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Shallan Thalman holds daughter Gia while attending a Detroit Tigers game last summer. Thalman's nose was shattered recently at a Tigers game when she protected Gia from a foul ball.

Foul ball injures Linden native at Comerica Park

By Sally Rummel news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

Lake Fenton musicians leave on patriotic note

Shallan (Stevens) Thalman hardly knew what hit her when a line drive foul ball came flying toward her 2-year-old daughter in the first inning at Sunday's

Detroit Tigers game at Comerica Park. Sitting in the second row with her family, this protective mom took the hit from Tiger Raija Davis' foul ball instead of her little girlGia, resulting in her own shattered nose. See FOUL BALL on 11



Mom protecting

shatters her nose

from foul ball,

takes the hit,

2-year-old daughter

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Great Lakes National

Washington, D.C. trip

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The sounds of trumpets,

trombones and drums left a patriotic note at Great Lakes Na-

tional Cemetery last Wednes-

day, as members of the Lake

Fenton High School Band

performed a concert amidst a

backdrop of rolling hills and

Fenton musicians an opportu-

nity to gear up musically in an

outdoor setting for their first-

ever trip to Washington, D.C.

a performance for our friends

and family in the area, to see

the same concert we were go-

ing to perform in Washington

See MUSICIANS on 12

"It was a way for us to create

This local concert gave Lake

Cemetery concert

preps band for

By Sally Rummel

grave markers.

just two days later.

Fenton man shot, killed in Mt. Pleasant **Saturday**

▶ Grandmother charged with shooting victim six times while he sat in his car

By Vera Hogan

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Mary Bigford, 52, of Lake was charged Monday with the shooting death of her grandchild's father, Lawrence Howard, Jr., 39, of Fenton.

According to a press release issued by Officer Jeff Browne of the Mt. Pleasant Police Department, on Saturday, April 18, at approximately 12:30 p.m., Mt. Pleasant police officers were dispatched to the 3700 Block of South Isabella Road for a report of a shooting. The incident occurred in the parking lot of the Chase Run apartment complex.

Officers found Howard deceased in his vehicle from multiple gunshot wounds. The Mt. Pleasant Police Department, with the assistance of the Michigan State See SHOT on 12



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Lake Fenton High School Band Director Ryan Gonder conducts the 85-strong band at Great Lakes National Cemetery Wednesday night for an audience of family and friends. The concert served as a rehearsal for the Saturday performance at the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

What happens when you call 911?

Dispatchers prepared to handle any emergency

By Vera Hogan

vhogan@tctimes.com If you ask someone if they know where



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their 911 call goes, most will say, "I don't care as long as someone shows up — fast!"

It is interesting to note, however, how prepared our local officials are when it comes to responding See **911** on 14



C I found the suggestion of need-based garbage and recycling bin options to be sensible. It

really is not fair for

seniors and singles to have to pay the same as families

who generate far more waste and recycling. Hope the city considers this option."

Fatal hit and run driver in Holly pleads guilty

► Leaving scene after accident could lead to five years in prison

Bv Sharon Stone

L Here's how to get

gan needs to fix all the roads. Eliminate De-

troit. Detroit sucks the

life out of Michigan af-

ter being robbed blind

by Coleman Young

we pay it."

and other leaders for

decades. They steal it,

all the money Michi-

sstone@tctimes.com; 810-433-6786 Damien Lee Henry, 31, of Holly Township will be back in court on May 18 to learn what his prison sentence will be. Henry, who has been out on bond, pleaded guilty as charged in connection to the hit and run death of Valarie Owen, 54, last October in Holly Village.

Henry was charged with one count of failing to stop at the scene of an accident resulting in serious impairment or death, a five-year felony.

See GUILTY on 8

based on need,

not some politi-

cians pet vote-

getting project."

C There is never a reason to raise taxes ever! The money is already there and simply needs to be reallocated



Damien Henry



Valarie Owen



Someone requested to be provided a list of TV programming options that provide a better value than Charter. Here it is: Anyone. The practices and policies of Charter are savagely predatory.





Michigan first in Midwest to be featured on Google Earth

>> 44,000 photos highlight state's tourist attractions

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combines our

natural beauty

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to all that Michigan

has to offer visitors,

residents and

businesses alike. 77

Lt. Gov. Brian Calley

By Emily Stocker

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Michigan's iconic destinations are now accessible to everyone through Street View in Google Maps, from the comfort of their own home. The Pure Michigan tourism campaign has partnered with Google's Street View Trekker to share our state's beauty with all.

Street Trekker, introduced by Google in 2012, is a backpack system with a camera on top that is worn by an operator who walks through pedestrian walkways or trails on foot. In some Michigan locations, the trekker is filming via kayak. The imagery is then captured and stitched together to create a 360- degree panoramic image seen in Google Maps.

The Internet giant has used Trekker to capture national landmarks such as the Grand Canyon, the Taj Mahal and the Galapagos Islands, the aquatic streets of Venice, and even Mt. Everest.

Members and volunteers took more than 44,000 panoramic photos over the four-week travel period. The Pure Michigan team along with the Department of Natural Resources used the Trekker system and captured breathtaking scenes around Michigan.

Images include shots from the top of the Mackinac Bridge, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, the Detroit Riverwalk and many more.

> "The Pure Michigan campaign has elevated Michigan as a national travel destination, and we are taking that one step further by having these images globally accessible on Google Maps," said Lt. Gov. Brian Calley in a news release. "This initiative combines our natural beauty with innovative technology in a way that really speaks to all that Michigan has to offer visitors, residents and businesses alike."

To check out the images go to www. michigan.org/googletrekker.

Camping season is heating up

Call sooner rather than later to book summer getaway at most popular Michigan campgrounds

By Emily Stocker

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The hint of warm weather in Michigan renders the outdoorsy types to break out their camping gear and plan the first trip of the season. With the popularity of camping remaining steady throughout the years, campsites sell out often a year in advance.

Along with booked reservations, campers will see an increase in fees at Michigan parks this year. State officials said the increase was needed to offset rising costs to operate and maintain the nearly 100-year-old state park system. The average increase this year is \$3 per night.

"The main reason for raising fees is we haven't had a rate increase since 2006 and 2008," said Jason Fleming, resource management section chief for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) parks and recreation division.

To book your trip to one of Michigan's 3,000 campsites throughout the entire state, the national website of tripleblaze.com ranks Michigan's top 10 campgrounds. The camping sites were ranked on a popularity algorithm based on the number of people who have camped or wish to camp at a particular campground.

See CAMPING on 10



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO Campers unload equipment from the boat, to lug it downshore to their campsite at South Manitou Island, a state park.





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New face — with old ideas

One of the biggest complaints we've heard from Republicans about Barack Obama is: Boy, were we wrong to elect a first-term senator as president. We'll never make that mistake again!

Now look at Ted Cruz, Rand Paul and Marco Rubio, the first three Republican candidates. They're all first-term senators! But, of course, they insist, it's different for them.

Ironically, of the three, the one with the least to offer is Florida Sen. Marco Rubio. Just three years ago, he was considered the 'boy wonder' of the Republican Party: a new face, with new ideas, and a Latino. That's how he introduced himself as a candidate: the young, forward-looking, next-generation leader who'd take the country into 'another American century.' 'Yesterday is over, and we're never going back,' he promised supporters.

Marco Rubio is the exact opposite of what he pretends to be. He's a young man, all right — but with nothing but old ideas.

On Cuba, for example, Rubio, the son of Cuban immigrants, opposes normalization of relations between the U.S. and Cuba, even though it's supported by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and even though the U.S. embargo against Cuba has been a failure for over 50 years. According to the Florida International University's 2014 poll, 90 percent of young Cuban-Americans support improving relations, while Rubio still spouts the anti-Castro rhetoric of the 1950s. When it comes to Cuba, he's the one 'stuck in the 20th century.'

On immigration reform, Rubio alienated the national Latino community by his about-face on the issue.

On gay rights, too, Rubio represents the past. 'I believe marriage is between one man and one woman,' he told Univision's Jorge Ramos. Which puts Rubio squarely on the side of Americans over 65, the bare majority of whom oppose samesex marriage — and totally against the 74 percent of Americans aged 18 to 34, who support it.

Yes, the idea of a new face with new ideas is appealing. But Rubio, 43, preaches the politics and policies of the past. Rubio should think twice about giving up his Senate seat in order to run for president. He'd be smarter to hold on to his day job — and wait for 2020 or 2024. I AM A biker and it surprises me that the police don't stop more bikes riding without helmets to see if they have the insurance to ride that way, especially the ones with riders on the back.

SOME ABUSE HANDI-CAPPED parking,

yet please remember because you can't see the disability doesn't mean it doesn't exist. Tired of being verbally abused and having my

car damaged because others feel more qualified than my doctor does. Feel free to trade places with me. Stop judging.

MICHIGAN LAW MAKES it illegal to park in a handicapped spot unless the person to whom the label applies is in that vehicle. No more taking advantage of Grandma's handicapped sticker, she has to be with you to use it.

FENTON — BE CLOSER, how about instead, 'Fenton - home of a thousand pot holes.' And I won't even charge you thousands of dollars to use my slogan.

WITH OBAMACARE, YOUR personal data that your doctors collect, per government requirement, merges into various databases, like NSA, police, military, FBI, insurance companies, Medicare, hospitals and others who are deliberately exempted from participating in HIPPA. Hope you like the change.

I DON'T JUDGE those in handicapped parking if they have stickers or plates, unless it's five 16-year-olds jumping and yelling using Grandma's plate. How about those parking in the fire zones? I guess mental could be a handicap for them.

YOU MUST BE a hard-core denier if you don't believe that man was causing problems with the ozone. It was unbelievable at the time that scientists, politi-



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cians and businesses all worked together to stop the pollution breaking down ozone. Your motto must be 'I stand alone.'

YOU STILL DON'T get it. Whether the Bible condemns homosexuality is irrelevant. You believe it if you want, but don't force it on others. When you say it's wrong, that's your opinion. But when you want laws against it, you're forcing your

AGAIN, YOU ARE proving your lack of education when you talk about 'global cooling in the 1970s.' That was one article in Newsweek written by a few scientists who did not have consensus of other scientists.

WHERE CAN WE find which city council members terms are up this year? If our potholes are not fixed, and they pass this new garbage can policy, it will be time for new elected officials.

'NO' ON PROPOSAL 1, after the new pension tax and changes to the homestead property tax credit. I will never ever vote for tax increase again.

NO, NO AND no to Proposal 1. We are being railroaded again. Our sales tax was 4 percent. Soon it became 50 percent more equaling a staggering 6 percent. Our roads won't see but a portion of this money for two to four years. Be sure to distribute to schools from the lottery? Sure.

THEY SHOULD MAKE it where you can sign up for the trash pick-up. We recycle a lot, enough to fill our two containers a week at least. Some people will also stop recycling once you start charging them for garbage.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times



The new Hillary Clinton

and the Clinton Foundation.

those at the top.'

In the video announcing her presiden-

economic deck 'is still stacked in favor of

gobbled up a lot of cash for speaking fees

People with long memories and a firm

grasp of political history, will recall this is

tial candidacy, Hillary Clinton says the

She should know because she has

religion on others.

straight from the Richard Nixon playbook. 'The New Nixon' public relations campaign was an attempt by Nixon supporters to reinvent (that word again) a man whom many saw as cold, remote, dishonest and unknowable. You know, like Hillary Clinton.

Writing in the book 'The Republican Establishment,' Broder and Stephen Hess observed: 'Those who have puzzled over the essential Nixon character have usually ended by writing about the changes in the man, not the constants. Nixon-watchers tend to see him always evolving from one stage to another. In the course of a long career he has been called the New Nixon, the Old Nixon, and the New, New Nixon...³

Wallace Henley, a Nixon staff assistant, responded to my email inquiring about Nixon's several reinventions: 'This reinvention came from Nixon's intense pragmatism. I think of the man who won through the 'Southern strategy' by becoming the champion of school desegregation, and the presumably free-market advocate declaring wage and price controls on Aug. 15, 1971. Flexibility is good, but it also leads to an easily elastic character that can stretch itself to the Watergate cover-up or, in another case, Whitewater acrobatics, Benghazi subterfuge, etc.'

In his 2006 book, 'Hillary's Pursuit of Power,' Jerry Zeifman, a lifelong Democrat and a counsel and chief of staff of the House Judiciary Committee, wrote that the then-27-year-old Hillary Rodham 'engaged in a variety of self-serving unethical practices in violation of House rules.'

In his book, Zeifman makes it clear he doesn't trust either of the Clintons and charges she is ethically unfit to be president.

How ironic that Hillary Clinton is employing Nixon's 'reinvention' tactic. Nixon got away with it for a while, but in the Internet age, a 'new' Hillary will quickly be exposed as no different from the 'old' Hillary.

Readers write

Letters, 150 words or less, must be signed and include a phone number. We reserve the right to edit for clarity and liability. Letters must be written exclusively for the Times.

Computer repair

Dear editor, Shopping local pays off. Murphy's Computer Service went above and beyond fixing my laptop, and courteously helped me get all my wireless devices working once I brought it home. Great work, great price. Linden has some

real gems in our local merchants. You want personal service; utilize what is close to home. No one from a 'big box' store would have spent time with me on the phone fixing a problem for free. Thank you Tim and Ashley Murphy for an outstanding job!

— Scott Hardy, Linden

street talk



Compiled by Alexei Rose, intern

"I have called the police before because there was suspicious activities in the neighborhood."

— Natalie Fulger Tyrone Township



"I called 911 because I was in a car accident. Another time we saw a child wandering in the streets by himself." — Bob Ashley, Fenton



"Yes, I have called 911 to assist my neighbor to the hospital."

- Linda Living-Hawley Rose Township



"Yes, I have called 911 because I followed a drunk driver and called her in."

— John Prater Fenton Township



"Yes, I sometimes have to call 911 as a part of my job."

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Moviegoers share Fenton drive-in memories

66 I can

remember

Mom making

popcorn and

it in a paper

Former Fenton resident

Abe Raleigh

we used to take

grocery bag. 77

►Silver Drive-In showed its last movie in 1987

By Vera Hogan

vhogan@tctimes.com; 810-433-6823 Whether it was for a hot date with their

sweetie or a family outing with the kids in their pajamas, Friday and Saturday night at the drive-in movies was the place to be in Fenton ... that is until the Silver Drive-in was demolished in 1988 to make way for residential and commercial development.

Owner A.K. Sears built the drive-in in 1955. It was located at the corner of Silver Lake Road and Jennings. The

back of the big screen faced Silver Lake Road, while the front faced south, with cars parked on what is now Silver Arbor Apartments, along

Summary

The popular Silver Drive-In provided local outdoor entertainment for 32 years before being demolished to make way for development at Silver Lake Road and Silver Parkway

Jennings Road. The first movies were shown on Aug. 11, 1955. Featured were "Tonight's the Night" and "A Bullet is Waiting." The ticket price back at the time was 70 cents per person.

Abe Raleigh, formerly of Fenton, remembers going to the movies at the Silver Drive-In with his family when he was about 9 years old.

"I remember going when I was little," Raleigh said. "If I remember correctly it used to have a playground up front under the screen. I can remember Mom making popcorn and we used to take it in a paper grocery bag. Since I was only about 9, I don't really remember what movies we would have seen."

Lee Knorr said she went to the Silver Drive-In many times. "The summer I was 17, I was working at Fenton Extended Care and living with my grandparents," she said. "After work one night, a guy I was dating picked me up and we went to see a movie there. As I worked second shift, we had missed the beginning, so we decided to stay for the second showing. We fell asleep and woke up about 4 a.m. My grandpa was so mad at me. I tried to explain, but I'm not sure he ever believed me."

Dianne Duby-Krein of Holly said, "I remember my family getting into the



green Ford van and watching Disney's 'Herbie' movie. He (Herbie) was a VW beetle. Mosquitoes were quite thick. We had to wear our pajamas. My mom would make popcorn. They were wonderful memories for sure."

Sherry Smith, also of Holly, remembers going to the drive-in as a

kid. "There were swings up in front of the screen," she said. "I remember loading up with a pillow and blanket, being sprayed with OFF and burning those PIC (repellant sticks) to keep the mosquitoes away."

Thirty-two years later, on Sept. 27, 1987, the last movies, "Can't Buy Me Love" and "Adventures in Babysitting" were shown. By then,

the ticket price was \$3.50 per person. See DRIVE-IN on 10



COURTESY OF BARNEY KAHN

The Silver Drive-In, located at Silver Lake Road at Jennings, entertained outdoor movie-goers for 32 years before showing its last movie in September of 1987.



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News briefs

in Fenton on Monday

Approximately 350 Consumers

Energy customers near South Long

Lake Road in Fenton lost power at

power outages were also reported

near North and Torrey Beach roads

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Power outages



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The Armed Career Criminal Act of 1984, Part I

In Michigan for criminal matters, we have state statutes and local ordinances, which guide our behavior. Violations of one or more of these laws can result in a small fine all the way up to life in prison, depending on the severity of the offense. The most severe type of criminal offense is a felony, and if a criminal defendant is convicted of multiple felony offenses over their lifetime, they can be sentenced under Michigan's habitual offender statute, which allows for an enhanced sentence for repeat offenders up to life in prison.

The federal system has its own type of criminal laws contained in the United States Code. Included among these laws are similar provisions for enhanced sentences for certain repeat offenders.

Among federal laws in this area is a defendant receiving 'Career Offender Status' as a result of a felony conviction. Under federal sentencing guidelines, a career offender is a defendant who is at least 18 years old, has committed a felony that is either a crime of violence or a controlled substance offense, and has at least two prior felony convictions involving crimes of violence or a controlled substance. Depending on the totality of the circumstances, an enhanced sentence of up to life imprisonment is possible.

A second law is the federal Armed Career Criminal Act of 1984. This statute provides that a felon, who is convicted of unlawfully possessing a firearm and has three or more previous convictions for a 'violent felony,' will receive a mandatory 15-year minimum prison term. A violent felony is defined in the Act as a crime punishable by more than one year imprisonment and has, as an element, the use, attempted use, or threatened use of physical force against a person or is burglary, arson, extortion, the use of explosives or otherwise involves conduct that presents serious potential risk of physical injury to another.

The constitutional validity of this last phrase is currently the issue in the pending United States Supreme Court case of Johnson v United States.

Next week I will discuss the facts and issues in Johnson, which was argued April 20, 2015.



Recycling is simple way to protect environment

Earth Day was first observed 45 years ago and is now a global effort

By Vera Hogan

vhogan@tctimes.com; 810-433-6823 Today is Earth Day, an event celebrated annually on April 22 to raise awareness and demonstrate support for the protection of our environment.

Summary

Recycling can be a simple practice. Knowing what items can be recycled will help keep unnecessary materials out of landfills.

Earth Day was first observed in 1970 and is now a global effort celebrated in more than 192 countries each year worldwide. "Recycle, re-purpose and re-use" have be-

come words to live by, not only by individual citizens, but communities as a whole as they work together to make their little

corner of the earth a better place to live, work and play for many more years to come.

Heather Edmonds of Fenton has been recycling for more than 20 years. "I was raised in a 'waste not, want not'environment," she

said. "My grandmother was a huge influence over me. She grew up in the Great Depression, which spawned that attitude. It trickled down to me through her."

Edmonds said she recycles just about everything. "Even an old, broken computer mouse goes in the bin," she said.

Fenton officials will be addressing a plan to improve the city's trash collection and recycling programs. They are expected to discuss possible changes in the current program at their Monday, April 27 City Council meeting. According to Councilwoman Patricia Lockwood, the public will have opportunities to share their views at one or two upcoming hearings.

In the meantime, it may be helpful to know exactly what can and cannot currently be recycled in the city of Fenton. Residents may be surprised to learn that it is more than just bottles, cans and newspapers.

Recyclable items

According to Republic Services in Flint, the city's current waste and recycling hauler, items that can be recycled include broken down cardboard boxes, including pizza boxes, as long as the box is not wax-coated. Wax-coated beverage containers will not be collected either.

All empty boxes made of paperboard, such as cereal boxes, macaroni and any other dried food items found at the grocery store can be recycled.

Any size magazines, catalogs, telephone books and junk mail, including postcards, flyers, brochures, envelopes, political announcements can go in the recycle bin.

Recycle old newspapers, but be sure to remove strings and rubber bands.





Old, unwanted kitchen pots and pans can be recycled, although some metal scrappers collect those items and take them to the junk yard for cash. Empty steel, tin and aluminum cans are recyclable.

Empty, clear glass bottles and jars (labeled at bottom with #1 or #2) and empty plastic jugs and bottles (labeled #3-#7) can go in the bin.

Milk, water, juice, shampoo, dish and laundry detergent bottles, yogurt containers, cereal liners, grocery, trash and retail bags also are recyclable. Check

with your retailer or grocery store first as some, including VG's in Fenton, will deduct a few cents from your purchases if the bags are re-used.

TRI-COUNTY TIMES FILE PHOTO

Kevin Goodman of Clio empties a recycle bin in Fenton Township in this 2012 file photo. He'll empty 800 to 1,200 bins in one day for Republic Services. He also handles the city of Fenton, Millington, Vassar and Goodrich. He feels like he helps to keep the planet clean with his work.

Hazardous waste collection dates set

There are some items that recycling centers cannot accept. They include propane tanks, paint cans, colored glass, medical waste, flammable liquids, household cleaners, dry or liquid chemicals. For more information, visit www.gcmpc.org, or contact the Genesee County Recycling Hot Line at (810) 762-7744.

Genesee County Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste collection will take place: Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at:

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Everyday products made from unusual recyclables

► Even the unthinkable can to turned into useful items

By Vera Hogan

vhogan@tctimes.com; 810-433-6823 Most people are aware that recycling everything they can keep out of the trash and landfills is good for the earth. Ever wonder though what everyday products can be made from unusual recycled materials? Here are a few of them: SOAP

Some hotels will take the halfused soap left in the shower and recycle it by sending it to Clean See RECYCLABLES on 9



Benjamin Franklin once said, "In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes." Now that tax time is mostly behind us for the year we should begin to think about our estate planning and overall retirement planning. To determine how much life insurance you need, you should take into consideration who you are protecting: spouse, loved one, or children. Your total insurance needs should be based on providing income for surviving spouse and family members and to cover expenses such as mortgages, debts, and college costs. This will give you the total capital required if something were to happen to you today. Then by subtracting the total of all current savings, investments, and present amount of any employer provided group life insurance this will provide an estimated amount of additional life insurance needed. This is the most basic analysis for determining your life insurance needs. Those looking to use life insurance for the various retirement income tax advantages would benefit from reviewing their current situation with a qualified Certified Financial Planner. Make time for your finances today and if you have a question please feel free to contact us at noahmorgan@acornwa.com.



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11 was raised in a 'waste not, want not' environment. 77 **Heather Edmonds**

Fenton resident and recycler

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Looking back to the evening when Owen was killed, at 7:25 p.m. on Oct. 21, 2014, Holly police responded to the intersection of North Holly and Quick roads after a passerby called to report seeing a female, later identified as Owen, lying in the road unconscious. The woman had recently moved from Lake Orion to Holly and was out on a walk.

Owen was pronounced deceased at Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township.

Police Chief Michael Story said there was very little evidence recovered from the scene, mostly a piece of broken headlight. There were very few tips and no witnesses except for the at-fault driver.

Eventually, police received a few calls, which led detectives on a path to identify a possible suspect. Believing that the driver might want to get rid of the damaged vehicle, Det. Heather Wolkow began calling auto repair shops, dealers and brokers, and any place that might take in a damaged vehicle. Wolkow found a broker in Otisville who bro-

HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHERE IS THE logic in the government setting an arbitrary minimum wage? Who determined that \$15 is appropriate? We should let the market determine wages, not Uncle Sam!

I HAVE A solution for garbage disposal. I am going to have a 10-yard dumpster parked in my drive and for \$20 a month, everybody in my neighborhood can dispose of their refuse.

QUIT CRYING ABOUT the garbage. Nobody cares or will ever care. If

kered a deal with a Holly man who wanted to have his vehicle towed and auctioned off.

Information obtained from the Otisville business led Holly police to Lee, who lived just a few blocks from the crash scene. A search warrant was executed at Lee's home, where further evidence was recovered. A receipt from a fast-food restaurant from the same day as the crash led Wolkow to review the surveillance video, which showed Lee driving away from the restaurant minutes before the crash.

The case was turned over to the county prosecutor's office, which authorized the arrest warrant on Lee.

The police chief said Lee did not stop after he struck Owen. Instead, he continued on to his home, where he drove into the garage and attempted to remove evidence.

"He never stopped," said Story. "Had he stopped, nothing would have happened to him. She was in dark clothing. It was dark out. He was on his way home from work. He was sober.

"It was just an accident in the truest sense of the word."

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ABOUT CALIFORNIA'S WATER

shortage. You may need to check your facts. It has nothing to do with families and their water use. The state has had water restrictions for years and with the lack of snow in the mountains means no water for residents.

ARE WE DOING taglines again? Here

is my first submission: 'Fenton - Where you wish you were when you move somewhere else.³



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the World. There, soap is soaked in a sanitizing solution, treated to a steam bath, and then tested for infections. Once

Summary

► From dirty diapers to dentures to pantyhose, there are recycling efforts aimed at turning everyday waste into something useful. deemed safe, the soap is distributed to less fortunate people across the globe.

DENTURES

Some of those old choppers are made of recyclable metals, including gold,

silver and palladium. The Japan Denture Recycling Association collects false teeth, removes the metals, recycles them and discards the rest of the denture, which is illegal to re-use. The program donates all of its earnings to UNICEF and has given hundreds of thousands to charity. **DIRTY DIAPERS**

The average baby is said to soil about 6,000 diapers before being potty trained. That's one ton of diapers rotting in the landfill per child. But not all packages of baby deposits suffer this fate. The company Knowaste collects and recycles dirty diapers at hospitals, nursing facilities, and public restrooms. After sanitizing the diaper with a solution, they mechanically separate the "organic matter" from the diaper's plastic and paper. The plastic is compressed into pellets, which are recycled into roof shingles. The paper pulp grows up to become wallpaper and shoe soles.

SHOES

Send your beat-up old sneakers to Nike Grind and you'll help build a running track. Nike's recycling facility rips apart



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I FILE PHOTO Republic Waste Services suggests customers bundle their recycling to prevent scattering in the wind.

worn shoes, separating the rubber, foam, and fabric, which are then chewed up in a crusher. The rubber is melted down for running track surfaces, the foam is converted into tennis court cushioning, and the fabric is used to pad basketball court floorboards. So far, Nike has shredded over 28 million pairs of shoes.

OLD WALLET WASTE

Most ID cards, credit cards, and gift cards are made from PVC, and are recyclable. Each year, more than 75 million pounds of recyclable PVC enter the landfill. Recycling centers, like Cleveland's Earthworks system, are trying to stop it. They accept cards, chopping them up and melting them into sheets of PVC, which are remade into more cards.

PANTYHOSE

Most pantyhose are made of nylon, a recyclable thermoplastic that takes over 40 years to decompose. Companies like No Nonsense save your old stockings by grinding them down and transforming them into park benches, playground equipment, carpets, and even toys. *Source: mentalfloss.com*



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DRIVE-IN

Continued from Page 5 The drive-in was demolished in 1988 to make way for the development yet to come — a new apartment complex called Silver Arbor Apartments and the commercial district now known as Silver Lake Village.

Death of a drive-in

In May of 1988, a developer, Thomas Krause confirmed that he signed a purchase agreement to buy the old Silver Drive-In property on Silver Lake Road. Krause did not reveal what his plans were for the property. It was rumored for some time that the drive-in owners were attempting to sell their land, which was valuable because of its close proximity to the U.S. 23 expressway exit. That stretch was originally targeted as the "gateway" to Fenton, but rapid development was beginning to take place off the U.S. 23 exit at Owen Road.

Krause had also been planning to build a modular home community on land between what was known as the Fenway Industrial Park and the U.S. 23 Industrial Corridor. The manufactured housing community, which had been dubbed "Silver Wood Village," would have featured 294 doublewide, ground level units on a 70-acre parcel.

In June 1988, the Fenton City Planning Commission put the brakes on the modular home park and recommended denying the request because it did not fit the city's zoning ordinance and members did not feel it was the best use for the land. Krause's plans for a Planned Unit Development were tabled so the developer and city planners would have more time on the project.

While Krause's development company ultimately went bankrupt, another firm built the PUD project we now know as Silver Lake Village, and the long-gone drive-in became part of Fenton's movie history.



CAMPING Continued from Page 3

Top ranked is **Ludington State Park** in Ludington. It boasts biking, hiking, boating, swimming, playgrounds and a lighthouse. It has sold out for this summer.

Second on the list is **Ossineke State Forest Campground.** This is a rustic campground along the shores of Lake Huron suitable for tents and small trailers only. The 42-site campground has no reservation system and is first come first served. The camping fee is \$13 a day and based on the honor system.

Third on the list is **Newaygo State Park**, also a rustic campground. Its 99 sites are also waterfront overlooking the Hardy Dam Pond, a flooding of the Muskegon River. This campground is popular because of its huge campsites and 30-foot buffers between sites that allow for privacy.

Ranked fourth is **Tahquamenon Falls State Park** in Paradise. This is suburbia compared to the first three campgrounds. Hot showers and toilets accompany the 180 close-knit campsites. These luxuries will cost campers \$16 a day plus a \$6 a day parking permit per vehicle. It, too, was booked through the summer.

The fifth most popular campground in Michigan is **Porcupine Mountains** **State Park** in Silver City. The wilderness state park is one of the few remaining large wilderness areas in the Midwest. Miles of wild rivers and streams cover the 60,000-acre park. Although this park has all the modern amenities including showers and boat rentals, black bears are also common guest in the Porcupine Mountains.

Still need a reservation?

Three popular Michigan campgrounds were contacted to inquire about availability. The first, Cedarville Park in the Upper Peninsula is on the shores of Lake Huron. As of last week, the last week in August had premium campsites available with full hook-up for \$41 a night. Lake George Campground, in west central Michigan, had campsites available for the first week of August. Full hook-up campsites are \$30 a night. The Timber Ridge Resort in Traverse City has both campsites for rent and cabins. In July, the resort had full hook-up campsites available for \$48 a night and cabins for rent for \$89 a night. It might not be too late to make a reservation or be placed on a waiting list in the event there are cancellations. According to AAA of Michigan, the most popular campgrounds sell out every year.



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The Mackinac Center for Public Policy provides a weekly report of how local elected officials in Michigan have voted and on what topics. This report was released Friday, April 17.

Senate Bill 248: Revise mandated no-fault auto insurance personal injury coverage

To replace the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association (MCCA) with a new state authority that would provide reinsurance to insurance companies for the unlimited personal injury coverage mandated by Michigan's no-fault law. The bill would place some price controls on services provided to injured individuals under this coverage, and expand a state automobile theft prevention authority to include insurance fraud. **Passed 21 to 17 in the Senate** *Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)*

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Senate Bill 191: Expand government power to extract more costs from violators

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Senate Bill 170: Authorize high school "STEM" diploma

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FOUL BALL Continued from Front Page

"We had just sat down after getting hot dogs when the ball came flying toward us," said Thalman, still very shaken by the event. "It just happened

so fast I didn't even have a second to think about it. Thank God, I was paying attention. If the ball had hit Gia I don't know what would've happened. Blood was everywhere."

Thalman was first treated at a Comerica Park firstaid center, then signed a waiver to visit the emergency room at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

"She was in a lot of pain," said her mother, Cam Stevens of Argentine Township. It was a freak accident; she just thanks God it hit her and not Gia."

Thalman, a Linden High School graduate now living in Berkley, was attending the game with her husband, Linus,

Summary

► A former Linden woman was injured Sunday at the Detroit Tigers vs. Chicago White Sox baseball game, following a foul ball hit into the stands by Tiger Raija Davis. 2-year-old Gia and 4-year-old Gia and 4-year-old Linus, named after his dad. "On the way there, they thought about their family sitting so close to the action," said Stevens. "They had just sat down to eat hot

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Mother of Shallan Thalman

God it hit her

Cam Stevens

dogs during the first inning, and that's when the ball hit."

An injury this severe is rare at Comerica Park, with accidents requiring medical attention occurring just one to two times from home stand to home stand, according to Ron Colangelo, vice president of communications for the Detroit Tigers. "Bruises, not broken bones, are by far the most common," he said."

Fans attending a baseball game assume all the risk and danger of the sport, including the danger of being injured by thrown bats and thrown or batted balls. This clause is spelled out on tickets and also the Detroit Tigers website, detroit. tigers.mlb.com.

Colangelo said that fans in any seats numbered 20 or lower in infield box seats need to be especially aware of their surroundings while the ball is in action. "Every seat is safe, but lower seats down the right and left field lines require that you keep an eye on the batter."

If a ball is coming straight at you, Colangelo recommends you "cover up and go low," exactly what Stevens-Thalman did in hovering over her daughter to protect her.

A person who is injured is taken to the first-aid station for evaluation and treatment, according to Colangelo. Comerica Park has three first-aid stations, six EMT squads, plus doctors and nurses from the Detroit Medical Center on site, as well as two ambulances.

He also said that Comerica Park communicates about safety very extensively, knowing that fans will see between 25 and 35 batted balls a game. "Pop ups come down fast, too," said

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Colangelo. "When trying to catch a ball, always try using two hands. Fans can also bring gloves into the ball park. Bats also fly out of a batter's hands. You may be eating, conversing or keeping score. Always have one eye on the ball." "I feel like there should

be netting or some kind of age restrictions for sitting in the lower rows," said Thalman. "Kids sitting there unprotected could be really hurt. I'm still pretty shaken up about the whole thing." The good news to come

out of Sunday's game is that the Tigers did beat the White Sox, 9-1 and the Thalman family did

get the ball and take it home. "That's not always the case," said Colangelo. "Sometimes they ricochet off you. People will often challenge each other to grab the ball. The majority of the time, if the adult catches a foul ball, they give it to a kid sitting near them. That's kind of an unwritten rule in baseball."

The Thalman family has also been invited back for another game as guests of the Detroit Tigers.





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Ready, set, GO!

Crim training, plus local walk/run programs and events are starting this spring

By Sally Rummel

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Now that spring is here, local residents have many opportunities to take their walk-ing/running workouts outdoors.

Runners and walkers who want to commit to a formal training program where's there's "strength in numbers" will appreciate the structure and expertise of CrimFit Adult Training, the largest training program of its kind in the world.

Prepping participants for the Crim Festival of Races in Flint on Saturday, Aug. 22, CrimFit Adult Training steps out in May with Tuesday evening programs throughout Genesee County. Participants can choose from a 10-mile run, 10-mile walk, 8K or 5K run or walk. Registration ends on Friday, May 1, at www.crim.org. Cost is \$150, and includes many other discounts and benefits.

On a more local basis, The Freedom Center church is in its seventh year of offering a "From Couch to the Crim" training, which begins Sunday, May 3 at 6:30 p.m. and runs every Sunday night up to the Crim race.

"We have training for all three races: 5K, 8K and 10 mile, plus levels in each race for those who want to walk, those who want to run/walk and runners who want to train for speed," said Pastor Jim Wiegand. Cost is \$25, which funds water, Gatorade, popsicles, etc. after the training session. To register, contact The Freedom Center at (810) 629-5261.

"Races in the Park" are offered on Wednesdays at Linden County Park through Linden Community Education. Races begin June 17, 24, July 8, 15 and 22 at 6:30 p.m. Arrive earlier to register. Cost is \$2

SHOT

Continued from Front Page Police, arrested Bigford, at her home without incident.

On Monday, Isabella County District Court Judge Paul Chamberlain formally charged Bigford with five felonies. She is currently being held at the Isabella County Jail on charges of Homicide-Murder First Degree, Homicide-Open Murder, Weapons-Dangerous Weapon, Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, and Weapons-Felony Firearm. Bigford is being held without bond.

Police have not yet revealed a motive for the killing, but it is believed that



Tracks at local high schools are also open to the public, as long as they are not being used for practices or track events.

Other walking/running opportunities abound in the tri-county area, from hiking trails at Seven Lakes State Park and Holly Recreation Area, to Linden County Park with trails along Clover Beach.

Watch for these nearby running/walking events:

• April 25 – Flushing "Run like a Wildebeest," 10K run/5K run/walk, kids' run, 8:30 a.m., Flushing High School. • May 3 – Color-a-thon at Linden High School, 12 p.m., 5K run/walk sponsored by Hyatt P.A.L.S., cost: \$30. • May 16 - Fenton Tiger Run & Tiger Trot. 5K run/walk, kids' walk, 8:30 a.m. at Fenton High School. • June 6 – Wings of Mercy Runway, 8 p.m. 5K at Linden's Price Airport. June 20 – Fifth Annual First Try/Fast Try Triathlon, Byram Park in Linden. • July 4 - Frankenmuth Volkslaufe, 20K, 10K, 5K, 2K Fun Run. • July 9 - Huckleberry Hustle, off-road 5K course at Crossroads Village. • July 11 - Bastille Day Race, 15K run, 5K run/walk, location to be announced. • July 23 – Run for Hope 5K at Hope Lutheran Church, Linden. • Aug. 1 – Kayla O'Mara Memorial Road Race in Goodrich, 10K, 5K run/walk. • Aug. 1-2 - Warrior Dash at E.A. Cummings Center in Mt. Morris, 3.2 miles and 11 obstacles. Cost: \$60. • Aug. 22 - Crim Festival of Races in Flint, 10-mile, 8K, 5K, Teddy Bear Trot.

> Howard and Bigford's daughter had an ongoing custody dispute over their 3-year-old daughter. It was reported that sexual assault allegations had been made against Howard, however, no evidence of abuse was found and both parents had the right

Lawrence Howard Jr.

Mary

Bigford

to see the child. The child and her mother resided at the apartment complex where the shooting took place. Howard was there Saturday to see his daughter for regularly scheduled parenting time.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Mt. Pleasant Police Department at (989) 773-1000 or the tip line at (989) 779-9111.



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DRIVER CRASHES TRUCK, FLEES ON FOOT

A 27-year-old Clarkston man was issued several tickets after he left the scene of a crash in Argentine Township. According to Police Chief Dan Allen, officers responded to Meier and Silver Lake roads at 8 p.m. on April 3 on a report of an unknown crash. A white Dodge Dakota pickup truck had crashed into a tree, causing heavy damage to the truck and breaking the tree in half. Blood on the airbag indicated the driver, who left the scene, had been injured. Police located the driver a few hours later. He refused medical treatment. Police gave him tickets for leaving the scene of a crash, having no insurance and no license. No alcohol was suspected.

HUSBAND ARRESTED FOR DOMESTIC ASSAULT

A 37-year-old Argentine Township man is expected to be arraigned on domestic assault on Wednesday. Police Chief Dan Allen said officers responded to a home on River Drive at 5:55 a.m. on April 20. Upon arrival, officers observed that the man and his wife had been drinking. The man's wife told police that he had pushed her, broke a door and had made threats toward her. Police took the man into custody and lodged him at the Flint City Jail pending the arraignment. He also faces probation violations as he was on probation for a prior domestic violence offense.

SUSPICIOUS MAN IN ARGENTINE

The Argentine Township Police Department is investigating a suspicious situation, which occurred on April 14 at 2 p.m. According to police, a resident arrived home in the 9000 block of Lovejoy at 2 p.m. She called police at 7 p.m. to report the incident and said she observed an older black pickup truck, with no tailgate, parked near her garage. Near the truck was an unknown white male. She said he was thin, had a gap between his front teeth, and had very short hair in the back and a bit longer in front. When she asked what he was doing there, he said he was looking for Ron and seeking a roofing job. He provided a name and phone number and drove away. Police were unable to confirm the name or number and no license plate number was provided. Police urge residents to call 911 immediately if they encounter a suspicious situation.

HOLLY WOMAN FACES STOLEN AUTO CHARGE

At 4:15 a.m. on April 20, Fenton police responded to a home on Arbor Drive to investigate a stolen vehicle complaint. A 46-year-old resident said he allowed two females to drive his 2005 Monte Carlo the previous night at 10 p.m. to the store. At midnight, the females called and said they were heading back, however, they did not return. At noon on April 20, Fenton police learned that state police had pulled the car over at Grange Hall and North Holly roads and had two females in custody, one of whom was at the Arbor Drive home the night before. The 28-year-old female from Holly who was initially given permission to borrow the car was not in it when state police initiated the traffic stop. State police are seeking charges and Fenton police are continuing to investigate.

STOLEN JEEP FOUND IN FENTON

At 9 a.m. on April 18, Fenton police responded to a business in the 2400 block of North Road. The owner told police that a 2006 Jeep Liberty had been parked in his lot for several days and he wanted it removed. Police learned that the vehicle was reported stolen through the Genesee County Sheriff's Department on April 15. The unlocked Jeep was not damaged and was impounded for safekeeping.

CHAINSAW STOLEN FROM CAR

On April 13, Fenton police responded to the 2000 block of South Long Lake Road to investigate a larceny from auto complaint. The 30-year-old Grand Blanc man told police that between 4:30 and 5:30 a.m. on April 12, someone stole his 12-inch Stihl chainsaw from his unlocked vehicle while it was parked at a business parking lot on North LeRoy Street.

News briefs

Jim Brady Trio to perform on Saturday

The Jim Brady Trio will be in concert this Saturday, April 25 at Springview Community Church in Davisburg. The evening features uplifting music including timeless classics, Gospel favorites and original pieces written by Jim and Melissa Brady. Tickets are \$20 for artist circle and \$15 for general seating. Tickets can be purchased by calling (248) 882-4808. Springview Community Church is located at 12881 Andersonville Rd., Davisburg.



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911

Continued from Front Page to all nature of emergencies.

According to Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro, if the 911 call is made from a landline, it goes directly to the Fenton police station dispatch desk. If the call is made from a cell phone, it goes to the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) in which the cell tower is programmed to send the call.

"This is typically 'programmed' by the cell carrier to represent jurisdictional boundaries," Aro said. "It's not always perfect. For example, a caller on U.S. 23 in the north end of the city could be routed to Genesee Central where they would then be transferred to us."

Calls made to 911 from outlying communities and townships are routed to the appropriate PSAP, whether from a landline or cell phone.

The city of Fenton's dispatch desk is manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week, including weekends and holidays, Aro said. There are six dispatchers on staff to handle police, fire and emergency medical calls.

When someone calls 911 for a medical emergency, the appropriate medical response personnel are dispatched to their location depending on the severity of the emergency.

"The dispatcher may also give emergency medical directions until the responder arrives," Aro said.

Depending on the severity of an emergency medical call, paramedics and Fenton fire and police also may respond.

"We always have an EMS (Emergency Medical Service) responder assigned to the city," Aro said. "If one is dispatched to a call, another is immediately assigned to cover the city by our EMS provider, STAT," he said.

STAT EMS, Inc. in Flint is the ambulance company with which the city of Fenton has an agreement. "But all ambulances in Genesee County can be sent to an emergency in Fenton," Aro said.

"On life-threatening calls, our fire department would also be dispatched if the ambulance is coming from outside of the city," he added.

With three hospitals in the Flint area, the decision on which to choose depends on the severity of the medical emergency.

"Patients have a choice as long as they are competent to make that decision and it doesn't conflict with their medical protocol," Aro said.

If a person dials 911 and then for some reason becomes too incapacitated to complete the call by providing their address and other information, dispatch computers do show where the call is coming from whether that call comes in from a cell phone or landline, Aro said.

Emergency 911 calls are ranked by priority. EMS Priority 1, or lifethreatening, calls are responded to on an average of just over 5 minutes, Aro said. Priority 2, non-life-threatening calls are responded to on an average of just under 8 minutes. Police response times average 3.75 minutes, Aro said.

What if someone dials 911 by mistake? "Accidental calls are not penalized," said Aro. "Malicious, harassing or continual calls are a crime."

When an alarm is accidentally set off, there is no penalty. "If we have multiple false alarms we typically call the property owner and they take care of the problem," Aro said.

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The Lake Fenton High School Symphonic Band frequently travels to perform. The band has performed in Disney World, America's Thanksgiving Day Parade in Detroit and this weekend, Washington, D.C.

MUSICIANS

Continued from Front Page (D.C.)," said Band Director Ryan Gonder. He was so

impressed with the venue and beauty of this local landmark in Holly, saying that local high school bands should be out there. "They were very good hosts to us."

The April 15 date also carried historical significance as the date President Abraham Lincoln ordered 75,000 militia men to serve in the Civil War in 1861. It

was also the date that Lincoln died in 1865 at the hands of assassin John Wilkes Booth,

the day after he was shot on April 14. The 85 student musicians and 23 chaperones left by bus Friday morn-

11 It was a way for us to create a performance for our family and friends in the area. to see the same concert we were going to perform in Washington, (D.C.). 77 **Rvan Gonder**

Lake Fenton High School band director

Saturday at the National World War II Memorial. En route, they also took part in an ensemble clinic at the University of Akron. The band also enjoyed sightseeing at the Arlington National Cemetery, tour of monuments and the Smithsonian Museum. On their way home Monday, they

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capital to perform

visited the Gettysburg National Military Park, film and battlefield.



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INSIDE SPORTS

LINDEN TRACK Boys team is ranked third in the state See Page 18



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What is the greatest number of goals an NHL team has ever scored in one period?

On March 31, 1973 the Philadelphia Flyers scored eight in the second period in a 10-2 victory against the Islanders.

TRI-COUNTY BOSTON MARATHON RUNNERS

Here is a list of tri-county runners who competed in Monday's Boston Marathon. Please alert the sports staff if you know of any other area runners who competed. Of the 30,251 participants entered. 26.610 competitors finished the race.

Erin O'Mara Linden

Time: 3:06.43 Placed: 3,938th place overall. 288th female

Kathleen McGowan Fenton

Time: 3:36.52. Placed: 12,388th place overall, 3,680th female

Larry Gutierrez

Fenton Time: 3:50.44 Placed: 16,536th overall,

10,364th male **Terese Grondin**

Fenton

Time: 4:03.14 Placed: 19,424th overall. 7.906th female

Brian Francis

Fenton

Time: 4:08.41 Placed: 20,327th overall, 11.877th male



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I DAVID TROPPENS Holly's Adam Tooley slides into second safely as Linden's Kevin Bates blocks the ball from going to the outfield during a recent right to defend that title on contest. Holly advanced to the Greater Flint Friday. Tournament's title game last weekend.

Holly advances to Flint tourney title game

Bronchos defeat Blue Devils in semis

By David Troppens dtroppens@tctimes.com

The Holly varsity baseball team won the Greater Flint Baseball Tournament's Division 2 title game a year ago.

The Bronchos earned the

Holly defeated Genesee

12-1 and then Lake Fenton 11-2 to earn a spot in the title contest on Memorial Day at Flint's Broome Park.

The Bronchos (3-4 overall) took care of Genesee quickly. While Noah Apfel was tossing a five-inning complete game, the offense was crushing the ball against the Wolves. Holly scored nine runs in the first inning and set up the mercy rule with a run in the second and two more in the fourth.

The Wolves' only run of the game came in the top of the first inning on back-to-back hits to start the game. However, Apfel settled down, allowing just two more hits. Apfel threw strikes, tossing 43 strikes out of 60 pitches. He struck out six and walked just one. See HOLLY on 19

Eagles shut out 'Devils

By David Troppens dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789

Kevin Fiebernitz isn't upset with his squad.

But that said, he knows his Linden varsity girls soccer team can play better than they have during the early portions of the season.

The Eagles started showing some gradual improvement during Linden's 5-0 victory against the Lake Fenton Blue Devils on Friday.

"We definitely played better than when we lost to Powers 2-0," Fiebernitz said. "We are working on balancing our team out. I'll be honest, I thought we would be further ahead than we are as of today. We have a lot of talent, but we are still learning how to utilize it.

"Our biggest thing right now is fitness and just getting the kids in the right spot. When we get in a practice routine, I think we will slowly get back into our groove. There is a lot of talent on this team. We just have to get it going."



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Linden's Alia Frederick (left) tries to shield Lake Fenton's Kurstin Porritt from the ball in the Eagles' 5-0 victory against the Blue Devils on Friday.

The Eagles got it going against Lake Fenton, resulting in five goals by four different players. Maddie Zayan led the Eagles (4-1) with a two-goal

performance. Meanwhile, Alia Frederick, Erica Breitling and Erica Freeman had a goal each. In net, Madison Paige and See EAGLES on 18

Area teams do well at **LF Relays**

Fenton's Hall breaks school record in long jump

By David Troppens dtroppens@tctimes.com

There are some things that tell us spring is here.

The leaves appear, the flowers start blooming and Lake Fenton hosts its annual Blue Devil Relays.

Fenton and Lake Fenton were at the annual event, and the Tigers were able to post many outstanding performances.

The Lady Tigers had three firsts and placed in the top three in nine events, finishing second in the team standings.

The Fenton boys also captured two firsts.

The Fenton girls were paced by a school-record performance. Maddie Hall posted a Fenton record with a leap of 17-feet-9 in the long jump, helping the Tigers take second in the event. She broke a record which stood since 1979.

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Linden boys track ranked third in state, place third at Chelsea Relays

By David Troppens

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 If the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association (MIT-CA) poll is correct, the Linden varsity boys track season is due to have a strong showing this spring.

The Eagles are currently ranked third in Division 2. The Eagles didn't hurt their ranking at the challenging Chelsea Relays, placing third during Friday's event.

Linden boys track coach Nick Douglass was happy to see the squad was ranked third. The rankings are based on the best times and distances recorded by the Division 2 schools. The best teams will get a chance to compete at the MITCA Meet on May 23.

"It is awesome," Douglass said. "We were a little surprised to be honest, but it shows our quality team depth. The kids are excited and hope to have the opportunity to run in the meet."

But MITCA can wait awhile. On Friday the Eagles were particularly strong in the throwing events, taking firsts in the discus and shot put relay.

Andy Roberts (125-6), Kyle Korman (133-11) and Ray Ballard (122-3) had personal lifetime bests in the shot put, helping the squad to the first. In the shot put the squad earned a first with

toss of 43-4. He was followed by Korman's throw of 42-9 and Ballard's toss of 35-8.

The Eagles also earned a second and four thirds at the event. The second was posted by Ronnie Gipson, Nolan Hill, Ryan Young and Jacob Cox in the 400 relay (45.96). Two of the thirds came in traditional relay events. The 800 relay team of Bailey Davis, Mike Gold, Cade Dickson and Cox earned one with a time of 1:34.85, while the other traditional third-place performance in an event was earned by Andy Bennett, Mikey Varacalli, Nick McDonald and Conor Sproule in the 3,200 relay (8:48.17).

The other two thirds came in not-so-traditional relay events, typically made up for a competition like the Chelsea Relays. Chase Morse, Kagen Griffith, Jack Eck and Ryan Torok placed third in the 4X3,200 relay, while the team of Bennett, Davis, McDonald and Varacalli earned third in the 1,200-400-800-1,600 relay (11:24.37).

Currently the Eagles have three relays ranked in the top five in Division 2 in the state and have 11 individual performers with a top-10 time or distance in their individual event.

Linden hosts Holly and Swartz

Roberts leading the way with a Creek for a key Metro competition on Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Linden girls track at **Chelsea Relays**

The Linden girls earned seconds in two events and had another two place fourth.

The 4X100 shuttle hurdles team of Breyanna Turnipseed, Madison Piet, Allison Lale and Ashleigh Cameron earned a second (1:16.70), while the 4X3,200 relay squad of Courtney Davis, Taylor Ganger, Savannah Ferrara and Maya Gossett earned one (49:00) as well.

Two relays came home with fourth-place efforts. They were the 100-300-600-200 relay team of Turnipseed, Amelia Simberg, Gossett and Bella Blank (4:31.93) and the 1,200-400-800,1,600 relay team of Ferrara, Simberg, Gossett and Blank (4:31.93).

"(Co-head) coach (Hillary) Thorin and I were very happy with how we ran at the Chelsea Relays," co-coach Benjamin Cox said. "We were going against some of the better teams in the state, so place wasn't the most important thing for us in this meet. We were very happy with the two relays that placed second overall, and we saw some great personal performances in many of the others."





TRI-COUNTY TIMES SETH NORMINGTON (Above) Linden's (front to back) Ryan Torok, Chase Morse and Jack Eck helped the Eagles place third in the 4X3.200 relay at the Chelsea Relays. (Left) Madison Piet was a member of a third-place shuttle hurdles team for the Linden girls track squad

Fenton softball sweeps Swartz **Creek in Metro League opener**

By David Troppens

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It was all good news in Fenton varsity softball team's Metro League opening series of the season.

The defending Metro League champions defeated the Dragons 8-0 in the first game and also cruised to victory in the second 13-5.

In the opener, Paige Dean pitched a five-hitter, walking none and striking out one.

Offensively, the Tigers took the lead for good with three runs in the third. It was a four-run fifth that blew the game open.

Breanna Batch had three hits (double), three RBI and two runs scored, while leadoff hitter Emma Brant also had three hits (double) an RBI and scored two runs.

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combining to make about six saves en route to the shutout. The contest was just Lake Fenton's (3-1-1) first of the season, but the Blue Devils proved themselves to be a solid foe against the larger school from the Metro League.

"I thought we competed a little better," Fiebernitz said. "Our team speed showed a lot better. It was just one those things. We connected on some passes better and we got some goal scoring. Those areas

The final player to have three hits was Taylor Mowery, who drove in two runs. Myla Wolosonovich also doubled, while Hayli Byers had a triple.

The Swartz Creek bats woke up in the second game, scoring five runs in the first inning. The Dragons blew it open with six in the sixth.

Fenton had a solid offensive game in the nightcap as well. Katey Cairnduff went 3-for-3 with a home run, a triple and a double. She drove in three runs and scored three runs. Brant had two hits and scored three runs, while Mowery had two hits, drove in two runs and scored two runs. Logan Carter also had a double, scoring two runs and driving in two runs.

On the mound, Meaghan McArdle went the distance, allowing eight hits but walking none. She struck out three.

"Lake Fenton has a couple of nice Bridget Adams spent time in net, players who play in the center midfield. They are quick, aggressive and

will improve as we go along.

fairly skilled. (Lake Fenton coach) Lenny (Glasstetter's) team was a good test for us. They have some talent." One of Lake Fenton's earlier sea-

son victories came against another Metro foe, Brandon.

Lake Fenton traveled to Montrose on Tuesday and host Durand on Thursday at 4:30 p.m. Linden travels to Fenton today for a 6:45 p.m. contest.



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Hall also helped three relays earn firsts. She teamed with Nina Lombardi, Tatayana Mitchell and Hannah Sage to win the 400 relay (53.4), while teaming with Emily Kinser Sage and Battaglia to win the 1,600 relay (4:26). Finally, she teamed with Mitchell, Kinser and Sage to take the top spot in the 800 relay (1:54.5).

The Fenton boys had two firstplace performing squads. Greg Brennen and Peter Conyers combined to win the long jump. Meanwhile, Dominic Dimambro, Scott Cubr, Andrew Bond and Jake Lee combined to win the distance medley.

The Lady Tigers had three more seconds. The middle distance relay team of Emma Lane, Battaglia, Kinser and Hack earned one, while Battaglia, Kinser, Micalli Gadola and Lane also placed second. Finally, Kayla Knitter, Maddie Johnson, Kayla Csapo and Zeinab Torabi also earned a second in the sprint medley relay.

Lake Fenton at the **Blue Devil Relays**

The Lake Fenton boys captured a first in the high jump relay. Isaac Golson and Cameron Parker each jumped 5-foot-2 to earn a combined 10-4 total, capturing first. Meanwhile, the 800 relay team of Jason Baird, Michael Curtis, Parker Goupil and Han Yang earned a third-place time of 1:40.94.

The Lake Fenton girls earned one second and two thirds. The high jump team of Reagan Goupil and Charlotte Irwin combined to leap a total of 8-4 to earn second. Another field squad did well in the discus relay. Ryana Thomas and Charlotte Irwin combined for a distance of 130-9 to earn third. The team's only top-three effort on the tack was earned by the spring medley relay team of Lyndsey Burrough, Renee Shaw, Ryana Thomas and Reagan Goupil.

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Offensively, Peyton Molzahn and Hernan Solis had two hits each. Chet Wyant had one hit and drove in three runs, while Mason Syjud had a triple, driving in two runs with it. Adam Tooley walked three times and ended up scoring two runs. Syjud, Gage Grondin and Clay DeVries each scored two runs.

In the nightcap, the Bronchos avenged a previous loss earlier in the season to the Blue Devils by earning the 11-2 win.

The contest was close until Holly scored nine runs in the bottom of the fourth inning, making what was a Lake Fenton 2-1 lead into a 10-2 Bronchos' lead.

Holly collected nine hits, but the Blue Devils also hurt themselves by committing four errors.

D.J. Tennis and Solis were the only two Bronchos with two hits in the contest. Both drove in a run, while Solis scored two himself. Molzahn had three RBI and one hit, while Sean Degnan was used as a pinch runner, stole three bases and scored three runs.

Tennis started for Holly and went the first six innings, allowing five hits and two walks, while striking out five. Apfel returned to the mound in the second game during the sixth inning. He walked one batter, but struck out two and got out of the inning without allowing a run.

"I would say we are playing more as a team and we're getting solid pitching," Holy coach Benny Jackson said. "Our pitchers are throwing strikes and our defense is picking it up.

"We're just going to keep on working hard and look to improve every day."

Trevor Wright and Jared Smith led the Blue Devils with two hits each. One of Wright's hits was a double. Smith also had the Blue Devils' only RBI of the contest.

Brandon Bacon started on the mound and pitched well until the third inning when he surrendered four of the five runs he allowed. Wright pitched well during the final 2 1/3 innings, allowing just one hit and one run.

The Bronchos are excited to be back in

SOFTBALL

Fenton, Linden at Clarkston Invitational: The Tigers and Eagles each lost

three games at the tough weekend tourney. Fenton lost to Yale 9-6, Clarkston 6-5 and Dakota 10-0. Linden lost to Clarkston 10-0, Dakota 6-3 and 6-4 to Lowell

Fenton had 25 hits in the three games. Taylor Mowery had three in the opening game against Yale with two of them being home runs. She drove in three runs. Logan Carter had five hits in the three contests, including two doubles. Emma Brant also had five hits with one being a double. Brenna Hatch collected four hits.

Maddie Carr and Meaghan McArdle combined to do the pitching in the three contests. McArdle tossed 13 2/3 innings, while Carr tossed 7 1/3 innings

Linden's Liz Rakowski broke up a no-hitter against Clarkston with a single. In the second game, Megan Klavitter and Sterling DeGayner (double) each had two hits. In the third contest, Rakowski, Klavitter and Rhiannon Morse had two hits each. BASEBALL

Fenton at Blissfield Invitational: The Tigers lost three contests. Zack Kostka had three hits in a loss to Carrelton Airport. Chase Coselman had five hits in the other two games, including

a two-run home run and a double. Jon Gillman had two hits and an RBI and Justin Norris had a double and two RBI **BOYS GOLF**

Linden at Haslett Invitational: Linden shot a team score of 331 at Forest Acres East. Nolan McDonaled and Devon Cota paced the Eagles with 83s, while Trevor Sundrla shot an 84. Tony Mastin carded an 86. Fenton 164, Swartz Creek 184:

John Lloyd shot a 36 for nine holes, leading the Tigers past Swartz Creek. The next best round of the day was posted by Swartz Creek's Hunter Hall. who shot a 38, but the next three-best scores were Fenton performers. Joey Perrera and Chris Gilbert shot 43s, while Austin Landis carded a 45.

GIRI SOCCER

Holly 9, Mt. Morris 0: The Bronchos has seven players score in the Saturday victory. Sammy Caldwell and Kayden Shell had two goals each, while Victoria Karakuc, Madison Brack, Alex Karakuc, Amy Scruggs and Paige Gunn had one goal each. Michaela Luchow earned the save in net, her third of the year.

Goodrich 2, Holly 0: The Bronchos pounded over 20 shots on the Martians' net but were unable to score. Paige Conlin and Mackenzie Rappuhn had goals for Goodrich.



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Holly's Mason Syjud had a triple in the Bronchos' 11-2 victory against Lake Fenton during a semifinal contest of the Greater Flint Tournament.

the title game.

"It means a lot. It was fun last year," Jackson said. "Winning this tourney was one our goals and now we have a chance day for a 4 p.m. doubleheader.

for that."

Holly played at Kearsley on Tuesday. Lake Fenton travels to Durand on Thurs-



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Approved:	2015-2016 NOCFA Budget – Proposed Resolution 2015-09
Approved:	Holly Area Youth Assistance Membership – Proposed Resolution
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Approved:	West Nile Grant Reimbursement Request – Proposed Resolution
	2015-11.
Approved:	Honor Holly Boys and Girls Basketball Teams – Proposed Resolu-
	tion 2015-12.
Approved:	Mental Health Month, May 2015 – Proposed Resolution 2015-13.
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MIDWEEK TIMES

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Accepting new commitments when you haven't yet finished the batch on hand could be a bit rash. Better to ease up on the new ones until you get further along with your current lot.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Reward yourself for what's sure to be a dynamic week with a getaway to someplace wonderful, hopefully with a wonderful someone. You'll return refreshed and ready for what's ahead.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Some people might be anxious about your plans. So you need to take time to explain what you expect to do and how you expect do it. And don't forget to ask for suggestions.

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LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your balanced approach to life proves to be helpful this week when someone you care for needs your spiritual comfort, while someone else benefits from your tough-love practicality.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Once again, you're likely to be asked to keep a secret for someone. But do you really want to do so? Be honest with yourself and with your needs before you make any such commitment.

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SAGITTARIUS (November 22

to December 21) Taking a more direct approach from the more diplomatic one you've used before could make a difference in finally resolving a too-long-held disagreement. Try it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Being asked for advice is flattering to the Sea Goat, who has a habit of saying the right thing. This time, expect someone to be especially impressed and to act on that sentiment.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) With a number of pressures easing, your project could be making a lot more progress than you expected by this time. That's great news. But don't let yourself be distracted; stay with it.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) An interesting challenge looms that could be exactly what you've been looking for. Discuss this with colleagues who could have much to contribute and who might want to join with you.

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