

Three people jailed in connection with Mundy Township murder

■ 20-year-old dies from multiple stab wounds

By Vera Hogan

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Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton has charged three Owosso residents with the murder of Austin Culkins, 20, the California

man found stabbed to death in a Mundy Township field on Saturday, April 21.

The three charged are Frederick Daniel Clark, 28, Christian Lee Lover, 23, and Mataya Delores Shaw, 23. Each are charged with first-degree premeditated murder and conspiracy to commit first-

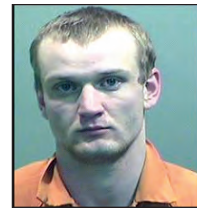
degree murder. All three are lodged in the Genesee County Jail.

Evidence obtained by investigators quickly led to the identification of the three known associates of Culkins, according to Lt. Matthew Bade of the Metro Police Authority of Genesee County.

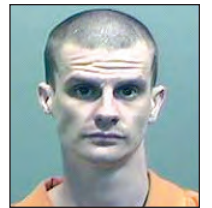
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Mataya Delores Shaw



Christian Lee Lover



Frederick Clark

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Resolution proposed to oppose fees on kayaks, canoes

■ DNR to decide on potential fees for kayaks, canoes and paddle boards

By Hannah Ball

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Two weeks after the Times published a story on the state of Michigan potentially requiring fees and registration for kayaks, canoes, and paddle boards, several public figures and organizations have spoken against it.

The Michigan State Waterways Commission approved recommending to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to place a registration fee on kayaks (children's kayaks not included), canoes, and paddle boards longer than 8 feet.

See **FEES** on 19A



Colorful fundraiser nets \$8,700

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

North Road Elementary School fifth-grader Aiden Howe (center) bounds through the colors followed by Keegan McArdle in the inaugural Color Dash on Wednesday, April 25.

See story on page 21A.

Fenton High School track closed to the public

■ Closed during school hours for safety; open after school, all summer

By Tim Jagielo

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Fenton — A gym class at the football field at Fenton High School enjoyed a cool, breezy class session on Wednesday, April 25, while at

the same time, the public is no longer welcome to use the track that surrounds it.

Recently, the Fenton Area Public Schools (FAPS) administration closed the high school track and tennis courts to the public during school hours.

Superintendent Adam Hartley shared the decision online in his newsletter, and had a sign posted on the front gate.

See **TRACK** on 12A



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The main gate of the Fenton High School Ivan Williams Field is locked while a gym class is held on the field beyond. The district administration recently decided to close the outdoor athletic facilities to the public during school hours.

County commissioners approve arts millage for August ballot

■ If voters approve, .96 mills will help fund arts, education and cultural enrichment

By Vera Hogan

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The Genesee County Board of Commissioners voted favorably on Monday, April 23 to place another county millage on the Aug. 7 primary election ballot.

See **MILLAGE** on 18A

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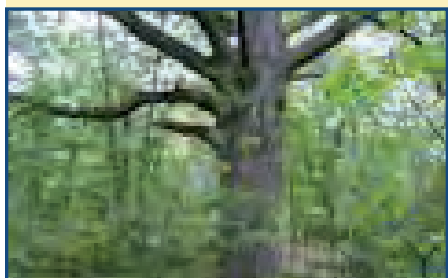
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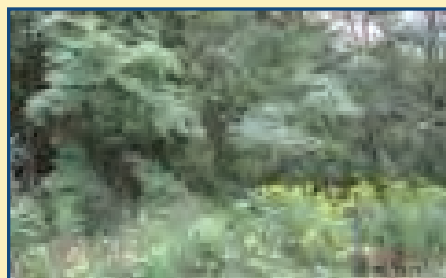
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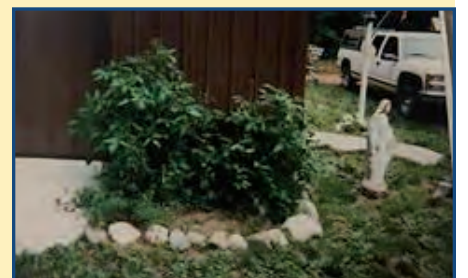
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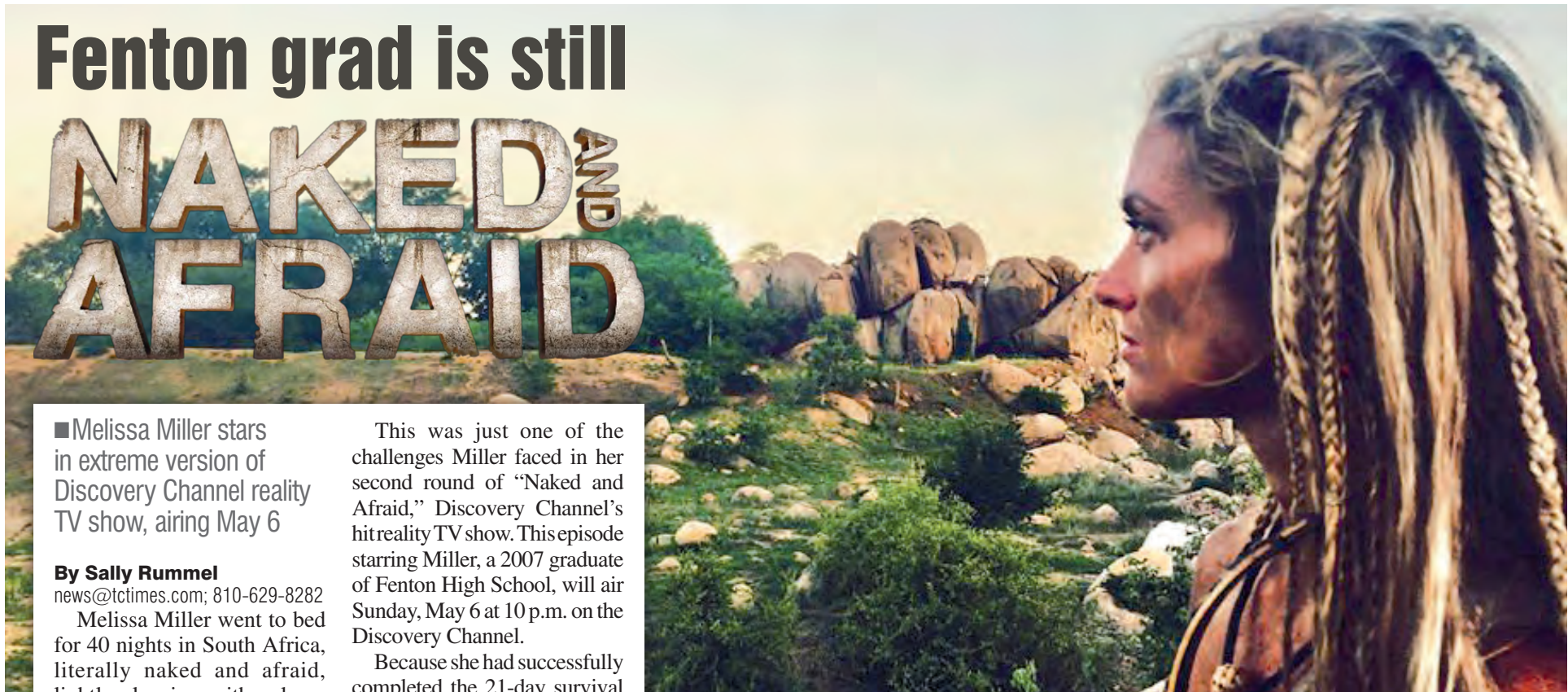
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■Melissa Miller stars in extreme version of Discovery Channel reality TV show, airing May 6

By Sally Rummel
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Melissa Miller went to bed for 40 nights in South Africa, literally naked and afraid, lightly sleeping with a large knife beside her.

She wasn't sure if a huge meat-eating predator like a lion, jaguar or hyena might lunge at her during the night, so usually one of her fellow "tribe" members stayed awake all night as protection for all. "I can't disclose too many details, but there will definitely be some close encounters with large, meat-eating predators this season," Miller said.

This was just one of the challenges Miller faced in her second round of "Naked and Afraid," Discovery Channel's hit reality TV show. This episode starring Miller, a 2007 graduate of Fenton High School, will air Sunday, May 6 at 10 p.m. on the Discovery Channel.

Because she had successfully completed the 21-day survival challenge in the Amazon jungle a year ago, she was invited to return for the show's XL version, which was twice as long, and with four three-person survivalist teams instead of just two, all naked, of course.

"It was twice as difficult as the first challenge, being 40 days as opposed to 21," Miller said. "I can't say whether or not I made it the full 40 days, but

See MELISSA on 19A

“I can’t disclose too many details, but there will definitely be some close encounters with large, meat-eating predators this season.”

Melissa Miller
Extreme survivalist



Melissa Miller's "Naked and Afraid XL" survival challenge brought her to the brink of survival and despair as she hunted for food during her 40 days in South Africa.



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Golf course architect, Christopher "Chris" Wilczynski of Saline, says he's been around golf his entire life.

The greatest golf courses are by design

■Professional golf course architect shares insights of the trade

By Vera Hogan
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Have you ever wondered who's behind the design of the many beautiful golf courses in Michigan and the United States?

We caught up with one of them last week, Christopher "Chris" Wilczynski, of Saline. He is an accomplished golf course architect and member of the American Golf Course Architects Association.

When asked what inspired him to become a golf course designer, he said, "I grew up on a farm in Blissfield and my father was a golf course superintendent. My dad knew golf architect Arthur Hills in Toledo, Ohio and helped me get a job there when I was in high school.

"My inspiration was really being around golf my entire life, my father and Arthur Hills and his business partner, Steve Forrest. They encouraged me to study Landscape Architecture at Michigan State and helped me learn the game of golf."

See GOLF on 10A

“They want a fair challenge but most importantly, a course that is aesthetically beautiful and well maintained.”

Christopher "Chris" Wilczynski
Professional golf course architect



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Come *Heller* high water...

• **I can always** smell the aroma of consultants when it comes to media. What they've ruined most recently are sports highlight shows which now, as if by law, have to include loud, thumping music during highlights, loud, obnoxious ex-jocks hee-hawing about the highlights, female hosts inexplicably wearing nightclub dresses wandering around cavernous sets while they introduce the highlights, and fake miniature sports fields where even more ex-jocks explain various jock techniques



Andrew Heller
FEATURED COLUMNIST

that we really didn't need to know or care about. All that, and yet I just wanna know who won the Tigers game. I'm not anti-internet, but I sure do miss TV, radio and newspapers the way they used to be. Am I the only one?

• **I'm still steaming** about the state giving away groundwater to Nestle for its Ice Mountain brand (which I'll never buy again) while cutting off bottled water for Flint. A meme about Nestle popped up on my Facebook that quoted former CEO Peter Brabeck-Letmathe saying water isn't a human right. But did he really say that? I consulted my favorite meme-busting site, Snopes, for an answer, and it said no. But what he did say was maybe even worse. In a 2005 documentary, he said, "Water is, of course, the most important raw material we have today in the world. It's a question of whether we should privatize the normal water supply for the population. And there are two different opinions on the matter. The one opinion, which I think is extreme, is represented by the NGOs, who bang on about declaring water a public right. That means that as a human being you should have a right to water. That's an extreme solution."

The other view says that water is a foodstuff like any other, and like any other foodstuff it should have a market value. Personally, I believe it's better to give a foodstuff a value so that we're all aware it has its price." Now I hate Nestle even more.

• **A new state law** requires motorists to treat darkened traffic signals as four-way stops. Wait, that wasn't a law already?

• **I told you** months ago that I'd noticed a few people adding the word "right?" to the end of sentences, as if to cement your agreement in advance with what they said. Now everybody does it, right? And it's annoying, right? Of course it is, right? So why do we keep doing it?

• **A verbal tic** I'm trying to vanquish is saying "tuh" instead of to. A lot of people do this and once you notice, you can't stop noticing. At least I can't. I find myself — out loud — correcting people on TV who do it, which annoys the heck out of the lovely yet formidable Marcia, who usually tries to annoy me back by saying "Are you going tuh stop that?" She's a bit of a wisacre.

• **Remember that "Saturday Night Live"** recurring skit "Deep Thoughts?" If it were still around, I'd submit "How did beef ever become a word for cow? Or pork for pig? Or venison for deer? Are we squeamish and can't call things what they are? If so, why do we still call chicken chicken?"

• **"Stop running to** those who ignore you and start running to those who adore you." — Joseph Simmons

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“A new state law requires motorists to treat darkened traffic signals as four-way stops. Wait, that wasn't a law already?”

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I ENJOYED WALKING and socializing with my friends at the school track. As always the bureaucrats cause more harm than they do good. The logic behind closing the track is illogical, it's just a 'cover my butt' move. Thanks for nothing.

I GOT HOME yesterday to find my cat had been shot in the back with a BB gun. Looks like it went through his spine so that would mean he was shot in his own yard. There is a special place in hell for people like you.

I JUST WANT to give a great big thank you to the gentleman who is out picking up litter along the roads. I see him everywhere trying to make things look nice. How awesome.

DO YOU REMEMBER when Obama bowed to the Saudi king? You remember when he created regulations that put 50,000 out of work in 2010? Remember he made trade deals that hurt thousands of American workers? Remember when he gave \$150 billion in cash to Iran for the worst nuclear deal in the history of the world? I do.

TO THE PERSON accusing 'Treasonous Trump' of laundering \$130,000. May I ask where you got confirmation that this is true? Apparently, you are the only one that has that kind of information. How about the millions that Hillary laundered through attorneys to pay for the dossier?

There is proof on Hillary.

IF YOU LOOK beyond the distractions and the fake news, please realize that Americans right now are enjoying the lowest unemployment rate in 17 years. We also have the highest wage growth in 17 years. Couple this with the fact that two million fewer people are on food stamps and welfare. All due to Trump.

I HEARD ON TV that the latest scam is about the new Medicare card.

WOULD LIKE TO add to Vera's Bill of Rights column that the people's second amendment rights, original and current intent is to protect the people from government tyranny, not just the reasons stated.

TO THE HOT-LINER regarding the intelligence of youth. The ones marching are merely sheep who are repeating what their adult socialist masters are telling them. It's all about power, this year's upcoming election and I'm afraid the future of our country.

QUIT COMPLAINING ABOUT the roads. No road repairs occur over the winter. Now they will assess and schedule repairs once the weather warms up. Use your brain.

GOOD LUCK WITH the Silver Parkway lights project. The DDA collects the majority of the money from those businesses but only invests it in downtown. The DDA and city council are run by the downtown businesses interests only.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

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Would you support the proposed fee on kayaks, canoes and paddle boards?

streettalk



"It sounds fair to me if it helps to defer the costs of maintaining the access points."

Jack Miller
New Hudson



"That probably sounds like a good idea if it helps."

Patricia Mathis
Holly Village



"I would not support it. I just think there's too much tax on everything right now. We haven't even done the roads."

Patricia Lueck
Fenton Township



"It's terrible. We already pay enough in taxes and they don't go to the right places. As a smoker, I pay 500 percent on my smokes that's supposed to go to the roads and the Truth Campaign. It doesn't."

GT Martinez, Holly Township



"No. The collection of tax dollars and the things it goes to always differs from what they say it's going to go to. I just think there are other ways."

Kim Martinez
Holly Township

Area woman dies after propane stove explodes

■ Sheriff's office says Groveland Township RV fire accidental

By Sharon Stone

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Laura Devlin, 81, of Groveland Township died April 16 after the propane stove she was cooking on in her home exploded April 15.

According to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, first responders were dispatched to a Recreational Vehicle (RV) fire that occurred in the 3000 block of Grange Hall Road in Groveland Township. There were reports of two injured victims.

Undersheriff Michael McCabe said he was told that a couple resided in a 25-foot RV behind the home on Grange Hall Road. Devlin was reportedly cook-

ing food and thought she had turned off the propane stove. She went to relight the stove, which caused an explosion. She suffered burns to 80 to 85 percent of her body.

A second victim, an 84-year-old man, who lived with Devlin, suffered minor burns to his left arm and singed hair. He was treated at the scene.

Devlin was transported by ambulance to Hurley Hospital in Flint where she was admitted to the burn unit.

A fire investigation was completed, and the fire is considered accidental in nature. An open flame coming into contact with the propane vapors from the stove within the RV camper caused it.

Village Funeral Home & Cremation Services handled Devlin's funeral arrangements.



Laura Devlin

Heroin overdoses at I-75 rest area

■ Two men revived by emergency personnel

Compiled by Sharon Stone

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At 2:17 a.m. on Wednesday, April 25, Oakland County Sheriff's deputies and the Springfield Township Fire Department responded to the rest area on northbound I-75 for a possible drug overdose. A 911 caller said he observed a man carry another man into the men's restroom. The man walking, identified as a 34-year-old Tawas City resident, was seen administering CPR to the unresponsive man, identified as a 27-year-old Oscoda resident, who appeared to be overdosing.

Upon arrival, deputies found the Oscoda man unresponsive and exhibited shallow breathing. Deputies administered Narcan (Naloxone) to him. Firefighters arrived and admin-

istered two additional doses of Narcan to the Oscoda man, who then regained consciousness.

The Tawas City man who was administering CPR soon became lethargic and firefighters administered a dose of Narcan to him. A used hypodermic needle was found on the restroom floor near the two men.

The Oscoda man was transported to Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township by Star EMS.

The Tawas City man was transported to St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital by Star EMS. Both men admitted to using heroin.

The vehicle they were using was driven by a third party who is a resident of Rose City. It was impounded as the driver appeared under the influence but not in need of medical attention. Both men are expected to recover.

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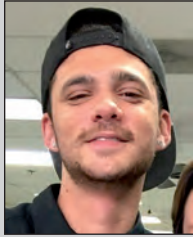
"With assistance from the Owosso Police Department, the Michigan State Police Fugitive Team and the Mid-Michigan Area Group Narcotics Enforcement Team (MAGNET), the three suspects were taken into custody and lodged at the Genesee County Jail."

Bade said Culkins had been living in the Owosso area for the past couple of months.

Residents in the 9300 block of S. Jennings Road called 911 just before 11 a.m. Saturday, April 21. They said they saw a truck, which turned out to be an older model GMC pickup with California license plates, by some trees in the middle of their farm field at the northwest corner of S. Jennings and Baldwin roads and found the man dead lying next to it.

Metro Police Authority of Genesee County arrived at the scene just after 11 a.m. A Michigan State Police Crime Lab spent several hours gathering evidence at the scene Saturday.

Clark, Lover and Shaw were arraigned Friday afternoon in Genesee County's 67th District Court.



Austin Culkins

HOT LINE CONTINUED

ANY PARENT THAT pays for their child's university education without the child having a job lined up by their third year is wasting their money. Skilled trade schools make more sense. Less cost, on the job experience and a job, often with higher wages than a four-year university. It's the way to go.

LONDON HAS VERY strict gun laws and its murder rate has surpassed New York City. The bad guys are using knives. It's the culture, not the weapon.

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Police&Fire report

FENTON WOMAN INJURED IN TUESDAY MORNING CRASH

A 59-year-old Fenton woman was transported to an area hospital with non life-threatening injuries and a 65-year-old Davisburg woman was cited for disregarding a traffic device following a crash at 9:55 a.m. on Tuesday, April 24. Lt. Jeff Cross of the Fenton Police Department said the Fenton woman was driving southbound on Adelaide Street. The Davisburg woman, driving westbound on Silver Lake Road, ran the traffic signal at the intersection and T-boned the Fenton woman's vehicle. From the impact, the Fenton woman's vehicle crashed into a city of Fenton light post, making it fall on the woman's vehicle, causing more damage. Cross said he was told the light post would cost between \$5,000 and \$8,000 to replace.

DISTRACTED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVE NETS 21 CITATIONS FOR TEXTING WHILE DRIVING

The Livingston County Sheriff's Office recently participated in the Office of Highway Safety Planning's (OHSP) Distracted Driving Enforcement Initiative, which ran from April 9 to 22. Deputies dedicated more than 70 hours of enforcement, which resulted in 60 traffic encounters. Deputies issued 37 citations, 21 of which were for texting while driving. There were also citations issued for careless driving and driving at excessive speeds. This enforcement also resulted in the arrest of two individuals for suspected driving under the influence of alcohol and five motorists were arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license. The Livingston County Sheriff's Office also plans to participate in a similar initiative during the weekend of Memorial Day where directed enforcement will focus on seatbelt use.

Two local teens to appear on 'America's Funniest Home Videos'

■ 'A trust fall gone wrong' to air this Sunday on popular TV show

By Hannah Ball

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If you're a regular viewer of ABC's "America's Funniest Home Videos," keep a look out for two Fenton teens and a failed trust fall this Sunday at 7 p.m.

Saylor Spees, 17, and Joey Lamb were rehearsing the play "Anything Goes" for Lake Fenton High School. Spees played the lead, Reno Sweeny, and Lamb played Billy Crocker.

Saylor's mom, Angi Spees, said the play is full of lifts and stunts, and a trust fall. The mishap happened during rehearsal, the day before the show opened in December 2017.

"My daughter was doing the trust fall with a guy and he was facing the wrong way and he didn't catch her," she said.

Someone videotaped the failed fall and they decided to send it into AFV. Spees said she got a call from a producer on Tuesday, April 24, who said the video was going to run this Sunday, April 29. She told her daughter when she came home from school and posted about it on Facebook.

After Spees posted the video on Facebook, she got a call from Mike from Mike and Stephanie in the Morning at CK 105.5, inviting Saylor to do a phone interview on Thursday, April 26 about the video for the radio show.

"AFV likes those videos where someone is falling or getting hurt," Spees said. "You can see their costumes and everything on stage."

Spees and Lamb had to sign a waiver for the video to air.

"It wasn't like she got a concussion or anything. She was OK. Initially, they had her sit up for awhile," she said, adding



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Joey Lamb and Saylor Spees, 17, perform in the play "Anything Goes." The two performed a trust fall during the play that did not go as planned during rehearsal.

that she took Saylor to the chiropractor the next day and then she performed on opening night that same day.

"She was right back at it," she said.

They did not get paid for the video, but the company did send T-shirts. Spees assumed the video wasn't eligible to win the cash prize because they didn't get a call to come to the taping of the show.

"I'm imagining it's going to be part of a montage. They'll show people falling and getting hurt," she said.

Spees expressed her admiration that AFV, which started in 1989, has been on for so long.

"It's one of the few shows that's truly family friendly. Everyone seems to really like it. It's been on forever," she said.


Saylor has a few acting credits to her name after appearing in DC's "Batman vs. Superman" and "I Declare War" on Netflix.



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Additional information may be obtained by calling George Kullis, Holly Township Supervisor at (248) 634-9331 Ext. 304.

Lake Fenton High School deals with possible threat

■ Genesee County Sheriff's Office investigates, determines there was no viable threat

By Sharon Stone

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Lake Fenton High School Principal Chris Belcher sent an all-call to parents at approximately 12:25 p.m. Thursday, April 26, alerting them to a possible threat at the school and that the Genesee County Sheriff's Office was investigating.

The school learned of the possible threat and the investigation by the sheriff's office prior to the start of the school day and determined that there was no imminent threat. Authorities were at the school throughout the day investigating.

Belcher reminded everyone that all threats will be taken seriously and will be fully investigated. He added that he was thankful that Lake Fenton has students and parents who are quick to report information that may be helpful to the administration or local authorities.

"Please take the time to talk to your children about the seriousness of

threats and that threats are simply not a joking matter," Belcher said.

Superintendent Julie Williams said she learned of the possible threat during the night when she received a phone call from the sheriff's office. To her understanding, a student made a comment to another student during class on Wednesday, accusing a third student of saying they were going to shoot up the school.

During their overnight investigation and home visits to question students, the sheriff's office determined that the student made up the statement and that there was no third student making a threat. Williams said there was no threat and the student just made up the story. Disciplinary actions against the student are pending, said Williams.

Williams echoes Belcher's comments that these threats cannot be taken lightly.

She added that kids should not be laughing or joking about this.

As of Monday, April 23, Lake Fenton has acquired a school resource officer, Dep. Jason Thomas of the Genesee County Sheriff's Office. Williams said the deputy will be monitoring the district's four school buildings every day.

“Please take the time to talk to your children about the seriousness of threats and that threats are simply not a joking matter.”

Chris Belcher

Lake Fenton High School principal

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QUICK THINKING STORE CLERK, POLICE OFFICER HELP FENTON MAN BEING SCAMMED

An elderly Fenton man is out \$900 as he recently fell victim to a phone scam. Lt. Jeff Cross said a person claiming to be a representative of a U.S. Embassy called the Fenton resident and told him that they had a relative of his in custody and that he would have to send the Embassy \$2,500 to have his relative released. The caller told the man to purchase \$2,500 in Google Play cards, which can hold \$100 per card. The Fenton

man purchased the cards at a local gas station. A Fenton police officer coincidentally stopped at the gas station soon after and the store manager told the officer that they were suspicious of a sale they just handled for a local man that they knew. The manager provided the man's name to police. The police officer drove to the Fenton man's home to investigate and as he arrived, he was able to stop the man from scratching off the codes on the back of the cards and providing those numbers to the caller. The man had already scratched off \$900 worth of cards. Cross said this type of scam happens on a regular basis and urges anyone that receives this type of call to call his or her own family members first to confirm the claim. Cross said law enforcement does not call anyone asking for money.

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If you're thinking about adoption...

■Thousands of Michigan children have no permanent place to call home

By Hannah Ball

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A 22-year-old Fenton Township woman is urging people to think about becoming foster parents for children who don't have a home.

Olivia Swanson's family was a temporary foster home for a few girls before they went back to their biological family. She said there needs to be more awareness and more training for foster parents.

"These are local kids who don't have permanent families and it really just breaks my heart," she said. "Someone has to take care of them and there are not enough people. It happens all the time every day, kids coming into care."

Swanson recommended mare.org, which is the Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE). All the children on the website are "legally free," which means their biological parents have no legal rights to them. According to the site, approximately 340 children are looking for a home on the site, and more than 3,000 are currently waiting to be adopted in the state.

"Some have been waiting since 2012 or 2010," she said. "These kids do not have anything."



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Tami Kromer (second from left), director of Clara's Hope, meets with Sawyer Jewellers owners Mary Ann and Chip Beltinck in early March.

Clara's Hope in Fenton is a great resource for interested parents, Swanson said. The organization allows people the opportunity to meet with foster families to see what the experience is like. Clara's Hope also provides children who are waiting to be adopted with backpacks full of items they get to keep.

"You can't blame people who are scared, these kids are coming with trauma and all kinds of stuff. The

last thing in the world you want to lose is your siblings," she said.

People who might be interested in fostering first need to choose an agency. Swanson named the Ennis Center for Children in Flint, Bethany Christian Services, and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. These organizations will help parents through the process by providing training and informative classes, and performing background checks.

"It's expensive. It can take up to a year to become licensed. It takes a while, that's a little discouraging," Swanson said. "Once it gets approved, you can start inquiring about specific kids."

The agency and organization will help you find a child you will be comfortable with. Parents can become temporary foster families or long term foster families. It's easier for younger kids who need to be adopted because they have fewer memories of having no one, Swanson said, and older kids have experienced that rejection.

"Belonging somewhere is always important. Separation from a biological mom, everyone feels that," she said. "But once a family chooses permanency, like you're going to be there forever, that's a huge thing."

Some people are worried they will become too attached if they become temporary foster parents.

"To be that person who says, 'Yes, I love you no matter what happens, I don't get to make this decision, the court does,' to give that to a kid is huge. It's painful but if you can take that so the child doesn't have to, if you can keep them safe for a while, it's worth it," she said. It's better to experience that love than not knowing it at all."

“Some have been waiting since 2012 or 2010. These kids do not have anything.”

Olivia Swanson
Fenton Township resident

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House Bill 5669: Define which IDs are good for voting

To place in statute a definition of "identification for election purposes," including a list of specific forms of personal identification that meet the criteria.

Passed 27 to 8 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☒ YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) ☒ YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) ☒ YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ☒ NO
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ☒ YES

House Bill 5321: Prohibit giving permits to sterilize game animals

To prohibit the Department of Natural Resources from issuing permits to sterilize game animals as a way to reduce overpopulation. Also, to allow the Natural Resources Commission to establish special deer management zones adjacent to urban areas where more deer licenses (tags) could be issued.

Passed 69 to 40 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51) ☒ YES
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES

House Bill 4115: Increase nonprofit sales tax exemption

To exempt from sales tax the retail sales of a nonprofit organization that has less than \$25,000 in aggregate annual retail sales during a year, rather than \$5,000 under current law. Under current law if a group exceeds this threshold then all of its sales are taxable, and the bill would change this to exempt the first \$10,000 in sales for groups that don't exceed the new cap.

Passed 76 to 33 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51) ☒ YES
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES

House Bill 5687: Require resident alien's driver license to expire with visa

To require that a drivers license issued to a resident alien must have an expiration no later than the date on which the individual's presence in the in the U.S. becomes unlawful.

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Linden Community Schools, The Chamber and The City of Linden are for the fourth year in a row gearing up for the Gus Macker 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament. There are a few new and exciting additions incorporated into this year's event. First, the Linden Tournament will be the only tournament held on June 23rd and June 24th in Michigan. That probably means a higher number of

players than the already projected growth! Second, we have a new location. The event will be hosted at Linden Elementary this year. This new location will allow for more basketball units associated with the growth projection and it is closer to Linden's downtown business district! Third, Macker Mondays! Every Monday prior to the event, starting on June 4th a 3-point contest will be held at our Pre-

sending Sponsor's location with the final contest being held at the event on Sunday June 24th. A cash prize will be awarded. Following in tradition, donations will be made to all of the Linden Sports and Band Boosters for their assistance throughout the entire event. Special thanks to all that sponsor and volunteer because without their support this event would not continue to grow and be successful!

'More Than Just Golf'... 18 holes — one day of fun!

■ Watch for new Bloody Mary Bar as part of Chamber's annual golfing event

By Sally Rummel

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If you're a golfer, you've already got Monday, May 21 on your calendar. That's the date of the Fenton Regional Chamber's "More Than Just Golf" Scramble.

Spring Meadows Country Club in Linden will host this year's event, with registration at 8 a.m. and a shotgun start at 9 a.m.

"Golfers who don't usually have an opportunity to play a private course like Spring Meadows are looking forward to it this year," said Mike Scully, chairperson. The 36 teams have been sold out since early March, along with most of the sponsorships.

New this year is a Bloody Mary Bar, sponsored by Sharp Funeral Homes. "It's something we came up with to add even more value for our golfers," said Scully.

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Although he has designed many golf courses for which he received national plaudits, such as Black Gold Golf Club in Yorba Linda, California, Wolfdancer Golf Club at the Hyatt Lost Pine Resort in Austin, Texas, and Westhaven Golf Club in Franklin, Tennessee, he is most proud of one right here in Michigan.

“The course that I am most proud of is Red Hawk in East Tawas,” he said. “It was the first course that I completed with Arthur Hills and we constructed the entire course for \$1.3 million. Most courses cost between \$4 and \$6 million to construct. The course was truly sustainable from an economic and environmental perspective.”

Wilczynski’s first priority when designing a course is to make the course playable, fun and interesting for the average golfer while allowing a good player to be challenged and tested.

“There is a huge disparity between a scratch golfer and a 20-plus handicap golfer,” he said. “Their skills sets and needs are very different. We (architects) need to be mindful of all levels of golfers when designing a golf course.”

Michigan is a great state for golf, Wilczynski said. “We have an abundant amount of available water (versus the Western United States) and the topography and soils are ideal for creating a great golf course.”

“The only challenge that I see is our golf season and how short it is,” he said. “We really only get five to seven months of golf in Michigan, depending on the year and weather. It’s really hard from a business perspective to make money and succeed in Michigan given our limited season.”

When choosing a golf course, Wilczynski said most golfers are looking for a course that is playable and beautiful. “Most golfers only want these two things,” he said. “They want a fair challenge but most importantly, a course that is aesthetically beautiful and well maintained.”

The game of golf and golf courses have not been spared when it comes to the affects of modern technology.

“The golf clubs and ball have been impacted significantly by technology,” Wilczynski said. “If one was to study the distance of how far the elite players hit the ball they would see a huge increase over the last 10 to 15 years, he said. “This has made some of the old classic courses obsolete because they are not long enough for a segment of the golfing population. So, more length results in needing more land to develop golf courses and more cost to maintain and manage a golf course.”

Wilczynski said he has not had the privilege of golfing at any of the local courses yet, but has heard good things and looks forward to doing so someday.

For more information, visit Wilczynski’s website at www.cwgolfarch.com.

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Former Times reporter Will Axford is a web producer/reporter for the Houston Chronicle. The staff was nominated for a Pulitzer for their coverage of Hurricane Harvey last summer.

'Not bad for a kid from Holly, Michigan'

■ Former Times reporter part of Pulitzer-nominated newsroom for Hurricane Harvey coverage

By Tim Jagielo

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Former Times reporter Will Axford worked long hours along with the rest of his co-workers at The Houston Chronicle during the week of Hurricane Harvey in late August and early September 2017.

The entire Houston Chronicle staff was nominated as a 2018 Pulitzer finalist for "breaking news reporting" for its coverage of Hurricane Harvey. The staff of the Press Democrat in Santa Rosa, California ended up winning the Pulitzer for breaking news, "and deservedly so," Axford said. Axford, a 2005 Holly graduate, works as a web producer/reporter for the Houston Chronicle, a large daily newspaper located in the thick of Hurricane Harvey's flooding. For the first two days of the flooding, he was on 12-hour days. His normal beat includes covering breaking local news and features for the website, Chron.com.

He experienced the flooding, personally and relayed local stories from the "front lines" of the hurricane that according to Houstonchronicle.com, dumped more than 51 inches of rain on parts of Texas and caused \$75 billion worth of damage.

"It was an intense time to report. It truly did take the entire effort of the staff to get needful, potentially life-saving information to Houstonians and other Texans affected by the hurricane," Axford said.

"We had a feeling that we would be mentioned by the Pulitzers since Harvey was such big national news, so we were all watching the announcements. It was surreal to see our work mentioned along with other well-respected newspapers like the New York Times and the Washington Post."

During the hurricane, he was watching breaking news alerts from police and responders as well as monitoring social media for public safety information. He reached out to people for stories and permission to use their photos taken during the storm.

"The Houston Chronicle staff really came together during the hurricane, especially the web team I work with. We were responsible for keeping the Chronicle's Twitter, Facebook and other social media channels up to date. It so far has been the most stressful and rewarding time during my journalism career."

Axford said that having his work recognized by others in the profession is always uplifting and he appreciates that they were nominated.

"I never expected to cover a story that could have been mentioned among the Pulitzers. Not bad for a kid from Holly, Michigan," he said.

"It was an intense time to report. It truly did take the entire effort of the staff to get needful, potentially life-saving information to Houstonians and other Texans affected by the hurricane."

Will Axford
former Times staff reporter

News briefs

Matter of Balance class at Hartland Senior Center

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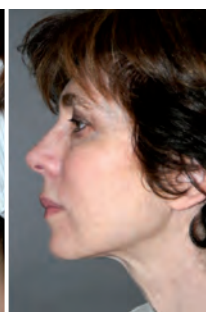
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A temporary sign is placed on the gate of the Ivan Williams Field at Fenton High School. The outdoor facilities have been closed to the public during school hours since mid-April.

TRACK

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This has rattled some community

members who expected to use the track for exercise. One Tri-County Times Hot-liner wrote, "Yes you should keep the track open for senior citizens. I'd bet dollar to doughnut that they're the ones who built that track, paid taxes for it, built the schools. They, of all people, will use it, not abuse it. Senior citizens, go use that track, you paid for it."

Hartley said the decision was made for the safety of the students. After conferring with other school administrators and Fenton police, they agreed that the track and tennis courts created a "safety gap" in school security.

"We have 40 to 50 students or more out using these facilities for classes," he said. "The decision was made based on what we are doing to be proactive in keeping our staff and students as safe as possible."

Hartley said that Swartz Creek, Hartland, Davison and Flushing schools have similar policies.

“The track functions as a classroom during the school day ... Our indoor classrooms have security measures in place and we need to ensure that our outdoor instructional spaces are safe also. The track is no different.”

Adam Hartley
Fenton Area Public
Schools superintendent

He said there have been no issues with the members of the public using the facilities, but he pointed out that incidents can happen anytime and anywhere. Hartley equated the track and tennis courts to classrooms that students use during the day, and classrooms aren't open to the public.

These facilities will still be open to the public after school hours, and all summer. "We are grateful that we can open our track and tennis courts after school hours for our community and we are looking forward to seeing many people use the facilities during the summer months," he said.

A temporary sign is currently taped to the gates. Hartley said a permanent one will be added later.

The track and other athletic facilities will continue to be closed during sporting events, as well, said Hartley.

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News briefs

West Shore Elementary a winner in the third annual 'Commit to Fit! Active Schools Challenge'

West Shore Elementary and Goodrich High School students and staff have won the third annual Greater Flint Health Coalition "Commit to Fit! Active Schools Challenge," a program designed to promote health and wellness within local schools while creating some "healthy" competition. Throughout the month of March, more than 2,000 students from Genesee County schools strived to achieve 30 minutes of physical activity a day. The challenge had two competition categories, one for elementary schools and one for middle/high schools. This year approximately \$10,000 in prizes will be awarded to the winning schools to support school-based wellness activities year-round.

• Winning elementary schools are:

West Shore Elementary — \$1,500

University of Michigan Flint ECDC — \$1,200

Torrey Hill Intermediate — \$1,000

Rankin Elementary — \$800

Perry Innovation Center — \$600

• Winning middle/high schools are:

Goodrich High School — \$1,500

Carman Ainsworth Middle School — \$1,200

Fenton AGS Middle School — \$1,000

West Shore Elementary and Goodrich High School will also receive a trophy to display in their school. All participants that reached the goal of 900 minutes of physical activity overall were entered into a raffle to win a variety of gift cards, skating passes, and more.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I THOUGHT SCHOOLS were the responsibility of the school district. They have the duty to maintain the buildings or build new ones when necessary. The feds and state do give money to the school systems for specific things but not repair or building of new ones.

TREASON WITH RUSSIANS? Really?

THE SEVEN DEADLY sins are pride, greed, lust, envy, gluttony, wrath and sloth. Donald Trump is unapologetically and unrepentantly guilty of all seven. How could any so-called Christian support him?

WHY DO THE boys on Linden's track and field team only get new uniforms? The girls are still wearing what look to be jerseys from the early 2000s and have to buy shorts to wear when the boys have nice new Nike jerseys and shorts. Something's strange!

GREAT JOB GOES out to the Lake Fenton/Goodrich girls varsity lacrosse team. First year as a varsity sport and they are rocking out on the field. Keep up the amazing work.

IF YOU UNDERSTOOD economics, you would understand that President Trump has increased the production of coal, gas, oil and offshore drilling to try to keep our oil and gas prices down so that we can become energy independent. It was President Obama who destroyed these industries and wanted to keep us buying our gas and oil from the Saudis and from Russia.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY HAD numerous sex parties at the White House and had an affair with a dancer in Las Vegas. LBJ had an affair in the White House. We all know about the extra marital affairs of Bill Clinton as governor and as president. Whatever Trump did was long before he became a politician.

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APRIL 23, 2018

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday April 23, 2018 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.

1. Trustee Goupil offered the opening prayer.
2. Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
3. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of \$401,556.98.
4. Received the first quarter fire department report from Ordinance Enforcement Officer Pat Shaw.
5. Authorized a letter of support committing \$192,150.00 in the year 2021 toward the replacement of the Hogan Road bridge over the Shiawassee River.
6. Adopted Resolution No. 2018-08, declaring intent to issue capital improvement bonds to fund sewer system improvements and authorizing the publication of the required notice of intent.
7. Adopted amendments to the 2018 Fenton Township Budget.
8. Approved an extension of the real estate broker services agreement with Ed Constable to October 30, 2018.
9. Adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

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News briefs

SPRING INTO SUMMER CRAFT SHOW

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHEN FLINT GOT in the water problem the state started supplying free water to all the affected people. When Linden got into the water problem we had to put in all the main lines we paid for them. I am tired of hearing how bad we should feel for the city of Flint.

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PLEASE STOP NAME-calling in the Hot lines. My children read them and it sets a bad example.

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THE WEAK AND ineffective foreign policy of Obama, John Kerry and Hillary Clinton has made our world a mess and a very dangerous place.

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TALKING ABOUT THE price of gas now. I recall the price of gas being near \$4 when Obama was in office.

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IT IS QUITE obvious that you leftists are reaching far into the depths of your hate; but I thank you for spilling your foolishness upon us. It is much more amusing than any of your late night comedians — or your daytime ones in the leftist media. Have a great day.

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I WROTE DEBBIE Stabenow four months ago. I asked her why she did not support Trump's tax reduction package. She finally replied and said it did not do enough for Michigan families. She supported every tax increase proposed by Obama. She has hurt American families for the last 12 years.

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WHAT YOU MISSED in the MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following are stories you may have missed in the **Wednesday, April 25, Midweek Times**. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

Police rule California man's death a homicide

Police say 20-year-old man, identified as Austin Culkins, found in Mundy Township was stabbed multiple times.

Hypnotherapist now facing nine charges

Victims of John Tomlinson say they were assaulted while they were hypnotized



Hogan Road bridge project approved

Total cost of replacing bridge that has a hole in the middle is \$1.6 million.

Competency exam scheduled for Challis

Fenton resident who sent threatening work emails will be evaluated prior to hearings.

Sweet — Caroline Street to open in two to three weeks

Workers with Eastlund Concrete Construction began laying the groundwork for new sidewalks on the Caroline Street extension project.

'BEE' nice! If the bees disappear, we will starve

Bees of all description are essential to sustain life. Local beekeeper shares tips on what people can do to help sustain them.

A look back at 1968

Kentucky Derby winner "Dancer's Image" was stripped of his title due to doping.

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When a courtroom is your home

■ Criminal defense attorneys check governmental power, ensure fair sentencing

By Tim Jagielo

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In the Genesee County 67th District Courtroom of David Guinn, attorney Frank Manley waits as his client, a 17-year-old accused of murder, is brought in by a Genesee County Sheriff's deputy. The teen's distraught family sits behind Manley in the gallery.

For Manley, direct court time takes up approximately 80 percent of his workday. "You become very, very familiar with it, it becomes like a second home," he said. "You make that courtroom your home."

Manley said he's handled all levels of criminal defense in his 36 years practicing law — homicide, drug cases, and hundreds of drinking and driving cases.

There are dozens of criminal defense attorneys in the tri-county area. Most, like Manley, make their home under the fluorescent lights and formal environment of the courtroom, helping clients make life and death decisions.

Attorney K.C. Baran has an office on Silver Lake Road in Fenton, and has been practicing for 17 years. He practices criminal law, amongst others. "I enjoy helping people to solve their problems and achieving results that they might not be able to do alone," he said.

His day includes less court time. His schedule has a mix of meeting with clients to discuss their cases, and court. "There are some days that I am in the office all day, meeting clients, preparing motions or responses to motions, preparing and answering correspondence, and running the law practice," he said.

Baran handles many different types of criminal cases from misdemeanors in district court, involving offenses such as traffic violations, drunk driving and domestic violence, to felonies in circuit court involving more serious criminal allegations.

Manley said 90 percent of criminal cases are settled through negotiated



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

Attorney Frank Manley has represented clients who have been charged with all levels of crime, from drug dealing to homicides. Many courtrooms across the state have become his home-away-from-home.

plea bargaining, but when a client is truly innocent, he'll go to trial. No client will plead guilty to an offense they did not commit.

What is it like to defend the guilty? He said it's the most common question he is asked. "Everyone is deserving of constitutional rights, and everyone deserves representation," Manley said.

As a defense attorney, he said it's his job to protect the innocent from conviction, and be a check on the power of the state. If a client is convicted, he works to make sure the punishment fits the crime.

Baran also faces the question about "defending the guilty," and he echoes Manley's response. "The prosecution

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Senate Bill 897: Require able-bodied Medicaid recipients to work
To require state welfare officials to seek permission from federal welfare officials for requiring able-bodied recipients of Medicaid health coverage to work at least 29 hours a week, or be in school, job-training or volunteer work. The bill authorizes exceptions for a parent with children under age six, individuals getting disability benefits, a disabled person's caretaker, and more, including temporary emergencies and "life-changing events." It would also require beneficiaries to verify compliance each month and verify family income changes within 10 days.
Passed 26 to 11 in the Senate
Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☒ YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) ☒ YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) ☒ YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ☒ NO
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ☒ YES

House Bill 5012: Restrict election recounts when outcome isn't close
To make more rigorous the definition of "aggrieved candidate" in the law that authorizes recounts of elections where the vote margin isn't close. The bill reflects court rulings after the 2016 Green Party presidential candidate

(reportedly with the assistance of Democratic Party operatives) orchestrated a statewide recount, even though this candidate received less than 2 percent of the Michigan vote.
Passed 27 to 8 in the Senate
Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☒ YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) ☒ YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) ☒ YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ☒ NO
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ☒ YES

Senate Bill 290: Increase election recount fee in votes that aren't close
To increase the deposit that a candidate must make to get an election recount, to \$250 per precinct if the winner's vote margin was more than 5 percent or 75 votes, whichever is greater. If the recount does not change the outcome the candidate loses the deposit. The bill reflects court rulings after the 2016 Green Party presidential candidate's 2016 recount activities referenced in the preceding bill.
Passed 93 to 16 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51) ☒ YES
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES

House Bill 5646: Check voter lists against Social Security death lists
To require the Secretary of State to check the statewide qualified voter file against the U.S. Social Security Administration's death master file on a monthly basis. Also, to enroll the state in multistate voter registration verification programs, to the extent these do not require a new law to be passed or pushed.
Passed 35 to 0 in the Senate
Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☒ YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) ☒ YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) ☒ YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ☒ YES
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What is a 'living trust?'

■ Protect and distribute your assets after your death, and avoid probate court

By Tim Jagielo

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The best way to divide your assets after you die may not be a will, but a living trust.

Matt Abraham of Abraham Law in Fenton wrote in his legal blog that a trust is simply a legal arrangement whereby one person — the “trustee” — holds legal title to assets and property that have been transferred to the trust, all for the benefit of the trust’s “beneficiary.” A trustee is a “fiduciary,” and has a legal obligation to administer the trust per the instructions that are contained in the trust agreement.

Brancheau Law Firm Attorney Stacey Brancheau, CFP, CTFA said that a living trust is established during a person’s lifetime to hold and manage assets during their lifetime, and to distribute assets upon one’s death without probate court involvement.

“Probate avoidance is one of the big advantages,” she said. “Many people believe the myth that if they have a will, their estate will not have to go through probate.”

In fact, when someone dies, their will is admitted to probate court, and the court oversees the probate process and distribution. A trust avoids this process. Once assets are transferred into a trust, they are not subject to the probate process.

Brancheau said another advantage to a living trust is that they are very flexible, in that they allow a person to control the distribution of assets long after they have passed. For example, a family with

minor children may want to have child’s inheritance continue in a trust for the child’s benefit until they reach a certain age, perhaps 25, rather than allowing the child to receive his or her inheritance at age 18. Distributions can be made from the trust to assist with the child’s basic needs as well as meet tuition needs. This is important as the average inheritance is spent in six months.

Trusts can also be used for long-term care planning, planning for children with special needs and estate/income tax planning.

Brancheau likes to explain a trust as a box. Once it’s established, the grantor will transfer assets into the trust/box. “That’s one of the biggest mistakes I see people making,” Brancheau said. They make the mistake of not transferring assets.

Once a living trust is put into place, they coordinate titling of assets and beneficiary designation.

Anyone interested in a living trust should start with consultation with an attorney. You’ll fill out forms, talk about goals and objectives, and what type of plan would work best for their family. You will then draft documents, sign them, and walk away with a completed estate plan.

Abraham said, “It is very important that you retain a qualified legal professional to prepare your trust agreements. There are many pitfalls and traps for the unwary that can turn what should be a useful tool to manage assets, care for your loved ones (or pets), avoid probate, and reduce estate taxes into a source of much confusion and unintended negative legal and tax consequences.”

Expect to spend \$2,000 to \$5,000, depending on complexity of trust and assets involved, Brancheau said.

“It is very important that you retain a qualified legal professional to prepare your trust agreements.”

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MILLAGE

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The proposed "Genesee County Arts, Education and Cultural Enrichment" millage will, if approved by voters, garner .96 mills per year from each property owner. That equates to 96 cents per \$1,000 in taxable value. Homeowners with a taxable value of \$50,000 would pay about \$48 every year for 10 years.

If the millage is approved, the ballot language states that an estimated \$8,775,655 will be collected in the first year. Also, \$500,000 annually will go to the Greater Flint Arts Council for grants to support arts education and cultural enrichment programs at other nonprofit and governmental arts and cultural institutions in Genesee County.

Randall Thompson, president of Citizens for a Better Genesee County, said, "We are extremely grateful to the county Board of Commissioners for moving the millage forward to the Aug. 7 ballot for voter approval. This is an important step in continuing the excellence and vitality of our arts programs all around Genesee County."

"Our area is more than just the bad news of the water crisis or how we were depicted in Netflix's 'Flint Town'," he said. "We are in the midst of rebuilding and rebranding our community. From better jobs and wages — to increasing property values, this is just another step



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A proposed millage would benefit Flint Cultural Center organizations, such as the Flint Institute of Arts, Sloan Museum and Longway Planetarium.

in the direction of making people understand that Genesee County is a great place to live, work and raise a family."

According to the resolution approved by the Board of Commissioners, the passage of this millage would benefit the arts and cultural institutions in Genesee County, including the Sloan Museum, the Longway Planetarium, The Whiting Auditorium, the Flint Institute of Arts, and The Flint Institute of Music within the cultural center.

If the proposed millage is approved, cultural center institutions have committed to provide all Genesee County residents with free general admission to the Sloan Museum, and The Flint Institute of Arts, and selected discounts on shows and programs at the Longway Planetarium, the Whiting Auditorium, the Capitol Theatre, the Flint Youth Theatre, the Flint School of Performing Arts, the Flint Symphony Orchestra and The Flint Institute of Music.

Also, if the millage is approved, The Floyd J. McCree Theatre & Fine Arts Centre has committed to provide all residents of Genesee County with significantly discounted admission to all of its mainstage productions, and free after-school workshops for Genesee County students. The Friends of Birston also have committed to provide all residents of Genesee County with participation in a number of programs either free or with reduced tuition.

"At less than 1 mill annually, the passage of this millage would allow Genesee County families the ability to recoup the cost of the millage many times over," Thompson said. "At roughly \$10 admission to one of the institutions, a family of four would nearly recoup their cost in one visit. Quite simply, the passage of this millage would increase access to some of our most longstanding and treasured arts education and cultural institutions."

How commissioners voted:

Drew Shapiro, representing local residents in the 6th district, voted in favor of placing the millage on the ballot.

"As a representative of the people, I believe in letting the people decide for themselves if this is what they want," he said. "As a firm advocate against new taxes, I may personally vote 'no' on this millage in August."

Shapiro said he does like that \$500,000 would benefit "out-county" programs, not just those in the city of Flint.

Commissioner Bryant Nolden said, "I abstained on the vote, because, I work for one of the organizations involved."

Genesee County Commissioners Bryant Nolden, Brenda Clack, Ellen Ellenburg, Kim Courts, Mark Young, Martin Cousineau, Ted Henry and David Martin did not respond to requests for comment.

LOOKING BACK

at this week in

NATIONAL HISTORY

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APRIL 29

1945: Eva Braun met Adolph Hitler while employed as an assistant to Hitler's official photographer. Of a middle-class Catholic background, Braun spent her time with Hitler out of public view, entertaining herself by skiing and swimming. She had no discernible influence on Hitler's political career but provided a certain domesticity to the life of the dictator. Loyal to the end, she refused to leave the Berlin bunker buried beneath the chancellery as the Russians closed in. The couple was married only hours before they both committed suicide.

APRIL 30

1927: The Federal Industrial Institution for Women, the first women's federal prison, opens in Alderson, West Virginia. All women serving federal sentences of more than a year were to be brought here. The prison sat atop 500 acres. One judge described the prison as a "fashionable boarding school." In some respects the judge was correct. The overriding purpose of the prison was to reform the inmates, not punish them. The prisoners farmed the land and performed office work in order to learn how to type and file. They also cooked and canned vegetables and fruits.

MAY 1

1926: Ford Motor Company becomes one of the first companies in America to adopt a five-day, 40-hour week for workers in its automotive factories. The policy would be extended to Ford's office workers the following August.

MAY 2

2011: Osama bin Laden, the mastermind behind the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in the United States, is killed by U.S. forces during a raid on his compound hideout in Pakistan. The notorious, 54-year-old leader of Al Qaeda, the terrorist network of Islamic extremists, had been the target of a nearly decade-long international manhunt.

MAY 3

1980: Cari Lightner, 13, of Fair Oaks, California, is walking along a quiet road on her way to a church carnival when a car swerves out of control, striking and killing her. Cari's tragic death compelled her mother, Candy Lightner, to found the organization Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), which would grow into one of the country's most influential nonprofit organizations.

MAY 4

1990: Jesse Tafero is executed in Florida after his electric chair malfunctions three times, causing flames to leap from his head. Tafero's death launched a new debate on humane methods of execution. Several states ceased use of the electric chair and adopted lethal injection as their means of capital punishment.

MAY 5

1961: From Cape Canaveral, Florida, Navy Commander Alan Bartlett Shepard, Jr. is launched into space aboard the Freedom 7 space capsule, becoming the first American astronaut to travel into space. The suborbital flight, which lasted 15 minutes and reached a height of 116 miles into the atmosphere, was a major triumph for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

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Dennis Nickels, chairman of the commission, said the fee would not exceed \$10 but would most likely be \$5.

The money would go to support marine patrol and safety, public launches, and watercraft and boater safety and awareness. Paddle sport vessel operators would also be required to put identification on their kayak, canoe or paddle board in case anything serious happens.

Most of the conversation surrounding the topic has been negative.

State Senator Ken Horn (R-Frankenmuth) proposed a resolution to oppose the commission's recommendations.

"Michigan is home to some of the most beautiful natural resources in the world, including many scenic waterways in my district," Horn said in a statement. "Imposing an additional tax on people who want to go outdoors, get some fresh air and enjoy these resources is completely unnecessary."

"I see absolutely no need to hinder our tourism industry with new fees, so I introduced Senate Resolution 153 to oppose the commission's recommendations."

The resolution, which was put forth by a group of senators, states that paddle sports

are one of the fastest-growing outdoor activities in the U.S. and that the sport contributes more than \$140 million to Michigan's economy. A portion of the fees would go to state boat launches designed for power boats and trailers, which the resolution deems not necessarily safe for paddlers.

"Although safer inland lakes are benefi-

cial to paddlers, increased safety patrols will provide little benefit for paddlers traversing rivers and scenic waterways," according to the resolution.

One concern identified in the resolution is discouraging paddlers and curtailing the growth of the sports by having them pay a registration fee.

Jason Warda, president of the **Ponemah/Squaw/Tupper Lake Association**, said, "As with any rules, they are only as good

as they can be managed. We see kayaks out at night with no lights all the time in the summer, very dangerous. I normally only like to see additional laws or rules when there is a safety benefit. I'm not sure how needing to register additional items will increase safety."

Tim Cook, board member of the **Friends of the Shiawassee River**, said the organization has not taken a position on the proposal.

"On the one hand, we actively seek

“Imposing an additional tax on people who want to go outdoors, get some fresh air and enjoy these resources is completely unnecessary.”

Ken Horn
Michigan senator

MELISSA

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I can say this experience was such a contrast to the Amazon, in terms of what was difficult."

Last year's jungle environment was very wet and humid, while South Africa was dry and arid with intense sunlight in all directions. "You'll be seeing lots of sunburns on the show," Miller said.

Water was overly abundant in the rain forest, but very scarce in Africa. "When we found one, it was very small and dried up," Miller said. "It was also littered with elephant manure. We'd boil it thoroughly and I'd close my eyes to drink it. We jokingly called it our 'elephant poo stew.'"

Everything was about fighting for food out there, Miller said. There weren't any fruit, nuts or berries and the rivers and water sources were mostly dried up.

The next "worst" obstacles were heat and the ever-present thorns on every

plant. "You couldn't step anywhere without something pricking your feet," said Miller. "Nothing was easy out there."

In the 21-day challenge, about half of the contestants are successful and half aren't.

While she can't say anything about her own status on the 40-day challenge, she did say that people come home with parasites, unknown diseases, flesh-eating bacterial infections, third-degree burns, broken bones, funguses, larvae coming out of the skin and even some have months of hospitalization.

Where will she be watching the first episode of the season on May 6? "I imagine it will be about 20 people or so at my parent's house," Miller said. She is the daughter of Bill and Maggie Miller of Argentine Township.

Her "day job" is as an environmental educator at For-Mar Nature Preserve in Burton and she is also a brand influencer for Discovery Communications.

to promote canoeing, kayaking, or other river-based recreation," he said. "We would be worried about any fee or licensing requirement that would deter paddlers from enjoying the river."

"On the other hand, we could use more support from the DNR for the development of a water trail and launches."

"If proceeds from a fee went to promoting recreation it might be worthy of support. For sure, we like the non-governmental alternative: paddlers should make a voluntary donation or membership in river organizations and conservation groups that serves the river of their choice."

Police&Fire report

LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS TAKE PART IN NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, April 28, aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the public about the potential for abuse of medications. Locally, Fenton, Linden, Argentine and Holly police departments have drop-off boxes in their lobbies. Residents are encouraged to drop off any old drugs and vitamins they may have in their homes. The Drug Enforcement Agency will then pick up all of these discarded drugs to dispose of them properly.

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must be held to their burden of proving guilt of anyone charged beyond a reasonable doubt,” he said.

Manley said his hours vary, but they can be rather long. “The cases that we deal with are so serious, we can’t just punch a clock,” he said. He estimates he has hundreds of cases going on at once.

Baran said an attorney must keep their client informed by providing sound law advice, the facts of the case and the potential consequences.

Manley chose criminal law because “It’s very exciting, very competitive, it’s a great way to help people who may not be able to help themselves.”

The cost to hire him for defense depends, and prices are set case by case. He said he will take unpopular causes to be their “champion” if needed.

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Police&Fire report

SEVERAL MOTORISTS TICKETED IN WORK ZONE

While overnight work was being conducted on U.S. 23 in Fenton between April 7 and 14, Fenton police cited numerous motorists for traveling faster than the 45 mph speed limit to help keep road workers safe.

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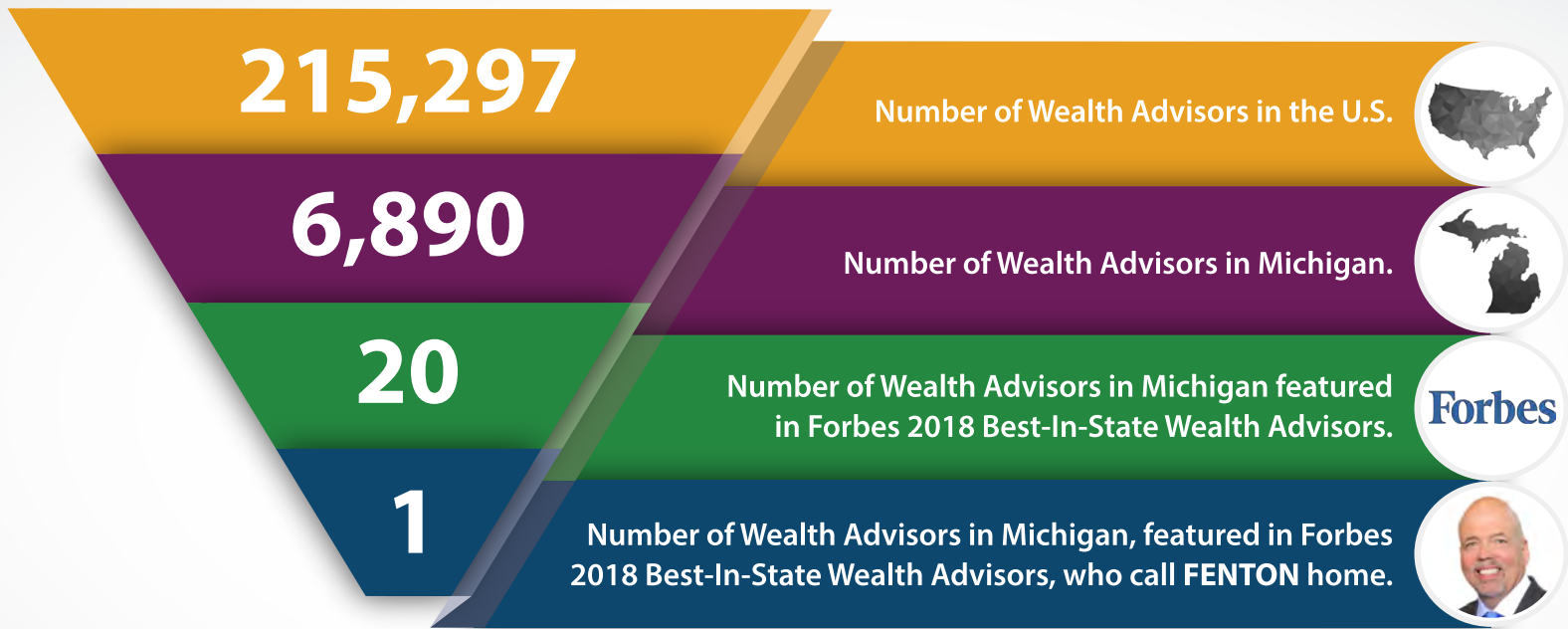
Construction cleanup on Thompson Road between U.S. 23 and Torrey Road

The Genesee County Road Commission has announced operations to complete last year’s reconstruction project on Thompson Road from U.S. 23 to Torrey Road in Fenton Township starting Monday, April 30. The contractor will start work to clean up, restore areas of winter impact and remove sedimentation controls. Shoulder and/or single lane closure using flag control will take place. The anticipated completion date is Wednesday, May 2. Motorists are advised to allow themselves additional time to reach their destinations.

Duffield Road culvert completion work set for April 30 and May 1

The Genesee County Road Commission will be performing paving operations to complete last year’s culvert replacement project on the Duffield Road culvert at the Terry Drain, between Reid and Hill roads, in Gaines Township starting Monday, April 30, at 7 a.m. The anticipated completion date is Tuesday, May 1, at approximately 4 p.m. Motorists are advised to seek an alternate route and to allow themselves additional time to reach their destinations.

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Color Dash raises \$8,700 for ‘outdoor classroom’

■North Road Elementary’s inaugural event will fund construction this summer

By Tim Jagielo
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Fenton — Running through bubbles, pounding party music and of course brightly colored powder, students at North Road Elementary School kicked off the inaugural Color Dash.

The event was organized by physical education teacher Ann Caponigro as a way to raise money while also getting the students active. “We thought it would be the most fun and interactive for kids,” she said.

The Color Dash raised \$8,700 as of Thursday, April 26. Donations can be accepted until May 3. The funds will be used to build an outdoor classroom at the school. “It’s a space where students can gather outdoors with their teacher, but still have a classroom feel,” she said.

Some possibilities for an outdoor classroom can be seen on the color dash website, northroad.myfunrun.com.

Possibilities include raised gardens, gazebos and interactive tactile stations. “Learning is something that takes place through the day and it’s not confined to the traditional classroom,” Caponigro said. “When you carry it outdoors, you really create the sense of a lifelong learner.”

This run has raised enough for construction of the first phase of the project, though meetings need to be held to decide on a design. She said she’d like to make this an annual event.

Most of the students participated in the run, totaling more than 400, overseen by approximately 35 staff members and 40 volunteers, said Caponigro.



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Approximately 400 North Road Elementary students participated in the inaugural Color Dash on Wednesday, April 25. The event raised \$8,700 toward an outdoor classroom that is scheduled to be constructed this summer. Running in the event were approximately 35 staff members and 40 volunteers. Students were peppered with colored powder along the route.



“Learning is something that takes place through the day and it’s not confined to the traditional classroom. When you carry it outdoors, you really create the sense of a lifelong learner.”

Anne Caponigro
North Road Elementary physical education teacher





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Tigers advance in Greater Flint tournament, edge Holly, 3-0

By David Troppens
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Neighborhood rivals battled it out in the Greater Flint Baseball Tournament on Wednesday, and it ended up being a pretty good pitchers' duel.

Two pitchers on each team combined to allow just eight hits in seven innings. But when it was all said and done, Fenton's combination of David Pietryga and

Brock Henson edged out Holly's Aaron Lochitski and Garrett VanGilder, earning the Tigers a 3-0 win. Fenton advances to a game at Broome Park against Swartz Creek on Wednesday at 5 p.m.

"The game was tough. The weather was not good for hitting — cold and strong wind blowing in," Fenton varsity baseball coach Shawn Lawrence said. "We really had to manufacture runs. Holly's pitchers

did a nice job throwing strikes and we did not get too many opportunities to hit the ball hard."

Pietryga pitched the first three innings, allowing no runs on two hits and three walks. Meanwhile, Henson pitched the final four innings, allowing just one hit and one walk.

"Pitching wise for us, both

guys did a good job. Both came in and threw strikes," Lawrence said. "David got in a few jams but he got the big pitch or big play and got the team out of trouble. Brock also was really good, going 10-of-13 with first-pitch strikes. He went after the guys all day, pounding the strike zone and getting outs."

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Holly resident Andrew Anderson kisses the trophy he earned at the United States Bowling Congress Masters. Anderson has been a full-time professional bowler for about two years.

Anderson adjusting to life after winning first PBA title

By David Troppens
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Andrew Anderson has been bowling since he was 3.

And almost since the day he began, he's had some big dreams when it comes to the sport.

In the last year, the Holly resident has been able to fulfill quite a few of those dreams.

A member of the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA), Anderson has played in television matches twice and has not only captured his first PBA title, but it was a major at that. Anderson won the United States Bowling Congress Masters about two weeks ago. Yes, Anderson is on a recent high.

"When I was a kid I'd dream of bowling and making it to a TV show one day," Anderson said. "I did that a couple of months ago, so once I did that I changed my goal to wanting to win one of these. If anyone told me I'd make another show, it would be in a major and I'd win it, I would've laughed at you. There are very few events, very few TV shows and to be on two and win one is surreal. It's unbelievable."

And now it appears Anderson is in demand. After winning his title he was convinced to go to the Port Property Management PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout, but that didn't go as planned.

"My main flight to Maine got cancelled and it was a big mess," Anderson said. "I just made it on time (to compete)."

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Fenton track teams earn key Metro sweeps

By David Troppens
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Linden — The Fenton-Linden rivalry took part on the track on Wednesday with the Fenton Tigers getting the better end of the deal.

Not only did the Tigers beat Linden on the Eagles' home track, they also beat Owosso.

The Fenton women beat Linden 97-40 and beat Owosso 81-59. Linden lost a tight 70-67 verdict against Owosso.

The Fenton boys crushed Owosso 113-24 and beat Linden 75-62. The Linden boys beat Owosso as well.

The Fenton girls improved to 4-0 in Metro competition by earning 11 outright firsts. Cassandra Campbell took part in three of the individual firsts, winning the 100 hurdles (16.62), the 300 hurdles (49.02) and the long jump (14-10).

Alexa Keiser was her typical dominant self in the distance events, winning the 1,600 (5:25.68) and the 3,200 (12:00.78).

Other individual firsts for the Fenton girls were earned by Lauren Murphy in the 100 (13.46), Cambria Tiemann in the 800 (2:37.05), and Hanna Chapin in the pole vault (8-2).

The Tigers also won three of the relays. The 800 relay team of Liberty Desjardins, Lauren Murphy, Shelby Murphy and Makayla Murphy (1:54.75) won as did the 1,600 relay team of Lauren Bossenberger, Vien Sturm, Tiemann and Keiser (4:25.50). Finally, the 3,200 relay team of Abby Lee, Kaitlin Bayer, Tiemann and Keiser also won (10:48.99).

"I am very proud of my girls this year of how they have not let the cold weather deter them from trying to defend the title," Fenton varsity girls track and field coach Melanie Hall said.

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(Left) Fenton's Cassndra Campbell (left) and Linden's Taylor Acox finished 1-2 in the 100 hurdles on Wednesday.

(Below) Fenton's John Sage won the high jump with a leap of 5-foot-8. Fenton beat Linden in both Metro League duals.



Fenton softball leads early, falls to Swartz Creek

By David Troppens
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Fenton — The second half of games ended up not being kind to the Fenton varsity softball team in its doubleheader against the Swartz Creek Dragons.

Fenton lost both games due to the late innings. Fenton was tied 1-1 in

the opener before allowing five runs in the second half of the game, resulting in a 5-1 loss. In the nightcap, Fenton was tied 4-4 until Swartz Creek scored six runs in the fifth inning, eventually pushing the Dragons to an 11-8 victory.

Fenton's defense hurt the squad in both games.

In the second game, seven of the 11 runs the Tigers allowed were unearned. Creek's six-run fifth almost didn't happen. There was just one runner on (via an error) with two out, but the inning continued with three hits, two walks and another error. One of the hits was a two-run home run, making it a 10-4 Dragons' lead.

Fenton's Hailee Prater throws out a runner at first base during the Tigers' 5-1 loss to Swartz Creek on Thursday.

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Linden's defense shines in 2-0 verdict vs. Holly Bronchos

By David Troppens
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Holly — The Linden varsity girls soccer team was down to 12 players. Their bench had more injured players cheering on the squad than healthy ones ready to come into the contest.

Yet, the Eagles found a way to post their third straight Metro League shutout and their second Metro win against an eager Holly Bronchos squad on Thursday.

The Bronchos were able to control much of the action with the ball, but Linden remained strong on its defensive third of the field, and eventually scored on a couple of the few scoring chances the Eagles had, earning a 2-0 victory at Holly High School.

The amazing aspect of Linden's strong defensive play has to do with how it has quickly matured since the start of the season. It was looked upon as a concern entering the year because only senior Erica Breittling returned. However, the defense was able to keep Holly from getting too many scoring chances despite the fact the



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Holly's Payton Price tries to work around Linden's Molly James in the Eagles' 2-0 victory against the Bronchos on Thursday.

Bronchos maintained possession of the ball for solid periods of time during the contest.
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Holly baseball splits Metro League twinbill with Flushing Raiders

By David Troppens
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Holly — The Holly varsity baseball team found itself in a couple of tight thrillers on Monday when the squad hosted Flushing.

The Bronchos lost to the Raiders in the first game 7-5, but bounced back to win the second contest 1-0.

The second contest featured an outstanding pitchers' duel won by Holly's D.J. Tennis. Tennis pitched a three-hitter and walked just one en route to the seven-inning shutout. He also struck out four. Tennis was efficient, needing only 93 pitches to earn the victory. Sixty-five of those pitches were strikes, and he threw a first-pitch strike to 21 of 25 batters.



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Holly's Garrett VanGilder makes a tag of a Flushing runner in the Bronchos twinbill split against the Raiders.

The game's only run came in the bottom of the second inning. JD Lannon and Ben Gramer began the threat with singles. Johnny Peck walked to load the bases and Mike Bednarczyk walked, giving the Bronchos the only run of the contest.
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BOYS GOLF

► **Fenton 176, Linden 223:** The Tigers remained perfect in Metro dual play with the win. Dylan Conte was the match medalist with a 38. Braden Lapa shot a 44 while Addison McIntosh carded a 46. Edward Farrell had a 48.

Linden's team medalist was Jack Whitman with a 47. He was followed by Aidan McCarthy (51), Drew Krueger (55) and Justin Cygnar (70).

► **Holly 174, Linden 208:** Holly posted the strong victory with Noah Rooker earning medalist honors with a 39. Danny Mathews shot a 40 while Royce Pucher carded a 47. Matt Moller shot a 48.

Linden was led by Jack Whitman's 46 while Eidan McCarthy shot a 47. Justin Cygnar shot a 57 and Tyler Manner carded a 58.

► **Holly 178, Kearsley 184:** The Bronchos were led by Matt Moller's 42, while Royce Pucher shot a 44.

► **Fenton 171, Owosso 215:** Mitchell Chopp won match medalist honors, shooting a 40 for nine holes. Braden Lapa shot a 42 while Dylan Conte and

Logan Lake carded a 44 and a 45, respectively.

SOFTBALL

► **Fenton vs. Goodrich:** The Tigers lost to Goodrich 10-6 and 12-4. In the opener, Erin Carter had a strong day, collecting three hits, including a home run and a double. Addy Taylor also had three hits. Both drove in two runs. Cheryl Hatch chipped in two hits.

In the second game Carter had two more hits while Hailee Prater tripled.

BASEBALL

► **Lake Fenton vs. Clio:** The Blue Devils won a game 9-8 and lost one 9-8.

In the opening game, Lake Fenton scored three runs in the top of the seventh, earning the Blue Devils the 9-8 win. Cody Schramm, Andy Lyons, Brenden Carr and Cam Williams each had two hits. Williams drove in five runs. He hit a two-run single during Lake Fenton's three-run seventh.

The second game was called after the fifth due to darkness. Mike Rubey led the offense with two hits. Schramm and Bryson Nugent each had a hit and two RBI.

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■ Injuries hurt Holly's track squads in Metro dual

Injuries cost both Holly track and field teams, resulting in some losses against Swartz Creek and Clio on Wednesday. The Holly girls earned a victory against Clio 71-60, but fell short against Swartz Creek 72-63. Meanwhile, the Holly boys lost to Clio 73-59 and to Swartz Creek 78-59.

■ Fenton girls tennis team loses tight match vs. Clio

The Fenton varsity girls tennis found itself in a close dual match with Clio on Tuesday. Two of the eight flights were decided in three-set matches, and many of the two-set matches were tight battles. The Tigers captured more of those close matches, including three in the doubles flights, earning the 5-3 victory against the Lady Mustangs.

■ Lake Fenton track teams lose to Corunna

The Lake Fenton varsity track and field program started its Genessee Area Conference dual season with one of the expected powers in the conference on Tuesday. The results ended up being two losses to Courunna. The boys lost 90-47, while the girls lost 110-26.

■ Fenton girls soccer remains perfect in Metro action

The Fenton varsity girls soccer team remained perfect in the Metro League on Wednesday. The Tigers scored two goals in each half, earning a 4-2 conference road victory at Owosso.

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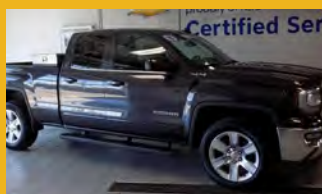
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