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Swartz Creek teen held in fatal wrong-way crash

►Mt. Morris woman killed, husband, 11-year-old son injured

By Sharon Stone

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An 18-year-old Swartz Creek male is in custody following a fatal crash on U.S. 23 Sunday night that killed Mariah Bailey-Collins, 36, of Mt. Morris.

According to Det. Mike Neering of the Mundy Township Police Department, police received word at 10:13 p.m. from

central dispatch that a Chevy Impala was traveling southbound in the northbound lanes on U.S. 23, near Grand Blanc Road. Two minutes later and less than a mile south, Mundy Township police were advised that a head-on crash occurred on northbound U.S. 23, just north of the Torrey Road overpass.

Driving the Chevy Cobalt that Bailey-Collins was a front-seat passenger in was her 28-year-old husband of less than a week, Bryan Collins. Her 11-year-old son was in the back seat. According to

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TIM JAGIELO

Det. Mike Neering (left) and Police Service Officer Chris Wood study the vehicles involved on Monday.

Freezin' for a reason - Polar Plunge raises \$56,000



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SCOTT SCHUPBACH

Donning a striped jailbird costume, Fenton Township resident and trustee Rob Kesler jumps into Lake Fenton for the Polar Plunge on Saturday. Kesler is accompanied by his nephew Joey Riker.

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New bill: Husband can now take wife's name

By Tim Jagielo

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If a Michigan House bill is passed, men will find it as easy as women to take their spouse's last name on their Michigan marriage license.

“It is a very unique idea,” said Rep. Phil Cavanagh (D-Redford) of the 10th district. He was inspired in part by his three daughters, to make the name change voluntary for men also.

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Twitter: Students ‘confessing’ lewd, shocking claims anonymously online

By William Axford

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“We all know that girl that faked her pregnancy more than (sic) once.”

“I lost my virginity at Project Jet.” No, these aren’t sentences writ-

ten on the bathroom walls of a high school but rather some of the more tame anonymous ‘confessions’ sent by students to the Twitter page ‘Holly High Confessions.’ Confession pages filled with crude

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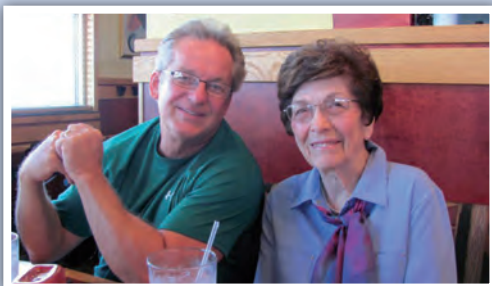


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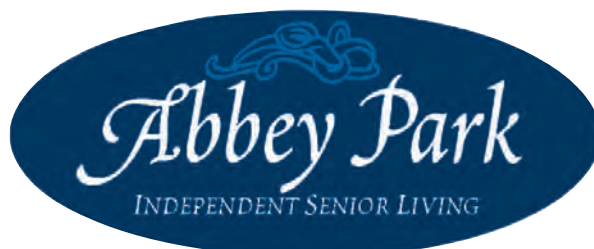
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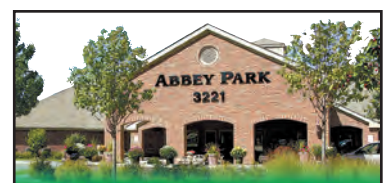


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Nick Farella, who plays Orsino, and Shelby Patterson, as Curio, perform the first scene on Monday during rehearsal. McKenzie Mead (left) and Jenna Mazurek are in the foreground. The Twelfth Night opens Thursday, 7:30 p.m. at Fenton High School.

Sharp tongues, sharp rapiers

► Fenton High School's IB Theater Arts presents Shakespeare's 'Twelfth Night'

By Tim Jagielo

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Fenton — While actors speak William Shakespeare's words in stage accents, the musical din of the Beatles is played softly by electronic keyboard.

They wear the slender rapier swords, addressing each other as "lord" and "lady," while wearing clothing that could have been bought at H & M.

The Twelfth Night may have been written by William Shakespeare around 1600 and the actors' lines reflect that, but the visuals and the setting can be set almost anywhere — in this case, the Sgt. Pepper's era Beatles. In the back, a prop table holds numerous artifacts from the "fab-four."

This play, which opens this Thursday, is an International Baccalaureate (IB) Theater Arts production, for which members have to audition. It is one of three plays they'll put on this year.

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Many of the players wear rapiers, along with contemporary clothing and accessories.

Michigan is 'on the grow'

► Finally turns the tide of population decline with increase of .1 percent

By Sally Rummel

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Michigan may not be in the Top 10 list of the fastest growing states in the U.S., but it's definitely on the right track.

Latest Census Bureau figures show Michigan to be the ninth largest state, adding population slowly after a seven-year population decline from 2005 to 2011.

Michigan added 13,103 residents between July 1, 2012 and 2013, showing a .1 percent increase in population. Our population now stands at 9,895,622, barely edging out North Carolina, which is slated to surpass Michigan's population this year, according to population growth trends. But Michigan's recent growth puts us ahead of 17 other states' growth, including the District of Columbia.

Not all states have been so lucky. West Virginia and Maine have both lost population during this recent period.

But if you want to talk about growth, you'll have to look closely at North Dakota, the fastest growing state with a 3.1 percent increase between 2012 and 2013.

The reason? North Dakota is at the center of an energy boom, but experts believe it's a boom that's likely to be short-lived. Once drilling

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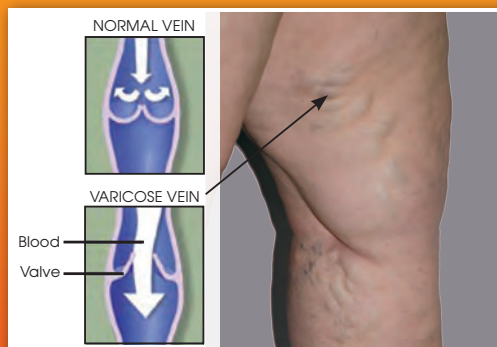
California remains the most populous state, with 38.3 million people, followed by Texas with 26.4 million. New York was third with 19.6 million people, but Florida is slated to out-grow New York this year, with only 100,000 fewer people.

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FROM THE LEFT



Clarence Page

Nationally syndicated
columnist**Could unions change NCAA's game?**

I was not surprised to hear that the United Steelworkers were helping athletes at Northwestern University to file a petition to form a union. Unions are seeking new industries to organize and college football, unlike steel, is not likely to be shipped overseas.

Nor was I surprised to hear Northwestern senior and former quarterback Kain Colter announce that he and his teammates had filed the petition. Like many other Americans, I used to revere the sacred virtues of amateurism in college sports. But it has become harder in recent years to distinguish those virtues from sheer exploitation of young athletes.

Colter called the NCAA 'a dictatorship' as he announced the petition in Chicago. Donald Remy, NCAA chief legal officer, didn't sound much more credible than Colter in his response statement: 'This union-backed attempt to turn student-athletes into employees undermines the purpose of college — an education.'

In fact, anyone who has been paying attention knows that, if anyone has undermined that educational mission, it is the NCAA.

Student athletes already are paid, it has been argued, in the form of scholarships. The larger debate is over how much they should be paid and what benefits they should receive. Scholarships don't cover the day-to-day cost of living for many players and the question of healthcare is increasingly urgent amid mounting news of the NFL's concussion tragedies.

Worse, in a sport where the graduation rate nationally is about 50 percent, players who have been injured in games sometimes are dropped and left with extensive uncovered medical expenses, among other burdens. One thing the new union effort's leaders are not asking for is pay-for-play. More important, they say, is a list of benefits to increase health and educational protections and benefits.

As for the argument that 'it's your choice to play this sport,' Colter said, 'If the system is broken you just don't quit. You know, you need to fix the thing.'

In this case, the 'thing' really needs fixing. Whether that's by a union or some other means, the term 'student athlete' has been an oxymoron for far too long.

YOU'RE TRYING TO blame climate change on manmade actions? For millions of years the climates have been changing in this world. We used to have dinosaurs in Michigan and we used to have glaciers that ran all the way almost to the Ohio border. And there wasn't even man on earth then. The climate changes whether we are here or not.

■■■■ **I WOULD LIKE** to say 'thank you' to area residents who take time to remove the snow in front of their mailboxes and newspaper boxes. I cannot tell you how this act of kindness makes this rough winter so much better. Thank you again.

■■■■ **THE LINDEN POST** office gives me wonderful service — always ready to help and with a smile. Thank you.

■■■■ **RACISM IS AN** attitude. Discrimination is an action. Anti-discrimination laws protect against racism becoming an action, because discrimination is wrong. Affirmative action is discrimination. Each individual should only be judged by their character, knowledge, and abilities. Anything else is discrimination.

■■■■ **OBAMA LIES. THAT'S** all I need to know.

■■■■ **TO THE MORON** in the Jeep Grand Cherokee who hit a shopping cart into my car at Walmart, if I catch you doing it again, I will call Fenton police.

■■■■ **WHY IS IT** that everyone I know that is checked for sleep apnea has it? I think it's a scam for \$4,000 to have someone watch you sleep. Then just bill

Hot lines

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■■■■ **WHY DOES MEDI-CAL** insurance cost so much? Doctors with too many prescription pads! Pharmaceutical companies have created a \$2 billion industry for testosterone for men and doctors have bought in and are compensated into going along with it. TV advertising feeds the hypochondriacs' addictions.

■■■■ **I FEEL SORRY** for people who are misled into believing creationism and evolution are compatible. It is a classic example of changing the facts to fit your worldview instead of changing your worldview to fit the facts.

■■■■ **AT SOME POINT** older white voters will realize Republicans are trying to buy their vote by not cutting SS and Medicare for them, but killing it for their children and grandchildren just to keep corporate welfare and defense spending going up.

■■■■ **CIMBREY IS IN** week six at Parris Island. She said the training is challenging and intense and she misses friends, family, and Fenton. We're all proud of you. Go girl!

■■■■ **WHEN THE GOING** gets tough in Washington and committees investigate the administration for one thing or another, our illustrious leader slips out of town and goes on a speaking tour. He always seems to disappear when they're investigating his administration.

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FROM THE RIGHT

Cal Thomas

Nationally syndicated
columnist**Christian ethics vs. the Academy**

In a world where Woody Allen can get a lifetime achievement award at the Golden Globes at the same time his adopted daughter accuses him of sexually abusing her when she was a child, it is a wonderment that an obscure, low-budget film called 'Alone Yet Not Alone' has had its Best Original Song Oscar nomination withdrawn for allegedly violating ethical rules.

The Los Angeles Times writes that Cheryl Boone Isaacs, president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, told The Times that the 'key point' in the academy's nullification of songwriter Bruce Broughton's nomination was its violation of Rule 5.3, requiring that the credits of composer and lyricist be removed from the DVD of eligible songs sent to members of the music branch.

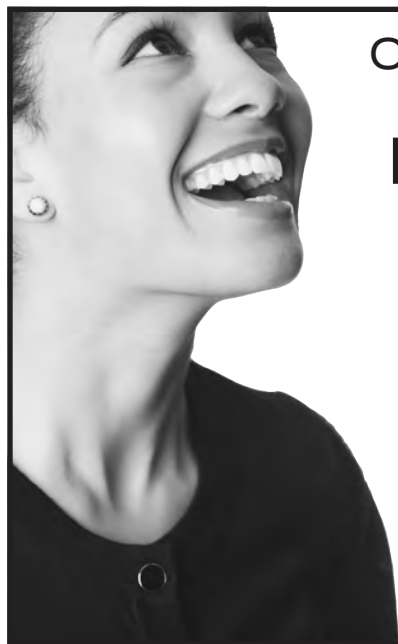
'The idea,' Isaacs says, 'is that people are voting solely for the song and not who wrote it.' By emailing branch members, Broughton, a former academy governor and current member of the music branch's executive committee, violated that anonymity.

Big-budget films spend large amounts of money campaigning for Oscars with full-page ads in Variety and other trade publications, as well as glitzy parties for Academy members. How does a low-budget film with far fewer resources get noticed, if not by campaigning?

One clue may be in the visceral reaction to the film itself from the secular-progressive left. It is a movie made by a Christian group. Christian messages continue to embarrass some filmmakers, who apparently think Americans spend their days swearing at one another, having promiscuous sex, shooting people, blowing up stuff and driving fast.

The title song is sung by painter, author and speaker Joni Earackson Tada, a quadriplegic, who is known and respected among many evangelicals. Whatever its merits, the title sounds more appealing than the 2005 Best Original Song winner, 'It's Hard Out Here for a Pimp.'

The controversy over this song has lifted the film from obscurity. Regardless, the Academy should restore the song's nomination because of the clear advantage in money, promotion — and, yes, campaigning — that other nominated songs have enjoyed.

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Who was your first kiss?**streettalk**

"A girl I drove home in high school. I stole a kiss and we were caught by her mom."

— Gene Lillie, Linden



"Brad Fuwell last April at his house."

— Cheyenne Charboneau
Fenton



"Kimberly. I was about 6 or 7 and we were in the same class."

— Dave Clemons, Byron



"Pap Ramon. It happened at school when we were 14."

— Pam Darling, Fenton



"My husband, we met at school and when I was 16 he kissed me on his motorcycle."

— Charlotte Everly, Fenton



"I was 12 or 13, her name was Wanda and we almost got married."

— Steve Schmidt
Fenton Township

TWITTER

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statements about sex and lust have filled the halls of high schools across the nation and high schools in the Flint Metro League are no exception.

Recently, administrators at Fenton High School made an announcement to students about the Twitter page 'Fenton High Confessions' and how some of the gossip had upset some students. Currently, the confessions page for Fenton High School is shut down. A Twitter search revealed some students are still talking about the page, speculating who controlled it and what that person would face if administrators found out who it was.

Holly High School Principal Peter LoFiego said tracking who controls Twitter confession pages has been difficult for administrators since any random student can take control of it. If a student or anyone else controlling the account becomes suspicious of getting caught or simply doesn't want to be a part of it anymore, the username and password is usually posted on the account and whoever sees it first can take over the next round of confessions.

LoFiego said workers at Twitter have been helpful in trying to control the account but school administrators have difficulty when it comes to laws about freedom of speech.

While it's not illegal to have such an account, LoFiego said whoever controls the account could still face trouble depending on how defamatory the statements are.

"We would have to look at the nature of the things that are out there. Defam-

ing comments and false claims toward students and staff is punishable," LoFiego said. "If someone has committed criminal acts, we'd turn it over to our police liaison."

While gossip and rumors are familiar grounds when it comes to high school, social media and the Internet puts a new twist on it. LoFiego said the school is working on a digital literacy course and that students are taught whatever is put online stays online, even if they try to delete it. Students are also taught to be cautious of who they follow or add as friends online. LoFiego has heard stories of students who lost college admissions and job opportunities due to what they said online.

In 2012, students at Steubenville High School in Ohio were found guilty of sexual assault after prosecutors found confessions from the assailants through Twitter, Facebook, YouTube and text messages. Many of the tweets, videos and statuses were included in online articles, even after the students had deleted them. The case is one of many where social media played a role in casting a guilty verdict.

Like every other high school, administrators at Holly are monitoring social media for pages similar to the Twitter confessions page. Students and parents are encouraged to contact school officials if they have concerns about information posted online pertaining to students and teachers.

"The sooner we can get involved, it tends to lessen the excitement. Social media can kind of be like a fight where everyone stops and watches. People are looking for that shock value."

EQUAL

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Marriage applications are handled at the county level, and each has its own system, through the clerk's office.

Cavanaugh said that the bill would make the application gender-equal, allowing a man to take his wife's last name, with no additional paperwork. Women in Michigan can already take the husband's last name, keep their own, or hyphenate.

He said that a man would have to go through probate court to change his last name to hers, just like any other legal name change outside of a marriage. Men, unlike women, can't easily take her name at the time of marriage.

On the marriage application in Genesee County, there is an extra line for a women's maiden name, but otherwise, the sections for men and women are no different. Livingston County's application sheet is similar.

Oakland County's marriage information sheet which is eventually used for licensing, is already completely neutral, even going as far to label the parties "A" and "B" instead of "Male" and "Female" like on the Genesee County application, though it doesn't make the male taking his wife's name any easier. Gay marriage is not currently legal in Michigan.

Cavanagh said seven states currently have a system similar to what he's proposing — California being one of them. California adopted the Name Equality Act in 2007, which does what Cavanagh's bill would accomplish. "...a husband is allowed to adopt the last name of their new wife, and vice-versa," reads the frequently asked questions section. Cavanagh said he will soon ask the judiciary committee to take up the bill, the next step

in getting it to the house floor for a vote, though little has happened with the bill since introduction last summer.

When asking for sponsors, progressives supported the bill, conservatives didn't see the point. He said he simply wants to extend more options, and make it easier should a man want to take his wife's last name instead.

Associate Professor of Sociology Heather Laube, is the director of Women's & Gender Studies at the University of Michigan-Flint. If a bill makes it easier for man to take their wife's last name, she sees it as a good thing.

She said that although there is a trend toward women not taking their husband's last name, 90 percent still elect to change their name. "Higher educated, relatively better-off women are more likely to keep their names than are younger, less educated, lower social-class women," said Laube. "There are also differences by race in attitudes toward name changing."

WHY DID WOMEN CHANGE THEIR NAMES IN THE FIRST PLACE?

"Women being required to change their names upon marriage reflects an historical view of women as first the property of the father and then of their husband. It wasn't very long ago that married women who refused to take their husbands' names were not allowed to vote. As an aside, married women also weren't allowed to have credit cards in their own names and there was no such thing as marital rape."

— Heather Laube

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THIS IS FROM a Romney lover; Bane capital success rate was 70 percent when he was buying companies and pulling them out of bankruptcy and making them succeed. I don't remember, what exactly is Obama's success rate? Uh, zero.

AMERICA IS ACTUALLY the poorest and most indebted country in the history of the world. Almost \$18 trillion in debt and we are the poorest country in the world — not the richest, not even close to the richest.

THIS IS ABOUT healthcare. Obama's just ruined my life; I should go on welfare because I won't be able to make it, just paying for healthcare. Might as well just throw in the towel now.

Calendar of events

Keepers of the Shiawassee to meet on Thursday

The **Thursday, Feb. 13** Keepers of the Shiawassee meeting will begin at **7 p.m.** at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center on South LeRoy St. Guest speaker will be Jeff Johnson, the Education and Outreach coordinator of the Genesee County Conservation District. He will pass on information about marking drains that connect to the Shiawassee River watershed. The business meeting will include a review of future calendar events.

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Det. Mike Neering (left), crash reconstructionist for the Mundy Township Police Department and Police Service Officer Chris Wood can determine vehicle speed at the time of the crash, based on the damage.

CRASH

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the couple's Facebook pages, they were married on Feb. 6.

While Bailey-Collins was pronounced dead at the scene, her injured husband and son were transported to Hurley Medical Center in Flint. Neering said her son was listed in critical condition and her husband was listed in stable condition.

The teen reportedly driving the wrong way on the highway sustained minor injuries. He is being detained while police investigate the crash. His name will be released when he is charged. Neering said police believe the teen had been drinking and are awaiting blood test results, which could take a couple of weeks.

Neering said investigators are seeking witnesses and they hope to piece together the facts, including where the teen had been, where he got onto the highway at and where he was going. At this point, police believe the driver got on at Grand Blanc Road, but that is just speculation.

"Right now, we're back-tracking," said Neering.

If anyone saw the Chevy Impala get on the highway, traveling southbound in the northbound lanes or the crash itself, they are asked to call Det. Neering at (810) 655-4646.



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Grandparent visitation and the meaning of words – Part II

On June 11, 2013 in the Porter appeal, the Michigan Court of Appeals upheld the trial court in a decision wherein two judges voted to affirm and one judge voted to reverse.

There was a majority opinion and a dissenting opinion interpreting the meaning of some key words of the Child Custody Act in different ways.

The primary focus in both opinions was the meaning of the terms 'parent' and 'grandparent.' The Act defines them as follows: 'Parent' means the natural or adoptive parent of a child; 'Grandparent' means a natural or adoptive parent of a child's natural or adoptive parent. The term 'natural parent' is not defined in the Act. The Porter majority found that at the time of his death Russell Porter was not a 'legal parent' of the children. As a result, he had no right to have any input as to their lives. The term 'legal parent' is also not defined.

Even though the statute uses the term 'natural parent' and the plaintiffs' argued 'natural parent' meant 'biological parent,' the majority held that this was not a proper interpretation of the statute under case law, and when his rights were terminated, this meant he was not a 'parent' at all. Therefore, by definition, he could not be a 'natural parent.'

Accordingly, the plaintiffs did not have standing under the statute.

The dissent interpreted the term 'natural parent' differently and found that the term 'natural parent' was the equivalent of a 'biological parent' based on dictionary definitions. Additionally another section of the Act allows for possible grandparenting time after termination of parental rights (albeit under different circumstances then presented in the case at bar), which lent support to plaintiffs' arguments. Finally, case law supports the proposition that even after termination, a parent who has lost 'legal' rights remains a 'natural parent,' and the majority incorrectly equated "natural parent" with 'legal parent.' The dissenting judge concluded that he would find legal standing for the plaintiffs to pursue grandparenting time.

The case is now before the Michigan Supreme Court, which will decide the issue and if the term 'natural parent' is the equivalent of 'legal parent' or 'biological parent.'

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Tournament organizers measure fish caught by participants at last year's fishing contest. The annual event will be held at the Fenton Moose lodge on Lake Fenton from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. this Saturday.

Anglers have chance to catch \$10,000 fish

►Fishing contest Saturday on Lake Fenton puts spotlight on Fenton Moose

To celebrate the eighth year of the Lake Fenton fishing tournament, event coordinators decided to add a \$10,000 fish to the tournament to make for an even more exciting day of fishing. Anglers will fish for cash and prizes from local businesses.

The event, hosted at the Fenton Moose lodge on Lake Fenton, will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with registration opening at 6 a.m. Saturday Feb. 15.

This event is not just about fishing, the Moose will be open to the public to see the new renovations and eat, drink and listen to the great music all day and evening. There will be free skating on the

Sport Sled rink and guests can try their luck at the Vegas Ice golf hole.

The cost for this year's event is \$20, which includes entry fee, chili, hot cocoa and a chance to win the \$10,000 fish. The kids' fishing tournament is free.

Wes Nolde, event organizer said they will be tagging a fish and if someone catches it between 8:01 a.m. and 4:59 p.m. on Saturday, they win \$10,000. He said the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is the governing body to make sure all the rules are followed.

This contest is also sponsored as part of the DNR "Free weekend to Fish" campaign, encouraging families to get out and fish with their kids. This weekend you do not need a fishing license, per Michigan DNR. Instructors will be available to teach everyone how to ice fish with tip ups.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

TO THE PERSON complaining about supporting the president after he leaves office. We supported Nixon after he was drummed out of office and we supported Ronald Reagan and his wife long after he passed away. We are now supporting two Bushes. By the way, the peanut man is the only one who has turned down this coverage.

■■■■
THE PERSON WHO put in the 'regret allegiance,' I find it very offensive first of all, secondly I suggest maybe you should find another country to live in like maybe Iran or possibly China or maybe even Russia. See how you like living there.

■■■■
WELL, ANOTHER DETROIT sports figure bites the dust.

Calendar of events

Goggins Field House Dedication on Thursday

Powers Catholic High School is inviting the public to the Goggins Field House Dedication on **Thursday, Feb. 13 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Goggins Gymnasium, Powers Catholic Campus. The dedication, in memory of Jack and Sally Goggins, will take place between the girls and boys varsity basketball games vs. Flushing High School. Their family-owned business, The Coffee Beanery, will be giving away refreshments in exchange for donations that will be given to Jack and Sally Goggins Angel Fund, which benefits Catholic Education in Genesee County.

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WHAT YOUR LEGISLATORS VOTED ON THIS WEEK

Senate Bill 475: **Establish trampoline court regulations and immunities**

To establish standards and regulations for recreational trampoline court facilities and operators, and grant these businesses limited immunity from lawsuits if the proposed regulations are followed.

Passed 25 to 12 in the Senate
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

✗ NO

Senate Bill 146: **Extend enterprise zone tax breaks to a particular development**

To revise a law that authorizes tax breaks for developers whose projects are in an area deemed a "neighborhood enterprise zone," in a way that would allow the tax break for a particular developer's project, notwithstanding this developer's failure to request the tax break before getting a building permit, which the current law requires.

Passed 93 to 17 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)

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Polar Plunge raises \$56,000

► Crazy people in costumes dive into bone-chilling lake for a good cause

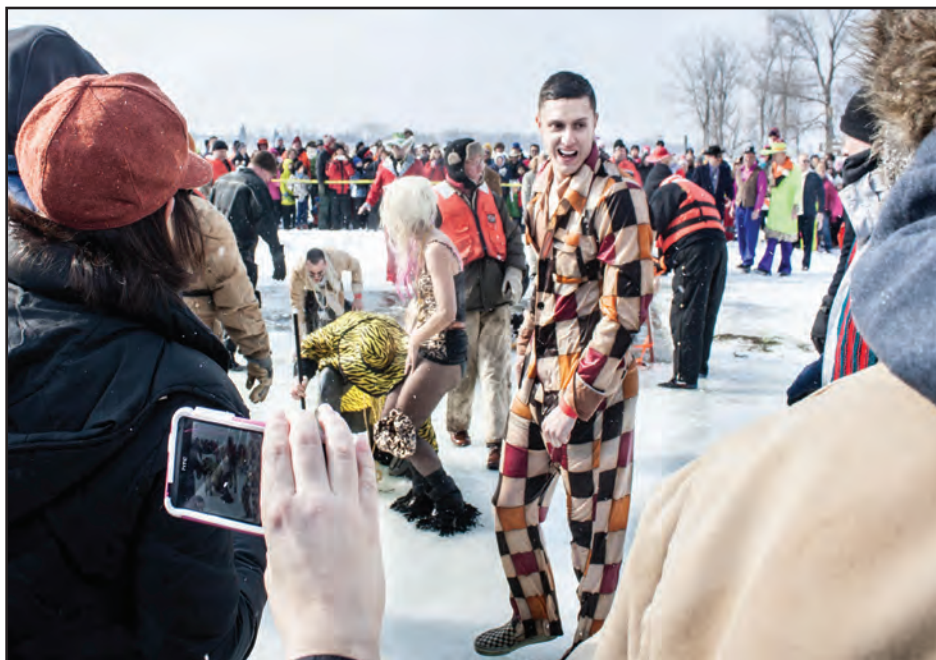
By William Axford

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Fenton Twp. — Vikings, superheroes, men in pink tutus and Marilyn Monroe all took a dip in Lake Fenton this Saturday for the annual Polar Plunge. The event raised about \$56,000 for the Special Olympics, attracting more than 270 men, women and students dressed in various costumes.

Divers with the Genesee County Sheriff's Department and an ambulance were on site while volunteers took a plunge in the icy lake water behind the Moose Lodge.

Diving in Michigan lake water during February is always chilly and this year is no different, especially with record low temperatures. Fenton High School



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | WILLIAM AXFORD

Spectators crowded Lake Fenton as Polar Plunge participants jumped into frigid waters Saturday afternoon.

teacher Matt Sullivan described this year's dive as "colder and deeper" but definitely well worth the cause.

"For the first couple of seconds it's quite scary," said Sullivan, who dove with the

school's Captain's Club. "But once you jump in and get out, it's exhilarating."

That exhilaration was evident on the face of every volunteer after they jumped in, shivering and exclaiming as they

climbed out. Batman, Superman, cowboys, Native Americans and a group dressed like a SWAT team were few of the other costume choices. The volunteers concluded the diving in about an hour's time as spectators cheered and congregated at the Moose Lodge.

The UAW raised \$10,000 for the Special Olympics while Michigan state troopers and groups from local high schools raised a significant amount of money.

Special Olympics coordinator Pat Peters said this year's fundraising goal was to hit at least \$45,000 and 275 volunteers registered online. Peters said this year's event was a success, raising far more money than she anticipated.

"The community always comes together for the Special Olympics and it's awesome," Peters said.

The Fenton Township event is one of 30 Polar Plunges organized by the Special Olympics this month to help raise money for more than 19,600 children and adults with intellectual disabilities, according to Michigan's Special Olympics site. For those who missed the Polar Plunge on Lake Fenton, other plunges are scheduled for this Saturday, Feb. 15 in Mt. Pleasant, Detroit and East Grand Rapids. For more information, visit somi.org.

"The community always comes together for the Special Olympics and it's awesome."

— Pat Peters
Coordinator with the
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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SCOTT SCHUPBACH

A man dressed as Superman strikes a pose before being submerged into the icy waters of Lake Fenton.

Fire truck funding clarification

In the Feb. 5 Midweek Times, it was reported that the Fenton Fire Department has \$270,000 in a revolving fund for replacing a fire truck. This "truck fund" is comparable to a savings account, which is gradually built up to buy a new truck when needed. It was also reported that the new fire truck will cost around \$110,000, however, this is the price of their current multi-use truck in today's dollars. The new truck the fire department is researching will likely cost closer to \$200,000, according to Chief Bob Cairduff.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO
(Above) Colin Hodgkin plays Feste, along with keyboards, for the IB theater's "The Twelfth Night." He has more than 300 lines. (Below) Dan Thompson works on the set as the rehearsal continues.

RAPIERS

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The four-act comedy is held in the "black box" rehearsal space. The Black Box Theater offers a more interactive, even three-dimensional experience, because the audience sits on two sides of the performance floor, which has been only modified slightly to symbolize set changes.

On Monday, director Lori Thompson offers firm critiques of the performances, especially transitions. While technically their rapiers aren't sharp, their wits and words have to be, to embody the work of Shakespeare in a more modern setting.

Twelfth Night basics

The story is set in the mythical land of Illyria. The Main conflict is that protagonist Viola is in love with nobleman Orsino, who is in love with noble lady Olivia, who is in love with Viola's male disguise, Cesario. This love triangle is complicated by the fact that neither Orsino nor Olivia knows that Viola is really a woman.

Source: sparknotes.com



PERFORMANCES —

This Thursday, Friday and Saturday: Shows are at 7:30 p.m. at Fenton High School Black Box Theater, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The cost is \$5 on Thursday, and \$8 Friday and Saturday.

MICHIGAN

Continued from Page 3

wells have been established, it may be difficult to retain the migrants who re-located there, according to CBS Money Watch.

Also in the Top 10 fastest-growing states are:

2. Utah — 2.1 percent growth

This state's population has grown 24 percent between the 2000 and 2010 Census. Natural increase (more births than deaths), a younger population and a Mormon culture that encourages large families and avoids unhealthy behaviors are reasons for its growth.

3. Colorado — 1.52 percent growth

When people migrate to this state, they tend to want to stay, because of the high standard of living and stable economy.

4. Texas — 1.49 percent growth

As an economic powerhouse, Texas has been steadily growing for more than a decade. It didn't suffer a housing bust and its economic and job growth have beat out plenty of other states. It's also one of a handful of states without income tax.

5. Nevada — 1.3 percent growth

People are going there for jobs, but

may not necessarily stay there for long. Huge growth in immigration has outpaced national growth, three to one. The housing crisis that hit Nevada hard brought more people into cities looking for rock-bottom housing prices.

6. South Dakota — 1.3 percent growth

Oil and gas work has boomed, attracting many newcomers.

7. Florida — 1.2 percent growth

The recession dampened growth of this state, but now its population is growing faster than New York, expecting to beat out this state in population sometime this year.

8. Arizona — 1.15 percent growth

Its population is on an upward trend, attracting new residents to large cities like Phoenix and Tucson, which still have room to grow.

9. Washington — 1.1 percent growth

Seattle is this state's largest area of growth, primarily due to technology jobs, which are attracting many young people.

10. South Carolina — 1.08 percent growth

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WednesdaySudoku

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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

WednesdayJumble

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

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What a dirty job!

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A STERN NECESSITY ON A BOAT.

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Print answer here: A

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NEW DVD RELEASES

DVDs and movies released this week

THE COUNSELOR
Legendary filmmaker Ridley Scott and Pulitzer Prize winning author Cormac McCarthy (No Country for Old Men) have joined forces in the motion picture thriller The Counselor, starring Michael Fassbender, Penélope Cruz, Cameron Diaz, Javier Bardem, and Brad Pitt. McCarthy, making his screenwriting debut and Scott interweave the author's characteristic wit and dark humor with a nightmarish scenario, in which a respected lawyer's one-time alliance with an illegal business deal spirals out of control. R, 1 hr. 57 min.

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iPhone

tip of the week

Use Digital Compass in Maps

The Maps app shows your current location as a blue dot. How many times are you confused with the direction you're facing when using the map? The blue dot only tells your current location but it doesn't tell you which way you're facing. The Maps tightly integrates with the built-in digital compass. If you want to know which way you're facing, just tap the lower-left button again. That's the same button you use for checking your location. As you tap the button, you enable the triangular beam. As you move around, the beam always points to the direction you're facing.

The tip is provided by Handbook for iPhone Lite.

KING FEATURES

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Labyrinth choice

5 Skillets

9 Half a dance?

12 Lotion additive

13 Fraternal baseball surname

14 Attila, e.g.

15 Unknown people

17 Pismire

18 Evening affair

19 Depend (on)

21 "And this should matter to me ... why?"

22 Object

24 "National Treasure" star

27 Chart format

28 Superman's alias

31 Melody

32 Corroded

33 "Go, team!"

34 Let the cat out of the bag

36 Badly

37 Pale

38 Aristocratic

40 Ego counter-part

41 Queenly

43 Small beard

47 Have bills

48 Puts on the line

51 "— the ramparts ..."

52 About half the children

53 Tiger Woods' ex

54 "— Dalloway"

55 Trade

56 Logical

6 Hearty brew

7 Neither mate

8 Some Japanese fare

9 They make alterations

10 Suspended

11 Initial stake

16 Ultramoder-nist

20 Squid squirt

22 Marquee datum

23 Command to Rover

24 "Cash —"

25 Have something

26 Farmers

27 Bucket

29 "Unh-unh"

30 Your

35 Feathery accessory

37 Saws

39 Consecrate

40 Charged bit

41 Leeway

42 Basin

43 React in horror

44 Anatomical tissue

45 Ireland

46 Slave to crosswords?

49 Without delay

50 "CSI" evidence

DOWN

1 Quarter-back's throw

2 Choir member

3 Actress Spelling

4 Last car?

5 Senate

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

SPORTS TRIVIA

HOCKEY

Q Who holds the record for most goals scored in an NHL game?

A Joe Malone of the Quebec Bulldogs scored seven goals in a 10-6 victory against the Toronto St. Patricks on Jan. 31, 1920.

DAVID'S DABBLINGS

It took only 50 games for the Detroit Pistons to figure out Maurice Cheeks wasn't the answer at head coach.

Now, it's time for Detroit Pistons' owner Tom Gores to realize the real issue with the organization the last four or five years — President of Basketball Operations Joe Dumars. The sooner he goes, the better.

I'll always appreciate Dumars for playing such a significant role in all three NBA championship seasons the Pistons ever had while in Michigan. He deserves all the credit in the world for those accomplishments, and should remain a Detroit sporting legend for it. However, it's been apparent the Pistons have been broken for a long time and Dumars has no clue how to fix the team.

I'm quickly losing confidence in Gores as well. I fear in four years we'll be putting his name among the worst professional sports owners in the four major U.S. sports. I think there are plenty more tough times coming up for the team housed at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

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Austin McNeill

- One of Linden's two regional qualifiers
- For more on individual districts go to pages 12 and 13.

Blue Devils capture fourth straight team district

By David Troppens

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Durand — Cody Sanders is used to the Lake Fenton wrestling team capturing team district championships.

After all, the Blue Devils have done it ever since he's been on the team.

The Lake Fenton senior class made it a perfect four district crowns in their career with the program by defeating Durand 57-16 in the Division 3 championship match on Monday at Durand High School.

The win means the Blue Devils are headed to the Birch Run regional today at 6 p.m. Lake Fenton faces Corunna in the semifinals. With a victory the Blue Devils will face either Birch Run or Perry in the finals later that same night for a chance to compete in the state tournament at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena.

"It's great," Sanders said. "This is my fourth year and we've won it every year. It makes me feel real good."

"The team is real tight and we want to keep it going together."

The Blue Devils were the favorites to win the fourth straight crown, and didn't disappoint. Lake Fenton won 10 of the 14 matches and suffered no pinfall losses. Conversely, five Blue Devils earned pin victories.

A.J. Geyer (103) started the match with a tight 6-4 decision loss, but Lake Fenton won the next five matches. Hunter Corcoran (112), Zach Zoll (119) and Jared Corcoran (125) each earned pin wins, giving the Blue Devils an 18-3 lead. The lead grew to 27-3 after Keigan Beardsley (130) posted a 10-5 decision win and Jon Barry (135) earned a void win.

The Blue Devils lost the next two matches, but they were only by a decision and a major decision, so Lake Fenton still led 27-10.

See **DEVILS** on 13



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DAVID TROPPENS

(Above) Lake Fenton celebrates their fourth straight team district title at Durand High School on Monday. (Left) Keigan Beardsley (left) earned a decision victory in his match. Lake Fenton travels to Birch Run for regional team action today.



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SCOTT SCHUPBACH

Fenton's Sarah Cummings drives to the basket in the Lady Tigers' 65-46 victory against Swartz Creek Tuesday night.

Lady Tigers win sixth straight contest, defeat Swartz Creek

By David Troppens

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As the Holly varsity girls basketball team has proven itself to be the most dominant team in the Metro during the first 2/3rds of the season, it's become apparent who the next best team is as well.

The Fenton varsity girls basketball team moved two games ahead of everyone else in league action by earning a 65-46 home victory against Swartz Creek on Monday.

If anyone has a chance of catching the Bronchos (12-0), it is the Tigers (10-2, 11-4). And while that looks unlikely right now, it seems unlikely anyone will catch Fenton below them in the standings either. The Tigers are riding a six-game winning streak and only Lapeer West (7-4) is within screaming distance.

On Monday, the Tigers had their

strongest offensive game of the season, scoring 65 points, or nine more than they had in any other contest this year. They scored at least 15 points in every quarter, and played strong defense during the first half as well. Fenton held a 19-9 lead after one quarter and took a 34-17 lead into the break. The Dragons were unable to recover.

Cassandra Reuschlein continued her strong play of late, scoring 16 points. It marked the fifth game out of six in which she has scored at least double-digits. She also added four rebounds and three steals. Emma Brandt netted 10 points, while Sarah Cummings had nine points and five rebounds. Ten players scored for Fenton. Hannah Evo led the team with five assists, while Carly Granger tied Cummings with five rebounds.

Fenton swimmers post good day at MISCA meet

By David Troppens

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The Fenton varsity boys swim team has already had a successful Metro season.

And now the Tigers are setting their season up to have some nice success at the state meet in March.

The Tigers posted state-qualifying times in five events, and came close to posting two others at the Michigan Interscholastic Coaches Association (MISCA) meet on Saturday.

"It was a very good day for us. I was happy with our performance," Fenton coach Brad Jones said. "We had high expectations going into the meet, so I was not surprised with how well we swam."

See **MISCA** on 13



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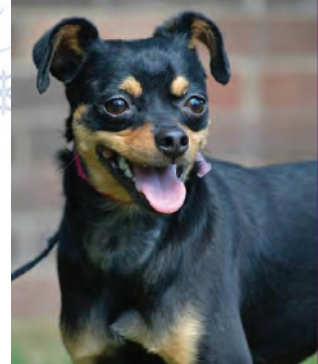
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Fenton's Dillon Gardner (center) scored 28 points in the Tigers' 72-62 victory against the Swartz Creek Dragons on Monday.

Gardner's 28 points leads Tigers past Swartz Creek

►Fenton travels to Linden on Friday

By David Troppens

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If the Fenton varsity boys basketball team has proven one thing, it has shown it can compete with anyone in the Flint Metro League.

The Tigers proved that once again at home against Swartz Creek on Monday, defeating the Dragons 72-62 in an up-tempo affair.

"Among our league losses we were down three in Clio in the fourth quarter, lost to Brandon in overtime at Brandon, lost to Kearsley at Kearsley in overtime and lost to West who hit 19-for-21 at the free-throw line. We are doing pretty good," Fenton coach Tim Olszewski said. "We are doing just fine and we keep getting better and better as our guys learn more and learn what it takes to play together. We feel real good about the direction this team is headed."

The Tigers (7-5, 7-6) have to feel good about the direction Dillon Gardner was headed on Monday night. Gardner scored a game-high 28 points. He also provided five rebounds and three assists.

"He's really come on pretty strong," Olszewski said. "To be honest, he's getting stronger and stronger as the year goes on. He's probably one of the better players in the league, along with

James (Claborn)."

Claborn also had a strong contest. He had 15 points to go along with his team-best seven rebounds, five steals and three assists. It seemed the entire squad had a strong night off the glass as Fenton outrebounded the Dragons by 11. Alec Thomas chipped in six rebounds along with his eight points, while Evan Welch had four.

"In the last two games what we're most proud of is we've outrebounded Brandon and Swartz Creek," Olszewski said.

Creek opened the contest taking a 19-15 lead in the first quarter. However, the Tigers changed to a zone defense, slowing down the Dragons' penetration. And in the process, the Tigers got hot, scoring 25 points in the second quarter. Fenton led 40-34 at the halftime break. Olszewski said Nick Wyrick and Welch helped spark the defensive effort.

"(Wyrick and Welch) did a good job contesting shots and keeping them from getting to the rim," Olszewski said.

The Tigers' 72 points represented the most points the team has scored all season long. The previous high was 66 in a two-point win at Holly. Scott Lukas also had eight points.

The Tigers have a busy next couple of weeks. Fenton traveled to Lapeer West on Tuesday and also travel to Linden on Friday. They also compete in three games next week.

Holly qualifies seven for regionals

By David Troppens

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The Holly varsity wrestling team has made a habit of having large numbers of grapplers qualify out of district action.

The Bronchos continued that habit on Saturday.

Holly had seven wrestlers qualify out of the Yale district onward to Saturday's North Branch Regional.

The Bronchos had one district champion. That was Andrew Scott (160), who defeated Brandon's Max Wardell by injury default in the finals. Prior to that match, Scott won his first three bouts by pinfall.

You have to take it one step at a time," Scott said. "The goal is to win districts and you have to take it from there."

Holly had two other wrestlers make it to the finals, but have to settle for second place. Kyle Pepper (145) came the closest to earning another Bronchos' title, losing to North Branch's Hunter Turner by a 5-4 decision.

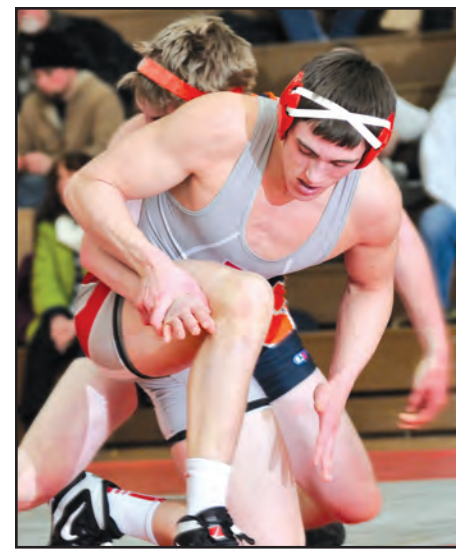
The other runner-up was Colton Cleaver (119), who lost to Pontiac's Darnione Davis by a 5-1 decision.

Two Bronchos earned third-place finishes. They were Josh Gonzales (112) and Sam Johnson (140). Meanwhile, Evan Rensch (189) and Jacob Caldwell (103) placed fourth.

Wrestlers who place in the top four at regionals will qualify for the individual state meet.

Fenton & Linden at Fowlerville individual district

The Linden Eagles have two wrestlers advance to the Bay City Western regional, while the Fenton Tigers had one.



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Holly's Adam Scott (front) attempts an escape in a recent match. Scott won a district title at the North Branch event on Saturday.

Dylan Musall (130) led the Eagles by capturing the tri-county area's top placing, taking third with a victory against Goodrich's Hannah Jewell. Austin McNeill (215) also kept his quest for a trip to the Palace of Auburn Hills alive by placing fourth.

Fenton's Justin Hill is the only Tiger headed to Bay City Western, placing fourth at 189.

Other tri-county individuals at meets

Tri-county resident and Detroit Catholic Central wrestler Drew Garcia has taken the first step toward his third straight state championship by winning the 171-pound district crown at Novi High School. Garcia

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# Nine Blue Devils advance through districts

By David Troppens

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The Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team couldn't have asked for individual team districts to go any better than they did on Saturday at Mt. Morris High School.

The ninth-ranked Blue Devils had nine wrestlers qualify to the district finals and earn placement in Saturday's individual regional competition.

Three earned district titles, and two Blue Devils had to wrestle each other to figure out who would be a champion. That match came at 171 pounds where Andy Donoho defeated freshman teammate Trent Hillger by a tight 3-2 decision.

"We wrestled great on Saturday," Lake Fenton wrestling coach Vance Corcoran said. "Overall, the boys wrestled tough and are peaking at the right time."

The Blue Devils' two other individual champions were Jon Barry (130) and Jared Corcoran (119). Corcoran won his title by defeating Birch Run's Drew Cox in a 7-1 decision victory. Meanwhile, Barry defeated Corunna's Dylan Wilbert 7-2 in the title match.

The rest of Lake Fenton's wrestlers finished as runner-up performers, but almost all of them were tight battles. All but one of the losses came against Birch Run foes. Cody Sanders (152) lost a tight 3-2 decision against Birch Run's state-ranked Mitch Franklin, while Tristen Nevadomski (145) lost to Birch Run's Logan Bovee 8-7. Carson Whaley (160) lost to Birch Run's Jared



Elliott 5-3, while Chase Hull lost to Birch Run's George Lahar 6-3. Finally, Hunter Corcoran (112) lost a 9-2 verdict to Montrose's Arthur Payne.

Vance Corcoran is excited about regional action.

"I can't see why we shouldn't get all nine kids through to states," Corcoran said. "All nine are in the top two at districts, which really helps in that first round of regionals. You have to take each match as do or die, give it everything you have and leave nothing on the mat. I think our boys are battle-tested and ready for the challenge. It should be lots of fun."

Lake Fenton travels to the Williamston individual regional Saturday.



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Two Lake Fenton wrestlers who advanced to individual regionals are (top) Hunter Corcoran and (above) Carson Whaley.

## PREP REPORT

### SWIMMING

► **Fenton 104, Brandon 77:** Brent Nakkula was a member of all three winning relays as the Tigers beat Brandon.

Nakkula teamed with Donovan Vickers, Zahne Macklin and Brant Cassidy to win the 200 medley relay (1:52.04), while he teamed with Zac Miceli, Macklin and Mikulenas (1:37.94) to earn a first in the 200 freestyle relay. Finally, he teamed with Miceli, Cassidy and Kyle Lack to win the 400 freestyle relay (3:38.24).

Cassidy was the only individual to win two solo events, capturing the top spot in the 200 individual medley (2:14.61) and the 500 freestyle (5:11.50). Other individual firsts were earned by Landis in the 200 freestyle (1:57.37), Michael Fabitz in the 100 butterfly (1:04.01), Vickers in the 100 backstroke (1:08.00) and Macklin in the 100 breaststroke (1:11.98).

### HOCKEY

► **Lansing Catholic 6, Metro League Griffins 2:** The Griffins tied the contest up on a Nathan Allen goal off assists from Connor Phillips and Ian Crampton in the first period, but Lansing Catholic scored the next five goals. Phillips scored in the third period off an Allen assist.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

► **Lake Fenton 57, Mt. Morris 52:** The Blue Devils got a team-high 12 points from Pete Plasters and had seven others score in Lake Fenton's win. Jalen Miller added 11 points while Chase Hanson netted 10 points. Chris Bell had eight points and seven steals. Tyler Browning had seven points and a game-high eight rebounds, while Plasters also had seven boards.

Lake Fenton scored 20 points in the third quarter, taking a 46-38 lead into the fourth period.

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Senior Brant Cassidy is setting himself up to have a fine ending to his prep season, taking part in four of those times. Individually, he took eighth in the 50 freestyle (21.97) and 13th in the 100 freestyle (48.83) with state-qualifying times. He also teamed with Austin Landis, Zahne Macklin and Zach Miceli to get a state time in the 200 medley relay (1:44.01) and with Landis, Miceli and Brent Nakkula to

earn a state cut in the 400 freestyle relay (3:23.93), just missing the school record in the event.

Landis also had a state-qualifying time in the 100 backstroke (57-64). The 200 freestyle relay team of Macklin, Miceli, Landon Mikulenas and Nakkula (1:34.61) missed the state time by about a second, while Macklin posted a time of 1:04.46 in the 100 breaststroke, just .17 second off the state meet standard time.

Banner also competed in the 200 freestyle (1:54.42) and the 500 freestyle (5:08.20).

## HOLLY

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earned pins in all three of his matches, including one against Lakeland's Andy Bovay.

Hartland High School wrestlers and tri-county grapplers Austin Eicher and Jacob Gorial battled for a state title against each other last year. That won't

happen this season as the pair are in different weight classes. Eicher (135) won the battle a year ago, and started his quest for another state title with a district crown against Holt's Kolin Leyrer at Portage Northern High School.

Gorial (145) started his quest for a state championship by defeating Holt's A.J. Presley by decision 10-7 in his district final.

## DEVILS

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The Blue Devils followed those matches with two first-period pinfall wins. Sanders (152) won his match in 1:37, Lake Fenton's fastest pin of the night, while Carson Whaley (160) followed Sanders with a pinfall in 1:45.

Trent Hillger (171), Andy Donoho (189) and Chase Hull (215) followed with forfeit wins, giving the Blue Devils their fourth straight title.

The team district was scheduled for last Wednesday, but snow pushed it back to Monday. It won't be easy for

Lake Fenton to capture its first regional crown since 2011. Corunna is a strong program and Birch Run is ranked fifth in the state. But Lake Fenton is confident.

"We work hard for it," Sanders said. "(Wrestling today and Wednesday) definitely makes it more demanding, but we want to go as far as we possibly can."

"Corunna had 10 individuals qualify for regionals which is more than we had and Birch Run is ranked fifth in the state," Lake Fenton coach Vance Corcoran said.

"It's going to be a challenge."

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1991-2014

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1935-2014

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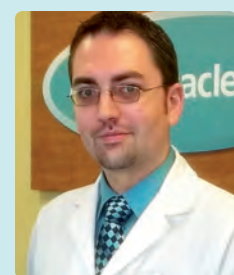
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