley Pools and Fitness in Milford**

While a little farther away than Fenton High School and Hartland at 30 minutes south, Lakeland High School Pool and Milford High School pools offer lap swim and leisure pool time. Visitors can also take fitness classes, such as yoga, spin, water aerobics and more.

On Facebook, local resident Casey Coon said she prefers the Milford pools over the Hartland pools.

“They have much longer open swim hours and more for the kids to do. It also tends to be a lot less crowded and the hot tub is for ages 16 and up which is more pleasant for parents,” she said.

**TIMES AND COST**

**Hartland Caroselli Aquatic Center**

- From Jan. 3 to March 24, lap swim is open from 6 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Adult open swim is available from 6 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Splash and play is open from 10:30 to 11:25 a.m. Adult open swim and

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“’They accommodate the real small children with a small slide and a place to play.‘

Penny Abner
Fenton resident

The Hartland Caroselli Aquatic Center at Hartland High School offers a break from the snow and cold of this Michigan winter. Here, a child plays with a fountain, flanked by a pool and lazy river on Thursday, Feb. 8.
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THANK YOU FOR hearing, Fenton City. Last Monday it was a miserable drive on the roads and plows that hadn’t been seen in days. The Monday, early in the morning, the plow came through and I was able to get out on a freshly plowed road.

I WANT TO thank the James family for using their signs in Linden for putting up uplifting messages on them. We need more of those around the area. Thank you so much.

What you missed in the Midweek Times

The following are stories you may have missed in the Wednesday, Feb. 7, Midweek Times. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-3822.

First digital billboard coming to Fenton Township?
Billboard company hopes town- ship will amend ordinance to allow digital displays under state law.

Polar Plunge raises over $95,000
Annual event on Lake Fenton sees record number of pluggers and dona- tions.

Woman claims husband set her on fire
Holly police are investigating a possible attempted murder after a man allegedly set his wife on fire.

Strong ice, great chili attract big crowd
More than 2,000 people attend the annual Lobdell Lake Chili Cook-Off.

A look back at 1968
“Laugh-In” first aired in January of 1968. The weekly TV show was a pop-culture phenomenon.

Did Robert Wagner kill his wife, Natalie Wood?
Homicide investigators held a press conference in Los Angeles on Monday, are calling Wagner a “person of interest.”

Fenton Township to spend $21,600 to repair catch basins
The Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved spending $21,600 to repair four catch basins. The four locations are Cussewago Beach Street at Oak Street, 12260 Water Green Ct., and 12275 Water Green Ct. Each repair costs $5,400. The township will share the cost with the Genesee County Road Commission. The township will pay $2,700 to repair each basin. Supervisor Bonnie Mathis said, “This is definitely something we have to take care of. With all this snow, we’re going to have a lot of water.” The vote was 6-0. Trustee Vince Lorraine was absent.

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CHICKEN
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Andrew Charlesworth, 28, is facing a misdemeanor charge for the illegal possession of chickens at his Grove Park Road home. He appeared in front of Genesee County District Court Judge Mark McCabe in July 2017 when he pleaded not guilty. He and his wife, Jen, have kept chickens for nearly two years because they believed they could.

The couple’s defense attorney, Michael Manley, filed a brief and asked the judge to dismiss the case.

On March 2, the Charlesworths will be in court where Manley will argue that the zoning ordinance is too vague and that the judge should declare it unconstitutional.

Here are the arguments in the brief submitted by Manley:

1. The township’s ordinances do permit chicken keeping, or are not clear enough to allow a reasonable citizen to come to that conclusion, according to the brief. Manley argues that if a law is not “sufficiently clear” enough for an average citizen to understand, then that law is void for vagueness. According to the brief, the Charlesworths looked through the township’s ordinances to see if chickens were allowed. Chickens and poultry are not mentioned in the general ordinances. Poultry is mentioned in the definitions of the zoning ordinances in regards to agriculture and intensive feedlot operations.

2. The brief argues that chickens are common household pets, and therefore, allowed in R-4 residential zoning. According to the brief, “The Township defines pets as ‘such animals as may commonly be housed within domestic living quarters’ and household pets, keeping of as the ‘keeping of common household pets in a residence.’” However, a “common household pet” is not defined and is open to any judge’s interpretation.

3. The brief argues that even if chickens are not household pets, they are still allowed. The township does not expressly ban the keeping of chickens.

4. One ordinance specifically criminalizes the keeping of wild, dangerous, and vicious animals and explicitly states that “farm animals’ are not considered “wild.” A hen is the quintessential farm animal, and not one that may reasonably be categorized as ‘dangerous’ or ‘vicious,’” according to the brief.

The couple’s defense at trial will be in court on March 2.

HOLLY MAN
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learned that an injured 57-year-old woman had jumped from a back window to escape the home and was found by neighbors. The woman told officers that her husband set her on fire. Holly Police Chief Michael Story said Garnett had locked himself inside the home and did not respond to orders to come out. An officer obtained a phone number for Garnett and eventually convinced him to open the front door where officers made entry.

The suspect was taken into custody and placed in an awaiting EMS unit for evaluation. He was released to the custody of Holly police.

Story said the couple’s home will need to be aired out to get rid of the remaining gas fumes and some clothes and furniture items will need to be cleaned of fire damage.

Garnett is expected to be in court on Feb. 15 before Oakland County District Court Judge Joseph G. Fabrizio.

SUMMARY
A 55-year-old Holly man faces up to life in prison after being charged with dousing his 57-year-old wife with gasoline and lighting her on fire.

The Oakland County Sheriff’s Office Special Response Team (SRT) was requested while Holly officers and Michigan State Police troopers secured the scene. SRT fire investigators also responded.

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Rowland Thompson, executive director for Washington’s Allied Daily Newspapers, told a story last year that best explains the critical importance of small town newspapers.

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Thompson told the story of a family friend who passed away and he traveled to his hometown to attend the memorial service. His parents once owned the town’s weekly newspaper.

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Much like Jimmy Stewart’s character in the film, he got a chance to see what his little “Bedford Falls” would be like if the little newspaper wasn’t there for the community.

His first clue was that people he thought would be in attendance at the funeral service were not there. It was harder to get the word out about funerals and other important events without a local newspaper.

After the service, Thompson said he continued to get an earful from his old friends about the decline of community institutions because of a lack of publicity, reporting and interest.

School events and board of education meetings are poorly attended, and bond elections are more difficult to pass. City council meetings are more sparsely attended and vacancies on the council and other public boards and commissions are more difficult to fill.

Attendance at school sporting events has thinned. The organization of fundraisers and volunteer activities is hampered by the inability to publicize. The most important, however, is the steady decline in the small town’s business community because of the lack of inexpensive local advertising to promote local trade.

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BEFORE YOU BERATE the Democrats over dissing a Republican president, go back and look at the last eight years of how they treated President Obama.

WELL, HE SPENT another three or four million dollars down there in Florida once again.

WITNESS “CHICAGO POLITICS” at work.
and Nikki Brueger will be interviewed by Chris Hansen of Crime Watch Daily.
The interview will be broadcast at a date and time yet to be determined.

The brutal slaying of Alexandra "Ally" Brueger in July 2016 has captured the attention of a veteran TV journalist.

**The story**
Shortly after 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 30, 2016, Alexandra "Ally" Brueger, 31, of Rose Township, was shot while jogging along Fish Lake Road. She was shot in the back four times before collapsing in the yard of a private residence.

The homeowner found her bleeding in his front yard. He called 911 and tried to resuscitate her. She died later at Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc Township.

Brueger ran 10 miles every day for the past 10 years, until that deadly Saturday afternoon. She was a nurse at the time and on her way to becoming a successful writer.

Her killer has not yet been caught. Brueger was small in stature at 4-feet, 9-inches tall, weighing 98 pounds. Despite her small size, her parents said she was mighty in presence.

Her mother has often said that from the back, her daughter resembled a 12-year-old child. "Who would shoot a child in the back?" she asked.

**Keep the tips coming**
Anyone with information leading to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for the murder of Alexandra "Ally" Brueger is asked to call 1-855-MICH-TIP (642-4847) or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-SPEAK-UP (773-2587). The current reward, offered by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms ($5,000) and Crime Stoppers ($8,500) is $13,500.

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“There’s highs and lows in a marriage, and you gotta stick it out,” George LaMarche said. He added that as long as the elements of faith, family and friends are treated with importance, the marriage will work.

LOVE LETTERS
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“She told me in the letter she was going to have surgery to remove an ovary,” said George, now 81. “As soon as I read it, I went to Havana and bought an engagement ring and strapped it on my pants around the bottom of my right leg. I took a plane out of Florida, flew to New York, took a bus to Montreal, and then a train to go see her.

“We sat in a swing set in the backyard at her house, and I gave her the ring and asked her to marry me and she said, ‘Yes!’ We went inside and I asked her parents for permission to marry their daughter, and then I called my parents to get their permission.”

With just a long weekend and many miles to cover by bus, train and automobile, George was only with Pierrette in their hometown of Lachute for less than 24 hours. “But I can remember all the details of that day 60 years later,” he said.

On a harrowing trip back to the ship, which included being stranded at the Atlantic, Georgia airport for hours, George was on board three hours late and was considered AWOL by the Navy. “I had to go to the brig (prison aboard the ship) as soon as I got back and had to stay there until my division officer came and released me,” George said. He was sentenced to working 14 extra hours of duty cleaning grease traps on the ship.

Several weeks later, Pierrette had a successful surgery and the couple continued to write letters to each other, even though she couldn’t read English and George couldn’t read French.

On a snowy day in February 1958, George LaMarche and Pierrette Robertson stood at the altar of the Eglise de l’Immaculee-Conception in Lachute and began a love story that has spanned 60 years.

They have kept all their love letters tucked away during all the moves that eventually brought the LaMarche family to Holly, and then Tyrone Township, where they’ve lived the past 40 years.

“My mom didn’t speak a word of English when she married my dad and moved to the U.S.,” said the couple’s oldest daughter, Suzanne Heiple, 59, of Holly. They only spoke French at home and she remembers on her first day of kindergarten, wondering why the kids were speaking English, not French.

Heiple, who now serves on the Holly Village Council, also recalls her dad’s years as Holly village manager in the 1960s and early ’70s, when she was growing up.

It was tougher for her mother, Pierrette, to adjust to life in a new country where she didn’t know the language.

She learned English on her own by watching game shows and doing crossword puzzles. “It took about three years,” said Pierrette, who spent most of her time raising their three children, Suzanne, Gisele and Paul, while working part time and tutoring students in French.

The couple has been active all these years at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton, where George is a Past Grand Knight in the Knights of Columbus.

The LaMarches celebrated their 60th anniversary with a family party at their home on Feb. 8, which brought together many relatives from Canada and other parts of the U.S.

On another happy note, their son, Paul is marrying Heather Rice-Burroughs on Saturday, Feb. 10, adding another LaMarche to the couple’s family tree, which also includes six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.
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“It’s the first time I ever remember this happening,” said Fr. Robert Copeland, senior pastor at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton. “I’ve been a priest for over 20 years.”

Ash Wednesday and Valentine’s Day

Christians will observe Ash Wednesday on Feb. 14, signaling the period of 40 days before Easter, called Lent, when Jesus Christ journeyed into the desert praying and fasting after he was baptized. Many people fast during Lent as a form of spiritual self-denial, starting on Ash Wednesday. Lent ends on Holy Thursday on March 29, which commemorates Jesus’ last supper, before his crucifixion on Good Friday, March 30 and Easter, April 1, when he rose from the dead, according to Christian doctrine. Since Ash Wednesday kicks off Lent, its date is always exactly 46 days before Easter, so it is directly affected by what date Easter falls on that year.

That’s why Ash Wednesday’s date changes with the date of Easter, while the observance of the romantic holiday, Valentine’s Day, is always held on the same date, Feb. 14.

“I tell people I’ve been practicing putting a heart on foreheads instead of the cross,” Copeland joked. He is referring to the Christian practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of congregants, evoking the biblical passage. “For you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” “But it takes two hands and I’m not very good at that,” he added.

Copeland said that people can still meet the church guidelines for fasting on Ash Wednesday, while enjoying a Valentine’s Day meal with loved ones. These guidelines include one meatless meal (no chicken, cows, sheep, pigs, or birds, but fish is allowed), plus two small meals with no foods eaten in-between.

“Last year, we were as full as Christmas during our two Ash Wednesday services, so this year, we added another one at 6:30 a.m.,” Copeland said. Other services are at 8:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Easter and April Fool’s Day

Easter usually occurs between March 22 and April 25, coinciding with the March Equinox, a day when the sun shines directly on the equator and the majority of earth experiences nearly equal hours of sunlight and nighttime. Because Christ’s death and resurrection happened after the Jewish Passover (celebrated on the first full moon after the equinox), early Christians wanted Easter to always take place following Passover, according to countryliving.com. Easter falls on a different date because this holiday, like Passover, is tied to solar and lunar cycles.

Locally, Copeland doesn’t see any major issues with this year’s holiday mix. “For people of faith, it’s kind of a funny coincidence. It doesn’t really pose any real changes,” she said.

**EASTER DATES FOR THE NEXT 10 YEARS:**

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The temperature, the steering wheel, and other surfaces. Give the car a good cleaning if you’re worried about the flu, especially if you carpool with other families and regularly drive other kids around.

**AFTER SOMEONE IN YOUR HOUSE HAS THE FLU:**

Bedding — When the sick person is feeling better, wash the bed. Get rid of any lingering germs. People sweat more when they’re sick and can spread the illness to others. Make sure to wash sheets, comforters, throw blankets and pillows, and don’t forget to wash the couch cushions. Mattress covers are advised since they can be washed and disinfected.

Clothes — Wash all clothes that the sick person came in contact with. If there are clothes on the floor or on a nearby chair, wash those too. Germs travel through the air and can land on all surfaces of a room. Most people never think to wipe down their belts and other items they always wear.

New toothbrush — it’s recommended that after you get over an illness, to get a new toothbrush. Source: cleanandscentsible.com, webmd.com

**Summary**

- Mark your calendars carefully because several upcoming holidays, including Ash Wednesday and Valentine’s Day, will share the same date on Feb. 14, as will Easter and April Fool’s Day on April 1.

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Blue Devils’ team district championship string ends at seven, fall to Byron

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Durand — Yes, Vance Corcoran knew all season long his Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team has been going through a rebuilding season. He knew earning trophies was going to be tough. That included understanding that keeping the team’s seven-year team district championship string alive was going to be mighty tough.

But, once Wednesday came up, the date of this year’s team district meet, what he knew what he was thinking in his head and what his body was saying were probably two different thoughts. “I haven’t really been nervous all year,” Corcoran said. “I don’t have a kid wrestling this year and as a dad, every day every week I was fighting those nerves (in the past). But I really haven’t had that this year until today. Today meant something.”

The Blue Devils challenged Byron as well as they could, but the seven-year string of team district titles came to an end when Lake Fenton lost to the Eagles 45-33.

“I knew it was going to be an uphill battle with all of our voids and because we had some kids hurt,” Corcoran said. “But overall, it is what it is and congratulations to Byron. ... It’s nice to see their head coach, a good friend of mine, have some success.”

The championship match had six voids, but the Blue Devils had four of them, meaning they had to make up the deficit created by the voids, but it was hard to do.

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Holly sweeps Fenton, Linden for second time in eight days; Eagles shock Tigers in semis

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Fenton — Don Pluta knew he had a young team going into the 2017-18 prep wrestling season.

He knew the key to Holly’s wrestling season was going to be how his young wrestlers adapted to the varsity level.

Surprisingly, the young wrestlers have adapted pretty well.

Eight days after beating Fenton and Linden to finish the Metro League dual season undefeated, the Bronchos won a Division 2 team district title in a four-team bracket that included both of those teams once again on Thursday at Fenton High School.

Holly defeated Brandon 42-24 in its semifinal match, while Linden avenged a previous loss to Fenton 39-39 based on a tiebreaker, setting up a final against Linden. The Bronchos dominated that team district championship match 55-11, earning a spot in the D2 team regional tournament to be held at Goodrich High School on Wednesday. Holly will open in the semifinals against the Martians.

“It’s been quite a surprise for me how well we’ve done overall this season,” Pluta said. “I have these freshmen that keep battling. They are getting wins and not getting pinned for the most part. It’s been quite a surprise for me how well we’ve done overall, but those freshmen and some of the sophomores have been the key.”

The Bronchos (32-6), whose 32 dual wins are one short of the of the school record set in 2005, were dominant in the championship match against upset-minded Linden, winning all but three of the 14 matches against the Eagles. Five Holly wrestlers — Jared Callahan (119/125), Wyatt Scribner (130/135), Carsen Cuthbert (152), Cade Dallwitz (171) and Blake Querio (285) — each had 2-0 days.

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Tigers keep on a hot streak, defeat Trojans, 58-52

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Owosso may be one of the best representatives of just how competitive Metro League boys basketball play is this season. The Trojans are a good squad to look at for that as well.

At one time the Trojans were battling near the top of the standings, but Owosso has hit hard times in recent contests, losing four straight Metro League games entering Tuesday’s contest against Fenton.

The Tigers also have had their good runs and bad runs, but appear to be on a nice hot lately, winning four of its last five Metro League contests entering Tuesday night.

The Tigers (8-5 in the Metro) continued their recent strong trend by turning out a 58-52 victory at Owosso on Tuesday night.

“We played pretty well. They’ve been struggling but they are a good team,” Fenton varsity boys basketball coach John Gilbert said. “Our defense was really solid. We mixed it up and got some hands on some loose balls, got some steals and layups and they got us ahead in the game.”

In the first half, the Tigers gradually increased their lead. Fenton led 12-9 after one quarter and 26-18 at halftime. The lead hit its biggest point at a quarter break at the end of the third quarter when Fenton led 40-30.

“We played solid the whole way,” Gilbert said. “The only thing we didn’t do great was miss a couple of free throws that let them back in it. We played four quarters minus a couple of guys who are usually good free throw shooters missing some.”

Offensively, Addison McNtosh and David Pietryga continued their strong seasons. McNtosh netted a team-high 20 points while Pietryga had 19 points. Carson Bomefeld scored 20 points when Owosso (7-6 in the Metro) defeated Fenton Earlier in the season, but had just 10 points this game. Jordan Klapko had 13 points while Nick Prater netted 12 points. It was Prater’s first game in eight contests.

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Brockos headed to team regional tourney

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For as long as Joey Spencer can remember, he’s wanted to be a professional boxer. The Linden resident makes his professional debut on Saturday.

Linden’s Spencer making his pro boxing debut on Saturday

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Joey Spencer proudly displays one of his belts he earned as an amateur boxer. The Linden resident makes his pro boxing debut on Saturday.

Lake Fenton’s Jackson Nevadomski

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“Holly won the D2 team wrestling district title at Fenton on Thursday. (Top photo) Holly’s Nate Young wins a match. (Immediately above) Linden’s Jonathan Marme beats Thomas Conlorn in the final Fenton vs. Linden match.

Fenton David Pietryga
Idoni closing in on 1,000 points; Tigers beat Owosso

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The Chloé Idoni 1,000-point watch is on for the Fenton varsity girls basketball team.

Idoni is just 27 points away from 1,000 points during her prep basketball career after scoring 17 points in the Tigers’ 76-40 home victory against Owosso on Tuesday.

Only three Fenton players have ever reached 1,000 points during their career. Christina Rivette leads all scorers with 1,439 points, followed by Dru Bishop (1,182) and Gabrielle Rivette (1,140).

Owosso tried to stick with the Tigers for awhile, but the Tigers outscored Owosso 21-6 in the second quarter, resulting in a 36-21 halftime lead. Any chance of an Owosso comeback ended in the third quarter when the Tigers outscored Owosso 24-7.

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Online Exclusives

Lady Bronchos post strong win vs. Clio, 54-23

Defense has always been the Holly varsity girls basketball team’s calling card this season. It was once again on Tuesday.

It’s been a tough run for the Flint Metro League boys basketball team in recent weeks.

No victory comes easy during this Flint Metro League boys basketball season.

The Fenton varsity basketball team knew it had a tough task during Tuesday’s home contest against Kearsley.

Fenton cheer team places fourth at final Metro meet

The Fenton varsity competitive cheer team placed fourth at the Metro League competitive cheer meet of the season.

The Eagles pull away in second half, defeat Kearsley

It really doesn’t matter who anyone plays in the standings, pretty much anyone can give any team a good battle.

The Eagles lost a tough 65-25 verdict against the Hornets. Kearsley jumped to a 20-4 lead after one quarter and always led.

Fenton swimmers defeat St. Johns in dual

Finding competitive meets in the Metro League doesn’t happen very often for the Fenton varsity boys swimming and diving team. The Tigers have captured each of the last six Metro crowns, and have rarely been challenged.

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