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ONLINE COMMENTS

HOT LINES

4 The caller only noted that Hollywood and the media



soldiers who die for us and their country. Can't you people read?

44 I read in the Times that the ele-



living in Africa. Case closed." **11** agree, there is

hardly anything left on network television except

zombies

and reality shows.



More proof of how stupid we are becoming.

4The \$2 billion you claim Republicans spent 'to beat Obama' was their



Democrats want to give away our money. How naïve you are



By Tim Jagielo tjagielo@tctimes.com

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Fenton — What could have been a simple welfare check for a man who was rumored to have been off his medication turned

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into a nearly six-hour standoff with police Sunday evening.

Situation ends with arrest of man

for felonious assault — no injuries

It ended safely with the man attempting to escape from his second story window, where he was apprehended by Michigan State Police (MSP) around 8 p.m. He was charged with felonious assault for

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threatening police. The Freedom Park See **STANDOFF** on 11

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MSP, Fenton police and Genesee County Sheriff's deputies were present for the situation on Shiawassee Avenue in Fenton on Sunday. A man who threatened police had barricaded himself in his home, and was apprehended after he tried to escape.



Elephant draws controversy during Linden **Mills Days**

► Some cite animal cruelty, bombard organizers with disparaging comments

By William Axford

axford@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 An elephant brought to Linden for the Linden Mills Days this past weekend drew some controversy from animal rights activists. Flyers circulated condemning the treatment of Nosey (also known as 'Tiny' or 'Peanut') the elephant while children rode and fed the tusked animal. Organizers of See ELEPHANT on 7

If I felt this animal was abused in any way, I wouldn't have had it there. 77

Cyndi Roesner, organizer of the Linden Mills Days



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO Tom Liebel walks African Elephant Nosey back to her tent on Friday. Some felt the elephant was kept in inhumane conditions.

First-Try Triathlon a triumph for 'regular people'



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELO

Jon Wright of Knoxville, Tenn. high-fives brother-in-law Jamie Francek of Clawson, as he finishes the First-Try Triathlon in Linden on Saturday. Both lost 50 pounds leading up to the event, and both passed in just over an hour. "This is definitely a big moment for us," said Wright.

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Fenton amends fireworks ordinance

▶ Late night explosions could cost violators \$500 fine

By Ryan Tackabury news@tctimes.com

If you want to light off fireworks for the Fourth of July you will have to do so before 1 a.m.

New legislature passed by the state of Michigan has given local governments more power in regulating See FIREWORKS on 7

DDA's master plan likely to take years to implement

First projects will be highly visible this time next year

By Ryan Tackabury

news@tctimes.com There are a lot of projects currently coming to fruition in downtown Fenton. Next year will see the city of Fenton looking anew with the Cornerstone building, the Fire Hall restaurant, an expanded

community center and a renovated streetscap

To make all of this happen and leap from the page to reality, requires planning, forethought, and of course ----a lot of patience. The plan was drafted together by the city council, downtown development authority (DDA) and the planning commission six years ago.

"They were able to develop See PLAN on 11



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NEWSANDFEATURE

Police&Fire report

TEEN'S BIKE STOLEN

On Sunday, June 23, a Linden police officer was approached by a 16-year-old Linden male who reported that someone had stolen his bicycle. Police Chief Scott Sutter said the teen said that he had parked his red 20-inch Eastern BMX bicycle at Linden Elementary so that he could attend the carnival. When he returned a few hours later, his bicycle, which was not locked up, was missing. Police have no suspects.

ALL QUIET AT FESTIVAL

Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter said there were no police incidents related to the Linden Mills Days held in downtown Linden over the weekend. He said it was quite quiet.

ILLEGAL DUMPING

Fenton police responded to a business in the 3200 block of Silver Lake Road to investigate an illegal dumping complaint. The owner of the business said that someone illegally dumped several pieces of commercialgrade kitchen equipment in his dumpster, including sinks and countertops.

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> TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SUBMITTED PHOTO William Thurmond of Holly has his day brightened by visiting with therapy dog Bailey and her volunteer handler Dorothy Latchana at Genesys Regional Medical Center.

pot-bellied pigs, though dogs are the most common.

Not every animal can make the cut though — it takes the right temperament, a mixture of friendliness, patience, and a love of humans.

'There's actually volunteers who have dogs who went through a special training and once those dogs successfully complete the training, the volunteer and that particular dog come in and visit See PAW on 11

Lending a helping paw

▶ Trained therapy animals help brighten days, moods of hospital patients

By Ryan Tackabury

news@tctimes.com: 810-629-8282 They can be taught to fetch, sit, and shake, though there are many dogs that are trained

to perform a different set of therapeutic skills.

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | WILLIAM AXFORD

(Front) Kelly Smith speaks to Wendy Smith

as the two review the damages assessed to

her kitchen days after a tornado struck. Smith

is currently living in a rental home while her

insurance company is rebuilding her home.

In fact, it's not limited to just dogs, there are many different types of animals that qualify to become certified therapy animals — cats, rabbits, even

The many benefits of homeowners insurance

4 For a person

buying insurance,

they should really

someone local. 77

consider having

Linda Hathaway

Insurance in Fenton

Owner of Brad Hoffman

▶ Fenton Township resident thankful for comprehensive coverage, local agency

By William Axford

axford@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 Kelly Smith's home may be gone but

that doesn't mean the Fenton Township resident is homeless. Shortly after a tornado destroyed her home, Smith's insurance company worked to get a rental home on her property so she didn't have to live out of hotels or with family members. Smith said she is thankful her

insurance company, Brad Hoffman Insurance, had steered her toward getting comprehensive coverage for her home.

"They were out there the next day, helping us and inspecting the damage," Smith said. "They were wonderful. I heard a lot of horror stories from my neighbors. Some of them had to fight with their

insurance provider and a lot of them didn't even know where they were located."

Linda Hathaway, owner of Brad Hoffman Insurance, said Smith will be able to recover most, if not all of her items lost in the storm and that a new See **INSURANCE** on 12





Fast-food workers echo Occupy spirit

Labor unions have been knocked back, knocked down and knocked out for so long that a new generation of organizers is beginning to try something new. Instead of unionizing and then protesting, they're protesting first.

The new strategy involves helping workers to protest for more money and benefits and, after winning some victories, hope the workers will form a union. Perhaps you have seen — or been inconvenienced — by one of the protests that have sprung up since early April in Chicago, New York, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Detroit, Seattle and Washington, D.C., at fast-food restaurants and, in some cities, retail stores.

In the wake of the Occupy Wall Street protests, and public-worker union protests in Wisconsin and elsewhere, the issue of income inequality has a new urgency especially when private-sector union membership is down to 6.6 percent.

In the nation's capital, the local Fast Food Forward protests have a special federal flavor and it's aimed directly at the White House. Protestors asked President Obama to sign an executive order that would require contractors in federal facilities to increase what they pay their employees.

Raising the federal minimum wage was President Obama's central economic proposal in his State of the Union address in February. Increasing the wage to \$9 an hour from its current \$7.25 and indexing it to inflation would lift hundreds of thousands of families above the poverty line.

Republicans argue that raising the cost of labor will increase unemployment. But studies demonstrated in real-life experiments that raising the minimum wage did not result in labor loss, partly because it helped to reduce turnover. If the current federal minimum wage only kept up with inflation since its 1968 peak, it would now be \$10.58.

But, in the meantime, President Obama could bring some relief and set a good example. He has the power with his presidential pen to require a minimum wage increase for employees of businesses including fast food vendors that have contracts with the federal government. It wouldn't relieve all low-wage workers, but it would be a powerful place to start.

FROM A LOCAL gym's contract: 'This Membership cannot be cancelled by the member during the term indicated The Club has the right to suspend and/or cancel the membership at any time, for any reason or for no reason at all.' I will not be renewing. **PRETENDING TO BE** a

Republican. I believe that the government should stay out of people's lives,

except that everyone should practice my religion, put prayer back in schools, gays shouldn't be allowed to marry, drill everywhere but my back yard and just die if you don't have medical insurance.

YOU DON'T NEED a CDL for a camper. You only need a CDL if you're driving a vehicle designed to carry more than 16 people, or a vehicle carrying hazardous materials.

LOVE THAT LINDEN has a carnival. Disappointed in choice to allow an elephant to be on display and giving rides. There are so many reasons this is wrong. Makes me sad and left me avoiding the downtown/carnival area entirely.

WHEN LOVE IS created, earth's wounds heal a little more.' Let's be an example for our children. Let's stop getting so angry. Take a breath, learn to love and let it go.

REALLY, PAULA DEAN is fired from the Food Network and makes a tearful plea on TV for using the 'N' word. I don't understand how that phrase, which is used frequently amongst the black community to refer to themselves can be considered so devastating if a 'cracker' uses it.

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THE INTERNAL REV-**ENUE** Service sent 23,994 tax refunds worth a combined \$46,378,040 to 'unauthorized' alien workers who all used the same address in Atlanta, Ga., in 2011, according to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA).

WHAT A CRUEL and ignorant statement to make regarding James Gandolfini's death. James

Gandolfini was not Tony Soprano. He was an actor doing his job. He had a wife and children. I am amazed at your stupidity.

THE ELEPHANT IN Linden is a terrible shame. We don't go to the circus because of this kind of exploitation. Now we can't go through town without becoming ill due to this mistreatment. Why did the

City allow it?

OHYE OF narrow mind, President Obama is a Christian. Even if he were a Muslim, I think you'll find that the Christians, Jews and Muslims all worship the same God. Jews and Muslims just do not choose to worship a Jewish man alongside Him.

YOU SAY THE Republicans are sabotaging Mr. Obama. Well he had two years of Democrat control of congress when he took office. They did nothing save pass a stimulus that didn't work and ram Obamacare through with no Republican input whatsoever. The Democrats are ones who won't play ball!

WHEN I RECEIVE my Times, the first

thing I go to is Foster Child's column. The advice he gave to fathers is the best.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times



FROM THE RIGHT Cal Thomas Nationally syndicated um

Talking to the Taliban

After 12 years of fighting, the Taliban in Afghanistan have announced they are ready to talk peace with the United States. The Taliban opened a political office in Oatar. The talks will take place there, but without the Afghan government, which is refusing to take part in the 'peace' talks.

President Obama says there will be 'a lot of bumps in the road' during the talks. More like sinkholes. The history of talks with Middle East terrorist groups, apparently, has taught us little. It appears such groups use talks like these to mostly rearm and/or advance their cause until they can either get back to the killing field or enforce their political and religious will on the masses.

What is there to talk about with the Taliban? How can any 'infidel' Western diplomat believe anything they say about 'peace,' since their definition of the word is likely much different than ours? The Koran teaches that it's permitted to lie to infidels in order to achieve Islamic goals. It's called 'Altaqiyya.'

Before 9/11, I attended an event in New York hosted by some female celebrities who wished to draw attention to the plight of Afghan women. I heard stories from female doctors and teachers about how the Taliban had made women's lives miserable. They were not permitted to leave the house unless accompanied by a male relative. Women were banned from working in public places. Women had to wear a burqa if they went outside, and the windows in their homes had to be covered so no one could see inside. Girls and women were not allowed to attend publicly funded schools.

That is only a partial list of restrictions. There's more, but I don't have the space.

If the Taliban views things like exposed ankles as horrors offensive to their god, how do so-called infidels negotiate with them? If such twisted ideas are accepted as doctrine, what could the Taliban possibly give up in negotiations ... and in exchange for what? Furthermore, if we reach an agreement with them, how will we know they're even telling the truth?

Compiled by Olivia Dimmer, intern

What is the biggest obstacle you have overcome?



"Going through my mom having ovarian cancer. It was hard to see my mom in the hospital and I didn't want to lose her."

- Kyle Evans Holly Township



"Watching my kids go through college, get degrees and then have no jobs be available. I had more belief in the system." - Tom Temple

Tyrone Township



"I once thought I had prostate cancer, but the second test came back negative. It made me value the years I have left."

Robert Sochor Argentine Township



"I've lost a husband and a daughter. The hardest thing was accepting that and going on with my life, and with God's help I have."

— Karen Kramer Fenton Township



school with three children and a husband. It's hard to do that while still being a mother and wife." — Eva Schroeder Fenton

streettalk

"My husband had a heart attack, but he is fine now. It changes your outlook on life — I am now so grateful for things I took for granted." – Bonnie Roman

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Eva Cortwright waits for children to enter her house of mirrors during Linden Mills Days. Cortwright has worked in the carnival business for 57 years.

The carnival life

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► Life-long carnival workers are modern nomads

By William Axford

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Linden — Eva Cortwright has been in the carnival business longer than some people have been alive. The 89-year-old has spent 57 years traveling from festi-

44 You meet a lot of people though and most of them are wonderful.77 **Eva Cortwright** Carnival worker

val to festival, working different attractions and bringing smiles to kids' faces. "It keeps you

young, keeps you healthy," Cortwright said as kids handed her tickets and ran through her house of mirrors

attraction. "I don't have too much longer to go but I feel good."

The Skerbeck Carnival Brothers occupied the Linden Elementary School parking lot this weekend as part of the Linden Mills Days festival. Cortwright is one of hundreds of workers that follow carnivals from state to state. Some own their attractions while others operate the company's equipment. Cortwright 'married into the business' so to speak as her husband was already involved with carnival attractions before she met him. The Texas native now spends half of the year traveling and the other half roaming around Michigan with her husband.

On Friday, Fred Kohnke challenged people to try and bounce a light plastic ball off a board and into a basket bellow. While Kohnke could execute the challenge nearly every time, people hoping to secure a prized, giant stuffed animal did not have such luck.

Kohnke said he loves the freedoms that come with working with carnivals, likening his life to Jackson Browne's song 'The Road.'

"I don't like to stay in one spot," said Kohnke, who has worked with numerous carnival companies during the last 30 years. "It's a family — we laugh, we fight, we argue. All these people are loners and travelers."





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School violence hotline approved

► Senate Bill 374 recently passes to create a 24/7 statewide school violence hotline

By Olivia Dimmer news@tctimes.com

The Michigan Senate unanimously voted to pass Senate Bill 374 to create a school violence hotline that is available 24/7 for all students in Michigan. The confidential hotline will also be equipped to receive photos and videos. The hotline, called OK-2-SAY, will be funded by the state — not the schools — as approved in House Bill 4112.

"Giving schools and families more tools to keep kids safe is a top concern for everyone," state senator Jim Ananich (D-Flint) said. "This legislation is one part of what needs to be a large, comprehensive effort to improve public safety in our communities."

This legislation would work in cooperation with schools that already have safety hotlines in place, like Linden and Fenton schools. The only difference with the statewide hotline is information received is required to be shared with local law enforcement. The OK-2-SAY program is aimed at discouraging the atmosphere of silence among students through easy and confidential communication.

"It's important to help everyone be more willing to speak up to prevent violence — whether it be in school, in the home, or in their neighborhood," Ananich said. "This is just one step toward that goal, but we need to do as much as we can on this important issue."

Giving schools and families more tools to keep kids safe is a top concern for everyone.77 Jim Ananich, State senator

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Obtaining records

There are occasions in life when it is important to know exactly what an individual's past history is regarding criminal convictions and/or their driving record including to ensure that they are accurate.

In Michigan, these are public records that a person can obtain to see what the state shows their history to be.

For those who are interested in obtaining their own records, the Michigan State Police and Michigan Secretary of State websites have step-by-step directions as to how to get them.

For criminal history records there are two possibilities.

To search by name on the Internet without the necessity of submitting fingerprints, you must go to www. michigan.gov/ichat. You will be required to register with an email address as well as your own name and address. You will then need to submit a password. After registering, you will click on 'search for criminal history' and be asked how many searches you want. There is a \$10 cost for each search payable by credit card.

An individual can also request their own criminal history (both public and nonpublic) by going to a local Michigan law enforcement agency and being fingerprinted on a Michigan Applicant Fingerprint Card (RI-8). The card needs to be fully filled out and mailed to the Michigan State Police, CRD, Identification Section, P.O. Box 30266, Lansing, MI 48909 along with a \$30 fee.

It takes three to five weeks for it to be processed and then mailed back.

For driving records, there is a Michigan Secretary of State form available online which allows you to obtain your own record. It is to be fully filled out and then mailed with a \$7 fee to Michigan Department of State, Record Lookup Unit, 7064 Crowner Drive, Lansing, MI 48918-1502. These are processed and mailed back in up to six to eight weeks. Another option is to go to any Secretary of State branch, present your driver's license and walk out with a certified copy for an \$8 fee.

There are various good and valid reasons that people wish to check their records including the possibility that a reporting error has been made or a stolen identity. More complete directions are available on the State of Michigan website.



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the festival dealt with complaints during the course of the four-day festival, centered on accusations that Nosey was being abused.

Organizer Cyndi Roesner said she was approached by Nosey's owner Hugo Tomi Liebel on whether the elephant could be a part of the event. Roesner said she had initially heard of some complaints about possible animal abuse but after doing her own investigation, Roesner said Liebel rescued the animal and treats it well.

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"(Nosey's)parents were both poached and she was adopted," Roesner said. "(The Liebels) love her and take care of her. If it had been any different, it would have been unacceptable to me."

Comments condemning organizers flooded the Linden Mills Days Facebook page throughout the weekend. Fenton native Nicole Wasson, who now lives in Rochester Hills posted, "Boycott! Shame

on you for exploiting animals."

Cynthia Recker of Linden wrote "So sad to see the elephant and horses in town. Bad way to get people to come to the event. Maybe next year whoever decides what will be at this event will bow out and let others plan."

Nosey remained on the Union Block property downtown during Mills Days, where children could take rides on her back and people could feed her. Protestors decried that Nosey was confined to a set space and was chained up at night. "One lady said to me, 'It was so

hot, how does the elephant survive?"" Roesner said. "I told her, 'do you know how hot it is in Africa?""

Roesner said she watched the Liebel family interact with the elephant throughout the weekend and did not see any signs of abuse.

According to a flyer distributed by protestors, the "U.S. Department of

Agriculture (USDA) has cited Liebel numerous times (33 to date) for failure to give veterinary care to an African elephant... Why is our community supporting this and teaching our children it is OK to treat life this way?"

A online search conducted by Times found various petitions to release Nosey from the Liebel family however, any charges filed by the USDA and other government agencies could not be substantiated.

A representative with the Genesee County USDA office said they were unaware of any citations to Liebel on the handling of Nosey. Calls to the state and federal USDA were not returned before press time.

"If the elephant was sent back to Africa, it would die," Roesner said. "If I felt the elephant was abused in any way, I wouldn't have had it here."

FIREWORKS Continued from Front Page

the use of fireworks — and municipalities across the state are rushing to amend their fireworks ordinances to take advantage of this new power before the Fourth of July kicks off one of the most popular fireworks days of the year.

The ordinance now prohibits the use of fireworks within the city, except for on the day before, of, and after a national holiday. During holidays, the use of fireworks are also prohibited between the hours of 1 and 8 a.m., and any who are found in violation can be charged a civil fine of up to \$500, as well as reimbursing the city for the costs of storing, disposing of, or destroying the fireworks.

National holidays include New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The state statue also prohibits any use of fireworks while under the influence of alcohol.

"I just want to compliment the chief and our attorney on acting so quickly on this. Other communities are finding themselves in the situation where they have had to call special meetings. We were ready," said Councilwoman Pat Lockwood. "I believe this is what communities across Michigan have been looking for is to be able to have local participation and discussion at the table."



State lawmakers to combat illegal metal scrapping

► Catalytic converters, copper generally most stolen items

By William Axford

axford@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 Michigan legislators are aiming to combat illegal metal scrapping opera-

tions, an issue that

is striking people all

over the country. The

proposed legislation

would delay pay on

items like catalytic



operations, which is a common problem throughout the state. convertors and copper, which are items commonly stolen for scrap metal. The proposed legislation will also require

and sign off on accepted scrap metal. The legislation will continue to be deliberated upon when lawmakers return to Lansing after the two-month summer break.

Currently, scrap dealers are required See SCRAPPING on 9





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of garbage from the water.

organized the cleanup.

By Ryan Tackabury

► Water bottles are most

Water bottles were found in large

numbers at this year's annual Shiawassee

River cleanup, and they were accompa-

nied by chairs, tires, and shoes. Starting

from Bush Park and ending by the Torrey

Road Bridge, 15 people made their way through the city removing countless bags

"We had a really good turnout and

cooperation from so many people and so many local businesses. We couldn't

have done it without them," said Fenton

City Councilman Bradley Jacob, who

HOT LINE CONTINUED

'FAT, FOUL MOUTH' actor James Gandolfini was a great supporter of the USO and deployed soldiers in defense of this country. Some people that write Hot lines should do a little research before shooting off their mouth.

THE ELEPHANT IN downtown Linden is actually named Nosey. It's name was most likely changed by it's owner due to recently being charged with 33 counts of animal cruelty and abuse by the USDA. The state of Maine denied its entry due to not having correct Tuberculosis tests.

SOLD MY HOUSE in seven days! Tough market out there to buy a house. Sure am not going to miss the Fenton Township sewer bill — adios!

HEY FOLKS, IT'S Furlough Time for the DOD. My wife will be losing \$425 per pay period. Luckily, my furlough only lasted a week, and my new raise will break our wages even. No chance of saving anything for retirement or even eating out until Sept. 30, 2013.

KUDOS TO THE young woman handing out flyers educating the community on the poor track record and citations the owner of the elephant on display at Linden Mills Days has. Appropriate action in addition to words is an effective way to reach the community rather than just complaining. Well done!

MONTHS ABOUT A helper pig for and Autistic child, months on how many chickens you can have, and Linden chains an elephant, not even native to U.S., but lets worry about the sign ordinance. The Mayor, council, on down should be prosecuted for animal cruelty and abuse. Linden shame.

Shiawassee River cleanup a success

Though it was a lot of work, Jacob said the day was also a lot of fun. The river cleanup is always the third Saturday of June every year, and Jacob invites anyone who would like to lend a hand to come out next year.



A group of volunteers, led by Fenton City Councilman Bradley Jacob pull out an array of debris from the Shiawassee River on Saturday, during their annual river cleanup.







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Catalytic convertors and water valves from buildings are frequent items the Fenton Police Department find reported as missing or stolen.

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general, not only here but across the state," said Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro, who supports the legislation. "On a regular basis, we have people stealing things for scrap.'

According to the National Insurance Crime Bureau, there were 25,083 claims of illegal metal scrapping from January 2009 to December 2011. More than 90 percent of the metal stolen was copper and 45 percent of the

thefts happened to personal property. Michigan ranked 10th nationally for states with the most metal theft claims at 1,102. Ohio topped the list at 2,398 and Texas followed with 2,032 claims.

Some residents in the tri-county area have found that recovering stolen catalytic converters is not an easy task. Linden resident Dusty Craine said his converter was stolen last year when he left his car at the Holly Park and Ride on Grange Hall Road in Holly Township.

"I talked to an officer who told me that it's been happening a lot and that there really wasn't anything for him to do except file a report," Craine posted on the Times Facebook page. "I still have a picture of a sign someone made, that I

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should have listened to, that warned that catalytic converters were being stolen from the lot."

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Fellow Linden resident Amanda Knepfler also had a catalytic converter stolen when she left her Jeep at the park and ride located on Silver Lake Road in Fenton. "All I could do was report it missing and fork over a few bucks to have it towed and fixed," Knepfler posted on the Time's Face-

book wall.

Aro said the difficulty in securing stolen catalytic converters stems from being unable to identify individual converters since the auto parts do not come with a serial number.

Whether the legislation is passed, being precautious is one of the most effective methods to preventing illegal scrap metal theft. Aro advises parking in a well lit, public

area where other people can report suspicious activity.

"We suspect that many times we get individuals from other cities north and south of us coming in and stealing scrap," Aro added.

'Eagle's Wooden Park'

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | OLIVIA DIMMER

Linden third-grader Teddy Farley won a contest to rename the park on Walmar Street 'Eagle's Wooden Park.' The sign was unveiled on Saturday during Linden Mills Days. In this photo, Teddy is accompanied by Linden Mayor David Lossing.



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When they're not working stands or rides, carnival workers are allowed to wander into town and spend some of their earnings, if they choose. A bunkhouse follows the rides, where the workers will retire to in the night.

Springfield, III. has been Kohnke's favorite spot so far, where nearly 80,000 people showed up every day for 10 days. Working with the public all day can be tough and Kohnke said a jubilant attitude is a must to survive in the carnival ride industry.

"It's hard work. Anybody who doesn't think it isn't is crazy," Cortwright said. "You meet a lot of people though and most of them are wonderful."

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News briefs

PERMITS TO INCREASE IN PRICE

Some permits in Linden are set to increase in price. At Monday's Linden City Council meeting, City Manager Paul Zelenak presented a new set of prices to the city council, which was drafted by Building Official Jason Payne. A permit for a porch or a deck increased from \$50 to \$75; a demolition permit increased from \$50 to \$100, and permits for sheds more than 200-square-feet and pole barns increased from \$50 to \$75.

RUN FOR HOPE

Hope Lutheran Church in Linden will be holding a **Run for Hope event on July 20**. Proceeds from this event will fund college scholarships for local high school students. The event will begin and end at Hope Lutheran Church, located at 7355 Silver Lake Road.

DOWNTOWN LIGHTING IN LINDEN

Linden city officials are testing out new lights downtown and are looking for feedback from the community. The new light and globe are located in front of Linden Mercantile. City officials are encouraging residents to comment through the city's Facebook page and email, specifically on the light's design, intensity and overall look for downtown.

Linden Mills Days met with success

Summary

The third annual

Linden Mills Days

drew more than a

thousand people to

Linden, said orga-

nizer Cyndi Roesner

Organizers, city leaders pleased with turnout, activities

By William Axford

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Country music, carnival rides, a car show and exotic animals descended on Linden this weekend for the third annual Linden Mills Days. Organizers of the event said families embraced Linden and enjoyed the activities.

"Ithink it went really well. It was a success in my eyes," said organizer Cyndi Roesner. "I saw so many happy families enjoying the time together and all that the Linden Mills Days had to offer."

Rides from the Skerbeck Carnival filled the Linden Elementary School parking lot starting Thursday, where kids could ride tilt-a-whirls and a mini rollercoaster. Friday night attracted country music fans as singers from all around Genesee County competed in

the Texaco Country Music Showdown, followed by fireworks in the evening. Saturday had more live entrainment and a First-Try Triathlon, specifically designed for first time triathlon athletes. Linden Mills Days concluded with a classic car show on Sunday, along with a pancake breakfast at the Linden fire station.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I WILLIAM AXFORD Children enjoy carnival rides during Linden Mills Days.

Organizers of the event clashed with the city council over approval for an entertainment tent during the planning stages of the event. However, after adjust-

ing the entertainment tent's hours and having it placed on private property instead of city property, organizers were allowed to serve alcohol, in addition to hosting live music. Overall, Roesner estimates more than a thousand people came to Linden during the weekend.

At Monday's city council meeting, Councilor Ray Culbert praised city staff who were involved with the event.

"I saw a lot of our guys and gals out in the streets. I think we forget sometimes that's part of the city's contribution to the event," Culbert said. "It was better than I expected."





1. A child enjoys a ride Thursday, June 20 at the Linden Mills Days. The Skerbeck Carnival was held on the grounds of Linden Elementary school during the fourday event. **2.** Kids test their skills Thursday during Linden Mills Days. **3.** Cowboy hats were for sale during the country music contest held downtown Linden on Thursday, June 20. **4.** Linden Mills Days attendees watch as singers perform Saturday in downtown Linden. Live music and an entertainment tent was one of the many draws for attendees this past weekend. **5.** Fredrick Morantes cashes out a customer who has purchased a pulled pork sandwich. "Being next to the stage, I'm seeing a bunch of young, up and coming talent," Morantes said, who was in Downtown Linden during the country singing contest.











TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELO

A MSP trooper gears up for the standoff in Fenton on Sunday. Onlookers saw assault rifles, tasers, armored vests, vehicles and camouflage uniforms in response to the barricaded man.

STANDOFF **Continued from Front Page**

neighborhood at Shiawassee and West Elizabeth Street was captivated by the police situation that ended up including at least 15 Fenton police, MSP and Genesee County Sheriff's Department vehicles lining the street. Yellow MSP tape zigzagged the property containing onlookers and media.

Officers and troopers carried assault rifles and tasers. MSP troopers wore camouflage combat gear including face paint and riot shields. The area was blocked off by Fenton Fire Department vehicles, onlookers were asked to leave and media was relegated to an area behind police tape in Freedom Park.

The situation began around 3 p.m. Sunday. Police responded to a welfare check for the man living in the upstairs of an apartment home. When police went with his mother upstairs to the home, Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said the man barricaded himself in his room and threatened police with a weapon that he said was "not a gun." It was rumored to have been an axe, hatchet or large knife.

This changed the simple welfare check to a police situation, because threatening police with harm is a felony.

Aro said Lt. Jason Slater called the state police in because they have tactical knowledge in handling barricade situations, and state police are obligated to send a minimum number of troopers to barricade situations.

An onlooker said that around 4 p.m., police knocked in the upstairs air conditioning unit in order to speak with the man. Police spoke to him through the window, training weapons on him when he appeared.

The family in the home next door opened their home to police who were in and out their front door, as they were trapped inside during the standoff.

Some witnesses were surprised at the show of force by police. "In order to do it right, it takes some people," said Aro.

The sheer number of officers was needed to maintain the perimeters to keep the public safe, he said. The "long guns" were appropriate for the assignment, he said. He added that no one was hurt, including the accused, so the operation was successful.

Aro said it has been a couple years since this type of situation happened in Fenton, and he applauded Lt. Slater's handling of it.

PLAN

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a guideline design standard for the downtown district and putting together a development plan into place," said DDA director and assistant city manager Michael Burns.

This master plan can be seen by going to the city's website, while major components of the plan can already be seen in the works.

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Fenton DDA director

Michael Burns

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was the redevelopment of south end of Silver Lake and North LeRoy," Burns said. "In addition to that the fire hall and community center were also major components of that plan. Art was another important like to do yet. caveat to that plan."

The Master Plan, as ritten in March 2007, was composed of three different phases. The objectives of the first phase were to create identity while strengthening the core of Fenton and identifying parcels of land

for future redevelopment. Phase two meanwhile focuses on enhancing Silver Lake Road frontage, and adding housing infill along the Shiawassee River. Phase three would continue to add additional housing, while also creating more parking and adding mixed-use projects to the north and south of Silver Lake Road.

Where the city is at in this particular list of phases is difficult to tell — the plan is not necessarily a step-by-step set of instructions on what to do, as more of a ranking of what is needed.

"It gives everyone an idea what the priorities of downtown are so when those opportunities come up," Burns said. According to Burns, everything the DDA has done since he first arrived in 2009 has been a part of the city's

master plan. We haven't

Some projects just cannot be done until the right circumstances present themselves — and then it is up to the DDA to seize those opportunities. Renovation of the old Topps Fruit Market site, the greenery, and further development along the southeast corner of Silver Lake Road and LeRoy are all things the DDA could tackle in the future should things work out.

"It's still a work in progress," Burns said. "We haven't completed everything we would like to do yet. It's going to take several years to fully implement, I think the DDA and city council are going to work together to try and moving forward with the plan."

PAW

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the patients," said Cindy Ficorelli, media contact for Genesys Regional Medical Center. "All the dogs have to have this training, and the volunteer with them."

Mary Patterson and her 7-year-old Labradoodle, Riley, are one of the friendly pets that visit Genesys on a regular basis.

"It gives relief to the patients from pain and helps break up the monotony of the day. We get a lot of positive comments from the patients," said Patterson.

Volunteers and their four-legged friends are assigned a floor at Genesys to visit people - and are in most respects four-legged celebrities. They are so popular, volunteers often have to plan ahead for all the time they will spend being stopped by people who want to visit with the animal before even making it to their designated floor.

Therapy animals have demonstrated several different health benefits. Their use in hospitals has helped to reduce stress and anxiety in patients, resulting in lower blood pressure. Interacting with the trained canines has also been shown to bring happiness, increasing levels of endorphin and oxytocin in the body which can in turn make patients healthier.

Not all dogs at hospitals are volunteers. Michigan's first hospital-owned therapy dog is a black lab named Henry, and he works as a therapy animal for the Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital - he even has his own employee badge.

Henry has been trained to listen to patients who need someone to talk to and help provide a pleasant distraction. The



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | RYAN TACKABURY Therapy animals have been shown to help reduce blood pressure and anxiety in hospital patients.

lab is also used in speech therapy, and used to promote exercise. When Henry isn't brightening the day of patients at the hospital, he is interacting with visitors, and even helping to keep morale up around the building by interacting with the staff.

Most interesting of all, Henry Ford learned to do these things by Fenton residents, Lori and Jack Grigg, who now operate Paradise Dog Training. The Griggs are now working on training a second dog for the hospital — a golden retriever.

"When we train a dog and take it into the hospital we spend two weeks shadowing the handlers just to make sure everything turns out all right," Jack said. "It's very uplifting for patients, and it does just as much good for the staff too."



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house of equal value will be built where the old one was destroyed. Smith is able to recover from the storm since she has replacement value insurance, a high level of insurance that protects homes and property after disasters.

"We try to sell replacement value insurance to everyone. It's really what you want to have," Hathaway said. "There are homes that don't qualify for it because of condition or market value. But for the bulk of homes in our area, most will qualify for guaranteed replacement policies."

Along with the rental home, Hathaway said Smith has received rental furniture, dishes and other amenities to return her home life to as normal as possible.

While construction costs could be significantly higher for a home that was built 20 or 30 years ago, Hathaway said guaranteed replacement value insurance will help cover the increased costs. The insurance rate is based upon the size of the value of the home. If new additions are added to a home but the insurance company is not notified about it, those additions may not qualify for the insurance.

"It's important if you're remodeling or making any additions that you notify your carrier so you don't void it," Hathaway said.

Skimping on home insurance would have devastated Smith. Hathaway estimates there's \$190,000 in damage to her home alone. The total price of the damages is expected to increase as Hathaway and Smith continue to take an inventory of destroyed items. Not all items may be recovered from a damaged site alone so Hathaway recommends homeowners archive as many of their items possible with



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I FILE PHOTO Homeowner's insurance helps protect homeowners and can even replace destroyed items.

photographs. That way, homeowners have proof of ownership, even if the item cannot be recovered after a disaster.

For homeowners who cannot afford or qualify for guaranteed replacement coverage, Hathaway said there are other insurance options such as increased cost insurance and straight replacement value insurance. To go without any type of insurance on your home or items could lead to financial ruin if a homeowner is struck by disaster. A local agent may be more beneficial as well.

"For a person buying insurance, they really should consider having somebody that's local," Hathaway said. "It certainly is rewarding for us to go out and spend the time we did with the Smiths. If you didn't have a local person, it'd be hard to recover after a disaster."



SPORTS TRIVIA BASEBALL

Who played in the last MLB game that featured entirely Caucasian rosters for both teams?

On June 25, 1959 the Detroit Tigers hosted the Boston Red Sox at Briggs Stadium, beating Boston 10-5. Detroit's first non-Caucasian player was Ozzie Virgil in 1958, but he spent the entire 1959 season in the minors.

David's Dabblings

Every now and then someone will ask me how often I go to Comerica Park to watch the Tigers play and they'll be shocked by the answer. I haven't been to a game this year, or even last. Two years ago, our office bought us tickets so we could have a company outing together. If I recall correctly, the Tigers played the Mets that day and got crushed. That's the last time I've been to Comerica Park.

It's not that I don't like going to games. I do. But, honestly, I don't care too much for Comerica Park. I am one of those people who can't get himself to pay over \$50 for a decent ticket, which means most of the tickets I purchase are about a million miles from home plate. I find it tough to focus on a game from that distance, so I just don't bother going.

If I do have a craving to go to a game, I almost always would rather go see the Toledo Mud Hens play. Now, that's a beautiful park. There's not a bad seat in the place and there's not an expensive ticket in the place. If you haven't given a game at Toledo a shot, do it. You'll enjoy the experience.

We are the champions

With the end of the 2012-13 athletic season, we figured it was a good time to honor those teams that won league championships. Listed below are the tri-county varsity teams that did win league crowns. Fenton, Linden and Holly are in the Flint Metro League. Lake Fenton is in the Genesee Area Conference Red Division.

Fenton (11): Boys tennis, girls golf, football, volleyball, girls swimming, boys basketball, boys swimming, girls ski, boys tennis, girls soccer & boys golf.

Linden (5): Football, boys cross country. airls



First-Try Triathlon expands with competitive race

▶ More than 300 people swam, bicycled and ran for the glory of saying they completed a triathlon

By Olivia Dimmer news@tctimes.com

Linden — A colorful sea of swim caps sprawled out on the shores of Clover Beach this past Saturday morning all in preparation for the triathlon that was to come. Some participants came for the First-Try — a non-competitive triathlon for newbies, and others came for the Fast-Try — a triathlon that awarded medals based on placement in the event.

Once First-Try triathlon creator Dan Skinner blew the horn on his megaphone, swimmers dove into the water and swam for 300 yards. Once they were out of the water, many shed their wetsuits and leaped up the stone steps to the bike racks, mounted their bikes and took off for a 9.1-mile ride through Linden. Once off the bikes, athletes swapped helmets for running shoes and ran through two miles of trail to the finish line, where fruit, water and applause awaited them.

Derrick Fries was the first to conquer the Fast-Try Triathlon with a time of 44:30.

"It feels great to take first place," said Fries, a 60-year-old from Clarkston, "I train year-round for this. This will be my fifth event this year."

Although the First-Try is in its second year, the Fast-Try was added to give competitive triathletes an event as well. The First-Try Triathlon was specifically designed for inexperienced athletes to participate in a non-competitive and non-intimidating environment. Everyone in First-Try receives a medal, and no one comes in last; First-Try designated a 'lantern rouge' to cross the finish line last. Fast-Try Triathletes received medals based on age group.

"Myself and Paul, the co-creator of the event were on a bike ride once and I always thought [Clover Beach] would be a great place



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Derrick Fries, 60, heads out for the bike portion of the triathlon on Saturday. He was the overall winner for the Fast-Try portion, beating many men half his age. His overall time was 44:25.

for a triathlon," Skinner said. "I created this for first-timers to do something not as intimidating and a little smaller that they can handle, just to get people involved in the sport."

Men and women of all ages participated in the triathlon, including 48-year-old Lake Fenton resident Lisa Veneziano.

"It feels great to be across that line," Veneziano said. "Triathlons are a struggle for me. I'm just not a swimmer. I made it through the swim, and I was looking forward to the bike and the run."

First- and Fast-Try Triathlons took care to make the event as safe as possible, especially the swim for new triathletes. Canoes with lifeguards were placed every 100 yards. In addition, the stairs at Clover beach were swept and cleared of debris. The sand was also raked for swimmers running to the bike rack. With hundreds of triathletes, safety has become a main priority.

"We started out to cap [participants] at 200. Now we have about 300. The Fast-Try allows people to graduate from the First-Try. The First-Try is all about 'can you do it?' and then they can start competing. I think that is why it is growing," Skinner said.

"People think they can't do it. But they can. If they just come out and do it, they become a triathlete. And that is something to brag about."



Families keep the Wednesday Night Races tradition alive

Annual event continues until final Wednesday in July

By David Troppens

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 Linden — It appears running is in Evan Fahrenkopf's blood.

While the Linden resident is only 5, he did a little double-duty at the Wednesday Night Races held at Linden County Park.

First, he ran the 800-meter course in a time of 6:02. But not satisfied with just one event, he took on the mile only minutes later, posting a time, with his dad, Chris Fahrenkopf, running with him in a time of 12:05.

"I love running with him and keeping him motivated," Chris Fahrenkopf said. "Last year I ran more with (older sister) Ava. It's great. I like that he likes it, too."

As mentioned, Evan wasn't the only Fahrenkopf at the event. His older sister Ava, 7, also ran the two races Evan ran. Older brother Nolan, 9, ran the halfmile and mile during the first session of the annual Wednesday Night Races. The races are designed to give runners from four to 80 a chance to run a cross country event that is properly designed for their age and ability. The races vary from an 800-meter run for the youngsters right up to a two-mile and a three-mile competition open for anyone who feel capable of competing at that level. During Wednesday's first event, there were runners as young as 4 to as old as 53.

"I think it's great," Chris Fahrenkopf

said. "It's a great chance of us to bond as a family, and it keeps us in shape. It's fun. We all enjoy doing the run and we have a lot of friends participating as well. It's good to get all the kids together outside versus inside on a computer or something."

The Wednesday Night Races are held every Wednesday until July 24, with the exception of July 3. The first races, which are the shorter events for the younger kids, begin at 6:45 p.m. Following are the one-mile, the two-mile and then the three-mile runs. The threemile event is scheduled to begin at 7:40 p.m. The Wednesday Night Races must qualify as one of the greatest bargains in running in the tri-county area, costing just \$2 an event, or \$5 for a family. Times are kept, making it possible to chart ones progress during the course of the season. And the event has become a hit with families, frequently children and parents taking their turns competing in races.

There are always rookies during the first event of the year. Sheila Nowak brought her son, Devin, 7, for the first time this year. It was apparent Devin loved competing. He ran in the one-mile run, posting a time of 7:46.

"This was our very first race. He read it in the paper and he said he wanted to do that," Nowak said. "He was really excited about it.

"He's doing the mileage club at Linden schools and he's got really interested in it this year."

As the years go on, one does recognize certain faces who come out annually. The races are aided by the Linden





TRI-COUNTY TIMES I DAVID TROPPENS

Some of the half-miler runners begin their event during the Wednesday Night Races. The event continues every Wednesday through July 24, with the exception of July 3.

boys and girls cross country teams. Both squads were Metro League champions and regional champions. The boys finished second in the state a year ago. Sstudents help by running the shorter races with the younger children, so they don't get lost and remained encouraged to finish races. They also help with the timing, the placing and awarding of ribbons. Every participant gets a ribbon at the end of the day. Some of today's cross country runners in the Linden program began as youth running at the Wednesday Night Cross Country Races. And while over the years the runners have

been primarily from Linden or Fenton, the competition is open to anyone who wants to come. There were runners from Swartz Creek, Durand and Lapeer during the event's first week.

There's no doubt Devin Nowak will be back.

"Oh yeah, he's going to have it on his calendar every Wednesday," Sheila Nowak said. "I like that it's \$2. It's affordable. They definitely have a lot of space for it and it can definitely hold a lot more people. They have it set up nice and it's well organized. It's good for their first runs too."

Rooker's ski career continuing at Florida Southern College

By Torrey Christopher

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 With help from her dad, Fenton senior Amy

Rooker began waterskiing at a young age. "I started skiing because my dad does," Rooker said. "I've always grown up around the sport so naturally he taught me how to ski, too. As I got older I realized waterskiing competitively was something I wanted to pursue."

Now Rooker has earned herself a spot on Florida Southern College's water ski team.

"I chose Florida Southern because I feel it's the perfect place for me athletically and academically. The ski team is ranked third in the nation so skiing with better people will help me improve. Also the school is small and very personal, which I prefer over just being a number at a large school."

The women's ski team took first place in October's National Collegiate Water Ski Championship, with the men and women combining to finish third overall. The water ski teams compete in three events during a meet – slalom, jumping and tricks.

Although she didn't receive a scholarship for skiing, Rooker earned \$21,500 a year for her academics. She was a co-valedictorian of her class and competed in many other sports throughout her career, including volleyball and track.

"I knew that in order to be able to afford going to school at Florida Southern I would have to receive scholarships," Rooker said. "It was really rewarding to receive academic scholarships and be valedictorian because all the work I put in during high school paid off."

Rooker currently competes on her own; however there is a group of people she usually practices with. One of those people is her father, whom she attributes her success to.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SUBMITTED PHOTO Fenton's Amy Rooker is headed to Florida Southern College to compete on the school's ski team.

"I attribute my success to my dad and ski partner Mark Johnson," Rooker said. "They are always there at every practice. My dad pays for all my equipment, gasoline for the boat, club membership fees and tournament entry fees. Also the waterskiing community that I practice and compete with, everyone is so supportive and encouraging."

TIMES MIDWEEK





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THE INCREDIBLE BURT WONDERSTONE

Superstar magicians Burt Wonderstone (Steve Carell) and Anton Marvelton (Steve Buscemi) have ruled



the Las Vegas strip for years, raking in millions with illusions as big as Burt's growing ego. But lately the duo's greatest deception is their public friendship, while secretly they've grown to loathe each other. Fac-

ing cutthroat competition from guerilla street magician Steve Gray (Jim Carrey), whose cult following surges with each outrageous stunt, even their show looks stale. But there's still a chance Burt and Anton can save the act-both onstage and off-if Burt can get back in touch with what made him love magic in the first place. PG-13, 1 hr. 40 min.



PHANTOM

Academy Award (R) nominee Ed Harris (A Beautiful Mind, The Abyss), David Duchovny ("The X-Files,"

"Californication") and William Fichtner (The Dark Knight, Black Hawk Down) star in PHAN-TOM, a Cold War-era suspense thriller about a Soviet submarine captain, haunted by his past, who is forced to

lead a covert mission that could spark a global nuclear war. Written and directed by Todd Robinson (Lonely Hearts, White Squall) and inspired by true events, PHANTOM is a riveting deep-sea adventure about extraordinary men facing impossible choices. R, 1 hr. 38 min.



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ing and the late Arnold

Shimmel Sr.; brother of

mel, Mary Snyder, Kelly

(Jeremy) Kowal-Dobbs,

Joshua (Rebecca) Shim-

mel; step-brother of Todd

(Julianna) Buning, Allen

Buning, Richard Buning

Jr. and Barbara Buning;

Przybylowicz) Boyden

son-in-law of Kathie (Dale

and Shawn Kaminski. JR

also leaves lifelong "Big

Brother" Craig Rockman;

many aunts, uncles, cous-

ins, nieces, nephews and

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tions may be made to his

girls c/o Amanda Shimmel.

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