

STORY: **RICK
ROCKMAN
PASSES AWAY**

“Our thoughts and prayers are with the Rockman family. I’ve known Rick for a long time and have enjoyed all the good times we have had over the years. The community will miss him also. Thanks for everything, Rick. God bless you.”

— Doreen Bollinger

STORY: **FIGHT
TEEN DRUG USE**

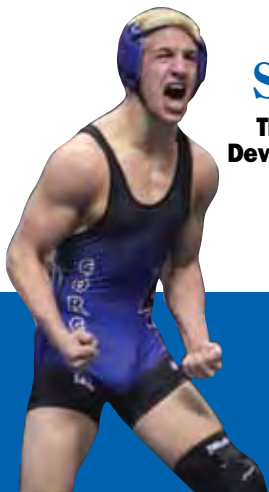
“I am a parent of a 16-year-old daughter in the Fenton/Linden area schools, and I vow to help out in any way with the problems our teenagers are having with drug and alcohol addictions in our communities. My daughter has been affected by drugs and bullying on social media sites. I want to support the community in any way that I can. Please let us help our kids through programs or what-ever deemed fit so we don’t lose more of our children to the sins of society.”

— Debbie

STORY: **FAMILY
GAME NIGHT**

“What a great idea, looks like a lot of fun. What a great game room.”

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Fatal overdose of 22 year old under investigation►Crushed Oxymorphone
is likely substance snorted

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Livingston County — The death of a 22-year-old Tyrone Township man is under investigation with the Livingston

County Sheriff’s Office.

The sheriff’s department has not released the name of the victim, but the Tri-County Times learned from other sources that the victim is Adam Harden, 22, of Fenton, formerly of Swartz Creek.

In a Tuesday press release,

Sheriff Bob Bezotte said the Livingston County Sheriff’s Department Detective Bureau
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“It was not his prescription. We’re looking into that.”

Bob Bezotte

Livingston County sheriff

Summary

►The Livingston County Sheriff’s Department is investigating its first fatal overdose involving Oxymorphone, a Schedule II controlled substance.



Adam Harden

**Pot growing operation
discovered during
mobile home fire**

By Sharon Stone

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Argentine Twp. — A 56-year-old Argentine Township man and possibly his 36-year-old nephew are facing drug charges after police and fire departments responded to their mobile home for a reported structure fire. According to Police Chief Dan Allen, police and fire departments responded to the man’s trailer in the 15000 block of River Circle at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 3.

Officer Doug Fulton cleared the home and assured that all occupants were out of the house. The 56-year-old man exited unharmed and called 911 from a neighbor’s home. No other homes were damaged.

While extinguishing the flames, firefighters discovered a large amount of marijuana in a back bedroom. Police seized 58 marijuana

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“His house was equipped as a grow operation. We’re trying to establish proof on this guy for selling.”

Dan Allen

Argentine Township police chief

Summary

►Argentine Township police will be seeking an arrest warrant against an Argentine Township resident for manufacturing of a controlled substance. Police discovered 58 marijuana plants and growing supplies after his mobile home caught fire.

‘Fat Tuesday’**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | TIM JAGIELO

Brandy Cartwright, of Linden, splits a paczki for her daughters Emilie, 3, (left) and Gracie, 6, Tuesday afternoon at the VG’s Grocery on Silver Parkway in Fenton. “Fat Tuesday” is the day before the beginning of Lent for Catholics.

**Local leaders
looking at
sharing services**►Lower tax, state
revenues lead to talks
on cutting costs

By Anna Troppens

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Fenton — The city of Fenton and other local governments have decided to “Be Closer.” Representatives from area municipalities met at the Fenton Fire Department on Thursday, to get to know each other and discuss how they might be able to share services.

Most local governments believe they have great fire, police and emergency medical services, said Fenton Township Clerk Robert Krug. Thus, he suggested that
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Fenton City Manager Lynn Markland (left) and Mayor Sue Osborn facilitate discussion after the dinner.

**Adults heading back to school****TRI-COUNTY TIMES**
FILE PHOTO

Theresa Resta, 44, of Fenton, listens to an anatomy and physiology lecture at Mott Community College.

►Record number of students
at Mott Community College

By Anna Troppens

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When the economy dips, the number of adults training to learn new job skills rises. Now is no exception. At Mott Community College (MCC),

there are record numbers of students in the college’s 88-year history — more than 13,000.

In fact, most MCC students, around 60 percent, are nontraditional instead of being new high school graduates, said Michael Kelly, executive director of Public Information for the college.

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Fired village manager's lawsuit moving forward

► Trial still nine months away

By Tim Jagielo

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Holly — Former village manager Marsha Powers was fired in September 2010 by the last council, and quickly set a lawsuit against the members of the village council into action, arguing that she was fired illegally.

Former council members Reisa Hamilton, William Kuyk, and former president Pete Clemens were served process for the suit in September, along with current

council members Pauline Kenner and Sandra Kleven. Don Winglemire voted against her firing at the time and is not being sued.

Currently, legal teams for the village and for Powers are going through the discovery process, gathering evidence for their case. The process of discovery began in January and will continue until September 2011, said Mike Kowalko, a member of Powers' legal team that is headed by Tom Pabst out of Genesee County. The trial itself is expected to be in

Summary

► The lawsuit by former manager Marsha Powers is currently in the discovery process, with a trial date set for December.

December.

Last Wednesday, Kleven, Hamilton and Kenner were interviewed by both Holly Village's and Powers' legal team, as part of discovery.

Powers, herself, sat through many hours of cross examination in January. "We believe she held up very well," said Kowalko. "We believe the evidence is mounting that Marsha Powers was fired illegally."

According to Clerk/Treasurer Susan Nassar, although the individual members of the council were served process and are being sued, insurance taken by the village covers the defense of council members. Insurance will also cover the members, should Powers win.

"We believe the evidence is mounting that Marsha Powers was fired illegally."
Mike Kowalko
attorney

Kowalko could not name a specific dollar amount that they are seeking, though Pabst thought that \$1 million was possible in an earlier interview.

"We're looking forward to our day in court in front of a jury," said Kowalko.

"It will be up to the court or the jury to decide if the plaintiff deserves any recovery," said William Parker, attorney for the village in this matter.

Parker was not able to comment on his sides' progress in the case. "Until (discovery is) complete, it's difficult to state something affirmatively at this point until it comes out in the end," he said.

"The village stands by its decision," said Parker.



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plants, a separate jar and three plastic bags of marijuana. The back bedroom was equipped with grow lamps, heaters and chemical fertilizers.

The bedroom was also modified with a venting tube, leading to the bathroom exhaust vent.

The chief said the criminal case is under investigation and the charges are pending a review by the county prosecutor. The cause of the fire is also under investigation; however, the chief said an overload to the circuits was most likely the cause.

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Jason Murphy, 30, a hearing instrument specialist, is also a hearing instrument wearer, himself. "Today's hearing instruments are so tiny that they aren't noticeable to most people," he said.

Hearing loss affecting people at younger age

► Devices, ear buds, loud concerts, all contribute

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If you can hear your teen's music when he or she is plugged into an MP3 device, then the music is too loud. Forty years down the road, he or she will likely be being fitted for hearing instruments — at younger ages than ever before.

"These tight-fitting MP3 player ear buds bring in sound directly to the ear drum, unlike the bulky headphones from years ago," said Jason Murphy, 30, a hearing instrument technician at Miracle-Ear in Fenton. "It's way too much power and volume. The sad thing is, kids today won't notice the hearing loss for about four more decades, but the nerve damage will already be done."

Summary

Today's tight-fitting ear buds are one reason that young people will be coming in for hearing testing at earlier ages than ever before.

Most clients who get their hearing tested for the first time are now in their 50s and 60s.

While older people used to have hearing problems in their 70s or 80s, today's hearing-impaired clients are coming in with a much earlier hearing loss in their 50s and 60s.

"A lot of our clients are early retirees from the Big Three automakers, who worked in factories with their ears unprotected from the loud noises of machinery," said Murphy. "These baby boomers also attended a lot of loud concerts. No one back then really talked about the importance of protecting your ears from these high volumes."

And, he's expecting a whole new generation to be coming in with hearing loss issues, because of today's high technology, high volume lifestyles.

"We do way too much, way too loud," he added. "Biologically, we're built to be outside with nature, which is quiet."

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The luck of the Irish

► Local Irish-Americans celebrate their heritage on St. Patrick's Day

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Local pub-crawlers are counting the days to St. Patrick's Day, the international holiday recognizing the English-born patron saint of Ireland, who helped to bring Christianity to Ireland in the 5th century A.D. Irish families, who feel the connection to their heritage, celebrate it not just on St. Patrick's Day, but all year long.

C.J. Callaghan grew up learning about his father's Irish heritage. He settled in Tyrone Township, because the hilly terrain reminded him of Ireland.

"Ever since I was younger, I felt a strong connection to my heritage."
Katy Hughes

His wife, Charlie, while born in Germany, has adopted the Irish heritage as her own. Callaghan also learned about his Irish heritage from a local shop owner and Irish immigrant, John Joseph Grier.

On St. Patrick's Day, the Callaghan family will get together and make a traditional Irish-American dish, corned beef and cabbage.

Callaghan's family traditions are more traditional, as St. Patrick's Day is still rooted in his Catholic religion. His family always attends the 12:02 Mass at St. Michael's in Flint. "The church thing is first, and then a



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

C.J. Callaghan, and wife, Charlie, celebrate St. Patrick's Day as an Irish-American family. Charlie was born in Germany, but has adopted the Irish heritage as her own.

meal with family," he said.

Callaghan owns a lawn-care company, and currently has a contract with the city of Fenton. His trucks are easily recognizable, as they are green, with shamrocks as part of his logo. "I have shamrocks on everything

I own," he said. Callaghan also owns a green 1969 Camaro.

Katy and Jason Hughes, of Holly, have woven their Irish heritage into their marriage. Jason proposed to Katy at an Irish pub, on St. Patrick's Day

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MOVED SO KID could wrestle on a 'good team.' First, if he were good, it would be a good team. Second, what's the lesson you are teaching your kid? To run away every time something doesn't go your way?

PRESIDENT BUSH, WILL you please tell your oil buddies to knock it off and lower your prices. Oops, that's right, you are no longer president. I so love hope and change. Is it time to vote yet?

KENT BARNES, QUESTION for you. What if you gave parents the option to keep schools open, with the same class size, but gave parents the option to get rid of the buses instead? It shifts the financial burden back to the stakeholders without raising taxes. How much money would that save? We owe our kids a good education; we don't owe them a ride to school. That's the parent's responsibility.

IF THE TABLES were turned, Conservatives would never get away with the stunt pulled, by Democratic politicians, in Wisconsin. They should all be fired.

A GREAT VOICE of reason and common sense has fallen silent, may God hold you in his hands, Rick.

SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO the family and staff at the Times for the loss of Rick Rockman. He will be missed, as will be his 'Straight from the Shoulder' column. I feel like we are missing a great, local, common-sense man and his legacy here in the community. I hope the Times will continue Rick's truthful ideals.

THE NEW BUILDING going up by Home Depot in Fenton is a hotel.

A BIG THANK you to the people who stopped to see if I was OK after I went in a ditch on Fish Lake Road. Also, thank you to the employee at Armstead Auto for getting me out of the ditch and the woman police officer who stayed by until I was on my way.

IN REGARD TO the pension for government employees, I work at a local school system and I've been there for 20 years. My pension will be a little more than \$200. You really think they should tax that? It's really not worth it.

SO, THE LIBERALS are upset with the governor's plan to tax pensions

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in Michigan, yet they were silent when the Democrats voted to tax Social Security nationwide. Where's the consistency?

I THINK IT'S wrong that government-subsidized housing is hiring people that can't even speak our language when there are millions of Americans who don't have a job.

TIRED OF FAT cat capitalist CEO huge paychecks and holding the worker and woman down? I just read where the major union bosses all earn well over \$300K per year. Where does the liberal union lover stand on this? All those dues you pay make them really fat for doing what.

FOR THE FIRST time in my life, I have actually agreed with a Republican, namely Rick Snyder. I'm glad that instead of peddling useless ideas that won't work, or sweet-talking the TEA Party into voting for you and then screwing over middle-class families (Scott Walker of Wisconsin), Snyder was honest and laid it out there to say that we're all going to have to make sacrifices. I just might vote for him in 2014.

WELCOME, NEW NEIGHBORS. When you walk your dog, my mailbox is not a tree. I'll water my own flowers.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times



Cheryl Dennison

From the
editor

Rest in peace, Mr. Rockman

As I was driving into town on Sunday on my way to the funeral home, I passed the marquis above Lovegrove's Furniture store on North LeRoy Street. The words written on the marquis were, 'We will miss you, Rick.' That is when it really hit me that the publisher of the Tri-County Times, Rick Rockman (or Senior as his staff affectionately referred to him) was gone.

Senior passed away last Wednesday in Florida, after a brief illness. Hundreds of family, friends, staff, and community members came to his funeral on Monday afternoon to pay their respects and to say goodbye to the man who was loved by many.

I have worked at the Times for 11 years and had gained much respect for this man, who loved the newspaper business. As a rookie reporter, he would always take the time to compliment me on a story well written. He was the first to arrive in the office in the morning and he would make the morning rounds to say good morning to his staff, pay a

compliment or say, 'Get to work.'

Composition Manager Jennifer Ward, who has worked at the Times for 17 years, remembers that on deadline day, Senior would always come back to the comp room to look at the paper on the flats. 'He always had to find at least one error, and then he was happy,' she said.

At first, Advertising Director Gail Grove said she was intimidated by Senior's strong personality. 'But in only a few weeks, I learned to admire his love for his family, community, employees and the printing business.'

Another longtime employee Mary York remembers him as the most kind and caring person who 'would give you the shirt off his back.'

I came to know him as a man who stood up for what he believed in, and he minced no words about those beliefs. I saw him, on many occasions, take on causes that affected the people in Fenton.

I hear in his younger days, that he could be quite formidable. But, all agreed, that under his rough exterior was a heart of gold.

My favorite time of year was elections. And although our political views differed on some occasions, I admired Senior's stance to endorse the candidate who he believed would do the best job.

He was a man of integrity and the motto in the office was 'Family, first.' It was apparent he loved his family very much.

What I also admired was, under his direction, the integrity of the story was of the utmost importance and he taught me that the story would be told from all sides with objectivity. (Although, there were a few occasions he would say to me, 'I want to read it first, don't get me sued.')

The outpouring of messages from the community on his passing is a true indication of Senior's character. He was admired and respected — and loved by the community, his family and his staff. We at the Times thank all of you for your support, your condolences and your kindness during this sad time.

The staff here at Times has seen its share of grief in the past few months. We are sad, yet left with many fond memories.

Mr. Rockman, may you rest in peace.

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What is your opinion of the demonstrations in Wisconsin?

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"I know we need a union to protect the people. However, I just don't want them to have such control like they did before."

— Sharon Choate, Gaines



"It's out of control. The senators that fled should be fined for not doing their job. I did what I had to do, and I didn't have a union backing me."

— Diane Heist, Waterford



"I'm for the unions, 100 percent. I think what the governor is doing is just a power grab. I think he's got some ulterior motives."

— Richard Daniels
Linden



"I think it's good that people are taking a stand for what they believe in. You don't see much of that anymore."

— Jason Miller
Fenton Township



"It's a little out of control, the chaos that's there."

— Dina Petit
Linden



"Leave the unions alone. I'm not happy with any of it. They're just trying to wipe out the unions."

— Ray Lelonek
Linden

Poker tournament raises \$8,000 for Fenton schools

► Winner to name LeRoy Street in honor of his father

By Anna Troppens

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Fenton — A record 104 participants helped raise more than \$8,000 for the Fenton Area Public Schools Education Foundation (FAPSEF). Held at The Fenton Hotel Tavern & Grille, the fundraiser was the fifth annual re-creation of the famous poker game that gave Fenton its name.

In the mid-1800s, Col. William Fenton and Robert LeRoy played poker to name the town and its main street. Fenton won, lending his name to the (then) village, and LeRoy named the street.

This year, Royal Oak resident Mike Holowecki, Jr. emerged the winner. He will ceremonially rename LeRoy Street for approximately one year, said Jeff Irvin, FAPSEF treasurer and co-chair of the event.

Holowecki and his brother, Jason Holowecki, of Livonia, both played in the tournament, trying to win the street sign honor for their father, Mike Holowecki, Sr., a resident of the Fenton Area Public Schools district.

Both brothers made it to the second round, Mike Holowecki, Jr. said. Their father and his wife, Sylvia,

"He really wanted his name up on the street sign, so I was trying really hard to win it for him."

Mike Holowecki, Jr.

Col. Fenton Poker Tournament winner

were there to cheer them on.

At the end, Holowecki was playing against someone who had three times as many chips as he did. "I just had a good

Summary

► Mike Holowecki, Jr. won this year's Colonel Fenton's Texas Hold 'em Poker Tournament. As part of his prize he is ceremonially renaming LeRoy Street for his father, a Fenton Area Public Schools district resident — Mike Holowecki Avenue.

cious host, as well as a sponsor of the event," said Tom Bertschy, a FAPSEF Board member and chairperson of the event.

Proceeds go to the FAPSEF, which supports the arts, athletics and academics of Fenton Area Public Schools. It is one of the foundation's two big fundraisers — the other is a

black tie dinner in September, at The French Laundry, when the foundation presents its annual awards, Bertschy said.

streak of luck. I had ace, king, and he had eight, nine, and my ace, king held up."

Holowecki donated part of his prize money back to the foundation. The final four players each received dinner for two at The Fenton Hotel.

"They're a gra-

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in 2003. "Ever since I was younger, I felt a strong connection to my heritage," Katy said. "And, no, I don't know how to dance the 'jig,' I have no idea."

The Hughes would sometimes celebrate St. Patrick's Day at Bennigan's. Katy's Irish heritage is evident in her two tattoos. One is a four-leaf clover, the other a Celtic 'K' for her name.

On her travels to Ireland, Katy witnessed, firsthand, the cooperative spirit of the Irish people that she met. "(There was a) sense of friendship and teamwork they have that I envy," she said.

Callaghan made it clear that he was American first, and he loves the spirit of the Irish. "You can knock us down, but we're always going to get up," he said.

About St. Patrick

Little is actually known about St. Patrick himself, and there are few details of his life available.

► **St. Patrick** was associated with the three-leaf clover, because he used the leaf as an analogy for the holy trinity during his mission work.

► **St. Patrick** was credited with driving the snakes out of Ireland, but it is believed that the snakes were actually symbolic of the 'evils of pagan beliefs' that he drove out, as he converted people to Christianity.

► **St. Patrick** was born in England, possibly in Wales, was kidnapped by raiders and was sold into slavery in Ireland as a young man or teenager, herding sheep.

► **St. Patrick's Day** was originally a quiet religious celebration in Ireland, possibly for 1,000 years.

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Lots of spring activities in area

►Disney on Ice at the Palace, Pink Floyd at Whiting and more

By Sally Rummel

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Spring doesn't officially debut until Sunday, March 20, but there's already a hopeful spirit of this coming new season.

Goodbye, February — we won't miss your short days and long nights, or the record-breaking snowfalls that buried us under. It's a new day and a new attitude in March.

While there still may be remnants of winter's leftover snow on the ground, it's light enough in the morning or even early in the evening to enjoy a walk outdoors. Whether you want to walk in your neighborhood or catch the beauty of the changing season at the 155-acre Dauner Martin Nature Preserve in Fenton or one of Holly's county or state parks, there is plenty of room to roam.

The Dauner Martin Nature Preserve, located about a ½ mile behind the north VG's Plaza on Dauner Road, features a 4.5-mile marked trail with wildflowers, bird watching and deer sightings, as spring progresses.

You can also just step outside your front door and check your own perennial garden. You might find a few hints of springtime after a few sunny, warm days. Daffodils, hyacinth and crocus will begin to peek out of the ground, letting you know that spring is just around the corner.

You may want to enjoy an early taste of the season with a visit to the Flint Farmers' Market. The market is open all year long on Tuesdays, from 9 a.m. to 5

p.m.; and on Thursdays and Saturdays, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Local resident DeAnn Alexander is at the Artisans in Culinary booth with her cupcakes and other baked goods. "Foodies" from all over Genesee County bring in their own local favorites.

Market activities still take place indoors while the weather is still cool, bringing together vendors who supply meats, organic eggs and chicken, seafood, greens grown in greenhouses, and other food surprises. "Sign up for the Flint Farmers' Market newsletter and get information about what's going on every week," invites Alexander.

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 13. Don't forget to 'spring ahead' one hour.

For more family fun, "Disney Ice Toy Story 3" will be at the Palace of Auburn Hills March 9-13 at 7:30 p.m. Closer to home, local families will enjoy a Thomas & Friends Live! Show at Perani Arena on Tuesday, March 22.

A visit to the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak is another family-friendly outing, open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through March 31, then April 1 through Labor Day, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For special events going on this month, the Whiting presents "The Pink Floyd Experience" on Thursday, March 10 at 8 p.m., and Johnny Winter on Friday, March 25. At the Sloan Museum, families will enjoy CSI: Crime Scene Insects, now through May 8.



Mark McCabe

67th District Court

Ask the

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The final word on Michigan v Bryant

The Confrontation Clause of the U.S. Constitution is contained in the Sixth Amendment. It provides that in all criminal prosecutions the accused shall enjoy the right to be confronted by the witnesses against him.

Under our system of justice this means that with certain exceptions, if a defendant is put on trial for a criminal offense the people who are witnesses must personally appear, be placed under oath and then give testimony. This requirement allows a defendant (typically through their lawyer) the right to cross-examine the witnesses and have the judge or jury determine their credibility.

Over the years, there have been certain exceptions allowed by the courts to the Confrontation Clause and which allowed witnesses who heard what was said by another to testify as to what was said instead of having the actual declarant appear. In a criminal case, an example of such an exception is a so-called 'dying declaration.' This exception is allowed in a prosecution for homicide when a declarant makes a statement while believing their death is imminent and concerning the cause or circumstances of what the declarant believed to be impending death. Such statements can involve the identity of the person who caused the death, and the testimony can be by a person who heard the statement.

In 2004, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its opinion in Crawford v Washington and in 2006 another opinion in Davis v Washington. These cases significantly changed the way the Confrontation Clause was viewed and required trial courts to focus on whether a statement regarding a crime is 'testimonial hearsay' as opposed to whether it is reliable. These rulings had the effect of reducing the number of allowed exceptions to the Sixth Amendment Confrontation Clause rule.

A few months ago, I wrote a two-part column about the pending U.S. Supreme Court case of Michigan v Bryant and how it might shed additional light on this subject.

On Feb. 28, the Supreme Court ruled in the Bryant case, that since the primary purpose of the police who questioned the crime victim who identified both his assailant (the victim had just been shot) and the location of the shooting, was to allow the police to deal with an ongoing emergency, the statements were not testimonial hearsay and not a violation of the Confrontation Clause. The case was sent back to the Michigan Courts for further proceedings.

This was a 6-2 decision with a strong dissent from Justice Antonin Scalia who said that the majority's opinion created an expansive exception to the Confrontation Clause for violent crimes, wasn't based on the true facts of the case, and was a shift away from the holding in Crawford.

Now that we have received the final word, only time will tell as to the effect of Bryant and whether subsequent decisions will prove Justice Scalia's dissenting opinion to be accurate.

Fund set up to help victim of house fire

By Sharon Stone

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Fenton Twp. — Friends have established a fund to assist a Fenton Township woman whose home was destroyed by fire. The home was not insured and the woman is temporarily living with her daughter in Clarkston.

Something in the garage at Shirley Walker's Torrey Road home caught fire on Feb. 22. Flames quickly spread to the attached, older two-story farm-style house.

Summary

►Friends of Shirley Walker have set up a fund to help her get back on her feet after her uninsured Fenton Township home was destroyed by fire.

Rummaging through her soot and ice-covered belongings, she and her daughter and grandkids have been able to salvage some of her cherished and sentimental photos and personal items. They're working from area to area with the hopes of recovering whatever remains.

At one point, Walker said it felt like she had been handed a \$1,000 bill when her daughter found her favorite mint green sweater. It survived the fire. Old family photos are also being collected.

Walker has been overwhelmed with the outpouring of generosity from the community. "I'm truly blessed," she said. "It's hard to embrace all of these people and what they've done for me."

Neighbors of Walker are keeping a close eye on her house and property when she and her family are not there sorting through the debris. She said storing old family photos in a safety deposit box could have preserved many of them, especially the photos of her son who was killed several years ago by a drunk driver. As word gets out about her situation, Walker is hearing that some of her friends are getting their belongings organized. "Something good does come out of it," she said.

"I guess I've been doing something right all these years."

Shirley Walker
homeowner

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DOMESTIC ASSAULT

The Argentine Township Police Department is investigating a domestic assault, which allegedly occurred at 2 a.m. on March 4. Police responded to Genesys Health Park the following day, after hospital personnel notified police of the assault. A 50-year-old McCaslin Lake Road resident reported that he arrived at his home at 2 a.m. with a female friend, to retrieve some money she had left at the house. While there, the man and his 27-year-old nephew, who also lives there, argued. The argument turned physical. The man claimed his nephew slammed his head against the floor. The case remains under investigation.

ICY ROADS WREAK HAVOC

Icy roads are being blamed for multiple accidents Friday morning. Fenton police responded to several slide-offs on U.S. 23 within city limits. A 57-year-old North Branch man, driving a full-size van, lost control at 7:20 a.m., causing the van to veer from the road and roll over. The man sustained minor injuries. He was listed at-fault on the accident report.

HIT AND RUN

On Monday, Feb. 28, a 29-year-old Fenton Township man was struck by a dark-colored SUV as he walked across Jennings Road, about 100 feet south of Owen Road. The SUV failed to stop and kept traveling southbound on Jennings Road. STAT EMS transported the man to Genesys Health Park for treatment of his injuries. There is likely damage to the driver's side front panel of the SUV. No further information is known.

WOMAN SCAMMED

A 71-year-old Fenton woman was scammed out of \$500 when she provided the account number to a pre-paid money card to an unknown caller advising her she had won a \$16 million prize. To collect her prize money from Winners International Mega Bucks, the caller told the woman she needed to wire \$500 to cover the taxes. The woman said the caller spoke with a foreign accent, according to Lt. Jason Slater of the Fenton Police Department. The woman believed she had won, although she did not recall entering this contest. Police called the number of the contact, (876) 887-9832, however, the caller hung up on police. The number originates out of Kingston, Jamaica.

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OVERDOSE

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responded to an apparent fatal overdose in Tyrone Township. Preliminary indications were that the victim crushed multiple Opana tablets (see sidebar) and "snorted them," ingesting them by inhaling them up his nose.

Detectives believe the crushed tablets were ingested at approximately 3:30 p.m. on Friday, March 4. The victim was later found to be unresponsive at 7:30 a.m. on March 5. He was transported to Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township, where he was pronounced dead.

The investigation is open pending the results of the autopsy and toxicology report.

Bezotte said they are investigating as to how the victim obtained the tablets since they were not prescribed to him.

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HEARING

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Murphy should know what he's talking about. At 30, he has been wearing hearing instruments in both ears for about five years, after suffering from a stroke and seizures when he was just 25 years old. "I was in intensive care for a week, and when I came home, I noticed I had lost about 35 percent of my hearing.

It definitely helps me to understand what our clients go through here when they are fitted for hearing aids and have to adjust to a 'new normal.' I've been there."

Hearing loss affects both men and women about equally, according to Murphy, although, because women live longer than men do, it's often found in them later.

The repercussions of hearing loss can be life changing, because people who can't hear tend to withdraw socially and isolate themselves.

"Nerve loss is a very draining condition, because you have to strain so hard and struggle to hear," said Murphy. "That's when people start to ignore other people's conversations and begin to fall into themselves. Some people go the other way and begin talking over other people in a loud voice because it can be easier to be dominant than to admit you can't understand the conversation."

The biggest misconceptions people have about hearing instruments is that they'll be able to hear 100 percent

like they did before their hearing loss. "They will not be able to hear like they used to, especially if it has been years since the nerves worked," Murphy said. "It's called 'auditory deprivation' and it's more difficult for the nerves to make that connection again, the longer it has been."

That's why Murphy and Miracle-Ear owner David Mahan, a board-certified hearing instrument specialist, advise people who suspect hearing loss to come in to be tested right away. "Nerve damage is permanent, and it always gets worse," said Murphy. "So, if you wait as long as the average person waits — about seven years —

the percentage of hearing you get back is a lot less."

Another misconception is that when you put on a hearing instrument for the first time, you'll be able to hear really well, right away. "It takes a couple of months to get the full benefit," said Murphy. "The nerves have to get used to working again, picking up those soft consonants."

The good news is, that if you handle your hearing loss with a proactive attitude and the correct expectations, a hearing instrument will perform well for you. "People who haven't heard sounds in 10 years are usually just happy to hear sound again," said Murphy. "But it's those tender words that have been gradually slipping away that mean so much more to them after awhile, especially if they're from a young grandchild who speaks softly."

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BACK TO SCHOOL

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Their average age is 27, and people 40 to 60 and older are included. Many need retraining.

"They can't get a job with the skills that they have," Kelly said. "We're very much attuned to the working adult."

Most, 75 percent, of MCC students work. The majority has families, and some are working full-time, raising a family and going to school. "I've got a lot of respect for our students," he said. "That is a difficult thing to do, but every year, thousands of people do it."

Michigan Works, which is not part of MCC, helps with career transitions. These offices — including ones in Livingston, Oakland and Genesee counties — provide people with free services supported by tax dollars.

"The recession we are coming out of has been unprecedented in the variety of people who lost their jobs," said William Sleight, director of Livingston County Michigan Works. This includes entry-level jobs to very highly skilled and professional ones.

Michigan Works clients attend community colleges for career training as nurses' aides, to universities for master's degrees — and everything in between. The Livingston County office has 700-800 people in training. In 2010, it had 27,000 visits. "Most days, it's packed," Sleight said.

Fenton resident Jeanette Wright utilized Michigan Works on her journey toward becoming a nurse. "They treated me excellent at Michigan Works," she said. She would recommend the service to others.

Mott has certificate programs ranging from six-weeks to a year, Kelly

said. These are very specialized, where students learn information specifically related to a career. It's not an associate degree and doesn't offer the perspective of a broader range of study. But, many people don't have the luxury, and the credits they earn can apply toward an associate degree later.

There are more than 100 career programs at Mott and most students are in a career-training program of some type. This is instead of taking basic college freshman and sophomore classes and transferring to another college or university, although MCC is very focused on that as well, Kelly

said.

If someone is unsure of what to do and needs to do something to improve his or her career marketability, Kelly advises talking to an admissions counselor. An aptitude test can help in the decision, along with finding out what fields have available jobs. MCC's website, mcc.edu, can also provide information.

"The sooner you act, the better," he said.

Sleight said steps include deciding what to

do, investigating schools and training programs and figuring out how to pay for it. Michigan Works' services include one-on-ones with a professional career counselor, a case manager for each client and attending workshops. A small number of clients could receive scholarship money if eligible, and if a Michigan Works office has funding available.

"They can't get a job with the skills that they have. We're very much attuned to the working adult."

Michael Kelly

*Mott Community College,
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St. John School team wins debate competition



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Team Gold, from St. John School in Fenton, took first place in the most recent Team War of Words (TWOW) debate competition. Posing with their championship trophy are, (from left) Coach K.C. Baran, Christine Davis, Melody Draeger, John Oraa, Katherine Draeger and Coach Shari Baran.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I HAVE A budget solution for all the area school districts. Make all employees drop down a level on their health care and contribute \$40 per paycheck, except for the administrators. They should lead by example, drop down a level, and contribute \$80 per paycheck. I bet that would save all of the schools a lot of money. Let's see how many are willing to do it.

IT SEEMS TO me that a teaching job has to be a very hard job indeed. They deal with children who listen, and present no major problems, those who need more attention, to the ones who are so challenging it takes nerves of steel to get through the day. I wonder how some of the teachers can still give a smile at the end of the day. I am not a teacher.

GOV. SNYDER, YOU may be able to work for free or \$1 a year, but most of our residents aren't rich like you, where money is no obstacle, as to whether you eat, pay rent, clothe your kids or buy your prescriptions that keep you alive. Just keep sticking it to the poor like the good Republican you are, and don't forget to blame everything on the Democrats.

FIRST, I ALREADY pay taxes on my union pension that I earned by being a loyal, tax-paying ironworker for 28 years. As my money was deducted from my weekly pay, it was used without any interest or profit for me. Please tell me what government services I am supposed to be receiving, I'm getting nothing. You under-the-table paid anti-union guys have never picked up my slack.

TEACHERS IN WISCONSIN are big babies. Sixty-thousand Wisconsinites have lost their homes, and 180,000 are without jobs and these union workers are striking because they refuse to contribute more to their health insurance and pensions.

THE LAW BANNING incandescent bulbs is a horrible idea. Tens of thousands of people with migraine disease and other neurological problems become physically ill when under fluorescent lighting. Their lives will become unbearable.

HUCKABEE SEEMS TO have forgotten about a person unwed and pregnant named Bristol Palin. He's selective, what a hypocrite.

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News briefs

TYRONE SAVES MONEY ON LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Tyrone Township Board has approved \$8,700, to renew liability insurance from Trident Insurance Company. The cost is lower than the \$23,000 the township paid two years ago, and the coverage is better, Clerk Keith Kremer said.

TOWNSHIP BUYS WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Tyrone Township is purchasing insurance through the Michigan Townships Association, for workers' compensation coverage. The cost is \$1,752, and Tyrone could receive rebates of up to 30 percent of the cost after a couple of years if it doesn't use the insurance, Clerk Keith Kremer said.

REPUBLIC SERVICES TO HANDLE WASTE COLLECTION FOR JAYNE HILLS RESIDENTS

The Tyrone Township Board has approved the three-year bid from Republic Services, of Flint, for garbage collection in Jayne Hills subdivisions 1, 2 and 4. Residents there pay a special assessment to have one solid waste contractor. Other bids were from HMS Refuse, of Fenton, and Tri-County Waste Services, of Shelby Township. Republic Services' bid will save residents money, Kremer said. The change in contractors will take effect the first week of April, and Jayne Hill residents will receive a letter from the township for more information.

Calendar of events

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

Fenton Church of the Nazarene is hosting Parents Night Out. Drop off your children, ages 4-10, at the church for carnival games, crafts and lots of food. The event will take place on Saturday, March 12, from 3 to 7 p.m. Registration will be from 2:45 to 3:15 p.m. at the church. E-mail amykevin@invisalink.net or call (810) 853-7019 to reserve a spot. Please include your child's name and age.

MONDAY, MARCH 21

The **Loose Senior Citizen Center** will host Lynn Radzilowski, administrator from the Genesee County Office of Senior Services. She will be visiting at 12:30 p.m. to talk about how the senior millage dollars are being spent for senior services around Genesee County. For more information or to register, please call (810) 735-9406.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

The Lake Fenton Athletic Boosters is preparing for its annual **Raffle/Auction/Dinner Dance**, Saturday, March 26. The Boosters' largest fundraiser will be held at St. John's Activity Center, 610 North Adelaide St., Fenton. Doors open at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. A live auction is set for 8 p.m. while the silent auction runs from 6 to 9 p.m. For more information, go to www.lakefentonschools.org.

SHARING SERVICES

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sharing more services begin with less emotional and complicated issues. This might include working together on assessing, building department and zoning services, and heavy equipment and supplies.

Mayor Sue Osborn, of Fenton, said it would be easier to build more trust and lasting relationships this way, starting small and working to the top.

Like other Michigan communities, local governments are struggling with declining property tax revenues and less state revenue sharing. Even when property values begin to increase again, municipalities won't see a gain of as much as one might expect, said Fenton City Manager Lynn Markland. Due to Proposal A and the Headlee Amendment, local governments will see an increase of 5 percent or the rate of inflation — whichever is less.

Thus, new development is the only way area governments will really see any increase in property tax revenue, he said. A challenge for them is to provide the services their taxpayers are accustomed to receiving. To reduce costs, Fenton is cutting employees' cell phone use, not replacing employees who leave and outsourcing some work.

Other local governments also are cutting expenses. Clerk Keith Kremer, of Tyrone Township, said Tyrone's assess-

"I think this is the beginning of something, and I am hoping our dialogue will continue."

Sue Osborn
Fenton City mayor

ing services are down to two days per week. Linden Mayor David Lossing said city hall closes at 1 p.m. on Fridays, and Supervisor Alison Kalcec, of Rose Township, said the township hall is closed on Fridays.

Local governments already share some services. Fenton and Linden work together on ambulance services, and a number of municipalities support and use Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation.

Trustee Jason Hughes, of Holly Village, said a roadblock the village and Holly Township hit, when discussing shared services, was the level of service each wanted. "Everyone has a different idea about the level of service acceptable to their community."

Each community also has a different demand for the level of service that is acceptable, Markland said.

Trustee Donald Peitz, of Tyrone Township, said certain communities will require less, and others, more. A solution could be someone getting one-third of a service, while the other receives two-thirds. In addition, it isn't a requirement anymore, for government to provide everything it has in the past. To cut costs, Tyrone Township ended its large item garbage day, when it brought in a dumpster for residents to use.

"I think this is the beginning of something, and I am hoping our dialogue will continue."

discrimination. You are witnessing creative destruction. The reason you fear it is it is a lesson in capitalism. Competition is a good thing. No more medals for the entire soccer team.

IF YOU WANT to get rid of the unions, let's get rid of the 18-hour workday, overtime pay, benefits, safe work environments, and child labor laws. We can't keep schools open anyway, so let's put the kids to work. All they need to know is how to mow lawns, wash dishes, and clean toilets for the rich. Then, all the CEOs can take their bonuses and buy the political office of their choice.

WHAT A GREAT day. The TEA Party puts Republicans in office across the country, and now the Republicans have declared war on women's reproductive rights and the middle class hard-working families by de-funding Planned Parenthood and busting unions. Told you the TEA Party is clueless.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

HEY, SENIOR CITIZENS, is it too early to recall the governor?

A COUPLE YEARS ago, there was a \$14,000 deficit in the garbage pickup fund due to the fact our cans were too big. We all get smaller cans. Now, we change companies to the tune of a \$21,000 in savings. I am still paying the same amount for my tags. Come on, Fenton; let's share some of this windfall with the people who put you in office.

I HAVE LIVED inside the city limits of Fenton for more than 65 years. I have had sidewalks for more than 40 of those years. Sometimes, they have gotten shoveled, most times, not. Until 2011, I have never been fined or threatened with imprisonment over this issue. We are taxed twice the value of our home, now this. Keep up the friendly service, city hall.

AS AN EMPLOYEE at a local Fenton pharmacy, I am all too familiar with the local drug problem. People come in all the time to buy syringes, a 10-pack at a time. The abuse of prescription narcotics is outrageous also. It is really such a shame. I wish we could do more to stop it, but our hands are tied by the law.

YOU KNOW WHAT I say to people who go on strike. Keep walking, you're fired. There are many people looking to have your job.

YOU ARE RIGHT, a teacher is supposed to motivate, educate, discipline, shape and mold their students. The problem is when you have a tenured teacher who is not doing any of these things and yet the school board cannot discipline or remove them from the classroom. Plus, too many inflict their own liberal views upon the kids. Keep personal politics out of the classrooms.

HAS ANYONE STUDIED economics and a sub-category known as creative destruction? Unions did provide standard-of-living growth and ended employer abuse. Now, there are many federal and state laws to protect against abuse and

What they discussed

- **Sharing building** and zoning services.
- **Working together** for better prices on professional services, such as legal, assessing, engineering, and, possibly, site plan review for planning commissions.
- **Closing local** government offices on Fridays.
- **Working together** to purchase items municipalities need, as a group, to get better prices — or buying through a state purchasing program.
- **Joint police** and fire departments between cities and townships.
- **Grants.**
- **Sharing costs** for Fenton's public library.
- **Sharing equipment.**
- **Opening up** water plants so anyone nearby, but outside the municipality owning the plant, can tap into city water.
- **Forming one** group to purchase employees' health care. Fenton City Manager Lynn Markland said he believes current laws do not allow this.
- **Working together** on the medical marijuana issue.
- **Televising local** government meetings, as Fenton Township does.

Fenton library issue discussed

Mayor Sue Osborn raised the issue of other communities helping with Fenton's library costs. The Genesee District Library provides books and other materials, and the librarian. Fenton pays operation and maintenance costs for the building. The city is looking to, possibly, build a new library, because the volume of library users is outweighing the current building, Osborn said. Fenton's Jack R. Wingarden Library has more than 14,000 visitors each month, City Manager Lynn Markland said. "We have to have help from anyone using the library," Osborn said. If surrounding communities do not wish to help pay operation and maintenance costs, Fenton will have to increase library card sales to help cover expenses. "It's something we can't do anymore," she said.

Discussions to continue

The local municipalities in attendance (the cities of Fenton and Linden, village of Holly and Fenton, Rose, Tyrone, Argentine and Groveland townships) decided to meet again on the first Thursday in April, at the Fenton Fire Department.

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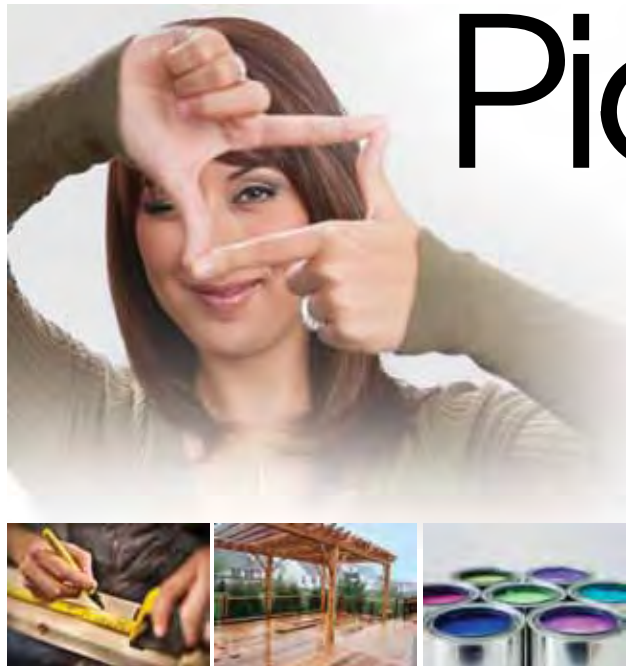
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Members of the Genesee Robotics Area Youth Team (G.R.A.Y.T.) of Fenton (in yellow), watch their team robot attempt to place an inflatable hoop onto a peg at the FIRST Robotics competition semi-final competition at Kettering University in Flint on Saturday. The G.R.A.Y.T. team's robot was controlled by two members, Ryan Sawle (right) who controlled the arm of the robot, and another member that drove the robot on the track. The team lost 6-24 in the semi-finals.

Local robotics teams compete at Kettering

By Sharon Stone

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The Genesee Robotics Area Youth Team (G.R.A.Y.T.) Leviathons 1322, made it to the quarterfinals this past weekend at a robotics competition at Kettering University. The team, comprised of local teens, competed with their uniquely designed robot.

Kim and Joe Weber are advisors and mentors to the team, which meets at their Fenton home regularly. Their company Weber Electric, as well as General Motors, are the main sponsors.

In addition to this team, they founded two more robotics teams, one at Linden High School and one at Hartland High School. Linden and Hartland also made it to the quarterfinals.

The 40 teams competing designed and built their robots in a six-week span, using a standard kit.

Kim said, in recognition of the 20th anniversary of For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technol-

ogy (FIRST) league, the teams played tic-tac-toe and via remotes, made their robots hang triangle, circle and square inner tubes 13-feet into the air, while keeping the other robots at bay. The three shapes matched the shapes used in the FIRST logo.

During the last 10 seconds of the match, the robots launched a second, smaller robot, which had to quickly climb a 10-foot tall pole.

Going into the weekend's competition, the Fenton team felt very confident with their robot, said Weber. Though they lost in the quarterfinals, the G.R.A.Y.T.

Leviathons won three awards, the Safest Pit award, the Coolest Pit award and the Gracious Professionalism award.

Weber added that the atmosphere at the competition was crazy, loud and a lot of fun. The team will head to Ann Arbor on March 24 for another FIRST competition.

"It was excellent," said Weber. "They did really, really well. It's not always about winning, but also teaching about engineering and teamwork."

Lake Fenton High School takes second in robotics competition

The Lake Fenton High School Robotics Club won second place at the Traverse City Central High School FIRST Robotics Michigan District Competition over the weekend. The Club is comprised of 9th- through 12th-grade students. Jean-Ann Webster, high school teacher and coach of the Robotics Club, said the team had the opportunity to compete against the 2010 champions. Webster said the alliance Lake Fenton was a part of defeated the alliance led by team 1918 in the first round of the finals. The other alliance, however, came back to win the next two out of three, winning the tournament. "We are very excited, at this time we are ranked in the top 10 of the teams in the state that have competed," said Webster.



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(From left) Sitting in front of robot are Matt Hubbard, Ethan Fegan, Matt Wilson, standing are Holly Osantowski, Steve Moon, Lauren Webster, Jake Vaillancourt, Everett Owen and Caleb Fletcher.

ONLINE

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STORY: FIGHT TEEN DRUG USE

"I'm a close friend of the Jawharis, and I saw the pain they went through with their daughter. Sam and Enaya never gave up on her. They saw the change in their daughter and asked for help. They really didn't get much without a fight. I think the courts need to open their ears and try to understand what the parents are going through. This just may be a wake-up call. This family wants kids to understand if you try it one time, it has you forever."

— Kathy M.

STORY: HOUSE FIRE ON TORREY ROAD

"I cannot believe the Walker house is gone. It is part of Lake Fenton, and will not be the same without it. So thankful Shirley got out of there OK, but I know she must be devastated. The Walkers are a strong family and this will only make them stronger. They are survivors and will get through this, as they have with past tragedies."

— David



HOT LINE: BUDGET CUTS

"I agree with the 'all you people clapping' statement, \$5 an hour and no benefits. That is the Rick Snyder legacy. I can see it now. Welcome back to the '30s, except we will all be the working poor. And, to Tyrone Township residents, it is the Republicans' fault and if you have to blame it on pot smoking, you better take a really close look at what you are smoking."

— Friend of Fenton

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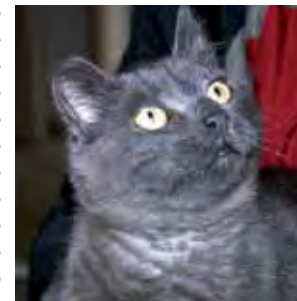


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Alex Abfalter, 16, (left) of Fenton and Ryan Sawle control their team robot at the FIRST Robotics Competition semi-finals on Saturday at Kettering University in Flint. "I was really happy with our success this year," said Alex. The Genesee Robotics Area Youth Team (G.R.A.Y.T.) did not advance past the semi-finals on Saturday.

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Teacher SpotLIGHT



Kirk Ayotte

Kirk Ayotte has been teaching math at Lake Fenton High School since 2001, after taking a sabbatical in Chicago, where he was a personal trainer. He also teaches math at Mott Community College.

What's your favorite part about teaching?

The students. Each one's different and I like to see how they grow.

What do you dislike the most about teaching?

How things have changed [at the state level] - it's fast-paced [the curriculum] and you can't get to know the students.

Where did you grow up?

In Swartz Creek. I graduated from Fenton High School.

Who's your celebrity crush?

Megan Fox and Selma Hayek.

If you were stranded on a desert island, what three things would you bring and why?

I'd bring water and food for survival. I'd bring my wife for companionship and somebody to talk to.

Who's your March Madness pick to win?

The University of Pittsburg.

If you could retire now, what dream location would you go to?

The eastern Caribbean. I'd relax on the beach, play with my kids and not have to worry about shoveling snow.

The "madness" behind March

High school tourney inspired annual national frenzy

Sarah Rogers

It's that time of year when NCAA fans start filling out their brackets and laying down bets. But where does this "madness" behind March get its history?

This 64-team tournament was first formed from an Illinois high school boys basketball tournament in 1908, and was sponsored by the Illinois High School Association.

This tournament became a statewide event by the 1930s, with over 900 competing schools.

It wasn't given a title until assistant executive of the IHSA, Henry V. Porter, wrote an essay on the tournament, and titled it "March Madness." From then on, the name stuck and is now one of the biggest sports tournaments of the year.

Fans of this high school tournament continued to grow, and more people desired to see which team was best in the country.

In 1938, a group of writers from New York established the first National Invitational Tournament. No less than a year later, the NCAA founded their own March Madness Tournament.

It wasn't until the mid 1950s that the NCAA began branching off the NIT, due to popularity increase. The first televised game wasn't until 1975, the championship game

between LaSalle and Bradley.

As the tournament continued to grow, it wasn't until 1985 that the tournament had 64 competitors.



It may not be the Final Four, but even the Blue Devils know the elation of a victory. March Madness started with an Illinois high school tournament.

Photo Yearbook staff

Expanding the number of teams involved in this tournament increased the excitement and love of the game.

In its current state, this tournament still has 64 competing teams that are split up into four sub-brackets, where winners continue on in the competition for the championship title.

Inspired from a small high school basketball tournament, this month-long competition is the true meaning behind the "madness" of March.

Action games improve vision, says researcher

Austin DeMoss

A long standing moral debate surrounding video games has been in our country for decades, the most publicized one being the effect of violent video games on children.

What many don't hear is that video games also help people in many ways, such as disease research. A new study adds one to that list: better vision.

A 2009 study conducted by Daphne Bavelier, professor of brain and cognitive sciences at the University of Rochester, confirms this, as she found that specifically, fast-paced action games, such as the widely popular "Call of Duty" series, can increase visual acuity up to 58 percent. "If you are driving at dusk with light fog it could be the difference between see the car

in front of you and not see it," said Bavelier.

They also tested people playing "The Sims," which is visually interesting, but saw no improvement in vision, as it requires much less visual-motor coordination than games of the recently popularized "shoot 'em up" genre. According to Bavelier, "When people play action games, they're changing the brain's pathway responsible for visual processing. These games push the human visual system to the limits and the brain adapts to it, and we've seen the positive effect remains even two years after the training was over."

It seems that time spent playing action games isn't all bad for you, despite criticism leading the public to believe otherwise.

Student StreetTALK

Who do you want to be in the March Madness final four?

"I'm hoping MSU will make it because they are a home team."

-Danny Brodie, senior



"Texas, it's my favorite team and I think they will win it."

-Avery Carpenter, sophomore



"U of M. They're my favorite team and I'm going there."

Bri Ruff-Hough, senior



"MSU. They deserve it because they work really hard."

- Stacy Bubin, senior



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The case for good food and bread

Last night, I couldn't get to sleep, and I got thinking about food. I enjoy thinking about food because I enjoy eating.

Our tastes change, of course, over time. I remember as a kid loving peanut butter and grape jelly on bread. I like good bread, I like peanut butter and I like grape jelly, but I wouldn't eat peanut butter and jelly on a slice of bread now even if I was starving.

I'm fussy about bread. A lot of restaurants kiss it off. There's a lot of bad bread in both stores and restaurants. If I eat bread, it has to be good, not from some mushy loaf.

Some restaurants have good bread, but I suspect even restaurants are reluctant to serve good bread because diners will eat a lot of bread instead of ordering appetizers and other dishes prepared by the chef.

I make bread occasionally, and I wish I could tell you it's great but it isn't. "Pretty good" is as good as my bread gets. Someone gave me a bread-making machine but I like making it the old-fashioned way by hand.

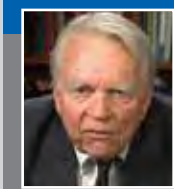
My parents took me to a good restaurant when I was a kid. The waiter in a long white apron put a basket of bread and rolls on the table and that's all I wanted. I was too young to know there was no money for the restaurant in serving that basket of bread. The funny thing is, invariably the restaurants with the best bread have the best food.

Dad knew a lot about eating out, and at least once a year he took me on a long trip. From a very early age, he made me a critic of restaurants. I ate in as many as 20 good restaurants with my dad that I'll never forget. I suppose many of them are gone now.

Cities like New York, Chicago and New Orleans have many good or even great restaurants, but if you're from out of town, you don't always know where they are. The best restaurants anywhere are seldom in the big hotels, even if the hotel restaurant is a safer bet than taking a chance on a restaurant you know nothing about. Hotel restaurants are seldom great but not usually bad.

Sometimes I like a restaurant based on a past association I've had with it. Years ago, I sold a movie script to MGM, and in memory of that experience, I often go to the Beverly Hill's Hotel, where I stayed while I was there.

I wouldn't want to be the waiter who had to serve me today because I can be very critical — even though it's not the waiter's fault if the food is not up to my standards.



Andy Rooney

Brother's health concerns sibling

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am concerned about my brother, who is 63, diabetic, weighs 300 pounds and is 5 feet 8 inches tall. He falls asleep, wakes and falls asleep repeatedly at the table and when he sits down. Why? He says he's tired. He picked a scab on his leg and blood squirted out 6 inches. What does that mean? — Anon.

ANSWER: Your brother might have sleep apnea. His body size suggests that it could be the reason for his daytime sleepiness. Spurring blood indicates that an artery was broken. No one should pick at scabs, especially a diabetic. Your brother needs medical attention. He has to lose weight both for control of



diabetes and for control of sleep apnea, if that is what he has. He is at great risk of incurring the complications of diabetes — heart attack, stroke, blindness, kidney failure — if he doesn't start paying attention to his health.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

Wednesday Sudoku

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MORNING GLORY

When hard-working TV producer Becky Fuller (Rachel McAdams) is fired from a local news program, her career begins to look as bleak as her hapless love life. Stumbling into a job at "Daybreak" (the last-place national morning news show), Becky decides to revitalize the show by bringing on legendary TV anchor Mike Pomeroy (Harrison Ford). Unfortunately, Pomeroy refuses to cover morning show staples like celebrity gossip, weather, fashion and crafts, let alone work with his new co-host, Colleen Peck (Diane Keaton). Becky soon is struggling to save her relationship, her reputation, her job and ultimately, the show itself.

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- 4 Battery measure
- 8 Sacred bird of Egypt
- 12 Coop occupant
- 13 Sandwich treat
- 14 Staff member?
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- 17 Huffed and puffed
- 18 First victim
- 19 Appears ominously
- 20 Christmas tree topper, often
- 22 Someone who's gonna get it?
- 24 Porter's "Let's —"
- 25 Total abstinence from meat and dairy
- 29 Curry of NBC News
- 30 Stogie
- 31 Old French coin
- 32 Considered
- 34 Clay-rich soil
- 35 Young horse
- 36 Insurrection-

DOWN

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- 2 Tiny
- 3 Attractive
- 4 Purchase from Pat?
- 5 Exam format
- 6 Allow
- 7 Youngster
- 8 Natural
- 9 Philippine knife
- 10 Particular
- 11 Stitches
- 16 Help criminally
- 19 Tale weaver
- 20 Hebrew month
- 21 Zilch
- 22 German philosopher
- 23 "Zounds!"
- 25 "Livin' La — Loca"
- 26 Columbus' benefactor
- 27 Aching
- 28 Think (over)
- 30 Singer Sheryl
- 33 Frightened, in dialect
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Fenton's Bade captures first individual state title at DCC

By David Troppens

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Fenton's Ken Bade trailed 7-4 in the third period of his Division 1 MHSAA Individual Wrestling State Championship match against Howell's Alex Calandrino at the Palace of Auburn Hills on Saturday.

But the Detroit Catholic Central sophomore didn't quit.

Instead, the 125-pounder got a reversal and then two nearfall points with about a minute left in the third period, resulting in an 8-7 win and his first state championship of his

career.

"I knew he was going to die in the third period," Bade said. "I know our conditioning is all Catholic Central. We out-tire people in the third period, and that's what we need to do. Coach puts us through situations down by one with 30 seconds left, and we have to get one. That was that situation right there."

It was a thrilling match. Bade took a 2-0 lead with a takedown in the first period, and led 2-1

entering the second period. A reversal by Bade in the second period, raised the gap to 4-1. However, Calandrino responded with a reversal and a Bade locked-hands violation, resulting in a 4-4 tie entering the final period.

Bade let Calandrino up to start the third period, giving the Highlander a 5-4 lead. That lead grew to 7-4 with a takedown.

However, Bade responded with the reversal and the two-point near fall midway through the period. He then

rode Calandrino for the rest of the period, earning him his state title.

"I knew before the match that I put in all the work," Bade said. "To win it, coming back was amazing. It felt great."

Bade (105-9) came awfully close to winning a state title during his freshman season a year ago. He placed third in the Division 1 103-pound class, losing only a match to Temperance-Bedford's Mitch Rogaliner. This year, the run wasn't any easier. Bade won three decision matches, including a 4-3 win against Holt's Dominic Trevino in the quarterfinals, but he got the job done.

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One, two, THREE Blue Devils state champs

► Brancheau takes lead, holds on to win title

By David Troppens

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Auburn Hills — Connor Brancheau called the final five seconds of his state championship match against Swan Valley's Jerry Flores, "the toughest five seconds of his life" to his Lake Fenton varsity coach Vance Corcoran.

They may rank as five of his greatest seconds as well.

Leading 5-4 entering the final period, the Lake Fenton senior had to keep Flores from escaping for the entire final two minutes. He did just that, including during the final five seconds after a restart, capturing the Division 3 Individual State Championship at 160 pounds at the Palace of Auburn Hills Saturday night.

"I was thinking about grabbing the hand, grabbing the ankle and hanging on to it for life," Brancheau said, about the restart. "I thank the Lord I have been able to come this far."

The victory never came easy between the two evenly matched wrestlers, but Brancheau always won the final seconds of each period to clinch the win. The two wrestlers looked poised to finish the first period in a scoreless tie, but Brancheau earned a takedown with two seconds left in the period. He never trailed.

In the second period, he got an early escape to take a 3-2 lead, but Flores eventu-

ally tied the match at 4-4 after a takedown with 20 seconds left in the period. However, Brancheau earned an escape with 10 seconds left, taking the 5-4 lead into the third.

Still, the task of holding Flores in the down position for an entire period didn't seem possible, but Brancheau showed he was up to that task. Flores' last chance came up during the restart with five seconds left. However, just like Brancheau had been in the final seconds of the first two periods, he proved a champ in the final five seconds, earning the Blue Devils their third individual state champion in three tries during the night.

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► Corcoran follows dad's footsteps, becomes a champ

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Auburn Hills — Since he was a child, Zach Corcoran has been coming to the MHSAA Individual State Wrestling Finals, waiting for his turn to win an individual state championship.

Saturday was the Lake Fenton senior's turn.

After making it to the state meet each of his first three seasons, Corcoran was able to leap in the arms of his father and head coach, Vance Corcoran, after defeating Fremont's John Wiggins 16-4 in the Division 3 State Championship match at 135 pounds at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

"That's what I always wanted to do. My dreams have been to win a state title and then just leap to him," Corcoran said. "To be able to do it is great. I can't even describe how good I feel. I have been coming to this meet since I was 4 years old — just watching all of my dad's friends come up and do it. Finally, I got the chance to go out and show what I got."

What Corcoran had was pretty special. Corcoran dominated the match. He took a 7-0 lead in the first period, earning two takedown points and five more near fall points. From there, his lead was never threatened. Corcoran was slammed to the mat on his neck during the second period, but after using some injury time, returned to his normal dominant self, winning the second, and then third, periods.

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Lake Fenton's Justin Melick (top) defeated Dundee's Travis Reinhart 6-3 to win his second state title of his career on Saturday.

LF's Melick becomes a two-time champ

By David Troppens

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Auburn Hills — Justin Melick already was a state champion.

But now the Lake Fenton senior can put himself in an even more elite class than that.

Melick capped his high school career by becoming a two-time state champion, defeating Dundee's Travis Reinhart by a 6-3 decision in the Division 3 State Championship match at 145 pounds Saturday at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

"It was a huge relief," Melick said about completing the second state title run. "I felt like I wrestled good. The kid was definitely in a lot better shape than I was. I was feeling tired at the end, but I (won)."

Melick dominated the early portion of the match, leading 4-1 after two take downs in the first period. He held on to that lead, taking a 6-2 edge into the third period. During that period, Melick admitted he was a bit gassed, but he was able to hold

on to the lead. He lost a point when he was called for stalling with about 50 seconds left in the match, but held on to his lead the rest of the way to earn his second straight individual state championship. The senior transfer won a Division 1 individual state title a year ago at Detroit Catholic Central, when he won the 135-pound class. He capped his career with a 179-32 record. He finished this season with a 56-5 mark.

The strong first period was

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LF advances, plays Linden in district semis

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Stockbridge — Lake Fenton's varsity boys basketball team is finding the right time to peak, winning five of its last six games.

The Blue Devils opened the MH-SAA Class B District first round Monday, knocking off a scrappy but winless South Lyon East 67-58. The win sets up a Lake Fenton battle with neighbor Linden today at 6 p.m. at Stockbridge High School.

"It should be a pretty up-and-down-the-court game. We like to run and pick up points in transition," said Lake Fenton coach Matt Furey. "We have talked about staying focused. We finished the regular season strong, winning three straight and three of the last four coming into tonight."

"It has been a luxury having these seniors around for three and four years on the varsity. Can't coach this kind of experience. They take ownership. It will be a tough pill to swallow when they are gone. When we have Sean (Canning), Mitch (Kirk) and Devin (Evans) all scoring in the same game, makes us tough."

Furey got his wish on Monday, as the trio scored 53 of Lake Fenton's 67 points. Canning led the team with 22 points, followed by Kirk with 16 and Evans with 15. The Cougars' 6-foot-6 Colin Wedesley scored 22 points. Dominick Silvio added 14 points.

Lake Fenton got out to a quick start with a 23-11 lead after the opening quarter, but the Cougars were able to tie the game back up at 30-all.

Kirk then converted a free throw, while Canning followed with a conventional three-point play, giving Lake Fenton a 34-30 halftime lead.

The Blue Devils led 52-47 entering the fourth after Canning ended the third quarter with a three-pointer.

South Lyon East trailed by two midway through the fourth quarter at 56-54. The Blue Devils finally pulled away with an 11-4 run to end the game.

"We came out and played our game," Evans said. "They hit some shots, and we didn't extend our lead like we wanted."

"We have been playing together for a long time. Cuts away from the basket got our offense got us points."

Fenton falls to Clarkston in districts

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Fenton — Tears rolled down Eric Mowery's face after the Fenton varsity boys basketball team's Class A district loss against Clarkston.

But who could blame him? After three years as Fenton's starting point guard, he's seen plenty of memories with the varsity team.

And those memories came to an end against the Wolves at Fenton High School Monday.

Without Ryan Hickoff in the lineup, due to a stress fracture in his left leg caused during last week's Powers game, the Tigers were unable to keep up with a talented Clarkston team that has won 17 straight district titles, losing a 68-42 verdict.

Still, even with the loss, what the team has done since Mowery became a varsity player has been memorable. He helped lead the team to three straight Metro League titles and a combined record of 52-11 during those three seasons.

"(My years here) have been great," Mowery said. "They've been the best three years I've had. I wouldn't trade them."

"Sophomore year we came in and won and I knew that feeling tasted great, and I didn't want to lose again. I didn't want to lose and we rode it out for three seasons."

"He's the face of program," Fenton coach Tim Olszewski said. "You talk about integrity, doing the right things and playing with class and that's him all the time. He's a fierce competitor, and the guys look to him for guidance. He wants the ball in his hands more times than not. He's helped us win a lot of games."

In the end, the Fenton varsity boys basketball team had too many hurdles to overcome against the Clarkston Wolves.

The Wolves scored the game's first 10 points and led by as many as 30-15 in the first half. However, Mowery converted an eight-foot jumper off a drive and was fouled on the play. He completed the three-point play, and that started a 13-4 run to end the first half. The Tigers were



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Fenton's Dylan Hickoff (left) tries to get around a Clarkston defender in Monday's 68-42 loss on Monday.

within 34-28 at the half after a Devan Beagle trey.

However, Clarkston went on a tear in the third quarter, scoring 22 points. Meanwhile, the Tigers made just one hoop — a bucket by Mowery early in the third quarter that made it a 37-30 game — and trailed 56-30 entering the fourth.

"We came out flat the first few minutes and let them get a big lead on us, but we came back within six," Mowery said. "We thought we could come back out and keep playing with them, but they came out firing and didn't miss."

Dylan Hickoff scored 12 points and fouled out. Mowery had 11 points. Marcus Hardy led Clarkston with 18 points, while

Matt Rodgers had 12 points.

Fenton finished with a 17-4 season despite facing illness and injuries to key players most of the season.

"Despite all the adversity and challenges we faced, the boys had a great year," Olszewski said. "Three championships in a row, that's something to be proud of, and we did it with class and high character. Because of that, I love this team and love what they gave to the program."

Clarkston faces the Holly Bronchos for an 8 p.m. game today in the Class A district semifinals. The winner of that game plays either Brandon or Grand Blanc in the title game on Friday at 7 p.m.

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what Melick needed to get that second state title.

"That was the game plan," Lake Fenton coach Vance Corcoran said. "We wanted to get that first take down, and he got it. The kid escaped, but he got the second take-down and led 4-1 after the first period. He rode him tough and wrestled smart the rest of the way. He wrestled the perfect match."

Melick's title run began with a 6-0 victory on Thursday against Allendale's Bryce Brown. He followed that match with a 9-1 major decision victory against Chippewa Hills' Elvis Peacock Friday morning, and then a tough, 1-0 decision victory against Otsego's Terner Gott in Friday night's semifinal.

"For him to go out and win a second state title is phenomenal," Corcoran said. "He goes out there and attacks. He is just

brutal and never stops — he's relentless. He's just coming at you all the time. He just dominates people. He is a great kid, and it's great to see that happen for him. He deserves it."

Melick enjoyed the second title as much as his first one.

"It was about the same," Melick said. "This team was a lot more fun than my other team, so maybe I felt better about this one than the last one."

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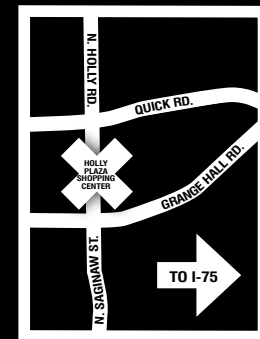
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Tri-county area posts another seven non-final placers at Auburn Hills

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Auburn Hills — The MHSAA Individual State Wrestling Meet isn't only about state championship matches. The tri-county area had seven wrestlers that placed third through eighth.

Holly had four of those wrestlers. Esteban Gonzales (125) capped his outstanding prep career by defeating Allegan's Mike Shaw 11-6 in his third-place match. The senior suffered only his first loss of the season in the state semifinals, losing a 9-5 decision to Holland's Nikolas Leal, but he rebounded to win his last two matches.

His younger brother, Anthony Gonzales (119), became a two-time state placer during his sophomore season. A defending state champion at 112 from a year ago, Anthony Gonzales placed fifth, winning his last match by default against Stevensville Lakeshore's Tyler Daniel.

The Bronchos had two other wrestlers

finish in fifth. Mason Cleaver (112) defeated South Lyon East's Tyler Foley by an 8-0 major decision to earn fifth, while Zack Jones (130) placed fifth when he won his final match against Hamilton's Brandt Welcher by default.

Lake Fenton's Todd Melick (119) rebounded from a second-round loss to win each of his final four matches and place third. He won the third-place match against Whitehall's Nate Zack 5-2, the wrestler he lost to earlier in the tourney.

Linden's Kyle Fisher (189) lost his only match of the season in the semifinals, but finished the tourney off with two pinfall wins, including a 5:34 pinfall of Lowell's Garrett Stehley in the third-place match, earning his third.

Lake Fenton's Drew Morris (171) lost his third-place match, finishing in fourth with a 9-6 loss to Shelby's Mason Courtright. Meanwhile, teammate Christian O'Guinn (145) placed eighth at the state meet.



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Holly's Shawn Scott (back) tries to shake free of Greenville's Jordan Thomas in his state finals match at the Palace of Auburn Hills on Saturday.

Tri-county area posts three runner-ups at state

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Auburn Hills — Three tri-county wrestlers left the MHSAA Individual State Wrestling Meet just one victory short of the ultimate prize. They left with a state runner-up finish.

That list included Holly's Shawn Scott, Lake Fenton's Buddy Poyner and Detroit Catholic Central's Drew Garcia, who went to Linden schools before this year and now lives in Fenton.

For two of them, it was a matter of rematches from a week ago from the Team State Meet.

Scott (171) wrestled Greenville's undefeated Jordan Thomas in the state title match, just as he did in Holly's state team tournament quarterfinal match in Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena. For the second straight week, Scott lost by a decision, falling in the title match 6-3. Meanwhile, Buddy Poyner (125), who defeated Dundee's Joey White in overtime a week ago, putting the Blue Devils in the team state championship match, faced White again. The match was just as close, but this time White won the match and the individual state championship in overtime, 4-2.

Finally, Garcia (152) also had a thriller for his final, dropping a 2-1 decision in overtime in his Division 1 title match against Rockford's Austin Scrogg.

Scott's match was a grueling one, in which he had troubles getting the undefeated Thomas down in the natural position. With 15 seconds left in the first period, Thomas took Scott down for a 2-0 lead. In the second period, Scott escaped, but Thomas earned another takedown, earning a 4-1 lead entering the final period.

Scott was within 4-2 after a violation

was called on Thomas, but he got another takedown, setting up his 6-3 win.

Still the Holly junior had a lot of reasons to feel good about his season, finishing it 57-2 with both losses coming against the nationally ranked Thomas.

"I am very proud," Scott said. "I started my freshman year by not placing and then taking fourth my sophomore year. Now I took second. I see myself progressing and making it happen. Maybe next year I'll be a state champion."

Poyner's match with White was another classic, but White got the verdict, earning the Division 3 State championship. A week ago at the Division 3 Team State Meet, Poyner edged White by getting a takedown in overtime, earning the Blue Devils a spot in the team state finals and sending White and Dundee home early. This time, White shot and got a takedown with 40 seconds left in the overtime session, earning White the victory and Poyner the runner-up spot.

Tied at 0 after two periods, White allowed Poyner to escape and then got a takedown to take a 2-1 lead. Poyner tied it up with an escape with 48 seconds left in the third period, setting up the overtime period.

Garcia, a freshman, pushed his title match to overtime as well. Both wrestlers only managed an escape in the first three periods, resulting in a 1-1 tie. In the second overtime period, Scott earned an escape, taking a 2-1 lead. In the third OT, Garcia (49-8) took the down position, but was never able to get Scogg off his leg.

"I felt like I wrestled pretty good, but I came up short," Garcia said. "Top and bottom was the difference in the double-overtime. He was able to hang on to my leg. If I was in his position, I would have done the same thing."

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"He attacks non-stop. He went after that guy non-stop and that was the plan," coach Vance Corcoran said. "We stuck to it, and it worked."

When it was over, the leap into his father's arms was inevitable. Later, he charged into the crowd, looking to hug his grandma as well.

As far as four-time state participants go, Corcoran has had his share of trials. He suffered a broken leg his sophomore year during football season, and missed half of that season. He's come close before, placing third, fourth and seventh in previous seasons. But this season was Corcoran's. He finished the season nearly perfect, posting a 60-1 season record. He ended his career with 206 wins.

"Every year I have been one of the kids that could win it," the senior said. "This year, I was the one (that was favored). No one was going to beat me."

"I've had a lot of injuries through the years. My freshman year it was my hip. Last year, I tore a muscle. My sophomore year, I broke my leg. This year, I've been the healthiest I've ever been. I got to come up here and show people what I got."

Coach and dad Vance Corcoran, was a previous state champion himself, winning titles in 1985 (105) and 1987 (132). He enjoyed watching the end of his son's state-title trip, saying he enjoyed it more than when he won his title.

"There is no comparison," Vance Corcoran said. "It's like I have never wrestled before when I am with this guy."

Corcoran's state title run began on Thursday with a 16-1 technical fall victory against Detroit Cesar Chavez's George Fajardo, and then won Friday matches against Otsego's Eric Dennis by a 6-4 decision and against Midland Bullock Creek's Derek Camilleri by a 7-2 decision.

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It was the fourth time this year Brancheau has wrestled Flores, going 3-1 against him in those matches. His only loss to Flores came in the team regional final.

It was Brancheau's third trip of his career to the state tournament. Last year he placed fourth with the Fenton Tigers. Two

years ago he placed seventh. Brancheau ended his career with a 183-35 record, capping this season with a 59-3 record.

Brancheau started the tourney with pinfall wins against Ishpeming's Derek Wiley and Comstock's Zach Lewis in his first two matches at the state meet. He earned his spot in the finals by defeating Mason County Central's Nick Allen 5-1 Saturday.

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<u>Monday, March 14, 2011</u>	<u>Wednesday March 16, 2011</u>	<u>Thursday March 17, 2011</u>
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon	12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
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For the purpose of reviewing and hearing any objections or corrections needed to the assessment roll.

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Ad #10155: 2011-02-16 2011-02-23, 2011-03-02 2011-03-09

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Ad #10349: 2011-02-23 2011-03-02, 2011-03-09 2011-03-16

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Ad #10659: 2011-03-09 2011-03-16, 2011-03-23 2011-03-30

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Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriums

Gerald Clinton Shepard

1914-2011

Gerald Clinton Shepard - age 96, of Fenton, died Saturday, March 5, 2011 at Durand Senior Care and Rehab. Services will be held 1 PM Saturday, March 12, 2011 at Fenton United Methodist Church, 119 N. Leroy St., Fenton with Pastor E. Taveirne officiating. Mr. Shepard was born May 16, 1914 in Alvern, AR, the son of Edward F. and Annie (Lankford) Shepard. He married Billie Carolyn Rogers on May 24, 1941 and she preceded him in death on January 10, 2004. Mr. Shepard retired from General Motors Metal Fab in 1974 after 30 years of service and was a member of U.A.W. Local #659. Surviving are: two daughters, Patricia C. Shepard and husband, Edwin Montpas of Fenton, Beverly A. and husband, Richard Leach of Swartz Creek; three grandchildren, Stephanie Sullivan, Shannon (Mike) Pathe and Erin Lanxton; six great-grandchildren; two great great-grandchildren. His parents, two brothers and one sister preceded him in death. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituary page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

**Adam Kevin (Savoie) Harden #17**

1988-2011

Adam Kevin (Savoie) Harden #17 - age 22, of Fenton formerly of Gaines, passed away Saturday, March 5, 2011.



Services were held 4 PM Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Fr. Mark Inglot officiating. The family received friends 3 PM Tuesday until time of service at the funeral home. In Lieu of Flowers, memorial donations may be made to Catholic Charities. Adam was born September 29, 1988 in Flint the son of Kevin Leroy and Elizabeth (Savoie) Harden. He graduated in 2006 from Swartz Creek High School. Adam loved riding Motocross (#17) and enjoyed fishing and hunting. He was a loving son, brother and grandson, who will be missed dearly and remembered always. Surviving are his mother, Elizabeth; sister, Kelli Rene' Harden; grandfather, Peter Savoie; great-grandparents, Jack and Georgine Easton; several aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, Kevin in 2010; grandmother, Patricia Savoie; and great-grandmother, Audry Easton. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

**Lee E. "Red" Gordon, Jr.**

1924-2011

Lee E. "Red" Gordon, Jr. - age 86 of Howell, passed away at his home Friday, March 4, 2011. Born on July 14, 1924 in Fenton,



he was the son of Lee E. Sr., and Leone (Hadden) Gordon. Formerly of Byron and Fenton, Red was a 1941 graduate of Fenton High School, WWII U.S. Naval Veteran, former owner of Slayton Motor Sales of Howell and Gordon Slayton Chevrolet. He was the Past Master of the Byron Lodge #80 F. & A.M. and Past Exalted Ruler of the Howell Elks Lodge #2168 B.P.O.E. Beloved husband of Margaret L. (Calkins) whom he married in Howell in 1966; Loving father of Michael (Christine) Gordon of Clare, MI, Marsha (Douglas Reader) Gordon of Dallas, TX and Mary (Todd) Olivieri of Mt. Pleasant, MI and step-father of Diane McNamara of Clinton Twp. Also survived by his sister, Beth (Bruce) Dryer of Holly, MI and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Dorothy (Meier) in 1965. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at MacDonald's Funeral Home - Howell (517-546-2800). Memorial contributions are suggested to the First Baptist Church of Howell or to your favorite charity in Red's honor. Please visit the family's online guestbook at www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com.

James L. Bentley
1934-2011

James L. Bentley - age 76, of Holly, died Monday, March 7, 2011. Funeral services will be held at 11 AM Thursday, March 10, 2011 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly, with Father David Blazek officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Holly, with Military Honors under the auspice of Amel Schwartz Post #149 American Legion and Hulet-Bravender Post #5587 VFW. Visitation will be from 2-8:30 PM Wednesday. Mr. Bentley was born on June 7, 1934, the son of Stanley and Hazel (Caruthers) Bentley. He was a bricklayer for 50 years and was a former Vice President with Jones and Simpson. Jim was a US Air Force Veteran, a mem-

ber of Amel Schwartz Post #149 American Legion, and a member of the Holly Moose Lodge. He is survived by his children; Wayne (Deanda) Bentley of FL and Lori (Eugene) Kahn of Davisburg; 4 grandchildren, Eugene III, Kristi, James, and Matthew; sisters Ruth Jensen of Oxford, Enga Bashore of Petoskey, and Carol Bronstein of CA; brother Leonard (Lauri) Bentley of Holly; and special friend and sister-in-law Barbara Bentley. He was preceded in death by his wife Jean M. Bentley, daughter Corinne, and granddaughter Amy. Memorial donations may be made to the Holly Moose Lodge. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

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