Some visitors to Times website annoyed by surveys

Answering a couple of pointand-click questions keeps readers from paying a fee to read Times online

By Vera Hogan

vhogan@tctimes.com; 810-433-6823 Many of the 190,000 visitors who log onto the Times website each month have asked us why they have to answer survey questions in order to gain full access to tctimes.com. The answer is simple - the three to five seconds it takes

to answer a couple of point-andclick questions keeps our readers from having to pay a quarterly or annual fee to read the Times online. The cost to maintain, operate and update tctimes.com 24 hours free access to a day, seven days a week, is more See SURVEYS on 19A

Google Surveys take seconds to complete and allow continued Times' online content.





CRUST land swap approved

Mayor casts sole dissenting vote

By Vera Hogan

vhogan@tctimes.com; 810-433-6823 The Fenton City Council voted 6-1 Monday night to approve a land swap between CRUST and the city.

Mayor Sue Osborn cast the dissenting vote.

During a special meeting held Monday, April 18, Assistant City Manager Mike Burns said the administration had been working with the owners of CRUST on the expansion of their business.

See LAND SWAP on 19A

What you don't know about presidential front-runners

From eating lunch at desk to being a bad singer, Trump and Clinton share personal details

By Vera Hogan

vhogan@tctimes.com; 810-433-6823 While we certainly don't know what will happen just yet, there is no doubt that Republican Donald Trump and Democrat Hillary Clinton are so far the front-runners in the race for the White House.

Here are some personal things the two See PERSONAL on 6A



Donald Trump





L It is time to elect some new faces for leadership in Fenton. Reagan had it right when he said, 'Politicians and babies should be changed frequently – and for the same reason."

Silver Lake Road culvert installed



This week, Davis Construction lowered the two pieces of the Silver Lake Road bridge culvert into place at the bottom of the Shiawassee River, and tied it together. The road is projected to be open July 1. See story on page 8A

GIt is a sign of the

America's degeneration that soldiers die alone and anonymously while overseas with no recognition, but an entertainer like Prince dies and our president makes speeches to honor his life and bemoans 'America's loss' as if he were a hero. I am embarrassed to be an American.'

L Municipal properties pay no property taxes. The post office, police department and city hall

provide no tax revenue.

Those buildings are in

terrific locations with road



access, water view and park views. City hall could be transferred to the old middle school to provide parking and possible additional buildings downtown."

Annual \$1,020 sewer bill a burden for many

What Fenton Township and its residents can do to help

By Hannah Ball

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This is part two of a two-part series on the Fenton Township sanitary sewer system and user fee.

The \$255 per quarter usage fee for the Fenton Township sanitary sewer system could decrease faster based on a few factors, according to a report recently put out by township officials.

The rate could decrease if voters approve a millage proposal and if more people connect and buy into the sewer system, according to the report.

The report, which can be read online at fentontownship.org, stated, "The Fenton Township Board understands that the sewer use rates represent a burden on See SEWER on 6A

Frankly, we have no idea how some of these things are being introduced into the sewer system as none of them will pass through your typical toilet. 77

John Tucker Fenton Township treasurer



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO "Flushable" wipes entering the sanitary sewer system in Fenton Township continue to be a problem.



LEThe city officials and the DDA have done a wonderful job of rebuilding and re-energizing our downtown. As residents, our appreciation for that knows no bounds. Please do not destroy all that goodwill now by ignoring the will of the people who live here and whom you are pledged to represent. Thank you. 77





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IT'S PROM SEASON

Dresses, hair, tickets, flowers and more can add up to an \$800 evening

By Sally Rummel

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Hemlines and hairstyles may go up and down, but one thing about proms hasn't changed over the decades - it's still a defining moment for many people as they look back at their high school years. "It's pretty much 'the big thing' we

look forward to all year," said Allie Luke, 17, who will be attending Lake Fenton High School's prom on Saturday, May 7 at The Roostertail in Detroit.

Proms begin this weekend

Prom season in the tri-county area begins this weekend, with Holly High See **PROM** on 21A



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SUBMITTED PHOTO The prom dress worn by Fenton resident Bev Tippett to her 1962 prom was worn by three different generations, including her two daughters and granddaughter.

Gifts your mother might actually want

■These 10 ideas will make any mother feel appreciated on her day

By Hannah Ball

hball@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 Your mother gave you life. The least you can do is give her what she might

actually want on Mother's Day on May 8. Here are 10 gifts your mother or wife would love:

Recreating childhood photos

This currently is a popular trend online. Choose an old sentimental picture taken during your childhood. Wear the same or similar clothes you wore when the original picture was taken, and posi-



the pitch. It was great."

Figers Flay

Former Fenton Mayor Carl Hammond throws out the first pitch at the April 22 Detroit Tigers game. Hammond and his son-in-law, Leo Doan, a Fenton Water Department retiree, are "die-hard fans" according to Hammond's daughter, Teresa Doan. "Leo arranged to have Dad throw out the first pitch as a birthday present,' Teresa said. Hammond said it was a thrill doing it. "I can't believe my son-inlaw set it up," Hammond said. "It was always something I always dreamed about. When you're out there, you can't hear the crowd, everything just goes dead and you concentrate on

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO One of the best gifts you can give your mom on Mother's Day is reducing her duties as a mother. Let her spend the day doing whatever she wants.

tion yourself the same way. Sometimes siblings do this as a group project.

Frame the picture along with the original for comparison.

Personalized photo book

If someone in your family keeps all the old childhood photos of your first tooth, first step, first vacation and so on, Mother's Day is a great occasion to organize See GIFTS on 15A



Tool Box Tip #1

Spring Time Means **Cleaning Your Gutters!**

Water that can't drain will eventually find the path of least resistance, which often leads into your home's foundation or walls.





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president,

'Yes, sir, they do. And you have to stop

'OK, OK, no more animal references,

calling women you don't like dogs, pigs

emotional, so emotional. Have you ever

'And you can't say things like that

either, sir. Women hate it when you call

them emotional. We have to stay positive

noticed that about them? Very emotional.'

I got it. But, my gosh, women are

and things like that.'

and talk about

like that?

issues that matter

to them as people.'

minivans and stuff

not that! Maybe

'You mean like

'No! Definitely

Come Heller high water

Trick for the trump

onald Trump's new image consultant stepped into his office at Trump Tower. 'What is it now, Johnson,'

growled Trump. 'Mr. Trump, before we get to the

convention. I think it's time to address your biggest

weakness, imagewise.' 'My hair?' replied The Donald. 'I already told you, it's all real. Go

'Not that,' said

on, pull it.'

the consultant.

'I'm talking



Andrew Heller FEATURED COLUMNIST

about women.' 'What about them?'

'Well, not to put too fine a point on it, sir, but they hate you.'

'That's ridiculous, look at this face, I'm adorable.

'Not according to the latest Gallup poll. It said 70 percent of women have an unfavorable view of you.'

'That many, huh? Well, don't worry. I've got that covered. Tonight I'm going to announce in a major policy speech that my second act as president — right after building the wall — will be to make BOGO sales permanent and mandatory at all shoe stores. Women will love that. They love to shop, right?

Sir, with all due respect, that's exactly the problem. Women feel you patronize them and have a narrow, paternalistic view of who they are.'

'Nonsense, I love women. I married three of them for crying out loud. What else can a guy do?'

'Well, sir, how about naming a woman as your running mate, you know like Ted Cruz did with Carly Fiorina? That would show how you trust and respect women.'

'Ugh, Carly. Can you imagine looking at that face for four years? But then Lyin' Ted's used to that with that wife of his woof, am I right?'

'See, that's the problem right there, sir. Women hate it when you reduce their entire worth as human beings to their looks.'

'They do?'

something like have to do equal pay for their fair equal work come out strong share of the in favor of that. housework.77 Women will love it.' 'Got it — equal pay for equal work.

But, listen, I'll go one better than that. When I'm president, I'm going to make it so husbands have to do their fair share of the housework, unless they're rich and can hire that stuff out. Now that's a big idea. What do you think?' Johnson rubbed his chin and thought

for a moment.

'Sir,' he said, 'I think you just guaranteed yourself the presidency.'



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

Demolition of 106 West Shiawassee Ave.

Dear Editor.

I am a 46-year resident of Fenton and have owned The Iron Grate for 36 years. My concern is the possible demolition of 106 W. Shiawassee Ave. Has any consideration been given to the repurposing of the building? Look closely at other thriving Michigan cities and you see obvious examples of historical structures being restored and repurposed. We should be celebrating our history and using it as a tool for a successful business district. The historical features are what make our town unique and why people want to visit. I believe the historic features are part of what has made The Iron Grate so successful. It has become a destination spot. My daughters and partners and I have always hoped to see Dibbleville blossom into a cohesive historic district. The Iron Grate of Dibbleville wholeheartedly feels this issue must be reconsidered.

Respectfully Elizabeth C. Dickens, Fenton





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essarily r effect th right to edit for cl PEOPLE OUGHT TO grow up. You probably had transgender people in your bathrooms and didn't know it in the

past until all these states started making issues out of it. Just mind your own business. Chances are they're behind a stall anyway.

I SEE WHERE Obama said Hillary did not compromise her security. This is the same guy who made a deal with her many years ago, promising her Secretary of State if she dropped out of the race.

HOW SWEET IS it to have a sweet shop in downtown Fenton? Now this excellent, one-of-a-kind store is just another business forced to move away. Is nothing worth keeping to the DDA? When she contacted the city about moving into 106 Shiawassee, the city said 'no.'

election coming up. If you want to see a female Obama in office vote for Hillary. She didn't do anything when she was Secretary of State or in the Senate.

the riots in Chicago were paid for by Bill

ment. What do we pay the mayor and city

IT'S TRUE THAT the Constitution says everyone should be treated equally, but maybe sometimes people are a treated little more equally than others.

THE CITY DOESN'T own anything in Fenton. The people of Fenton own everything in Fenton. We pay the taxes. We pay the salaries of those officials who keep screwing up Fenton.

ONE OF THESE days all of you are going to wake up and realize that Obamacare is destroying American business.

ANOTHER BEAUTIFUL SUNNY day here in the city of Fenton, and there is not one soul working on the Silver Lake Road bridge.

THANK YOU MILLER Industries, Fenton Township, MEDC, and Flint and Genesee Chambers of Commerce for all the hard work that went in to making the new Miller Industries corporate headquarters possible on Thompson Road. The building looks great.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

What do you remember about your prom?

Compiled by Hannah Ball. staff reporter



"I remember that my mother made my dress and I'm pretty sure I still have it."

Taressa Vollmar

Fenton Township



"Just being with friends and the dancing and the food."





"I went to several. I went to my husband's senior prom in 1967. I thought I was going to get in trouble getting home late, but I didn't. We got lost going to Detroit."

Kathy Weisgerber Fenton



"I'm Canadian so ours are a bit different. It was on a boat in Toronto. I remember being really disappointed because there wasn't any alcohol on the boat."

> Aaron Lord Fenton



street talk

"Davison Country Club. My date had a Hawaiian dress. The dress was made out of material from Hawaii. She had the orchid. Very formal."





I RECENTLY HEARD on Fox News that

Gates because he doesn't like Trump. I THINK ALL DDAs should be disbanded. All they are is another layer of govern-

to do?



Seminary memorial dedication set for May 14

Monument made from demolished historical building

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

The old Baptist Ministers' Home that once stood at the corner of High Street and State Road in Fenton may be gone, but its memory will live on forever in Oakwood Cemetery.

A memorial to the structure and its rich history has been constructed from the salvageable bricks and cornerstone from the building, after it was torn down in December of 2015.

At the time, Doug Tebo, director of the Oakwood Cemetery Board, successfully lobbied to get those materials to erect a monument in remembrance of the building and its occupants.

That monument is near completion, as is a memorial black marble bench. These items, designed to withstand the test of time and all manner of harsh weather conditions, will be unveiled during an official "Memorial Dedication" on Saturday, May 14, in Section B of Oakwood Cemetery. There, about 42 Baptist ministers and their wives are laid to rest.

The event is being hosted by Oakwood Cemetery, the Fenton Historical Society and the city of Fenton.

SUMMARY

A "Memorial

Dedication" will

Saturday, May 14,

starting at 1 p.m.

Cemetery. There

the unveiling of

a monument

constructed of materials from the

fallen old Baptist

Ministers' Home

and cornerstone

will take place.

Fenton's Oakwood

in Section B of

take place on

The events begin at 1 p.m. and the public is invited to attend. Upon entering the cemetery, Section B is located to the far right. Parking will be available, including handicap parking.

The "High Adventure Group" of Boy Scout Troop 219 will be handling the parking for the event.

Tebo has been conducting research and found an article called "History of the Baptist Ministers Aid Society of Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin."

In that article is a chapter

called "The Society finds a Home in Fenton, Mich."

It reads, "... On Oct. 2, 1888, the Baptist Ministers' Home was formally opened with appropriate exercises. The veteran minister, Rev. J.L. Smith of Dexter, Mich., was the first to be received as a resident, and soon others with their wives came to make a congenial family."

A chapter called "Life in the Baptist Ministers' Home" provides a glimpse into those days. "...Fenton is a delightful Michigan village, sixteen miles south of the great industrial city of Flint. The



The old Baptist Ministers Home, torn down in December of 2015, will live on through a monument constructed of bricks and materials salvaged after demolition.

Home was located on a hill at the south edge of the village and was surrounded by a farm of twenty acres.

"It is a beautiful property with fine trees and well cultivated fields. A resident farmer also served as janitor of the

building. There were two fine orchards with many apple and pear and plum trees, and many varieties of small fruits so that the members of the Family could have all the fruit they desired and a good vegetable garden was always maintained. "The Home had its own

cows, and milk and cream in abundance. A large flock of chickens ..."

The article also provides information about what was then called the "Fenton Cemetery," and the large lot belonging to the Baptist Ministers' Aid society.

"Forty-two of the ministers, ministers' wives and widows who were residents of the Home are buried there, and a headstone bearing the name and dates of birth and death is on each grave ..."

Tebo also learned that the American Baptist Churches of Michigan organization still exists and is headed by Dr. Michael Williams, who will be at the May 14 dedication, as well Mayor Sue Osborn and the Fenton City Council.

Invitations also were extended to 25 area churches and every local historical society, Tebo said.

Following the ceremony at the cemetery, visitors are invited to visit the A.J. Phillips Museum, where light refreshments will be provided by the Fenton Historical Society.

Last month's display dedicated to local sports has been removed, and a new one is in its place highlighting the photos, documents and artifacts from the old Baptist Ministers' Home.

In order to accommodate everyone who wishes to attend the ceremonial events, RSVPs are requested by calling Fenton City Hall at (810) 629-2261.

History of the building

The old Baptist Ministers Home was originally built as a seminary in 1868, a feeder school for Kalamazoo College. By 1886, it was given to the Baptist Aid Society as a retirement home and was used as such until about 1938. It was later used as an apartment building, a nursing home and later was privately owned. In 2013 and 2014, the building was severely damaged by late fall and winter storms. In 2015, it was deemed a dangerous building by a structural engineer. It was demolished in December of 2015.





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SEWER

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the finances of our residents and businesses. Unfortunately, the township is faced with a situation where the higher rates are the only viable alternative at this time."

What is the township doing to help?

The township has been monitoring the bonds, and refinanced them in 2013, 2014, and 2016 at a lower

rate, saving almost \$2 million, according to Fenton Township Treasurer John Tucker.

Constructing the Department of Public Works (DPW) building on Silver Lake Road in 2014 will save \$60,000 annually because they no longer need to rent space for sewer related

equipment. The building was constructed on tax reverted property, which cost the township nothing, Tucker said.

Township personnel are also discussing issuing additional bonds to repair and replace the control panels in the 57 lift stations, which would save approximately \$600,000 a year in repair costs.

The township is also working to educate residents on non-flushable items to reduce the amount of emergency calls and system backups, possibly through a new ordinance that would ban flushing "disposable/flushable" wipes that actually aren't disposable

What can residents do to help?

Tucker said residents could help by not flushing so-called "disposable/flushable" wipes and to tell friends and neighbors.

"Tell them that this is costing everyone (including you) a lot of unnecessary expense," he said. "Tell them to throw them in the trash instead."

He said not to put grease down the drain because it clogs the pipes, and to throw it away instead.

PERSONAL

Continued from Front Page candidates have admitted to in usmaga-

zine.com, things many of us didn't know. **HILLARY CLINTON**

• Clinton said she loves to snack on hot chili peppers, and puts hot sauce on everything.

• She met Martin Luther King Jr. when she was 14. The youth minister at her church took them to see him speak and she got to shake his hand.

• Clinton says she can't carry a tune to save her life. Her choir teacher used to ask her to mouth the words. When she sang to her daughter when she was a baby, Chelsea said, "No sing, Mommy." • Her dad, Hugh Rodham, was a smallbusinessman. He printed fabric for drapes. The whole family helped out.

• In between campaign stops and reading piles of briefing papers and news clips, Clinton likes to relax by reading mystery novels.

• When she was a girl, Clinton wrote to NASA to ask if she could become an astronaut. They wrote a very polite letter back saying they didn't take girls.

• Chocolate is her weakness, as are Goldfish.

• Clinton's mother, Dorothy Rodham, was a Democrat and her father, Hugh, was a Republican. So every election, they canceled out each other's vote.

• Clinton said she is and always will be, a

"People would be stunned to know the kinds of things our contractors find when they are unclogging pumps and lift station impellers," he said, adding that they've found mop heads, T-shirts, underwear, baby diapers, adult diapers, cotton bed coverings

"Frankly, we have no idea how some of these things are being introduced into the sewer system as none of them will pass

through your typical toilet," Tucker said. "They are being introduced in some other fashion. Keep an eye out for folks opening any of our 2,500 manholes."

He urges residents to call the township at (810) 629-1537 if they see anyone accessing a manhole that they shouldn't.

Residents can also install a backflow check valve between their houses and the leads. The sewer system could back up, which adversely affects lift stations.

"This can and sometimes does result in raw sewage backing up into the basements of the surrounding homes,"Tucker said. A check valve between a house and the lead to the sewer system is relatively cheap and an effective way to prevent sewage backup into a house.

One way residents might be hurting the system and may not know it is when they use generators during a power outage.

Tucker said while many residents may have power during an outage, many of the lift stations do not. Township contractors continuously inspect water levels at the lifts that don't have a backup generator during a power outage. Workers often use a generator to keep water levels stable.

"To make matters worse, this mostly occurs during severe weather such as heavy rains, severe storms and tornadoes. It is a difficult juggling act," he said.

Tucker urges residents to consider if they need to run that last load of laundry or take a long shower.

Beatles fan. She also loves Adele. • She once had a job "sliming" salmon at an Alaska cannery, and said it was as glamorous as it sounds.

DONALD TRUMP

• Trump said he rides an elevator to work and calls it his greatest luxury.

• Trump is a fan of hamburgers, meatloaf, and cherry-vanilla ice cream. He hates pizza dough and prefers sticking to only the toppings by scraping them right off, and he prefers eating lunch at his own desk.

• Trump said he often has mirrors, chairs, and sinks in his front office in order to decide what's best for his buildings.

•He has one of Shaq's (Shaquille O'Neal) shoes in his office. Shaq took it off after a game and gave it to him.

• Trump said "Citizen Kane" is his favorite movie.

•He likes to read history, biographies, and the New York Post's Page Six.

• Trump doesn't drink coffee, tea, or alcohol. His oldest sibling, Freddie, Jr. died of alcoholism in 1981.

• Trump's sister, Maryanne, makes meatloaf for him on his birthday. • He says he is actually very modest.

• A story circulating about Trump flying a 3-year-old sick child to a hospital in his private jet because another airline refused to do so is true, but it is old — it happened in 1988, according to snopes.com. Sources: businessfinancenews.com; usmagazine.com



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John Tucker Fenton Township treasurer

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and other items in the system.

Linden school district to vote on millage renewal

Election set for Tuesday, May 3 By Hannah Ball

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On Tuesday, May 3, residents of the Linden Community Schools district will vote whether or not to renew a 10-year sinking fund millage for Linden schools, which would help pay for maintenance and repairs at the schools. This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy building and site sinking fund tax dollars previously approved by electors.

The millage rate limitation of 1.3107, which amounts to \$1.307 on each \$1,000 taxable valuation, on taxes assessed against all property in Linden Community Schools, Genesee and Livingston counties would last for 10 years from 2017 to 2026, if approved, according to the Genesee County Clerk's Office.

According to Interim Superintendent Russ Ciesielski, this proposal would maintain current tax levels, not increase them.

The millage provides a sinking fund for the purchase of real estate for sites for the construction or repair of school buildings and other purposes authorized by law. Sinking fund dollars pay for repairs on facilities, grounds, and athletic complexes. Sinking funds can only be used for maintenance and repair.

Linden schools will receive approximately \$761,353 if the proposal passes.

Residents will vote at the Argentine Township Fire Hall from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Police&Fire report

SUSPECTS WORK TOGETHER, RIP OFF STORE

The Fenton Police Department is investigating a retail fraud complaint, which occurred at a bath and lotion store on Silver Parkway last weekend. Lt. Jason Slater said an employee reported that at approximately 1 p.m. on April 24, three black females entered the store. Two of the women distracted the employee while the third woman stole 60 bottles of assorted lotions and soaps totaling \$810. The employee reported the theft to corporate and learned that similar thefts occurred at their stores in Southfield and Troy. Police continue to investigate.

PURSE STOLEN FROM VEHICLE

On April 28, a 38-year-old Fenton woman reported to Fenton police that someone entered her vehicle overnight while it was parked in the 800 block of South Holly Road. The suspect stole the woman's purse containing her debit card, credit cards, ID and prescription medicine. There were no signs of forced entry.

ITEMS STOLEN FROM MAN'S VEHICLE

On April 25, a 41-year-old Fenton man reported to Fenton police

that someone entered his vehicle overnight while it was parked in the 15000 block of Silver Parkway. The man's Casio watch valued at \$300 and a leather bracelet, valued at \$65 was stolen. There were no signs of forced entry.

83 MPH IN A 45-MPH ZONE

On April 26 at 8:39 p.m. a Linden police officer was running stationary radar and observed a 2007 blue Chevrolet Trailblazer travelling east on Silver Lake Road near Ripley Road at 83 mph in a 45-mph zone. A traffic stop was conducted and the driver of the Trailblazer, a 42-yearold Fenton woman appeared to have been drinking. Field sobriety tests were conducted. The driver was given a breath test and had a .20-percent blood alcohol content. She was lodged in the Genesee County Jail for operating while intoxicated.

SPEEDER IN LINDEN TICKETED

On April 23, at 11:45 a.m. a Linden police officer was running stationary radar on Bridge Street near Creekwood. The officer observed a 2002 xilver Dodge Ram travelling southbound on Bridge near Creekwood at 42 mph in a 25-mph zone. A traffic stop was conducted and the driver, a 52-year-old Fenton Township man was found to have a suspended driver license. The driver was issued a ticket for the suspended drivers license and for speeding.







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Workers with Davis Construction finish their workday on Tuesday. The river is guided around the worksite by steel coffer dams.

Over 22-ton culvert put into place

Silver Lake Road bridge still out until July 1

By Tim Jagielo

tjagielo@tctimes.com; 810-433-6795 **Fenton** — On Tuesday, the 22.5-ton culvert was lowered in two parts along the bottom of the Shiawassee River via a 70-foot crane.

On Wednesday, the two sections were tied together, making the structure look like an unearthed alien space ship.

Observers have seen the structure resting on the site of the former Action Auto shop as it was assembled. Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Dan Czarnecki said there was a delay due to Consumers Energy having mismarked the location of the underground gas line.

Czarnecki said the next step is to build concrete end walls. "Each end of the culvert will be covered by a concrete head wall that will rise up to just above the level of the street," he said, via email.

He said the concrete walls will be poured in such a way that they will look like brick, instead of plain concrete, and should "add a little character to the bridge facing."

As the walls are completed, the contractor should be able to allow the water to flow back through the culvert instead of the coffer dams — the upright steel walls that divert the river around the work site.

"Once the river is back in its proper location you will see the contractor complete the wing wall work and then he can also complete the back filling," he said.

Once back filling is completed, they will then place the curb, gutter, sidewalks and street surfacing, said Czarnecki. This will lead to the road re-opening.



Village votes 6-1 for 'road diet' project

New bike lanes to be added with annual road striping

By Tim Jagielo

tjagielo@tctimes.com; 810-433-6795 Holly — At the Tuesday night meeting, most of the Holly Village Council agreed that Saginaw Street was in need of a lifestyle change.

The council voted 6-1 on April 26 to adopt the "road diet" plan, which would reduce the street from four lanes to two, with north and south bike lanes and a center turn lane added.

Councilmember Chris Rankin made the motion, which included the stipulation that the city could re-evaluate the bike lanes around the time of the roadrestriping next year. It costs approximately \$10,000 to re-stripe the village streets each year, and bike lanes will not add to the cost.

Councilmember Dave Cruickshank supported the measure, leading to a vote.

Councilmember Robert Kleven voted against the road diet plan. "I feel like walking off this council," said Kleven during council discussion. "I feel like I'm talking to the brain-dead."

Kleven was concerned about rider safety and whether the police department could enforce the ordinances involved with the change.

Village President Ryan Bladzik said no ordinance change is necessary.

"Bikes are permitted on roads by state law," he said. "Holly has a local ordinance prohibiting bikes on S. Saginaw and Battle Alley in the historic downtown



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Resident John Lauve uses a plastic skeleton to illustrate the danger of the proposed bike lanes on Saginaw Street in Holly. He named the prop "Billy Biker." Referring to the Halloween decoration, Lauve said, "He'll be available for interviews later."

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dead. 77

Robert Kleven

Holly Village councilmember

district. If council chooses to permit bikes in the downtown district, that is a separate issue."

The meeting was held at the packed

council chambers at the Karl Richter Campus. Several residents gave public comments, and the mood in the room was split between being in favor of the measure, against, and unsure.

Resident John Lauve used three opportunities to

using a plastic skeleton he brought to illustrate the danger to bike riders on Saginaw Street.

Village Manager Jerry Walker had three experts on hand to discuss the change, and all three offered positive feedback about bike lanes.

The discussion of adding bike lanes has been going on for some time. In

February, village residents had a chance to share their speak out against the bike lanes, even opinions on the "Imagine Midtown" report and recommendations.

Main Street Oakland County and Oakland County Economic Development produced the 62-page report, after public input sessions were held during the summer of 2015.

The North Saginaw Street corridor, from Oakland Street to Grange Hall Road, was the focus of the project.

One strategy outlined in the report was the "Saginaw Street Road Diet," and is aimed at reducing the number of lanes on Saginaw Street from four to three, creating two traffic lanes and a center turn lane.

It also calls for the installation of two, 5-foot bike lanes on either side of the roadway.

Opinions on the road diet have been varied throughout the process.

Councilmember Bob Allsop said he heard mostly negative feedback from residents. He voted in favor of it, but he needed assurances that the bike lanes could be removed if it didn't prove successful.

On the other hand, Rankin heard mostly positive feedback. Former councilmember and resident, George Kullis, pointed out that the differing opinions could be because Allsop speaks with more seniors in the community, and Rankin speaks with younger adults. During public comment Kullis said, "I think the right decision is to give it a chance."

Bladzik said bids will have to be solicited for the restriping so there is no firm date yet on when that will happen. "We expect some time in June," he said. Web Content Editor Vera Hogan contributed to this report

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The Genesee County Road Commission clears the culvert bed of debris to allow water to flow from Loon to Squaw Lake on April 12. Rolston Road is closed indefinitely.

Rolston Road to remain closed indefinitely

SUMMARY

Undersized barrel

been the reason the

culverts may have

culvert connecting

Loon and Squaw

sediment and failed

earlier this month,

prompting a road

closure.

lakes filled with

Officials cannot predict culvert repair completion date

By Hannah Ball

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Rolston Road, between Jennings and Four Lakes Avenue in Fenton Township, will be closed until the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and the Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC) install a

permanent replacement crossing for where the lakes connect.

The culvert connecting Squaw and Loon lakes beneath Rolston Road failed in early April, and the culvert under Jennings Road, which connects Crane and Loon lakes, failed earlier this spring, according to MDEQ Water Resources Division Unit Chief Unit James Watling.

"We are currently working with the road commission as they design the replacement crossing for Rolston Road," he said. In order for the GCRC to work in a regulated stream, they must obtain a permit from the MDEQ pursuant to Part 301, Water Resources 1994, PA 451, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act.

Watling said the MDEQ is required to ensure that the existing and potential future impacts to the environment and property will be minimal. For this project the MDEQ will look

project, the MDEQ will look at the impact to wetlands and lake levels.

Flooding has been a concern with the failing culverts.

"Our office has granted emergency approval for flooding relief at both Jennings and Rolston roads while the road commission designs permanent replacement structures," Watling said.

The MDEQ provided flooding relief by allowing the GCRC to install new culverts identical to the former ones under emergency approvals, allowing Jennings Road to stay open. Rolston Road remains closed.

Lake levels have also been a concern among property owners.

"We are aware that residents of Loon Lake are concerned about summer lake levels and hope to have either a temporary or permanent structure in place soon to maintain the water level in Loon Lake," he said.

The GCRC installed a rock weir, which is used to stabilize overflow, after removing one of the culverts in an attempt to maintain the lake level. The MDEQ must approve the designs for permanent structures proposed by the road commission. See ROLSTON ROAD on 20A

We are aware that residents of Loon Lake are concerned about summer lake levels and hope to have either a temporary or permanent structure in place soon to maintain the water level in Loon Lake. **77** James Watling DEQ Water Resources Division unit chief

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TEACHERS SHOULD NOT bring their political opinions into the classroom.

WHEN I WAS a kid, except for hunting season, most of the time it was a gunfree zone. We didn't have all these people running around and packing heat with guns that put out a thousand rounds a minute with 200 shell clips in them. Guys need to grow up.

TO THE MAN in the green SUV who called my wife stupid because she accidentally took a spot at the gas station that you wanted, my daughters were in the car. You stood up to my wife as if she were another man. Our daughter just got home from being deployed fighting for you and your family.

GIFTS

Continued from Page 3A those photos into a nice scrapbook for her. Clean

Give your mother a great gift by doing cleaning. Even though it shouldn't only be your mother's job to keep the house clean, taking the time and energy like she does every week to clean the house just once or on a regular basis would be a very welcome gift.

Homemade cards

Do you remember those hand-cut, hand-drawn, and hand-glued cards you used to make in elementary school? Make another one. It SUMMARY doesn't matter if your drawing Being a mother might be the hardest job on this planet and skills haven't improved, the sentimentality matters most.

Homemade cards are more special than store-bought cards.

Leave her alone

Mothers are constantly bothered and asked questions

about where things are in the house, what time this is happening, what you're having for dinner, and they constantly play peacemaker between fighting siblings.

they are.

Give her a break from all this and make it your goal not to need your mother's help for anything. Instead, do the dishes and laundry, and give her time to do whatever she wants.

Do what she's asked you to do

for months

Does your mother constantly nag you

SO, WE HAVE Mayor Sue Osborn quoted as saying, 'I think the biggest thing is keeping CRUST downtown.' What about Carol and Sweet Variations, who have been downtown for 34 years? Did she intervene on her behalf? Surely, our Fenton isn't biased.

MY REQUEST IS that some DDA member explain the logic behind spending \$20,000 of taxpayer money to demolish a building they are going to sell anyway.

I'VE LIVED ON Shiawassee Avenue for more than 50 years. I like it the way it is and I appreciate the people who came out the council meeting to argue against demolition of 106 W. Shiawassee.

I'M GETTING PRETTY sick of all these people who are supposed to be repre-senting the people of the country for the Republican Party. I think if Trump gets in there, and I hope he does, that he dissolves the Republican Party Committee.

YOU'RE ONLY PARTIALLY right. Foster Childs is cruel. He's not funny. He's insensitive and he's full of hate.

to get that one thing done around the house? A great gift would be to finally do it, and then tackle some other projects for an even greater gift.

Make all the meals for the day

Forget just doing breakfast in bed make her meals all day long. She most likely makes most of your meals, so it's the least you can do.

Make sure to go to the store early and get all of the ingredients for her favorite meals. Dads will get extra points if they get the kids to help.

Watch what she wants

Don't like those sappy romanticcomedy movies your wife or mother always wants to watch after dinner? You love those movies on Mother's Day.

> She'll love if you all sit down together and watch a movie or show of her choice. You get extra points if you don't complain while watching.

Buy your mother a gift card to that expensive clothing store she always has her eye on, and tell her to spend it all on herself.

Pictures of her

More often than not, mothers are the ones who remember to take pictures at family events and functions, meaning they usually aren't in the picture. Try to remember to snap some pictures of her every once in a while so those family photos will include everyone.



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WEEKEND TIMES

Students cut brave teachers' hair

School aims to raise \$9,000 more to reach their goal of \$50,000 for a new playground

By Hannah Ball

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At Patterson Elementary School in Holly last week, a few lucky students got to cut two teachers' hair after their classes raised the most money in a month for a new playground.

So far, the school has raised \$41,000 out of its \$50,000 goal.

"The playground equipment is old, falling apart and needs to be safer," said third-grade teacher Jan Graham.

By putting jars out in the hallway for students to donate loose change, the school raised \$1,500. The grade that raised the most money this past month had the privilege of cutting two teachers' hair.

Third graders cut Haley Day's hair, and Young 5s and kindergarten students got to cut Joe Hutchin's hair.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SUBMITTED PHOTO Young 5s teacher Marisa O'Neil helps her student Kaleb Turner cut fourthgrade teacher Joe Hutchin's hair at Patterson Elementary School. The Young 5s and kindergarten students were two of the grades to raise the most money for the playground fundraiser.

"Needless to say, there was a lot of excitement at the school-wide assembly where everyone got to watch it happen," Graham said. News briefs

LEGISLATION ABANDONING COMMON CORE PASSES MICHIGAN SENATE COMMITTEE

A Senate committee approved legislation on Tuesday that would abandon the Common Core teaching standards. Common Core is a set of reading and math standards for K-12 students that the state of Michigan implemented in 2014 with standardized testing. The new law would require Michigan to adopt teaching standards used by teachers in Massachusetts, a state that was regarded as a top-performance education state in the 2008-2009 school year. The law would also require Michigan to create new academic standards at least five years after implementing Massachusetts' standards.

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The 5K Color Rave Run at The Freedom Center drew nearly 300 participants Friday night, April 22.

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Ban placed on medical marijuana dispensaries

Argentine Township passes a oneyear ban on medical marijuana dispensaries even though the state already prohibits the businesses. Action was taken due to vague wording in the state law.

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LF parents, music teacher to be honored

The Lake Fenton Community Schools Foundation has announced Lee and Mary Rossmaessler as this year's recipient of its "Lifetime Achievement Award," to be presented at the Foundation's annual Award Dinner. The Foundation will also be presenting its Teacher of the Year, sponsored by The State Bank, award to Rachel Solgat.

Lee and Mary Rossmaessler

The Rossmaesslers grew up in California and met while volunteering for Young Life in 1981. Ministering youth with the Young Life organization has continued ever since through their volunteering and leadership.

Lee graduated from the University of California with graduate degrees from Purdue and Michigan State. Mary graduated from Central Michigan and Oakland University. Both have spent the majority of their professional careers as educators. Though they both have spent countless hours teaching the three Rs (reading,

'riting,' 'rithmetic'), occupying most of their time is the fourth R, relationships with family, friends and students.

The Rossmaesslers have a long history of leadership and volunteer work for Lake Fenton Community Schools. The list includes serving on committees for Project Graduation, prom, youth football and other building and district activities. Lee worked the

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Mary and Lee Rossmaessler

football scoreboard for six years, judged science fairs and helped pass bond issues. Lee and Mary have hosted three foreign exchange students, have been honored by being grand marshals for a homecoming parade, and are members of the Lake Fenton Volunteer Hall of Fame.

Lee and Mary's two sons, Tyler and Tucker, are both graduates of Lake Fenton and are leaders in Young Life.

Rachel Solgat

Solgat graduated from Frankenmuth High School and attended Valparaiso University, majoring in piano performance. After two years, she transferred to Michigan State and majored in piano performance



Rachel Solgat

with an emphasis in piano pedagogy. She taught private and group piano lessons

through the MSU Community Music School.

Solgat attended the University of Michigan-Flint and received her teaching certification in Music Education in 2005. She was hired by Lake Fenton in 2006 to begin the first elementary music program in the district since the 1980s. She taught elementary general music and middle school choral music.

Awards Presentation

The Lake Fenton Community Schools Foundation Awards Presentation will take place at Spring Meadows Country Club on Saturday, May 14, beginning at 6 p.m. followed by dinner and program. Registration checks at \$50 per person should be made payable to Lake Fenton Schools Foundation and mailed to Jerry Ragsdale, 10030 Shadybrook Lane, Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Solgat received her master's degree in Music Education through MSU in 2012. During this time, she became certified in the Music Learning Theory.

Solgat has worked at West Shore Elementary School, Torrey Hill Intermediate School and Lake Fenton Middle School. She has had multiple responsibilities outside of the classroom, including directing the music for high school musicals, directing the music for Torrey Hill Christmas musicals, performing as a pit musician for high school musicals, an NCA/Advanced-Ed coordinator for Torrey Hill and union grievance chair for the LFEA representing West Shore, as well as the Torrey Hill social committee chair.

Solgat is married to Todd Solgat and has four children - Lucas, Jonathan, Mary and Grace, who attend Lake Fenton schools. She hopes to continue her work at Lake Fenton, as well, as see her children graduate from the district.

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LAND SWAP

Continued from Front Page He said CRUST would like to purchase property adjacent to their business, property that is owned by the city and currently being leased by The State Bank for bank customer parking.

Rather than a money transfer, however, they wanted to do a land transfer, where CRUST owners get the city-owned property they want, and in return, they will give the city property they own on Mill Street, land across

from the Fenton Post Office and adjacent to where the old F.A.R.R. building once stood.

City Manager Lynn Markland said Ron Justice, president and CEO of The State Bank, agreed to release the city from the lease agreement. Mayor Sue Osborn asked to have that in writing from The State Bank.

Mark Hamel, co-

owner of CRUST and The Laundry, told the council, "This seems to be our last ditch effort to stay downtown."

Osborn said on April 18 that the most important thing was keeping CRUST downtown and during an informal poll on how council would vote at its April

SURVEYS

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than \$18,000 monthly. We believe answering a couple of questions is a small price to pay compared to forking out \$40 or more to ensure online access.

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Additionally, prior to his death in 2011, Times owner and publisher Rick Rockman made a commitment to readers that access to the Times website would remain available to anyone that wished to stay in touch with their hometown news, especially homesick college students and men and women serving in the military. "This community has been good to me and my family," Rockman stated. "I'd like to give something back."

pleted, another 50 employees will be

hired over a two-year period. They cur-

Markland said the Downtown De-

velopment Authority (DDA) will be

looking at building a parking lot on the

rently employ 70 individuals.

site in the near future.

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the sensitive nature of some downtown

development matters, said she would

prefer a monetary transaction for the

Fenton, but I would rather have paid for

that (Mill Street) property," she said.

"I want CRUST to stay in downtown

Councilwoman Cherie Smith ques-

the April 18 meeting,

and said she would

vote "yes, with reserva-

homework this week,

she said she was com-

fortable voting in favor

to expand CRUST by

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This week, Osborn said she gave the

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Sue Osborn

Fenton mayor

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News briefs

FENTON COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA SPRING CONCERT

In preparation for its Spring Concert, the Fenton Community Orchestra (FCO) is holding a Dress Rehearsal, which is open to the public, from 7 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 5 in the Fenton High School Ruby Zima Auditorium. The FCO will perform its concert pieces, allowing insight into rehearsals as an orchestra. This setting is ideal for children and people who would prefer a smaller, more casual setting. The main Spring Concert is Saturday, May 7 at Fenton High School Ruby Zima Auditorium. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the FCO concert begins at 7:30 p.m. followed by the Fenton High School Jazz Band. Admission is free, but donations will be greatly appreciated.



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"We have also reached out to the homeowners associations of Loon and Crane Lake and intend to give them an opportunity to provide input prior to issuing a permit for the permanent structures," Watling said.

While Rolston Road, between Jennings and Four Lakes Avenue, remains closed, the GCRC is designing the replacement crossing for Rolston Road.

"Because the culverts failed after only 22 years, we want to be sure the structure is designed properly since similar structures typically have a lifespan of 50 plus years," he said.

Watling said they do not yet know exactly why the culverts failed.

In a previous Times article, Tom Broecker, Fenton Township operations manager and deputy clerk said the culvert

Cigarette toss draws two fire departments

TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELO Fenton City and Fenton Township fire departments responded to a kitchen fire at Ruby Tuesday on Silver Parkway in Fenton Monday afternoon. (Above) After wrapping up, the fire departments leave the scene.(Left) Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff said the fire was caused by a cigarette tossed against the outside of the building. It briefly caught the outside of the building on fire, and smoke came into the kitchen. No one was injured.

was blocked with sediment and more kept filling in because it was in poor shape.

The road commission tried to clean out the tube, but then decided to replace the culvert.

Watling said when the multiple barrel culverts are undersized, like these were, they have issues with debris and sediment plugging the culvert, and aggressive soil and water can cause corrosion.

"The new structures can address these problems by being sized appropriately. If multiple barrels are used, the inverts can be offset to help with sediment and the culvert material can be specified to be more corrosion resistant," he said.

Watling added that fewer options are available in this case because the culverts control the lake levels.

He does not have a projected date for when the project will be completed at this time.



PROM

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School kicking it off Friday, April 29 at 59 West Banquet Hall in Highland, and Linden High School's prom on Saturday, April 30 at Signature Chophouse in Flushing.

Fenton High School's prom will be on Friday, May 6 at Crystal Gardens in Howell. "As far as we can tell, this is the first FHS prom to be held on a Friday in at least 25 years," said Principal Mark Suchowski.

The word "prom" is short for promenade, the formal, introductory parading of guests at a party. Its history can be traced back to simple co-ed banquets held at American universities in the 1800s for each year's graduating class.

Since the 1940s, it had become an end of the year American tradition for high school students. Probably the most famous venue of all was the White House, when President Ford's daughter Susan held her high school's prom there in 1975.

Prom memories

Kathy Wilkinson, principal office secretary at Lake Fenton High School, remembers her 1986 prom at Lake Fenton 30 years ago.

"When we went, it was a 'couples only' affair Now groups of kids at-

fair. Now groups of kids attend together. It's also a lot more elegant and upscale. It's always been off-site at Lake Fenton, and we'd go to an after-prom party. It was the one night you didn't have a curfew. The next day, we'd go to Cedar Point with friends, or go canoeing."

She remembered wearing a dress with a big hoop, "the bigger the better," she said. "When

you sat down, the hoop would fly up. It was big hair, bright pink lips, hats and Madonnastyle gloves."

Fenton resident Bev Tippett, 71, recalls her 1962 prom at Flint Southwestern High School. "Everybody went to the prom," she said. "We went to a little party beforehand and then to dinner afterward. No one had a limo, but you did wash your car."

Area proms kick off this weekend

Holly High School

Friday, April 29, 6 to 11 p.m. 59 West Banquet Hall, Highland **Theme:** Circus **Tickets:** \$60 each

Linden High School

Saturday, April 30, 6 to 11 p.m. Signature Chophouse, Flushing **Theme:** A Red Carpet Affair **Tickets:** \$60/couple

Fenton High School

Friday, May 6 Crystal Gardens, Howell **Theme:** Enchanted Masquerade **Tickets:** \$60 each

Lake Fenton High School

Saturday, May 7 The Roostertail, Detroit **Theme:** A Night on the Town **Tickets:** \$50 each

was a 'couples only' affair. Now groups of kids attend together. It's also a lot more elegant and upscale. **77**

Kathy Wilkinson Lake Fenton High School secretary, recalling her own 1986 prom

What to wear

While that one special pink organza dress became a symbol for the Tippetts family and prom, most girls attending prom shop for months ahead of the event, spending anywhere from \$200 to \$400 for the dress of their choice.

Certain styles defined each particular decade, but 2016 prom-goers have few rules and



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SUBMITTED PHOTO Kathy Wilkinson, principal office secretary at Lake Fenton High School, went to prom at Lake Fenton with her date, Todd Wilkinson. "I went with him to his senior prom in 1984 and he went to my junior prom in 1985 and senior prom in 1986," said Wilkinson.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SUBMITTED PHOTO

Allie Luke, second from left, is pictured with her girlfriends before the 2015 Lake Fenton High School prom, showing the vast array of fashion styles and colors available in prom dresses.

Tippett bought her pale pink satin and organza dress for \$50 at Smith Bridgman's Department Store in Flint. "Dresses were more modest back then," she said. "We wore dyed-to-match shoes."

That dress has since been worn to three other Fenton High School proms, including those for both daughters, Holly Hodgkin of Fenton and Jennifer Herrmann of Clarkston, in 1987 and 1989, respectively. "I loved that dress," said Hodgkin, 46. "I

When we went, it could guarantee no one else would be wearing the same dress."

Hodgkin's daughter, Maggy, wore it again to her prom in 2011. "I've always loved vintage dresses and didn't like the (prom) styles I was seeing in the stores. I was a little skeptical at first, until I saw it. I knew I had to wear it; it was so beautiful." many more choices. Luke's dress for the Lake Fenton prom will be a light pink mermaidstyle gown. "Everyone has their own unique style," she said. "This year, two-piece dresses are really popular."

Of course, professional hair styling, makeup and manicures complete the look, adding to the price tag of attending prom.

Proms move beyond the gym

The usual venue for proms "back in the day" was the high school gymnasium, dressed in its formal best with crepe paper and balloons.

Fenton High School's prom had been staged in the main gym for many years, but the event outgrew the space by the early 2000s, according to Suchowski.

"Some years, there were over 500 attendees," he said. "Set up and preparation in the gym used to take a full week, and those activities were too much of a distraction for students. The cost of transforming the gym into a prom venue became too expensive."

More elegant than ever

More than the simple dance event of yesteryear, today's proms have become more elegant, formal events. Linden's prom on Saturday night will be at a new venue, with many surprises planned, according to Kam DeGayner, co-junior class advisor with Carli Powell.

"The kids are expecting the Red Carpet because that's a tradition, but they'll be surprised by the 'paparazzi backdrops of the Linden Eagles mascot, and movie posters featuring Linden students," said DeGayner. "After dinner, there will be live voting from student cell phones and our own SUMMARY Prom season has begun in the tri-county area, with Holly and Linden high schools stepping out this weekend and Fenton and Lake Fenton high schools the following weekend.

version of the Linden Academy Awards. Everybody will get a Swag Bag. This year we really stepped it up a notch."

The one thing about prom that doesn't "break the bank" is the ticket price. Offering discounts for early purchase, lastminute tickets at area schools still are in the \$50 to \$60 range, which includes the venue, dinner, gift bags, transportation, etc. "We paid \$30 a couple for our tickets," said Wilkinson, recalling the 1986 event at Lake Fenton High School. "Our junior class this year worked at University of Michigan game concessions to raise money. They were able to keep the prices to \$50 and that includes dinner, transportation and everything."

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Metro League's tri-county squads capture victories

By David Troppens

dtroppens@tctimes.com Wednesday night was an outstanding one for the tricounty Metro League girls soccer teams.

All three squads posted victories. The Linden Eagles and Fenton Tigers remained tied for first place in the league standings by earning wins. Linden posted a strong 4-1 victory against Swartz Creek while Fenton defeated Brandon 1-0. Holly evened its league slate to 1-1 with a pretty impressive 5-0 victory against Kearsley.

The defending Metro League champion and fourth-ranked in Division 2 Linden Eagles got their offense from Katie Wilkowski who scored all four of Linden's goals to record the road win. Alia Frederick assisted on three of the goals while

Erica Freeman and Emily Waltrip each had an assist.

SDOTTS TIMES

Linden has yet to lose a game, posting only one tie in 14 contests.

Last season's Division 2 state runner-up Fenton Tigers stayed tied with the Eagles by earning their own road victory at Brandon.

The only goal scored in the contest was provided by Chloee Foor off a Bri Costigan assist. In net, Abbey Quesnelle earned her third shutout of the season making three saves.

Both Fenton and Linden have 2-0 Metro marks.

Holly took a 1-0 lead just 80 seconds into the contest when Kristin Hansel sent a corner kick to Haley Hild, who scored. **CONTINUED ONLINE AT**

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against Swartz Creek on Wednesday.

TRI-COUNTY TIMES I KLARI FREDERICK

EMMA LANE Lane was on Fenton's winning 3,200 relay team during the Tigers' sweep of Brandon and Flushing on Wednesdav Photo by **David Troppens**



remain perfect with dual sweep

By David Troppens

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 Two weeks into the Metro League

track season, the Fenton girls find themselves all alone in first place.

That's because the Tigers improved to 4-0 during the dual portion of the season by defeating Brandon 84-53 and Flushing 95-42 on Wednesday.

The Lady Tigers dominated with the track events, winning 11 of the track competitions, including all four relays. "We had a very nice night," Fenton var-

sity girls track coach Todd Mills said. **CONTINUED ONLINE AT TCTIMES.COM**

Tigers defeat Holly, move on in Greater Flint tourney

Katie Wilkowski (right) battles for the ball with teammate Alia

Frederick (left) near the action during the Eagles' 4-1 victory

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Flint — It seemed all night long the Holly Bronchos had runners on base, threatening to take the lead against the Fenton varsity baseball team.

In fact, it felt that way because it was true. The Bronchos had six hits, walked three times and had four others reach base due to errors during their contest with the Tigers.

However, Fenton's pitching and defense shut the Bronchos' offense down when it mattered most, and the Tigers came up with some key hits and batted balls when needed leading Fenton to a 3-1 victory in the quarterfinals of the Greater Flint Baseball Tour-

nament on Wednesday. "We put ourselves in a hole a couple of times; but

give credit to the kids because we've been talking all along everyone wants to win but you have to make plays to win and that's what they did today," Fenton varsity baseball coach Shawn Lawrence said. "They made the plays."

"We didn't do the job," Holly varsity baseball coach Benny Jackson said. "We didn't get the hits when we needed them. That's baseball. We out-hit them. They played defense, we played defense. They pitched and we pitched. It was a great game. We just didn't get the hit when we needed it."

The Bronchos left at least a runner on base every single inning but the seventh and left 11 on base during the entire game. In the opening inning a D.J. Tennis single and an infield throwing error off a batted ball by Chet Wyant put runners on first and third with two out.

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Holly's Jared Halteman prepares to tag Fenton's Brock Henson at second base as Henson attempts to steal second. Fenton won the game 3-1

Photo by **David Troppens**



ANDEN

sports briefs

LF GOLFERS FINISH SECOND AT FIRST GAC MEET OF SEASON

► Jack Reese Miller shot an 82 at Atlas Valley Country Club in Goodrich, leading the Blue Devils to a secondplace finish at the first Genesee Area Conference meet. Fenton shot a 350 while Goodrich won with a 310.

Andrew Allor carded an 85 for Lake Fenton followed by Brendan Rickert's 90 and Matt Tomczyk's 93.

HOLLY BASEBALL SWEEPS DURAND

► The Bronchos scored two runs in the top of the fifth to capture a 6-5 victory in the opener. In the second game, Holly scored three runs in each of the first two innings to earn a 7-3 win.

In the opener, Luke Copley walked with the bases loaded, tying the contest at 5-all. His walk was followed by a J.D. Lannon sacrifice fly, scoring D.J. Tennis from third. Tennis has two hits while Clay DeVries hit a three-run triple.

In the nightcap, Holly batters had six hits and eight walks, helping create seven runs. Tennis had an RBI-hit and scored two runs to lead the offense. Cheyne Perry earned the win, going the distance on the mound.

HOLLY GOLFERS CRUISE BY CLIO

► Kyle VanBoemel shot a 39 at Heather Highlands, leading Holly to a 165-213 victory against Clio.

Mitch Smith followed with a 41 while Luke Harrington carded a 42. Evan Vergith shot a 43.

LINDEN GOLFERS FALL TO FLUSHING

► Tony Mastin shot a 41, but it wasn't enough to keep the Eagles from falling to Flushing 164-184 on Tuesday.

Ryan Montini shot a 42 while Gabe • Piesko carded a 48. Aiden McCarthy • shot a 52. •

HOLLY TENNIS SHUTS OUT MUSTANGS

► Taylor Barrett (No. 1 singles), Nichole Johnson and Sydney Renehan (No. 1 doubles); Haley Crimmins and Sami Hild (No. 2 doubles); and Jenna Pepper and Megan McReynolds (No. 3 doubles) each won 6-0, 6-0 matches leading the Bronchos to the 8-0 victory.

Other singles winners were Lilly Kossak (No. 2), Taylor McAninch (No. 3) and Journee Kerner (No. 4). The other winning doubles team was Michelle Major and Megan Lesperance (No. 4). **HOLLY SOFTBALL SWEPT BY CLIO**

▶ The Bronchos lost 14-4 and 8-7.

Hailey Thompson had a huge day, collecting two home runs among her three hits. One was a two-run shot. The other was a solo blast. Gillian Cohoon also had three hits including a double. **LF BASEBALL SWEPT BY**

NEW LOTHROP, 15-8, 3-0

▶ Brendan Mineau allowed just four hits, but lost a tough 3-0 game in the nightcap. Dawson Carney had Lake Fenton's only hit in the nightcap.

In the opener, Lake Fenton had 13 • hits with Nick Mermuys getting three of • them. Dakota Holzwart had a double • and a triple while Tony Hathaway (double), Trevor Wright (two doubles) and • Joey Reitano had two hits each.

LINDEN GOLF DEFEAT BRANDON

► Trevor Sundrla shot a 38, leading the Eagles (2-2 in Metro) to a tight 169-173 victory against Brandon. Tony Mastin shot a 49 while Ryan Montini carded a 45. Gabe Pesko shot a 46.

The Linden JV team also won 211-213. Logan Kirkey and Travis Hayes shot 52s.

Linden track program sweeps Metro foes

Holly boys record split

By David Troppens

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Linden — Having control of your own destiny toward a league crown is always a desirable commodity in the sports world.

The Linden track programs made sure they held on to that destiny in dual meets against Holly and Swartz Creek on Wednesday.

The Linden boys remained perfect in the Metro (4-0) by defeating Swartz Creek 89-48 and Holly 78.5-58.5. The Holly Bronchos made sure they came out with a split by defeating Swartz Creek 73-64.

Meanwhile, the Linden varsity girls track team (3-1) made sure they stayed just one victory behind first-place Fenton by defeating Swartz Creek 87-49 and Holly 79-58. The Lady Bronchos also lost to Swartz Creek 78-59.

"We were very pleased with the outcome," track head coach Clint Lawhorne said. "Winning both meets for each gender was important for us if we want to stay in the hunt for the league title. ...On the girls' side we had a few injuries as the meet progressed and our secondary kids performed admirably when pressed into a varsity role. On the boys' side, we squeaked out a win the 3,200 meter relay that turned out to be a huge fivepoint swing in our favor."

The Linden boys took 10 overall first while the Linden girls recorded five overall firsts.

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Holly's Juliet Clark (right) and Linden's
Taylor Acox compete in the 100 hurdles
during Linden's victory on Wednesday.

Linden's Breyanna Turnipseed hands off to Linden's Bella Blank during the 800 relay. Linden's track program swept Holly and Swartz Creek on Wednesday. Photo by David Troppens

Online Exclusives

Fenton boys track splits Metro League meets

A week after tying one meet and winning another by one point, the Fenton varsity boys track team found itself in another tight dual against Flushing.



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Fenton/Linden girls lacrosse capture two wins One was a blowout while the other was

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