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FUNERAL THIEVES

“My elderly father will be passing away soon. If these scum



show up at my house during the funeral, my armed

nephews will make certain there are a couple more funerals shortly thereafter. Bring it on.”

“Nobody from this area would be so heartless and cruel



as the funeral thieves. They are from out of town.

What's next, having to hire armed guards for your home when a loved one dies?”

STORY

“Great article about buying American! No political



party can bring jobs back to this country. We, the

buying public, can do it with our pocket books.”



Gymnastics:

strength,
focus,
camaraderie

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surprised with gift of
love from his daughter

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Jury duty — an uneasy responsibility

►Low pay, time
consuming, yet
necessary to
preserve justice

By Tim Jagielo

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Being a juror and maintaining our society go hand in hand.

“We have a system of justice, that’s a system where as much participation as possible by citizenry is something favored since the inception of our society,” said 67th

Summary

►Jurors are an important part of our legal system. Jurors are selected from a panel, which is generated from successfully answered questionnaires.

more often than a person might think is fair, but it keeps the justice system moving, like it or not. According to the handbook “An Overview of Jury Duty in Michigan,” juries and jurors also guide against over reaches in power by both business and government.

“Although people may not be thrilled to be called, I think the people who have had the trial experience, come out expressing some level of satisfaction—they were able to serve and be part of the justice system.”

See **JURY DUTY** on 9



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

On Monday workers with Site Development continue demolishing Tower Hardware, leaving a void in downtown Byron. What used to be Janelle’s Family Restaurant will also be razed.

Demolition underway for Byron hardware store destroyed by fire

►Still no suspect identified in
ongoing arson investigation

By Tim Jagielo

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Byron — Downtown is quiet except for the construction equipment running in the space where Tower Hardware used to be. Across the street, a man uses his

phone to take photos and video of the scene.

The historic block gutted by arson in October still draws on-lookers. “That sucks,” the man mutters as he enters the Fairway Discount Store.

In only a few days, little is left of the building, save for what the backhoe pulls out of the ground. “It was a sad day when they took Tower Hardware down,” said Janelle’s Family Restaurant owner Rob Durk.

Janelle’s Family restaurant still stands in the same condition, but it won’t be long. “I’d get the mess

See **DEMOLITION** on 9

More than 4,000 explore annual Expo



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

The halls of Fenton High School are clogged with Expo visitors who are connecting with local businesses and organizations.

►Attendance matches
2012, additional
businesses on board

By Sally Rummel

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Fenton — In one place, attendees could scuba dive, pet goats, and watch musical performances while meeting representatives with their local businesses. Parents left the 2013 Community Expo with contacts with various service providers.

See **EXPO** on 7

City reviews maintenance and cleaning bids


►Both water projects
together are expected
to cost nearly \$30,000

By Ryan Tackabury

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Fenton — The city of Fenton received bids from companies for two upcoming projects involving the maintenance of a water well and the cleaning of the city’s two drinking water ground storage tanks.

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Joseph Graves, state rep for the 51st District answers questions from sixth-grade students at St. John School in Fenton.

Water bottle deposits?

By William Axford
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Fenton — After listening to a presentation from students in Winston Stoodly's sixth-grade social studies class at St. John School in Fenton, 51st District State Rep. Joseph Graves (R–Argentine Township) answered questions about the legislative process in Lansing.

Stoodly's students proposed the idea of adding a deposit to water bottles and other plastics in order to encourage more people to recycle. The initiative was part of Project Citizen, a program where students address public policy issues in their community and contact their local politicians to take action.



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News briefs

National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

During March, residents can request a free at-home screening test for the nation's third-most diagnosed cancer from McLaren Cancer Institute during National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. Last year, more than 5,400 people took advantage of McLaren's free program. The kits are suggested for people with a family history of colorectal cancer, as well as anyone age 50 and older. Age is the greatest risk factor for colorectal cancer, with more than 90 percent of cases diagnosed in people within this 50-plus age group. To request a kit, call (855) 552-KNOW (5669), Monday-Friday, during normal business hours, or request a kit any-time online at mclaren.org/cancer. Beginning at age 50, both men and women at average risk for developing colorectal cancer should be regularly screened.

Loose center to hold special meeting Thursday at 3 p.m.

On an assignment by the Loose Board, Ted Hue Associates and Case Construction has developed and designed plans and costs

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Police & Fire report

WALK-IN ARRESTED FOR OWI

At 9:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 3, a 43-year-old Fenton woman stopped by the Fenton police station to have police administer a routine court-ordered breath test. The breath test revealed the woman had a blood alcohol content of .12 percent. The woman blamed cough medicine. After waiting 15 minutes, another breath test was done, this time she registered .11 percent. She admitted she had consumed some wine prior to driving to the police station, at which time she was arrested for OWI. She was lodged until sober. Since police learned she had been convicted of five prior OWI offenses in Michigan and Texas, they are seeking a felony warrant with the prosecutor's office.

TEEN SHOPLIFTS CLOTHING

At 4 p.m. on Monday, March 4, Fenton police responded to a clothing store in the 18000 block of Silver Parkway to investigate a retail fraud complaint. An employee told police that a female customer had taken items into the dressing room. After the customer exited the fitting room, the employee noticed several price tags left

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Coach Dani Webster, teaches new gymnasts the basics of the uneven bars at practice on Thursday. "I try to keep the fun in gymnastics," she said. "I try to make sure everyone is having fun and don't get sick of it."

Gymnastics: strength, focus, camaraderie

► Competition or fun — a boost for youth

By Tim Jagielo

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Fenton — On Thursday, teens, pre-teens and children in colorful leotards learn to defy gravity under the watchful eye of coaches and trainers under the Phoenix Gems Gymnastics roof.

The competitive team, recreational league and boys gymnastics all practice in a relatively tight space.

"Believe" and "have fun" in bright colored letters are bolted to the walls. Equipment lines trampoline floors and foam pits as upbeat music plays from a boombox on the floor.

Gymnastics is a sport that requires immense strength and flexibility. Like any sport, being competitive takes commitment. The sport offers different levels of engagement for men and women, from advanced team competition to

Summary

► Gymnastics for men and women provide an early strength and confidence boost to youth looking to work hard, whether at competition or just improving their own strength, confidence and flexibility.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Dominic Kruzniak, 10, of Fenton executes a front flip with coach Rob Brownlee. Brownlee said a good set, tuck, spot and landing are needed for a good flip.

From teacher to published author

► Fenton man surprised with gift of love from his daughter

By Sally Rummel

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Don Beck got the surprise of a lifetime on Christmas morning.

This long-time Fenton educator and former local newspaper columnist opened

a wrapped shirt-style box and expected to find exactly that inside. What he found instead left him almost speechless. "I was practically in tears," said Beck, 65, now retired.

Inside the box was a carefully wrapped 500-page book representing a decade-long career of "Miscellaneous Ramblings" — the name of his column that appeared in the Tri-County News, then the Times, from 1983 through the early 1990s.

Unbeknownst to him, Beck's daughter Elizabeth, 31, who is married and lives in California, took his typed copies from his basement office years ago and completed this "labor of love" project without him knowing a thing about it.

"She told me that she had taken all my columns five years ago and was going to scan the documents and put them into a book," said Beck. "It didn't turn out to be as easy as she thought because the scans wouldn't pick up the type. She ended up advertising for someone to transcribe the columns and found a guy from India

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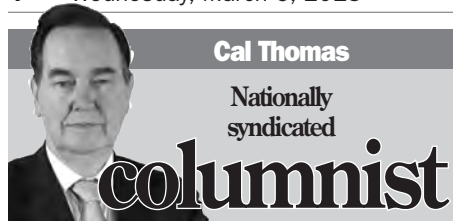
"The biggest kick for me was opening this up on Christmas Day. It speaks to me about my daughter's love for me."

— Don Beck
Retired teacher, former columnist, now an author

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Governor to voters: Never mind

ORLANDO, Fla. — Gov. Rick Scott (R-Fla.) was one of those tea party stars whom voters believed had the courage of his convictions when he promised, as recently as last summer, to block The Affordable Care Act in his state. But last week, writes the Orlando Sentinel, ‘Scott made an abrupt about-face, embracing a three-year expansion of Medicaid coverage for about one million low-income Floridians that will be paid for by the health care law.’

After (borrowed) federal money runs out in three years, Florida will be expected to kick in some cash and carry on with the funding. Scott says his commitment is only for those three years.

Scott, whose favorability rating was 36 percent in a December poll, is clearly looking at his vulnerability in next year’s election. Apparently, he thinks sounding more like a Democrat will convince voters to give him another term in office. Perhaps he thinks the tea party votes he is likely to lose will be made up for with purchased votes from those who will line up at the federal ATM.

The Orlando Sentinel examined Scott’s rapid turnaround on other issues dear to conservative hearts. It said he ‘...has barely looked like the same guy who ran for governor in 2010’ and cited examples. Scott has also said nothing in several months about illegal immigration. He once pledged to back an Arizona-style immigration law that would require police to check the legal status of people they suspected were illegal. He has since backed away from this pledge.

A few Republican governors have turned down federal money to expand Medicaid in their states. So far, Gov. Rick Perry (R-Texas) is one of them. Last week he made his intentions clear when he said, ‘We’re not going to be expanding Medicaid in Texas. The reason is because it’s a broken system. It’s moving our state toward bankruptcy if we expand the current program.’

As for Gov. Scott’s turnabout, a paraphrase of the wisdom Forest Gump’s momma gave him might fit: Politicians are like a box of chocolates; you never know what you’re going to get until after they’re elected.

WAY TO GO Chuck Hagel for appointing the first woman to run the Air Force Academy. Let’s get back at those right-wingers, whose reign is over.

■■■■ **LINDEN HOTLINE IS** not working. The school had several tips, eyewitnesses and parents calling in over a bullying incident in the parking lot two weeks ago. All parties involved were never punished.

■■■■ **JUST WANTED TO** say how nice the Fenton Expo was this weekend. We had a very fun afternoon and there was something different and fun to do for the whole family. Good job guys.

■■■■ **CONGRATS TO THE** Fenton High School band program. They did a fabulous job. Our director Andrew Perkins is such a great addition to our music department. It was a well-done concert and great to see international and local bands participating together.

■■■■ **IF THE AMERICAN** people had to take a 2-percent hit on their pay, why can’t the federal government take a 2-percent cut out of its budget? Strange how much of a hardship it is on them as compared to us!

■■■■ **IT IS TIME** to impeach Obama. He has the control to administer the sequester cuts. He has decided to let more than 500 illegal immigrants out of jail in Arizona. He is putting people in harms way — he swore to defend not endanger.

■■■■ **TO THE LADY** who so willingly helped me with my decision on kitchen paint. The color you suggested worked out perfect. So glad you happened to be at

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the store right then. Nice to know there are helpful ‘strangers’ out there.

■■■■ **WHAT THE HECK** is wrong with people, that they would rob someone’s house while they are attending funeral services? Those people make me ashamed that they are part of the human race. I hope they catch you and lock you away for a long time.

■■■■ **MAINSTREAM MEDIA ABC, CBS, NBC** are co-conspirators in not reporting news of the White House attack on Bob Woodward.

■■■■ **REGARDING FENTON WRESTLING.** Several Fenton boys are again state champs this year. There have been quite a few over the past few years. They wrestle elsewhere so they have the opportunity for a state championship.

■■■■ **HAVE YOU MADE** cuts at home? Can you afford more taxes? Is it possible for you to spend your way out of a problem? Can you just tell your employer to give you more money? Obama and Democrats want more taxes, Republicans want cuts. Simple decision.

■■■■ **LET ME PUT** this straight, there are two types of people in this world. There are makers and there are takers. When you take away the makers, you eliminate the takers. Too much of this country’s population is sucking on the government and Obama doesn’t care.

■■■■ **SET ASIDE THE** emotion — why would the President say he would veto any effort to make spending cuts not painful to all of the US citizens? What does this tell us?

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

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**Jackson Jr.’s pitiful ‘promise’**

Even by the jaded standards of Illinois politics, former Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr.’s spending spree with his campaign cash sounds breathtakingly shameless, partly because it sounds so senseless.

The final tally rung up by prosecutors charged the Illinois Democrat and his wife, former Chicago Alderman Sandi Jackson, with spending \$750,000 in political campaign cash for their own personal use on a bonanza of goodies — including a \$43,000 gold-plated Rolex watch, a \$1,200 mink reversible parka, a retreat, a cruise and two mounted elk heads.

And there was the memorabilia, including a \$5,000 football signed by U.S. presidents, a \$4,600 fedora that belonged to Michael Jackson and other collectables previously owned by Jimi Hendrix, Bruce Lee, Eddie Van Halen, Malcolm X and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Manic depression is a well-known symptom of bipolar condition, for which Jackson’s family revealed he has been treated by the Mayo Clinic. Among other symptoms for bipolar disorder are ‘reckless behavior,’ ‘lack of self control,’ ‘poor judgment’ and ‘spending sprees.’

I’ll leave it to the judge to decide how much that should weigh on the final verdicts.

The two entered his-and-hers guilty pleas Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Washington. Jackson’s sentencing by Judge Robert Wilkins is scheduled for June 28 and his wife for July 1. The prosecution recommended four to five years for Jackson and one to two years for his wife.

Not that Chicagoans don’t have a lot of reasons to feel cynical by now. ‘We’re still the most corrupt city and metropolitan area,’ says political science Prof. Dick Simpson at the University of Illinois at Chicago — and my alderman before he left City Council years ago.

‘We also have the third most corrupt state, with four of our last seven governors going to jail and 31 aldermen — not including Sandi Jackson, two others on trial now and two others who died before trial.’

Chicago and Illinois politicians are hardly alone in that, even when they often find unusually creative ways to shock us.

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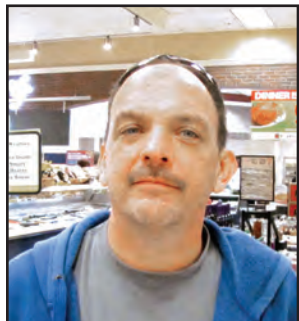
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Would you willingly serve on a jury?

streettalk



“Not if I didn’t have to. I’m not into all that legal stuff, I’m more of an artistic person.”

Terry Chisnell, Fenton



“Yes, I’ve served on one before and I found it interesting. It’s part of our civic duty.”

— Amy White, Linden



“Probably not. I don’t think I would be able to sit through the whole thing.”

— Andrew Bellant, Linden



“I would, but I’ve been rejected from serving because my father-in-law was a police officer.”

— Diane Kochan, Linden



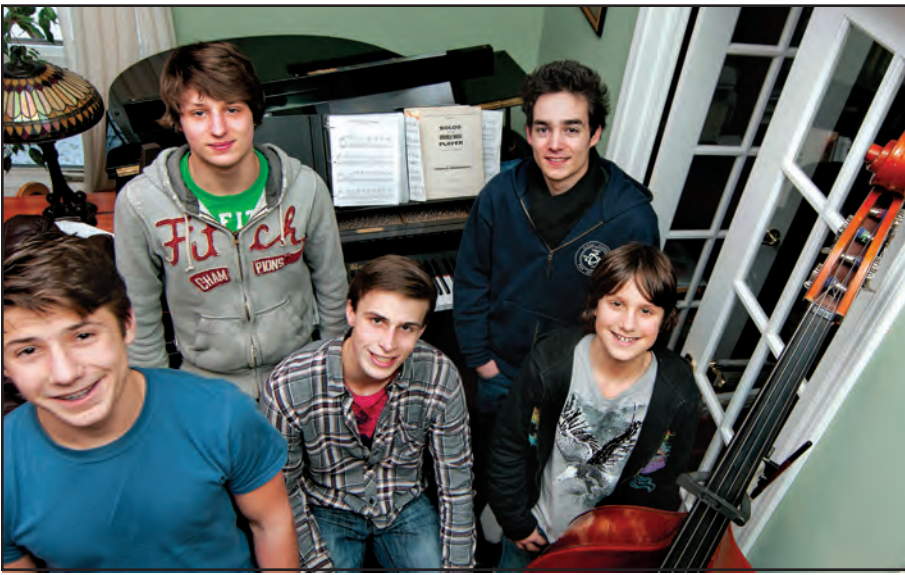
“Yes. I think it’s necessary. I served on one before and I felt like I needed to do it.”

— Sandy Wayrynen, Fenton



“Yes. Not only do I think it is our civic duty, but I think I would learn a lot from it.”

— Carol Strine, Holly



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Two French students joined a Tyrone Township family for a week of regular teen antics, and music. Shown here are Jonathan Fleck, 14 (from left), Alex Fleck 17, and Joseph Fleck. Near the piano are exchange students Gabriel Renaud, 18 (left) and Arthur Paillard, 20.

Cheeseburgers, music bridge gap between teens, continents

►Local family plays host to two student musicians from France for week-long visit

By William Axford

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Tyrone Twp. — Families in the greater Flint area had a first-hand crash course in French culture last week. Fifty student musicians from the Limonest Conservatory Youth Orchestra came to Flint last week and, along with students from Fenton and Goodrich high schools, Flint Classical Academy and the Flint Institute of Arts, performed at The Whiting in Flint last Thursday.

For the families hosting the students from another continent, last week included a barrage of practices, events and constant traveling from school to school.

"It was an intense week of musical practice," said Jennifer Fleck, who hosted two of the French students. "It was a demanding schedule that took up a lot of time."

As an active musician and mother, Fleck is accustomed to busy schedules. And knowing the visiting students before they came to America made

hosting a little easier for the Flecks.

Last summer, Fleck and her son Alex traveled with the Fenton High School jazz orchestra to Limone, France. During their visit in France, the Flecks met 18-year-old Gabriel Renaud and 20-year-old Arthur Paillard, two French students who stayed with the Flecks last week. So when it came to hosting, Fleck saw it as an opportunity to give back to the families who had hosted them in France.

"We were overwhelmed by their generosity. It was a life-changing experience," Fleck said.

Hosting students from another country does have its share of difficulties however. The biggest for Renaud, Paillard and the Flecks was the language

barrier. Google Translate and past lessons from French class were very useful for everyone involved. Music however, was the easiest thing for everyone to understand, since the Flecks and French students are all practicing musicians.

"It's not easy but it's not difficult," said Renaud, who plays the French horn. Renaud said he was surprised by

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Summary

►Jennifer Fleck and her family hosted Gabriel Renaud and Arthur Paillard, two students from the Limonest Conservatory in France last week.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

PARENTS AND BUS drivers on North Road, please be considerate of those of us on our way to work. The constant visiting while holding up traffic for more than 10 minutes is beyond rude and ridiculous. This happens every morning. I am going to start reporting the drivers.

■■■■
DOES ANYONE KNOW if the sinkholes are a natural event or may it be caused by human removal of water, gas, oil or some other material from below ground? I've never heard of the cause but it certainly seems to be more common as time passes.

■■■■
THE MEMBERS OF the Linden VFW wish to thank Calabria Pizza for the generous discount given us. It pays to shop with a locally-owned business.

MUSIC

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how big America was and the music programs in the local high schools. "It's not the same like in France, we don't have any system like music, if you want to do music you have to do it after school or on the weekend, we don't have music in school."

Despite Renaud and Paillard coming from a country that is an ocean away, Fleck said the French, and young people in general, are remarkably similar. In between seven hour a day practices, Renaud and Paillard played video games and ate fast food with the Flecks. The highlight of the week was visiting the mall, like any typical teenager or young adult.

"Teenagers are teenagers and young

adults are young adults," Fleck quipped while her sons, Renaud and Paillard recounted their experiences together.

"The people here take care of the French people, help us to have a very good trip," said Paillard, who plays the trumpet. "They do everything we need, it's a hard trip because we do a lot of music every day. The host family is very important."

While some people would speculate that there are more interesting places to visit than Fenton, Renaud and Paillard relished the experience of coming the tri-county area and playing at The Whiting.

"I want to spend some good time with friends like Alex, and eat some burgers, pancakes and Taco Bell," Paillard said. "It's a dream."



Mark McCabe

67th District Court

Ask the

judge

The final decision in Evans v Michigan

Last November I wrote a two-part column about a case, which originated in the Wayne County Circuit Court called Evans v Michigan that was pending before the United States Supreme Court. I promised a full report when a final decision had been made.

The case involved the legal significance of the trial judge having made a clear legal error when he granted a directed verdict of acquittal to the defendant in his felony trial for 'Burning Other Real Property.' Specifically the judge found that the People had not met its burden of proof in defendant's case because a nonexistent element of the crime had not been proven.

The prosecutor appealed and both the Michigan Court of Appeals and Michigan Supreme Court reversed the trial court's ruling with the Supreme Court holding that since this was an error of law as opposed to an error as to the factual elements of the charged crime, double jeopardy did not prevent the defendant from being retried.

On Feb. 20, 2013 the United States Supreme Court in an 8 to 1 decision reversed the Michigan Supreme Court's ruling and held that the distinction the Michigan Supreme Court had made was not valid based upon previous United States Supreme Court precedent.

The Court indicated that a retrial is barred even if the court-decreed acquittal is based upon an egregiously erroneous foundation. This includes an erroneous decision by the trial judge to exclude evidence, a mistaken understanding of what evidence would suffice to sustain a conviction, or a misconstruction of the statute defining the requirements to convict. Additionally a retrial is barred if the trial judge makes any ruling in acquitting a defendant that the prosecution's proof is insufficient to establish criminal liability for an offense.

This is in contrast to a procedural ruling which leads to a dismissal or mistrial on a basis unrelated to guilt or innocence.

In the Evans case, the Defendant cannot be retried.

A proposed new Court Rule is presently pending before the Michigan Supreme Court for its consideration and which addresses these situations.

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The Tri-County Times has emailed the four gas card winners of its online contest, which was held during the Fenton Community Expo this past weekend. Anyone who is registered with the Times website or who registered during the Expo is advised to check their email accounts to see if the Times contacted them about being a winner.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

The Fenton High School gym provided a place for parents to relax and kids to burn off energy while enjoying several inflatables and games.

EXPO

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Lots of children left with candy and balloon hats, and burned off some energy in the play area with inflatable bounce houses and other attractions.

Patty Parks of Holly left with a bunch of complimentary bags and pens. "I love all the pens I can take to work," she said after winning a pair of sunglasses at the "Blingo" game at the Financial Plus Federal Credit Union booth.

The 2013 Community Expo was such a success that many vendors already wanted to secure their spot for next year, while participating in this year's event.

"We've gotten wonderful feedback from everyone," said Shelly Day, president of the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce, which sponsored the 29th annual Expo. "We haven't gotten any negative feedback. The event ran very smoothly, and the planning committee will have a wrap-up meeting soon to make the event 'even bigger and better' next year."

Day estimates that about 4,000 people were in attendance, which she said is very

comparable to last year's count. There were several last-minute booth sign-ups, so the total count was 147 — bigger than last year. Rich Russell, owner of Bio Turf

LLC of Grand Blanc, said that he had more business this year than last year at the Expo.

Other positive networking took place between businesses. "The owner of Fun with Frosting will be working with Canadian Steak, Fish and Sandwiches to provide local desserts for this restaurant after their experiences as food vendors," said Day. "This is what the Expo is all about."

Organizers were pleased with the first-time effort of the business workshops,

and want to enhance that experience for next year.

Any Expo visitors who would like to provide feedback may contact the chamber office at (810) 629-5447 or on their website, www.fentonchamber.com.

For a full color photo page, see this week's Weekend Times.

Associate Editor Tim Jagielo contributed to this report.

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BIDS

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After noticing reduced pumping volumes, it was determined that maintenance was required for one of the city's wells. The well requires cleaning, and the well's pump will be inspected for wear.

Summary

► The city of Fenton will vote to accept bids for water well maintenance and water ground storage tank cleanings later this month.

The city received three bid proposals for the job, the least expensive of which came from Peerless Midwest from Ionia. Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Daniel Czarnecki and Water Plant Superintendent Steve Guy recommended that the city accept that bid, which was for \$19,988. Other bid proposals included Northern Pump of Lansing for \$22,039 and Utility Services Inc. from Perry, Ga. for \$28,657.

The money for the maintenance was already allocated in the year's budget.

"Peerless was the best price and we are comfortable with their work," Guy said.

The total cost to the city could be slightly higher if the inspection turns

up that major pump parts will require replacing. The total cost of repairs for a worst case scenario are not expected to surpass \$25,000.

The two drinking water ground storage tanks reside at the top of Denton Hill. One of the tanks holds 500,000 gallons, while the other can hold one million gallons.

Every 10-15 years the ground storage tanks require cleaning and inspection. As only one tank can be out of service a time, they will have to be cleaned at separate times.

Czarnecki and Guy recommended the city go with a company named Utility Services based in Portage, the lowest bidder for a total cost of \$9,600. Bids the city did not go with included Pittsburgh Tank based out of Henderson, Ky. for \$12,500 and Liquid engineering Cor., out of Billings, Mont. for \$10,850.

Since both of these matters were discussed at a work session on Monday, there was no vote to officially accept either bid. No one on city council voiced any problems with the suggested recommendations.

Fenton City Council is expected to take action on these bids at the next city council meeting, which is scheduled to take place on Monday, March 18.

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Fenton Water Plant superintendent

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GYMNASTICS

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less stringent programs that still build character and body strength in youth.

Pat Hannan is the owner, and also coach for upper level female gymnasts. These upper level girls are getting ready for a meet in Columbus, Ohio. They'll compete in the beam, vault, uneven bars and floor routine.

The level seven girls practice back hand springs and floor lay-outs, followed by 20 minutes of beam exercise. The highest non-college level is 10.

As Hannan watched the level seven girls practice their floor routine, he gave criticism and encouragement. "That was huge, my mind is blown," he said, referring to an impressive aerial display.

In competition, these girls will adhere to a steady schedule that includes regular practices and conditioning. "They get a better all around focus for anything they'll ever do," said Hannan. He feels that gymnastics is the toughest sport because it uses more muscle groups. "You're twisting and flipping constantly."

Some girls are in the gym 30 hours a week, on top of school. "They really learn to budget their time," said Hannan. "It prepares you for real life."

In competition, kids have to be mature. When competing in front of a crowd, sometimes they fall down, and have to pick themselves up before the judges and everyone else. "You really have to learn to get over fears," he said. His gymnasts even



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Phoenix Gems coach/owner Pat Hannan instructs his level seven girls while they exercise on the balance beam on Thursday.

learn how to safely fall and to perform in front of the entire gym to prepare.

Teams spend so much time together that they become like families, supporting each other during practice and competition. "We try to keep it that way," said Hannan.

While gymnasts develop physical strength, they're also putting incredible

stress on their bodies. Girls of age 10 or even younger may be competing with joint braces, or injuring themselves during competition.

Hannan said precautions are taken to avoid repetitive motion injuries like wrist braces for certain events.

Some believe that partaking in gymnastics

can stunt women's growth because of the immense pressure of landing at high speeds and the rigorous physical activity that could alter regular menstrual cycles. An article in the Journal of Pediatrics from 2000 suggests that instead, shorter women tend to gravitate toward gymnastics and they actually have normal growth afterward.

"Reduced sitting height is likely to be acquired but is reversible with cessation of gymnastics," reports the study.

Reagan Douglas, 14, of Ortonville is a level seven gymnast, almost ready to advance to level eight. She likes tumbling, so she prefers the floor routine.

"Beam is the scariest," she said. Reagan prefers the laid back atmosphere of the gym. She said focus, determination and discipline are all skills she's acquired. "I feel like it helps me focus more, it gives me something to look forward to," she said, adding that she's excited for the weekend competition.

The lone boy in the room was Dominic Krusniak, 10, of Fenton. He's already a wrestler and hockey player who wanted to increase his strength. He can already do full front splits and he enthusiastically works with trainer Rob Brownlee. Dominic doesn't care that he's the only boy in the room.

"He's definitely gotten stronger, and it's built his confidence," said his mother Renee. As a former gymnast, she understands the strength it builds. She said trainer Brownlee is a great male role model.

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Balance beam: Just 4 inches wide, the balance beam challenges gymnasts because they must execute routines that give the impression that they are performing on the floor. The world's best seem to "attack" the beam and are very confident while demonstrating excellent height, flexibility and power.

The floor exercise gives gymnasts the chance to express their personalities through their music choice and choreography. Gymnasts often get energy from the crowd and they usually welcome audience participation in clapping to the beat.

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JURY DUTY

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Essentially, McCabe said it's the jury's job to decide the facts of the case, as they are presented and apply facts to the law as the judge instructs them. They decide facts by using the evidence that the attorneys have presented, and the judge has asked them to consider as evidence.

The judge is charged with making sure the trial is fair and efficient. For this to happen, jurors need to be properly instructed, from beginning to end.

Citizens are selected for jury duty based on lists generated by the Secretary of State, of residents with ID cards and/or driver's licenses.

"It's kind of a random situation, everyone is randomly selected," said McCabe. "Sometimes you can get called one time in your life, multiple times, or never."

If a person from the list is sent a questionnaire and the questionnaire reveals the citizen is over 70, not a citizen, convicted of a felony or has served as a juror in last 12 months, that person may not be called to serve.

If they qualify, they may receive notice they've been selected. Once a notice is received, the citizen becomes part of the jury panel. This is the larger group from which the jury is eventually made. The jury panel is whittled down by both attorneys, through a series of "challenges." These are "peremptory" and "cause."

Some jurors will be dismissed for defined reasons during a cause challenge. In these cases, the lawyer will provide a reason why the panelist is disqualified. Causal reasons include having direct interest in the verdict, or being somehow related to any parties involved, being biased in any way or not being able to physically handle the job.

The second is the "peremptory" challenge. Three panelists on each side can be dismissed for no given reason. McCabe said for example, if a case involves a police officer, and the panelist's father was a police officer, the attorney may dismiss them because they may be worried about some kind of bias, whether intentional.

"The jury has to be basically open-minded, and no prejudices and preconceptions, and that's the jury you're looking for," said McCabe. He said it's illegal to dismiss a panelist because of race.

Finally after jury panel members are dismissed, who remains makes up the jury. The number depends on the court. In district court there are six jurors, in a circuit court

criminal trial, there will be 12 jurors, with two alternates.

Ken Weiss of Rose Township served on a jury for a civil case last November. He had been called to the jury panel once before but was peremptorily dismissed. "It was an interesting experience and you do learn a little about the legal system," said Weiss.

It wasn't an inconvenient time for him to serve, but it was for the others. He said he received \$40 in compensation for each day, an amount he described as "miniscule."

Despite this, he felt a little jaded from his experience. Information was withheld from the jury that he would have liked to have had to factor into his decision, and he felt that the

other jurors were peer-pressuring others to their opinion.

“I think the people who have had the trial experience, come out expressing some level of satisfaction.”

Mark McCabe
67th District Court judge

Calendar of events

Right to Life meeting on March 11

Interested in pro-life activities? Northwest Oakland County Right to Life meets Monday, **March 11 at 7 p.m.** at Hope Alive Assembly of God Church, 104 Lake St., off Oakland St., Holly. All are welcome. The group would like to have a representative of each local church. **For details, call Martha at (248) 634-3343.**

NEWS BRIEFS

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factors for the construction of the "new Loose" building. The main building of the Loose Senior Citizen Center in Linden was destroyed by fire in September 2011. The financial requirements and the construction plans have been reviewed and accepted. On Thursday, March 7, the Loose Board will be gathering for a special meeting to convene at 3 p.m. in building C to approve and move forward with the construction of the building. Executive Director Carl Gabrielson said that during this meeting, they would be answering questions asked by residents.

Fenton City Council meeting postponed

The next Fenton City Council meeting set to take place on Monday, March 11 has been postponed, as several council members will be unable to attend. Mayor Sue Osborn, City Manager Lynn Markland and Councilwoman Patricia Lockwood will be out of town attending the National League of Cities Conference, in Washington D.C. The meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m. at city hall.

Organizational meeting set for Thursday

Keepers of the Shiawassee River will hold its organizational meeting this Thursday, March 7, to plan their year of river cleanups, special paddle events, signage and launch development. Anyone interested in the future of river development in the area will want to attend. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center.



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All but one business remains on the side of the downtown block, which was devastated by a fire in October 2012.

DEMOLITION

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cleaned up as soon as possible," said Durk, who is still waiting to hear from his insurance company.

He said he'd like to rebuild his restaurant downtown — but at the moment it's not looking feasible. He did say his catering business is moving along, though it's a slow season.

The fire that took Tower Hard-

“It was a sad day when they took Tower Hardware down.”

Rob Durk
Janelle's Family Restaurant owner

ware and Janelle's Family Restaurant was declared arson, and has been under investigation by the Shiawassee County Sheriff's Department Detective Bureau.

Det. Sgt. Michael Gute said there are no solid suspects, and the case is still under investigation. If anyone has information, Gute can be reached at

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ACCORDING TO FBI statistics you are eight times more likely to be murdered by blunt instruments, knives and fists than rifles. Are we going to outlaw those too?



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SALLY RUMMEL
Don Beck's daughter put around 250 hours into producing the collection of columns, which represent his years of writing for the Tri-County News, and Times.

AUTHOR

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who was willing to do it for \$50. She told me he ended up doing such a good job that she paid him \$100 because she felt guilty for all the work he did."

While Beck was well-known in the Fenton school district for a teaching career that spanned 34 years, the community came to know and love him for his "ramblings" — a humorous look at life in the tri-county area. "When I first was asked to write a column, it was supposed to be a 'positive spin' about schools and education," said Beck, who taught language arts at the elementary and middle school levels. "Alice Gray, the editor at the time, then asked me to be the featured columnist for the newspaper."

He found himself for the first time being recognized at the grocery store, and also the victim of Hot lines. His

tongue-and-cheek column about roadside littering, published on May 16, 1986, included a photo he took of a dead woodchuck. "Local pet owners came out of the woodwork," he said, with a laugh. "Here I had written on all these controversial topics like gun control and child abuse, but nothing generated the interest and comments like that one."

His own personal favorite column was on Father's Day, when he wrote as if he was his little girl writing the column. Elizabeth then began to actually write the column on that day as she got older, giving him "the day off" from writing. "Elizabeth became like a celebrity in town," he said. "We felt like we were growing up right along with her."

Beck has now "retired" from both careers, but keeps moving ahead in life with his wife, Carol, seeking new interests and challenges. Working two days a week at Hall Chrysler Jeep & Dodge of Fenton, Beck also finds time to officiate for Fenton High School and AGS Middle School basketball games. The couple also has a son, Andrew, 28, a lawyer for Genesee County, who will be married next year.

Beck continues to have fun with Elizabeth's book project. She gave copies to her dad's five brothers and sister, and they asked him to autograph each of their copies. "What started out as a project for me to preserve my dad's writings as a memory became much bigger than that," said Elizabeth, in a phone call from California. She estimates she put about 250 hours of work into her dad's book, and is thrilled with the result.

"Miscellaneous Ramblings" was self-published through Create Space, a subsidiary of Amazon.com, where the book is available for sale. It's also on sale at Fenton's Open Book.

"The biggest kick for me was opening this up on Christmas Day," said Beck. "It speaks to me about my daughter's love for me."

POLICE

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behind, which had been torn from the items totaling \$178. The employee confronted the customer once outside and she asked to show the contents of one of her shopping bags, which she brought with her. The customer became angry and left in a vehicle. The suspect in her late teens was described as a white female, about 5-feet, 4-inches tall, heavy build, long blonde hair and a lip ring.

SLEEPY DRIVER CRASHES ON TORREY

At 11:50 p.m. on Monday, March 4, Fenton police and fire responded to an automobile crash on Torrey Road, near the auto salvage business. Police learned that a Pontiac traveling north on Torrey Road, veered from the roadway. The car struck a guy-wire, causing the utility pole to snap, bringing down all of the power lines with it. Firefighters assisted the driver, a 23-year-old Fenton woman, with exiting her car. The road was shut down for more than six hours as utility crews repaired the pole and restored power to area businesses and homes. No alcohol was involved, however, the woman told police she must have fallen asleep at the wheel. She was ticketed for careless driving.

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Answer in this Sunday's edition of the Tri-County Times

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Unscramble these six Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form six ordinary words.

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Answer in this Sunday's edition of the Tri-County Times

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ACROSS

- 1 Humongous
- 4 Unfriendly
- 8 Took to the skies
- 12 Commotion
- 13 Eye layer
- 14 Emanation
- 15 1849 California event
- 17 Commotion
- 18 Campus digs
- 19 Trusty mount
- 20 "Yippee!"
- 22 Create
- 24 Equal
- 25 Shirk work
- 29 Mess up
- 30 Analogy mark
- 31 Have debts
- 32 Paris airport eponym
- 34 Winter transport
- 35 Guitars' smaller kin
- 36 Director Almodóvar
- 37 Put into words
- 40 Complaint
- 41 Stead
- 42 Source of wealth
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- 47 Vicinity
- 48 Junior
- 49 Former European

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- 10 Great Lake
- 11 Actress Sela
- 16 Entryway
- 19 Epidermis
- 20 Newspaper page
- 21 Present
- 22 Shopping centers
- 23 Lotion
- 25 Beauty spot
- 26 Pepperidge Farms
- 27 Basin
- 28 Start over
- 33 Fall
- 34 Appear
- 36 Go by bicycle
- 37 Thick slice
- 38 One of The Jackson 5
- 39 A billion years (Var.)
- 40 Huffed and puffed
- 42 Festive
- 43 Man-mouse link
- 44 Neither mate
- 45 Type measures

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BASEBALL

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Girls Hoops

REGIONAL

CLASS A AT KEARSLEY

Tuesday's game

Fenton vs. Davison
Saginaw Heritage vs. Flushing

Thursday's game

Semifinal winners,
7 p.m.

Note: Tuesday's results were not known at press-time. Check www.tctimes.com for results.

Boys Hoops

DISTRICTS

CLASS A AT LINDEN

Monday's game

Fenton 69, Holly 59

Wednesday's games

Fenton vs. Brandon,
5:30 p.m.
Grand Blanc at Linden,
7 p.m.

Friday's game

Semifinal winners, 7 p.m.

CLASS B AT GOODRICH

Monday's game

Southwestern at Northern

Durand at Goodrich

Wednesday's games

Lake Fenton vs. Southwestern/Northern winner,
5 p.m.

Goodrich/Durand vs. Corunna

Friday's game

Semi winners, 7 p.m.



Other areas wrestlers place at State

PG **14**

GOOD START

Fenton boys basketball wins district opener vs. Holly.

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Three area wrestlers capture state titles

►Garcia dominates finals, earns second state crown

By David Troppens

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Auburn Hills — As a returning individual state wrestling champion, Fenton resident and Detroit Catholic Central wrestler Drew Garcia admits he felt a little pressure Saturday at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

The defending 171-pound Division 1 champion was in the title match once again, looking for that second straight championship.

But, a little reverse psychology worked. Garcia captured his second title at the MHSAA Division I Individual Wrestling Finals by defeating Hartland's Mitchel Thomas by an 8-2 decision in the finals.

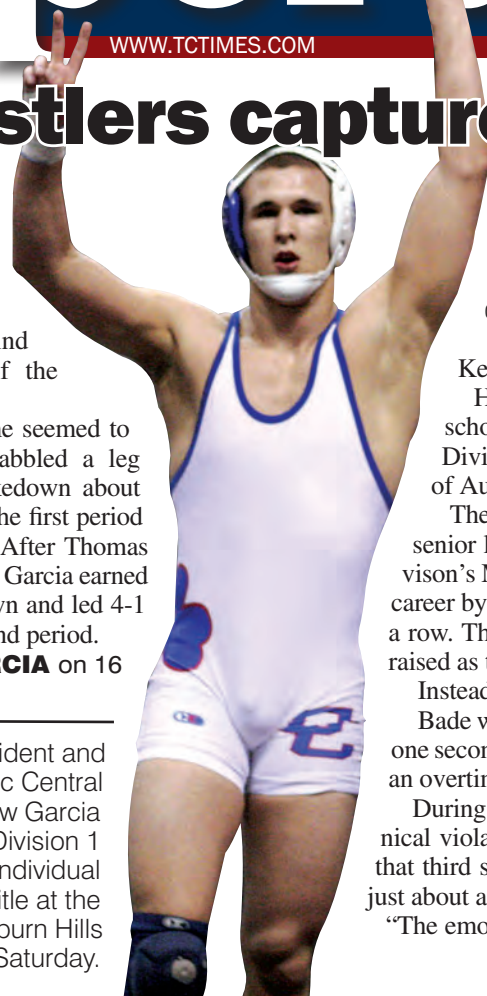
"Obviously there's a little bit of pressure," Garcia said. "It's always in the back of your mind. But our coaches are preaching for us to think like you are wrestling to get

one instead of defending one. I put that in my mind to take some of the pressure off."

The mind game seemed to work. Garcia grabbed a leg and earned a takedown about 20 seconds into the first period against Thomas. After Thomas earned an escape, Garcia earned a second takedown and led 4-1 entering the second period.

See **GARCIA** on 16

Fenton resident and Detroit Catholic Central student Drew Garcia won the Division 1 171-pound individual wrestling title at the Palace of Auburn Hills on Saturday.



►Bade caps career as a three-time champion

By David Troppens

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Auburn Hills — When it comes to wrestling, Ken Bade knows always to expect the unexpected. He learned that lesson once again in his last high school wrestling match of his career at the MHSAA Division 1 Individual Wrestling Finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills on Saturday.

The Fenton resident and Detroit Catholic Central senior led in his state championship match against Davison's Matt Miller 3-2, and appeared to have capped his career by winning his third straight state championship in a row. The whistle blew and he expected to see his hand raised as the 135-pound weight class champion.

Instead, the unexpected happened.

Bade was told he was penalized a point for stalling with one second left in his match, meaning he'd have to wrestle an overtime period.

During that extra session, Miller was called for a technical violation for pulling Bade's headgear, earning Bade that third straight championship he thought he had earned just about a minute before.

"The emotions went way up at the end of the third period

See **BADE** on 16

►Fenton's Eicher wins battle with Gorial for first title

By David Troppens

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Auburn Hills — Jacob Gorial will be the first to admit without his Hartland High School teammate Austin Eicher he wouldn't be the wrestler he is today.

With Eicher's help in the wrestling room, Gorial had earned a spot in his first-ever Division 1 MHSAA Wrestling Individual Finals match.

So maybe it was only fitting Eicher, a Fenton resident, earned his first individual state championship against his good friend at

the Palace of Auburn Hills on Saturday night.

In what was the only teammate vs. teammate finals match of the night at the meet, Eicher, a junior, captured the first individual state championship of his career, defeating teammate and good friend Gorial in the 130-pound finals by a 5-0 decision.

"It was totally different. He's one of my best friends," Eicher said. "We both have been working hard this year, and that was both of our goals, to win a state championship. I took something away from him, but I wasn't going to let him take it away from me."

"It feels great. This is what I

See **EICHER** on 15

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Hartland High School wrestlers and tri-county residents Austin Eicher (right) and Jacob Gorial (right) battle for the Division 1 130-pound weight class state title on Saturday in the finals. Eicher is a Fenton resident, while Gorial lives in Fenton Township.



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Holly's Justis Kerner drives with the basketball against Fenton's Cory Cox during the Tigers' 69-59 victory on Monday.

Readman's 30 leads Tigers by Bronchos in district opener, 69-59

By David Troppens

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Linden — When the Fenton varsity boys basketball team needed someone to step up against the young but talented Holly Bronchos in their first-round Class A Linden district contest on Monday, the Tigers looked to one of their senior leaders, Eric Readman.

With Fenton trailing against the Bronchos 27-26 at halftime, Readman responded with 24 of his game-high 30 points in the second half, leading the Tigers to a 69-59 victory against Holly (13-8) at Linden High School.

"I was thinking I didn't want that to be my last high school game," Readman said. "I think we played tight in the first half, not to lose. I think we've been playing not to lose and I think we had to loosen up and play to win. I think we are back."

Fenton faces Brandon for a 5:30 p.m. semifinal contest at Linden High School on Wednesday. Linden hosts Grand Blanc in the semifinal contest after that game. The two winners play in Friday's district title game at 7 p.m. on Friday.

The Bronchos fell behind 11-0 during the opening four minutes of the game, but cut the lead to 16-14 with a 6-0 run to start the second quarter. From there, the contest remained close throughout with Holly taking a 27-26 lead on a three-

point hoop by Joshua Simms right before the halftime buzzer.

Holly had its greatest lead at 38-32 with 3:10 left in the third quarter on a fastbreak layup by Kyle Woodruff, but Fenton (20-1) responded with a 9-0 run of its own, capped by a fastbreak layup by Readman. Readman scored nine of Fenton's final 13 points in the third quarter, leading the Tigers to a 45-42 lead entering the fourth.

Fenton never trailed again, but the Bronchos remained within striking distance until Readman was fouled and it was called an intentional foul with 4:16 left in the contest. Readman made the two free throws and then drained a three-point bucket off the inbound pass from Mitch Shegos, giving Fenton a 59-51 lead. Holly cut the margin as close as 61-57 after the hoop on Woodruff's steal and breaking layup with 2:33 remaining, but never got the gap back within a single possession of the lead.

Shegos had 13 points, six assists, five rebounds and five steals, while Cory Cox and Damon Thomas had nine points each. James Claborn added eight points and eight rebounds.

Holly was paced by Woodruff's 17 points, while Simms added 14 points, eight rebounds and four assists. Lance Copley netted 10 points.

The Bronchos wish they were able to continue their first-half magic through the entire second half.

"We just played as a team, and listened to coach," Holly's Parker Rowse said about the first half. "Coach did a good job putting us in a position to win. Down the stretch we just didn't execute. It was those last two minutes where we lost it. We were up by six at one time, but we didn't execute down the stretch."

"They executed the game plan perfectly in the first half," Holly coach Lance Baylis said. "In the second half, we'd talk about something in the huddle and they'd go out and do something else. It all came down to turnovers. We turned the ball over in the second half. We didn't do that in the first half."

The Tigers liked some aspects of their game, but realize they need to get better to win their second district in as many years.

"We have to keep on getting better," Fenton's James Claborn said. "You either get worse or you get better and we can't go the opposite way. We just have to keep turning it up in practice and buckling down on defense. That's what wins championships — defense."

"I like how we bounced back," Readman said. "Our team showed that heart in the second half and came out to get the win."

Cleaver, Gonzales place for fourth time at state meet

By David Troppens

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Auburn Hills — It's not the finish the pair wanted.

They hoped to face off in a Division 2 MH-SAA Individual Wrestling Finals semifinal bout at 135 pounds on Saturday.

If that happened, Holly wrestling teammates Mason Cleaver and Anthony Gonzales knew one of them would win the match and have a chance to earn an individual state championship.

However, it didn't work out that way, and neither got their chance at a state championship at the Palace of Auburn Hills on Saturday.

Gonzales did win his quarterfinal match, but then lost his last three matches of the tournament, placing sixth. Meanwhile, Cleaver was unable to win his second match, but bounced

back to beat Sparta's Joel Rees by a 4-0 decision to take third place.

For both four-time state placers, the finish short of a state title burned a little. But it was a weight class that seemed loaded, making it a challenging proposition for either to cap their senior seasons with a state title.

"I had a really good weight class. We had really good kids up and down the weight class," Cleaver said. "Anthony took sixth in the weight class. That says a lot. I am disappointed I didn't make it to the finals this year, but you have to take what you can get."

Gonzales was going for his third state title of his career and second straight. But concussion issues hurt his training for state, and probably hurt his chances of becoming the first person in Holly history to win three state titles.

"It was incredibly tough," Gonzales said.

"There were no slouches in districts, regionals or states. A lot of things have to fall in place to do well at the state tournament. Some things I couldn't control. But I went out, gave it my best and left it all on the mat."

Both wrestlers leave Holly as two of the top grapplers in school history. Gonzales became the first freshman in school history to ever win a state title when he won the 112 class. That same season, Cleaver placed seventh in the 103 class. In their sophomore years, both placed fifth, Cleaver at 112 and Gonzales at 119. Last year, Gonzales won his second state title, wrestling at 130, while Cleaver placed second at 125. Cleaver ended his career with 235 wins, while Gonzales recorded 199 wins. Cleaver's win total was a school record.

One other Holly wrestler earned a placing.

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Tigers' creating lofty goals for weekend's D2 state swim meet

By David Troppens

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When the Division 2 Boys Swimming and Diving Championships begins Friday at Oakland University, the Fenton varsity boys swim team will be well represented.

The Tigers entered the meet with participants slated for all three relays and individuals in three other events. Also, two divers competed in diving regionals in an attempt to qualify for the meet as well.

Those swimming in the meet include Austin Landis, Zahne Macklin, Alex Chase, Adam Andreski, Brant Cassidy, Chris Taylor and Michael Banner.

"For me it's just hard work paying off," Cassidy said. "Every day we are in the pool. It feels great.

"I think (the number of kids going to state) shows how our level of competition

has stepped up the last few years. It increases the team sport when relays go."

"This is one of the largest groups I have taken to the state meet, and the exciting part is half of them return next season," Fenton swim coach Brad Jones said. "This year's team had very specific goals entering the season, and taking a large group to the state meet was one of them. Our success this year will definitely set the tone for next season."

Cassidy will be extremely busy at the state meet. He will compete in the 50 freestyle and the 100 freestyle individually and in the 200 and 400 freestyle relays with teammates. Banner is the only other swimmer competing in an individual event, making it in the 500 freestyle. Meanwhile the rest will compete in relay events.

The team would like to earn a couple of



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Fenton's state qualifiers for Friday's Division 2 state boys swimming meet and qualifiers for Tuesday night's regional diving action were (from left) Brant Cassidy, Mike Banner, Zahne Macklin, Alex Chase, Adam Andreski, Austin Landis, Chris Taylor, Luke Idoni and Cordora Alvarado.

second-day swims in at least the consolation finals on Saturday. The preliminaries are on Friday with the top 16 qualifying for second-day swims, the top eight in the finals.

"I'd like to see all three relays go back and see Brant get back in the 50 and 100

freestyle," Chase said. "I just want to see us go back the next day."

"We'd like to get some second-day swims," Jones said. "Hopefully we can get a varsity record in one or both of the freestyle relays."

EICHER

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wanted to do since my freshman year. That's been my dream and now I get to live the dream I've been shooting for. I'm really happy right now."

Gorial, a sophomore who lives in Fenton Township, took a philosophical view to the match.

"We are both teammates. We both went out there and worked hard," Gorial said. "I'm glad. Austin worked hard. If it wasn't for him, I wouldn't be here right now."

"I feel awesome that Austin is my teammate, and he 100 percent deserved this. ... Anybody losing in the finals is going to feel

bad about it, but I have two more years. All I can do is go back and work harder."

The teammates gave each other a quick handshake before the match as both went into their corners with different coaches from the Hartland coaching staff.

Eicher's dominance was apparent. Eicher, who placed second at 119 pounds a year ago, took the lead about 55 seconds into the period with a takedown. Gorial was unable to escape and Eicher took a 2-0 lead into the second period. Gorial started in the down position, but while Eicher was unable to earn pinfall points, Gorial was unable to escape as well, allowing Eicher to maintain his lead. In the third period, Eicher started in the down position, got an escape about 30 seconds into

the period and earned another takedown with about 50 seconds left. It didn't come easy, but Eicher came away with the 5-0 decision win.

"Once you are out there we are just wrestling," Eicher said. "We know we are friends warming up before the match, but once we are wrestling, it's time to go."

The two had a quick embrace once the match was over. It wasn't a shock the pair faced off. They were ranked 1-2 for most of the year in the weight class.

"We wrestle every single day in practice, and we're just getting each other better," Eicher said. "We both know what we do, and we've been wrestling each other since we were really little. I didn't have much of a strategy. We were just wrestling."

While the pair wrestle daily during practice, it was the first time Eicher remembered wrestling Gorial in a competitive match since they were 10.

"When we were around 10 years old, we wrestled in the Spartan Classic tournament and I won that match," Eicher said. "But we've been wrestling each other since we were really little."

Hartland varsity wrestling coach Todd Cheney sat in Eicher's corner, but the coaches remained quiet throughout the six minutes, letting them dictate the outcome.

"It was cool. It as a little different than I'm used to, but it was a lot of fun," Cheney said. "We just had two guys in the state finals. It's amazing."

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Andrew Scott (160) placed fifth. Scott won his first two matches, lost his next two and then beat Lowell's Max Dean in the fifth-place match 8-2. It was the second time in the tourney Scott beat Dean. It was Scott's second time at the state meet.

"I was pleased with the way Andrew wrestled," Holly coach Don Pluta said. "He had opportunities to place higher, but made a few mistakes that cost him. He beat the state champ in districts so we know he is right there."

Lake Fenton's Jared Corcoran kept up a proud tradition of his family having success at the state meet. With his father and coach, Vance Corcoran, and his older brother, Zach, in his corner, Jared placed fifth in the D3 112-pound class. Both, Vance and Zach, were past state champions.

"I'm very pleased," Corcoran said. "It was my first time coming to states and I placed fifth. It was a great experience. I loved it."

"It's awesome and helps a lot (having my brother coach). Having my dad as my coach is pretty awesome because he's there every



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Holly's Mason Cleaver (right) sprawls to the ground during a takedown attempt by an opponent at the state meet. Cleaver placed third.

day in the wrestling room."

Corcoran lost his first match, but then won three straight, all by decision, to earn all-state status. He eventually beat Shelby's Austin Felt in overtime by an 8-6 decision to earn fifth. In that match, Corcoran earned a reverse late in the third period to force overtime. Then he got a takedown in overtime.

"My last match was the most exciting," Corcoran said. "It came down to overtime and I won it."

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The lead was cut to 4-2 after Thomas earned an escape to start the second period. But with about a minute left in the stanza, Garcia earned another takedown. Leading 6-2 entering the final period, he earned another takedown about 45 seconds into the stanza. From there, it was apparent Garcia was going to win his crown. It was Garcia's third time in a state championship match. He placed second as a freshman in 2011 in the 152-pound weight class.

"When I got that last takedown to go up 8-2, I knew even if he got a reversal I'd be OK," Garcia said. "I just had to stay off my back. I rode him pretty tight."

"He was good. I wrestled him earlier in the year and he was one of the only kids that really didn't gas in the third period, so I knew I had to wrestle the full six minutes. He was a tough kid, and it was a great match."

Garcia's state title run began on Thursday with a pinfall win against Caledonia's Zane Gorby. On Saturday, he earned victories against Rochester's Shane Shadaia and Davison's Tyler Wildmo, earning his spot in the finals.

Garcia finished the season with a perfect 52-0 mark. He holds a 147-11 record overall during his three-year career.

"It's awesome," Garcia said about winning his second state championship. "To be up there with the great names is amazing. Especially to win it back-to-back. It's not an easy thing to do."

BADE

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(when I thought I won), but when they made a stalling call I went straight back down," Bade said. "In that overtime period I knew I had to attack him. I'd rather lose attacking the kid than lose by being defensive."

"There is no way you can prepare for that except coach telling you all year you have to stay composed, you can't lose your cool. And I think that's a huge part of wrestling. The more you lose your cool, the more energy you take away. You need that energy to finish the match. I stayed composed and ready to go, got back on the line after that one second and did what I could. I think I wrestled to the best of my ability right there."

Bade's championship capped what was an outstanding prep career. He won three straight state titles, winning at 130 last year and at 125 his sophomore season. He also finished his career with a 195-17 record overall and is headed to Penn to continue his career collegiately in the fall.

"It feels great being a three-time state champion," Bade said. "Obviously it wasn't my goal. My goal was to be a four-time state champion, but I'm in that high category. I'll take it."

Bade started his title match out well. He earned a takedown about 35 seconds into the match, earning a 2-0 lead after the first period. In the second period, Bade started in the down position, and earned an escape in about 15 seconds. He led 3-0.

"The first takedown was good. The first takedown in matches like these are crucial, and I'm usually not good at getting the first takedown," Bade said. "But I got it there."

But from there, Miller started to assert himself. Thomas earned a takedown with 40 seconds left in the second period, cut-



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Fenton resident and Detroit Catholic Central wrestler Ken Bade (left) is picked up by state championship match foe Matt Miller. Bade was able to deal with the takedown attempt, eventually winning his third consecutive state title after the match.

ting the gap to 3-2. Thomas started the third period in the down position, meaning all he needed to do was earn an escape to tie the match. Miller never earned that escape, but was rewarded with the unexpected stall call as it appeared time ended. However, one second was added and Miller was rewarded a point for the stalling violation.

In the overtime session, Bade appeared ready to be the aggressor when he earned a point on Miller's headgear-pulling violation, earning Bade his third crown. Bade missed being a four-time state champion by one match, placing third his freshman year at 103 pounds.

"The last minute in the third period was probably the longest minute I've experienced in my life," Bade said. "I kept looking at the clock, seeing what it was. It took awhile for it to wind down. But, like I said, I stayed composed and used my conditioning to win the match."

Bade earned a victory against Miller earlier in the season by a reasonable amount,

but he knew Miller would give him a good battle.

"He's a lot stronger than I am," Bade said. "But I knew if I stayed composed and used my conditioning, I would win the match."

Bade opened the tourney with a pinfall win against Grand Blanc's Pellumb Kurtaga, and then followed that win with victories against Muskegon Mona Shores' Adam Pawlowski and Davison's Justin Oliver.

Bade's career ended with a team state title as well a week earlier in Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena, making him a double champion his senior year.

"There's too many words to summarize a career," Bade said. "But it's been a ride and I can't thank the people around me enough, the people who supported me throughout the year — my coaches, my family. I can't glorify God enough for what He's given me on this day, and I'm so proud to call myself a Catholic Central alumni now."

He also can call himself a three-time state champion.

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An interview with Dr. James Hirt about bunions.

What is a bunion?

A bunion is an abnormal shifting of the bones in the foot which causes a bone bump on the inside of the foot and the big toe tends to deviate toward the 2nd toe. The big toe is critical to walking and when it is misaligned it can cause pain in the foot and other joints due to walking abnormally. With the change in size and position of the foot from a bunion it can be hard to find shoes that fit. The good news is it can be fixed. You don't have to hobble the rest of your life.

What causes a bunion?

Usually it is a combination of things. Genetics plays a part. Foot structure like a flat foot or a falling arch can cause overload of the joint and cause the bones to move. Improper shoes can also cause abnormal pressures which can move the joints and bones.



Can bunions be prevented?

Once the foot is evaluated we can make a plan to prevent the bunion. Typically if we see a bunion starting it can be prevented with proper shoes and a custom made orthotic. It is particularly important to have a mold taken of your foot while it is held in the correct position to make a Custom Functional Orthotic. The scanners that people stand on do not provide an "orthotic", they provide a soft insole without the needed functional support, which does not help to prevent or correct anything.

Can bunions be fixed?

Yes, bunions can always be fixed. The worse they get the more work they take to correct, but I have not found a bunion I could not correct yet. Bunions usually take a procedure to release contracture or a surgery to move the bone back into the correct position. The earlier the diagnosis the easier it is to fix or prevent.

My mom and grandma told me bunion surgery was painful?

Not so much anymore. Surgical procedures have changed significantly over the years. Every surgery has some discomfort, but there is much less pain than there used to be. I would say the majority of patients state they have less pain than they expected and some have no pain at all.

Do the gimmicks in the magazines like toe splints work?

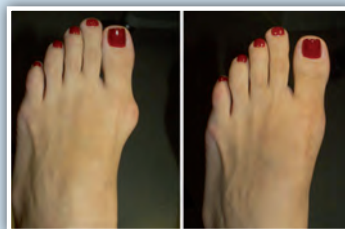
For the most part they will not. Gimmicks don't address the root of the problem, abnormal position of the joint or bone. A toe splint cannot correct that.

What happens after surgery, if I need surgery?

Most of the time patients can walk on the foot after surgery in a walking boot. There is usually no need for crutches or casting. You will be slowed down but not prevented from daily activities that need to be done. Time in the boot will depend on the type of procedure performed.

What should I do if I suspect a bunion?

We evaluate people with bunions every day. We can give recommendations as to how severe it is and different treatment options available. We will work out a treatment or prevention plan that works for you.



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