Moose’s $10,000 fish gets away

Still lots of laughs, prizes at eighth annual ice fishing tourney

By Tim Jagielo

Fenton Twp. — Huddled in their pop-up fishing shanty, Chris Aaron of Fenton Township and Eric Pennell of Burton hadn’t caught anything by 11 a.m. “We might hit a couple more spots,” said Aaron. They stopped where they were, because he said it was a good spot for pike. Although the bites are few to none, Aaron said the main thing is “being outside with nature, hanging out.”

No one walked away $10,000 richer from the Ice Fishing Tournament and Family Fun Day on Saturday, though more than 300 tried. This year, organizers See FISH on 8

Consumers Energy offers credits for power outages

Residents and businesses alike can be compensated

By William Axford

Residents and businesses in Genesee County have weathered one of the roughest winters in decades, causing thousands of people to face multiple days of power loss. Consumers Energy has an electric outage credit for customers who have lost power due to the recent snow and ice storms.

Residential customers may qualify for a $25 electric outage credit if they have gone more than 120 hours (five days) without power during catastrophic conditions. Customers also qualify if an outage lasts See CONSUMERS on 5

Funerals set for men killed in train vs truck crash

CN train hits men’s pickup truck in Argentine on Saturday

By Sharon Stone

Robert Bosch, 31, of Gaines and Theodore (Ted) Pudvay, 67, of Argentine Township were killed Saturday, Feb. 15 when the pickup truck they were traveling in was struck by a CN train in Argentine Township.

At 3:03 p.m., Argentine police and fire responded to the railroad tracks off Seymour Road, south

This is sincerely a sad situation.

Erick Ward

Deerfield Township

Congressional district or jigsaw puzzle?

House of Representatives district maps drawn for population, political power

By Tim Jagielo

For Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township) traveling from one end of his district to the other is around 35 miles, or 41 minutes of driving.

District maps kind of look funny, also. The 51st district, for which Graves represents, looks like a cactus or uneven goal posts depending on your view.

District 32 of Rep. Andrea LaFontaine is shaped like a crucifix. A statewide map makes some areas look like a complicated jigsaw puzzle.

When counties in Michigan are relatively similar in size and shape across the state, why do House of Representatives areas do visual acrobatics to create districts?

The first reason is the census. The districts are re-drawn every 10 years based on census numbers. Each district must cover between 90,000 and

Some people like it, some people hate it, but I haven’t heard of a better solution.

Rep. Joe Graves

51st District

District lines are drawn to ensure around 90,000 residents are represented. Boundaries are usually changed to help the political party in power. The 51st district was drawn to favor the GOP
TRUCK PASSENGER HAS COCAINE
On Feb. 6, a Linden police officer observed an S-10 pickup truck traveling on North Bridge Street with a defective taillight. A traffic stop was initiated. As the officer approached the driver’s window, he detected the strong odor of marijuana. A search of the driver revealed nothing. When the officer frisked the passenger, a 29-year-old Tim man, three small packages of cocaine was found on his person. The passenger was arrested for possession of cocaine and lodged at the county jail. The driver was released.

MALES SHOPLIFT LIQUOR
Fenton police are seeking an arrest warrant against a 17-year-old Fenton male for retail fraud. Lt. Jason Slater said the teen and a 23-year-old male allegedly went into a grocery store on Silver Park Way and shoplifted $153 worth of liquor at 7:50 p.m. on Feb. 15. The loss prevention employee told police that one of the males damaged the door when he attempted to flee and fell on foot. Police have not been in contact with the 23-year-old male yet.

Q: WHAT IS A U.S. PASSPORT CARD?
A: The passport card is a credit card-sized identification document designed for people who travel frequently between the U.S. and Canada, Mexico, Bermuda or the Caribbean, by land or by sea. It contains a radio frequency identification chip, as well as the traditional photograph and personal information found in your passport book. The card can’t be used for air travel, or to other international destinations.

Q: WHERE DO YOU GET A PASSPORT?
A: The Department of State’s Bureau of Consular Affairs, Office of Passport Services/Customs, designates many post offices and other municipal offices to accept passport applications. Locally, these include: Fenton Post Office, Tyrone Twp. offices, Village of Holly, Hartland Twp. offices. Passport photos are taken at many post offices, municipal offices, drug stores and office supply stores.

2014: the year of drones, 3D printers and wearable tech

Plasma TVs and MP3 players becoming obsolete

By William Axford
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Expect to see more drones in everyday life. Moving beyond being a tool for the military, drones are being used for everything from delivering packages to filming the Winter Olympics. Amazon has been testing deliveries with its Prime Air vehicles, stating on their website that “it’ll one day “be as normal as seeing mail trucks on the road today.”

The rise of drones raises questions about privacy and air safety. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is currently working on rules for unmanned aerial vehicles, a sign that drone-filled skies may be inevitable.

You’ll most likely be wearing your new favorite

Do I need a passport, visa or both?

Know what travel documents you’ll need long before you go.

By Sally Rummel
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If you’re embarking on an Alaskan cruise this year, you might want to double-check to see if you need a passport. Yes, Alaska’s in the U.S., but a return flight from Vancouver, Canada, will require that extra document.

Whether you’re traveling to Alaska or Amsterdam, know well ahead of time if your trip requires a passport, visa or both. “People don’t realize sometimes until it’s too late that their passport has expired,” said Diane Roberts, of Superior Travel in Fenton. “Adult passports expire after 10 years and minors after five years. Roberts recommends that people allow at least six to eight weeks to get a passport, and more time for a visa. “Either that, or pay to get it expedited,” she said. “An office in Detroit can speed the passport process to two weeks, for emergencies only.”

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Don’t overreact to celebrity drug deaths

As a long-time fan of Philip Seymour Hoffman’s work, I view the widespread reactions of grief over his death with a mixture of appreciation and dread.

As a fan, I appreciate the recognition that this Oscar-winning actor’s astounding talent and humanity were deserving of our respect. But I also brace myself for the sort of anger-driven, self-defeating, lock-em-up antidrug crusades that too often have followed shocking drug-related celebrity deaths. Every heroin death is tragic, but Hoffman’s death had a special bracing resonance. He was found dead at age 46 of an apparent heroin overdose on Feb. 2 in his New York apartment with a syringe in his arm and packets of drugs nearby.

His narrative upsets the usual heroin-junky stereotype. He wasn’t broke, dirty, underground, homeless or a rock star. Instead his death puts a famous face on a more recent national calamity: upper-income heroin addicts who started with prescription painkillers.

If Hoffman moved from prescription pills to heroin, he was following a familiar path: an epidemic of OxyContin and other brand-name narcotic prescription painkillers of the same opiate family as heroin serving as gateway drugs to heroin. Dr. Sally Satel, a practicing psychiatrist, told me that much of the recent heroin epidemic can be blamed on simple economics: “Many users of prescription painkillers find they can get the same effects from heroin a lot cheaper.”

Unfortunately, heroin also is a lot more dangerous. To remedy this new plague, Satel and other experts recommend that more attention should be paid to treatment programs and doctors who oversuperscribe addictive painkillers when less dangerous drugs will do. Hoffman’s tragic end comes at a time when states and the federal government are relaxing their drug laws and turning to sentencing alternatives to reduce their prison populations, save money and ease the transition of nonviolent offenders and inmates back into society.

Hoffman hoped that if he ever died of an overdose, according to his friend filmmaker Aaron Sorkin, that it would frighten others away from heroin. I hope it also frightens us toward remedies that make sense — and don’t just fill prisons.

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Do you have a passport? Where have you traveled?

“Yes. I have traveled to the Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Canada. Germany was my favorite.”

— Lisa Stewart, Grand Blanc

“Yes. I have been to 38 different countries. I was in the Peace Corps for two years.”

— Matt Place, Clarkston

“No. I have traveled extensively to 20 national parks in the U.S. though.”

Janet Kidd, Milford

“Yes. I have traveled to Europe and spent some time in London where I met my wife.”

Nicholas Gregory, Fenton

“Yes. I went to Jamaica, Bahamas, England, Scotland, Ireland, Canada, Mexico and the Cayman Islands.”

— Patricia Gray, Fenton

“Yes. I went to Brussels about eight years ago and Greece and Turkey five years ago.”

— Andy Cacocome, Grand Blanc
New technologies helping seniors age at home

Nearly 90 percent of people 50 years old and up want to remain at home as long as possible, according to a recent AARP study.

If you have an aging parent or grandparent, having a discussion about his or her alternatives is important. But remember, it can be a sensitive subject, especially when he or she has lived in the same place for a long time. So before broaching the issue, be sure you understand all the options that might allow for aging-in-place at home.

“If you’re considering an assisted living facility for a loved one, make sure you look at new technologies first to see if you can help he or she remain independent, secure and connected from the comfort of home,” said Walt Podsiedlak, of Linear LLC, a leading provider of wired and wireless security technology for seniors.

This starts by discussing the greatest challenges your loved one faces, such as mobility, personal care and meals, and determining what kind of technology or service addresses those specific needs.

One of the most widely used technologies by individuals aging-in-place are personal emergency reporting systems (PERS), that can send for help in an emergency, amongst other functions. PERS devices have made significant leaps since TV commercials first popularized them in the 1980s. For example, new systems still connect a wrist or necklace pendant to a central monitoring station for push-button emergency reporting, but useful new features have also been added.

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for more than 16 hours during normal conditions and if they have experienced more than seven outages during one year.

Credits for businesses and other commercial entities also exist and are based upon their minimum energy bill.

The credit is aligned with the Michigan Public Service Commission’s (MPSC) rules for Service Quality and Reliability Standards. The MPSC is investigating how energy companies responded to this winter’s storms and whether changes need to be made to prevent future widespread outages. The deadline for energy companies to submit information to the MPSC was Feb. 7. The MPSC has yet to release its findings.

According to a December press release from Consumers Energy, more than 400,000 outages occurred due to heavy rain followed by a cold snap. The storm affected more than 20 percent of Consumers Energy’s 1.8 million customers. More than 200 crews from multiple states were brought to Genesee County to help restore power during the Christmas week.

Customers seeking the credit can apply online at consumersenergy.com or by calling (800) 477-5050, where Consumers Energy will send an application for the credit via mail. Customers need to provide the date and time they lost power; date and time when the power was restored, and the estimated number of hours they went without power. The energy company also urges customers to contact them as soon as power is lost and to always avoid downed power lines.

By using a personal emergency reporting system, some aging residents find that they can live independently longer in their own home.

Here are some features to look for and consider when picking the right PERS technology:

- Temperature sensors can provide alerts to update central stations of hazardous conditions.
- An activity timer can be programmed to send a signal if a preset amount of time elapses before either an activity transmitter is triggered or the console’s “home” button is pressed.
- Audible reminder messages can be set on a recurring schedule to highlight doctor’s visits, when medication should be taken or even social activities.
- Some consoles can serve as speaker phones, allowing for convenient communication.
- Take note of the range between a transmitter and a console. For example, if your mom likes to garden, be sure the range of the PERS is wide enough to include the yard.
- Transmitters can be wristbands, pendants, belt attachments or even appear as jewelry.
- Consider the battery life of the transmitter and if it’s waterproof.
- As for cost, users should expect to pay an installation fee, and a monthly PERS monitoring charge. PERS device repair and replacement policies should also be considered.

Aging-in-place technology is truly shaping the future for seniors. Before making any major decisions, look into all your options.

FEBRUARY IS WINK MONTH!

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HOT LINE

A NEW POLL shows that almost 2/3 of all Americans believe that there is corruption at the IRS. I’d like to know President Obama’s definition of ‘smidgen.’ His legacy will read, ‘Worst president ever, more lies told than any other president’

ON SEPT. 14, 2012, four dead Americans returned from Benghazi and Hillary Clinton gave a speak knowing that this was an extremist-terrorist attack and yet she claimed it was a protest due to a video. She continued to perpetuate that lie for the next two weeks along with her accomplices Susan Rice and Mike Morell at the CIA.

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In the case of Ter Beek v city of Wyoming decided Feb. 6, 2014, this precise question and others were answered by our Michigan Supreme Court.

The facts of Ter Beek are not in dispute. The city of Wyoming amended its local zoning ordinance in 2010, to add the following provision: ‘Uses not expressly permitted under this article are prohibited in all districts. Uses that are contrary to federal law, state law or local ordinance are prohibited.’

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He requested an injunction claiming that the ordinance was ‘preempted’ by the MMMA and unenforceable.

The city of Wyoming answered by claiming that the MMMA was ‘preempted’ by the CSA and accordingly the ordinance was valid.

The term ‘preemption’ generally means that if a law from a lower authority interferes with or is contrary to a law of a higher authority, the law of the lower authority is invalid. In Ter Beek, the Supreme Court had to analyze whether federal law (the CSA) was superior to state law (the MMMA) and use a similar analysis as to state law and the local ordinance.

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This 2003 pickup truck was struck on the passenger side, and pushed down the tracks for more than a quarter of a mile. Police do not believe alcohol was a factor.

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of Smith Road. Dispatch indicated that a male was trapped inside the vehicle. Argentine Township Police Chief Dan Allen said Pudvay was driving his black 2003 Chevy pickup truck and Bosch was a passenger.

The investigation has revealed that Pudvay was traveling northbound on a private drive that crosses his property on Lahrng Road. This private drive crosses over the railroad tracks. As the truck crossed over the tracks, it was struck on the passenger side by a westbound train. Allen said the train dragged the truck between one-quarter and one-half mile down the tracks.

Several Argentine firefighters and police officers responded to the scene and a Michigan State Police crash reconstruction officer arrived to assist with the investigation. CN Railroad also sent out their own police investigators. Allen said they were unable to determine if Pudvay saw the train coming.

One of Bosch’s friends and colleagues, Erick Ward of Deerfield Township, thought of Bosch as family.

Bob was an honest, kind-hearted, hard-working man. He was kind of a joker too. He always would find a way to lighten a tough situation. I know that I, as well as my family, will truly miss him,” said Ward.

Ward added, “Bob worked with me for nearly seven years, and in that time we became good friends. My wife and son thought of him as part of our family. He would help anybody, for any reason, at any time. He was a quality, one-of-a-kind person.”

As standard procedure, a toxicology test will be conducted on the driver. At this time, police do not believe alcohol or drugs were involved. Sharp Funeral Homes is handling funeral arrangements for both men at its Linden chapel.

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piece of technology. Google Glass comes with a camera and can take pictures via voice command. Smart watches can connect to phones and the Internet, keeping track of more than just time. Shoes like Nike + Sport Sensor comes with a chip, which measures the distance of a run or height of a jump. Technology may become the next fashion trend.

3D Printers have been around for a few years and are expected to become more widespread, especially as they become more affordable. The printer can create just about everything from guns, tools and toys, given the right blueprints and material. The machines can also be used for creating new prosthetics, which may impact health care and science.

Television screens will continue to get sharper as manufacturers begin to phase out plasma TVs and focus more on 4K, an ultra high definition TV. While a majority of 4K TVs are still thousands of dollars, the next generation of televisions are expected to become more affordable by the end of this year. Some media outlets speculate that the human eye may not be able to process screens sharper than 4K, possibly making the newest HD TVs the best sets consumers will be ever able to purchase.

Like plasma TVs, MP3 players, e-readers and hard disk drives will be on the decline in the next few years. Most of the features of these devices are already a part of smartphones, tablets or clouds, rendering them obsolete.

Online security will continue to be a topic of debate, especially with the National Security Agency (NSA) and social media companies tracking the habits of people online. Should the government be able to read all of your emails if it helps keep the country safe? Is it right that a company can sell your profile to an advertising agency? These are questions that don’t seem to have easy answers.
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caught, tagged and released a 30-inch pike that if caught before 5 p.m. would have brought a $10,000 prize. A 31-inch pike was the best catch that morning. A 31.25-inch drew the $750 top prize. Winners were awarded $750 down to $50. Registration cost $20.

Frank Badyrka brought out a 23-inch Walleye, though it wasn’t long enough to place in the top six.

Organizer Dave Polidan said that the thick ice and clearly winter conditions brought out the participants in 2014. “It just got so big that I couldn’t fish any more, (I have) to run it,” he said. Last year, with only around five inches of ice, only 160 registered.

Polidan said the tourney was started to have fun with friends on the ice. The tournament takes place all over Lake Fenton, but the Moose Lodge hosts it, allowing facilities to serve food and drinks.

Off the deck, top 40 music plays and prizes like fishing equipment, coolers and T-shirts were handed out. There was also an ice rink cleared.

Each of the tournament’s 300 registered participants spread out across Lake Fenton. Some shifted to new spots if they weren’t having luck catching fish.

**WINNING CATCH**

The $750 catch The 2014 tournament winner was Tyler Morris, 15. His 31.25-inch fish won him the top prize of $750.

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Chris Aaron of Fenton Township and Eric Pennell (back) of Burton fish for pike on Saturday. “It’s a good conversation piece with friends,” said Pennell, as far as fishing, “winter fishing’s all I do,” he said.

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Each country’s visa requirements are different. Libya required an invitation to work in the country at the time this photo was taken in 2011. Passports were stamped at the embassy in Tunisia.

PASSPORT
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Both passports and visas are critical travel documents with very different purposes. A passport is a form of identification issued by a national government confirming the bearer’s identification and citizenship. A visa is an endorsement added to a passport, indicating that the bearer has permission to enter a particular country, for a set period of time.

“Some travelers don’t realize they have to have both a passport and a visa,” said Roberts. “If you’re traveling to Brazil, China or Russia, you have to have both. Others, like Japan, only require a visa if you’re staying longer than 90 days. If you need both, first you apply for your passport, then attach your visa.”

How much do they cost?
A new passport for an adult (age 16 and older) costs $135 and for minor children, $105. Renewal cost for adults is $110. A first-time passport card will cost $45 ($35 for minor children). If you already hold a valid U.S. passport issued after you turned 16, you can apply for a passport card as a mail-in renewal and pay only $20.

What countries require a passport?
If you’re planning a Caribbean cruise, you’ll need a passport unless you’re visiting U.S. possessions in the region, like Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands (St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix). Another exception is a “closed loop” cruise that departs and returns to a U.S. port, such as Ft. Lauderdale, San Juan or New Orleans.

Planning a trip to Mexico, whether you fly, drive or cruise, requires a passport. Travel to Australia requires a passport and an Electronic Travel Authority, which can be issued at a travel agency.

“Most importantly, talk to an agent when you make travel plans so you can be sure to have the right documents before you go,” said Roberts.

At Lake Fenton High School, male students from each grade were nominated by staff, teachers and community members and elected by peers to represent their class on Leadership Court, which values kindness, honesty and integrity. On Thursday after they were recognized, they took part in activities in front of the entire student body.
LF ready for Dundee test at state meet

Blue Devils making second trip to Battle Creek in four years

By David Troppens
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If there was one draw the Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team didn’t want to see for the Division 3 Team State Wrestling Meet it was the defending state champions.

But when Lake Fenton begins its second trip to Battle Creek’s Kellogg Arena in four years, the Blue Devils will have to face top-ranked Dundee during Friday’s 7:45 p.m. quarterfinal match. However, Lake Fenton coach Vance Corcoran realizes his team should be feared as well.

“It’s probably the worst draw we could’ve got, but we saw them this weekend (at individual regionals) and I’m pretty sure they aren’t very happy to draw Lake Fenton in that first round either,” Corcoran said. “If I was the No. 1 seed, the last team I would want to see my team draw is us.”

The point is well taken. The Blue Devils have already upset Birch Run in the regional championship match earning the spot in the state meet. Also, history is on the Blue Devils’ side. The last time Lake Fenton competed at the team state meet, the Blue Devils upset Dundee 33-33 in the semifinals of the tourney.

At individual regions, there were seven matchups between Lake Fenton and Dundee wrestlers with the Blue Devils winning three. The four losses were only decision losses.

“All I really see is rankings and I don’t think it really matters who is ranked what,” said Carson Whaley.

Lake Fenton holding up their team regional title trophy minutes after winning it at the regional meet. The Blue Devils travel to Battle Creek’s Kellogg Arena for the Team State Wrestling Championships on Friday.

Lake Fenton sends seven grapplers to the Palace

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The Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team will be headed to Battle Creek’s Kellogg Arena on Friday for the Team State Wrestling meet.

But once the tourney is over this weekend, seven Blue Devils will have one more state tournament to compete over a week later.

The Blue Devils had seven wrestlers qualify for the individual state meet to be held at the Palace of Auburn Hills on Feb. 27 through March 1.

One is headed to the event as a regional champion. Carson Whaley (160) captured his crown by earning a 7-1 decision victory against Dundee’s Donny Mandell in the title match. Prior to that bout, Whaley earned two major decision victories.

Three Lake Fenton wrestlers are entering the state meet after taking second at regionals. That list of wrestlers includes Andy Donoho (171), Chase Hull (215) and Jon Barry (130).

Donoho lost a 7-3 decision to Dundee’s Tye Thompson in the title match, but earned a major decision and a tight 2-1 decision win.
Tigers lose tight verdict vs. Mustangs

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The Fenton varsity boys basketball team has seen its share of heartbreaking losses.

Three of the Tigers’ eight losses have come in overtime, and their average margin of defeat in their seven losses in Metro action has been only six points.

The Tigers (8-7, 8-8) had another one of those tough losses on Monday, losing to the Clio Mustangs 68-67.

The Mustangs, winners of eight of their last nine games, iced the victory on free throws by Jaylon Arkwright with three seconds remaining.

“We played a heck of a game,” Fenton coach Tim Olszewski said.

“We only lost the first quarter. We had nine turnovers in the first half and six were in the first quarter. After that we started taking care of the basketball. There is a direct correlation for this team between rebounding and turnovers. After the first quarter we won the rebounding battle and didn’t turn the ball over.

“We have had three overtime losses and besides the Swartz Creek game, we’ve been in every (league) game. That’s telling. And we have seven juniors, a sophomore and a freshman on this team.”

It was an uptempo contest, with both teams scoring double-digits in every quarter. However, the Tigers did fall behind 18-10 after one quarter, mainly due to six first-quarter turnovers. But the Tigers’ offense got better with every stanza, scoring 15 points in the second period, 19 in the third and 23 in the fourth. Fenton had just six turnovers after the first quarter.

Fenton was paced by Dillon Gardner’s game-high 20 points, while freshman Nick Wyrick added 12 points, 10 rebounds and four blocks. Andrew Mowery scored 11 points and collected five steals. Evan Welch had eight points, while Scott Lukas and Beau LePage netted six points each. Lukas also had five rebounds. Fenton also played without key starter James Claborn and Alec Thomas.

Olszewski is impressed with Wyrick’s maturity this season.

“Big Nick is starting to come into his own,” Olszewski said. “He’s playing really well for us lately. It was his first double-double of the year. Once he starts growing in that body and understands what he’s capable of, oh my goodness.”

Clio’s Chauncey Bryant and James Zibro led the Mustangs (9-5, 10-5) with 16 points each, while Major Sattiewhite had 15 points. Arkwright had just four points, but two of them were the game-ending free throws. He also dished 10 assists.

Fenton played Goodrich on Tuesday and hosts Holly for the final Metro League contest of the season on Friday. The girls game begins at 6 p.m. with the boys game following about 20 minutes later.

Defense leads Fenton by Clio

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Ask Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Rebecca Moore to describe her squad and words like “hard working” will always pop up.

That hard work shows up on defense. Fenton held Clio to just 13 second-half points, and 39 points total, earning a 43-39 road victory on Monday.

The win was Fenton’s ninth in a row, and in that stretch teams have been limited to under 40 points seven times. The Tigers are limiting opponents an average of to 37 points a game this year.

Fenton (14-4) trailed 26-19 at the half, but outscored Clio 16-5 in the third quarter, sparking the win.

Hannah Ego led the Tigers with 12 points, five steals and four rebounds, while Cassandra Reuschlein had 10 points, four rebounds and three steals.

Carly Granger chipped in nine points, seven rebounds and three assists, while Emma Ego and Ellie Cowger had five rebounds each.

Fenton turned the ball over just five times during the contest, and collected 33 rebounds overall.

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One tri-county competitive cheer team is headed to regional competition.

The Lake Fenton varsity cheer team placed fourth at the Ovid-Elsie district, qualifying for Division 3 regional action on Saturday.

Lake Fenton finished with a three-round combined score of 670.32, qualifying by just over 60 points. The Blue Devils were comfortably in the top four, the entire meet. Their 205.90 score in the opening round put them in fourth by eight points. Then, a 181.62 second round put them about 29 points ahead of the fifth-place squad. Lake Fenton capped the meet with the third-best third-round score, recording a 282.80.

The top four teams in every district advance to regional action.

At the Fenton district, the Tigers came closest to qualifying for regionals, placing fifth. The Holly Bronchos were seventh, while Linden placed 11th. Fenton’s fifth-place total score of 677.08 was 24 points behind fourth-place South Lyon. Holly finished with a combined score of 672.48, while Linden had a 634.58 team score.

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Dierrien Perkins in the final with a pinfall in 1:42. Scott, who placed fifth at 160 a year ago, enters the state tourney with a 40-2 record. Scott won his first match by pinfall and his second by a 10-1 major decision.

Johnson and Pepper earned third-place efforts, getting state spots. Johnson, who qualified for state a year ago, defeated Melvindale’s Ryan Large-Agee 11-4 in the third-place match. He defeated Hamtramck’s Treveon Lane by a 4-3 decision in the match to decide who went to the state meet.

“The three of them wrestled really well,” Holly wrestling coach Don Pluta said. “We are happy for all of them, but especially Kyle Pepper who is making his first trip to the Palace.”

Pepper had to beat Warren-Lincoln’s Ethan Eisenmann 11-4 to earn a state invitation, and then defeated Lapeer West’s Nick Harris 3-1 in the third-place match.

Evan Rennsch (189) Jacob Caldwell (103), Josh Gonzales (112) and Colton Cleaver (119) each wrestled at the meet but were unable to qualify for the state meet.

“Were we were, especially, hoping for more (state qualifiers), but they just couldn’t get it done in tough weight classes,” Pluta said. “They are all young. ... It does give them something to build on for the future.”

Linden and Fenton had wrestlers at the Division 2 meet held at Bay City Western High School, but were unable to get an athlete out of the region. The wrestlers were Fenton’s Justin Hill (189), and Linden’s Austin McNeill (215) and Dylan Musall (130).

The individual state meet begins Feb. 27 at the Palace of Auburn Hills. The event concludes on March 1.

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Whaley, one of those Lake Fenton wrestlers who beat a Dundee foe on Saturday. “What it comes down to is when we both step on the mat and we see who is ready to win. I don’t think it fazed me or my team who we wrestle.”

We will come out and be ready to win.”

Dundee has 11 individual state qualifiers to Lake Fenton’s seven.

“Our lineup is limited with injuries, so much like the Birch Run match, what you see is what you get,” Corcoran said. “Every one pretty much knows our lineup. I don’t think we are going to surprise anybody.”
DEAR DR. DONOHUE: It is something that quite upsets me. My granddaughter had a tattoo put on her arm from shoulder to elbow. Why she ever did this is beyond me. She is to be married next September. She is trying to cover the tattoo with makeup so it won’t be seen. Is it possible to have it removed? Do plastic surgeons take these things off? — C.G.

ANSWER: People mulling over the wisdom of a tattoo should consider it like they would a diamond — something that lasts forever. It could make them pause. Yes, tattoos can be removed with lasers. Treatment is expensive, time-consuming and sometimes cannot get rid of all traces of the tattoo. It depends on the pigment used, but lasers do a pretty good job. Work is under way for the development of pigments that are more readily erased. Plastic surgeons, dermatologists and other doctors are adept at removing tattoos. Older treatments, still used from time to time, include cutting out the skin (done with small tattoos) or abrading the tattoo, similar to abrading acne scars.

NEW DVD RELEASES

JAMESY BOY
Jamesy Boy is the story of teenager James Burns (played by Spencer Lofranco) who goes from the suburban street gangs to a maximum-security prison cell surrounded by hardened criminals. In prison, he forms a friendship with a convicted murderer (Ving Rhames) who becomes his mentor and helps him turn his life around. In this unlikely setting, James ultimately emerges with hope and a brighter future. Unrated, 1 hr. 49 min.

BATTLE OF THE DAMNED
When a deadly virus is accidentally released into a major city, its population is quarantined by military blockade. And for a wealthy industrialist desperate to rescue his daughter from inside the rabid chaos, his only hope is former commando Max Gatling (Lundgren). Now Gatling has one day to bust in, blast through hordes of the undead, find the girl, and hunt for a way to get them both out alive. But will a small band of survivors and an army of killer robots turn his mission into maximum slaughter? R, 1 hr. 28 min.

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**Department of Natural Resources**

The Department of Natural Resources is seeking an owner/operator for the Canada Goose Holding pens at Pontiac Lake Recreation Area. This operator will provide services to help transport and care for live Canada Geese, Pontiac Lake Recreation Area beginning in the 2014 season. If interested, contact Barbara Avers, Wildlife Division, PO. Box 30444, Lansing MI 48909 or phone (517) 373-1263 for more information. Bids will be due February 28, 2014 at 4:00 pm.

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**Notice City of Fenton Board of Review 2014**

The City of Fenton Board of Review will meet at Fenton City Hall, 301 S. Leroy Street, Fenton, Michigan 48430, at the following times for the purpose of hearing protests to assessed values and the review of property exemption applications:

- **Monday, March 3, 2014**
  - 1:00pm-4:00pm
- **Tuesday, March 4, 2014**
  - 9:00am-12:00pm
- **Wednesday, March 5, 2014**
  - 1:00pm-4:00pm and 6:00pm-9:00pm
- **Monday, March 17, 2014**
  - 2:00pm-6:00pm
- **Tuesday, March 18, 2014**
  - 9:00am-12:00pm

Meetings with the Board of Review are held by appointment only. Appointments can be made by contacting the Assessors Office at (810)629-2261, or visiting Fenton City Hall at 301 S. Leroy Street, Fenton, Michigan 48430.

Property Owners who reside outside of the area may appeal in writing to the Board of Review. Written appeals must be received no later than 5:00pm on Monday, March 17, 2014.

**Tentative Equalization Ratio's**

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William H. Squires - 1942-2014
William H. Squires - age 90, passed quietly in his sleep on Tuesday, February 11, 2014. Bill was known by his mother and father, Arleagh and Martha Squires, brother Newton, and first wife, Wanda (Dunsmore) Squires, then married Wanda Dunsmore on August 11, 1943 and they raised their children: Paula, Dan, and Dennis. Wanda passed in 1979, and last year Bill married Isabelle (Snider) Newton, and first wife, Martha Squires, brother William Owen, Sr. of Fenton, Lois Steiner of Linden, and first wife, June (VanBuren) Corel, Milt and Camillia Stump, Nina Pudvay; sisters, Carol (Tom) VanBuren; son, Brian (Joy) Smith, Bonnie (Harley) Smith, Marcia Gillow, Carol (Vicki) Duvall; step-daughter, Tammie McVey; several nieces and nephews; many special friends including Carl and Maryanne Magnorf, Bob and Cheyl Cole, Kelly Walt, Amanda Smith, Bill Bostick, Doreen Jones, Keith and Rebecca Harvey; his special dog, Rosco. He was preceded in death by his father, Harold; brother-in-law, Dave Gillow. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Robert Bosch
1933-2014
Robert Bosch - age 31, of Linden, died Saturday, February 15, 2014. Service will be held 10:30 AM Friday, February 21, 2014 at Sharp Funeral Homes, 209 E. Broad St., Linden with William Owen, Sr. officiating. Visitations will be held 4-8 PM Thursday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers a donation can be made to PAWS, Swartz Creek. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituary page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Theodore H. Pudvay
1947-2014
Theodore H. Pudvay - age 67, of Gaines, died Saturday, February 15, 2014. Funeral services will be held 1 PM Thursday, February 20, 2014 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. Burial will follow at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Visitation will be held 4-9 PM Wednesday. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to the family. Ted was born February 7, 1947 in Flint, the son of Harold and Nina (Wesolowski) Pudvay. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, serving in the Vietnam War. Ted was a valued member of the Durand VFW and DAV. Surviving are: wife, Jackie Pudvay; sisters, Bonnie (Harry) Smith, Marcia Gillow, Carol (Vicki) Duvall; step-daughter, Tammie McVey; several nieces and nephews; many special friends including Carl and Maryanne Magnorf, Bob and Cheyl Cole, Kelly Walt, Amanda Smith, Bill Bostick, Doreen Jones, Keith and Rebecca Harvey; his special dog, Rosco. He was preceded in death by his father, Harold; brother-in-law, Dave Gillow. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Eugene Wagner
1932-2014
Eugene Wagner - age 81, of Holly, died bound for the Lord on Friday, February 14, 2014 at Genesis Hospitals in Grand Blanc. Eugene was born on October 4, 1932 in Toledo, Ohio to Alvin and Mildred Wagner. He married his one true love, Joyce Wagner on October 13, 1956. They had been happily married for the past 56 glorious years. They made their home in Holly and Eugene spent his adult life as a design engineer for Chrysler. Eugene enjoyed designing and building automobiles, and most of all, spending time with his wife and family. He dedicated his life to his Lord and Savior. Eugene is survived by his sister Sue (Jon) Gesseurt of Colorado; children, Wendy (Truer) Shuster of Owosso, Michigan; Cindy (Randy) Tereffe of Senoia, Georgia; Eric Wagner of Holly, Michigan; grandchildren; sister (Kim) Kimberly of Hammond, New York; children (Andy) Lees of Senoia, Georgia; Erick (Erika) Brabo of Owosso, Michigan; Jeffrey Terence of Senoia, Georgia; Emily Shuster (and fiancée David Hesper) of Fenton, Michigan; many great-grandchildren; and close family friend George Lew of Waterford, Michigan. Eugene is predeceased by his wife Joyce Wagner, parents; Alvin and Mildred Wagner and sister Donna Wagner. There was a viewing at Dryer Funeral Home in Holly on Monday, February 17, 2014 from 5-7 PM. A funeral service took place on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 11 AM at the Melvin Jones Award Chapel of Fenton. Bud was born January 23, 1924 in Tyrone Township, the son of Joyce and Ebie (Buel) Becker. He was a 1941 graduate of Fenton High School and also attended GMU. He married Aulene R. Cox August 7, 1943 in Fenton. He retired in 1978 as GM V-8 Engine after 23 years of service. Bud had resided in Fenton his entire life. He enjoyed gardening, hunting, and also was a little league coach. Surviving are: his wife of 72 years, Aulene; 3 children, Ralph and wife, Alvin Becker of Brighton, Lana Becker of Canton, and Brian and wife, Joan Becker of Fenton; 2 granddaughters, Tina Becker of Lexington, KY; grandson, Corey Becker of Fenton; Becker-in-law, Rayanna Becker of Blanchard; 3 sisters, Barbara Lyons of Fenton, Lois Steiner of Linden and Joyce Bidwell of Petoskey; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Richard Becker; sisters, Marjorie McClatchie, Jean Hais, Leona Bright, Theda Mckin-Wain, Velma Becker, Eva Combs; brothers; Earl and Mark Becker. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Leon Frank “Bud” Becker
1924-2014
Leon Frank “Bud” Becker - age 90, of Fenton, died Monday, February 17, 2014 at First Presbyterian Church of Fenton. 503 S. Leroy St, Fenton. Pastor Larry McKeown officiating. Visitation will be held at the church Friday from 10 AM until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to First Presbyterian Church of Fenton. Burial will be in Crestwood Cemetery, Grand Blanc. Visitation was from 5-8 PM Tuesday and also will be from 2-9 PM Wednesday. Mrs. Becker was born in Pontiac on December 24, 1938, the daughter of Basil and Ada (Keely) Hanks. She was a member of the Freedom Center Church of Fenton, Aglow International, and the Friends of the Holly Library. She is survived by 4 children, Rebecca Becker of Holly, Todd (Diane) Turner of Shelby Twp., Gerald (Kristen) Turner of Commerce Twp., and Karl (Caroline) Turner of Linden; 9 grandchildren; Stephanie, Renee, Nicholas, Emma, Clayton, Kegan, Cayla, and Paige, 1 great-grandchild, Logan, and her brother, Bruce Hanks of Highland. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Turner Sr., her son, James Turner Jr. and her parents. Memorial donations may be made to the Friends of the Holly Library or Grace Hospice of Flint. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

Nancy L. Turner
1938-2014
Nancy L. Turner - age 75, of Holly, died Saturday, February 15, 2014. Funeral services will be held at 12 noon, Thursday, February 20, 2014 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly, with Father Jay Gantz officiating. Burial will be in Crestwood Cemetery, Grand Blanc.

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