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ONLINE COMMENTS

“How does anybody run into the back of a school bus like the woman did this morning, Friday, Feb. 28, in her big black SUV? School buses are big and yellow and stop at railroad tracks! I would guess that texting was involved. Hope no kids were hurt.”

“If you are silly enough to wait three hours to eat in a new restaurant, you need to get a life, or a job.”

“My 10-year-old granddaughter was able to watch seven minutes of the Oscars before I turned the channel due to what they were saying. If kids shouldn't watch it, it shouldn't be on before 9 p.m. First time ever.”

“The Tigers first game is in less than three weeks. They're going to have to shovel the snow off the field.”

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Mary Merryweather brings coffee to a group of regulars at Holly Donut Shop on Monday. The annual paczki rush is always hectic for bakery workers, requiring long hours to prepare.

Packing the paczki

► Local shop sells 'hundreds of dozens' in annual pastry splurge

By Tim Jagielo

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Holly — In the glass cases that normally hold a variety of pastries in Juanita Yager's counter, there are only paczki. Towering above the dining area and the counter are hundreds of pre-assembled boxes which will hold a dozen or half-dozen paczki. It smells like paczki in the parking lot, and inside. They have taken over all production at the shop.

“Every year we try to get a better system, and be more efficient. It's still a commotion.”

Juanita Yager
Owner, Holly Donut Shop

See **PACZKI** on 8

February snow, spring flooding?

► Record snowfall could turn area into big, wet mess

By William Axford

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Michiganders may be on the tail end of subzero temperatures and blanketing snowstorms but that doesn't en-

sure spring will come smoothly. After receiving record amounts of snowfall in January and February, transportation and public works departments are preparing for potential flooding and clogging of drainage systems.

John Daly, director of the Genesee

See **FLOODING** on 6

Crime down slightly nationwide

► Fenton reports increase in retail fraud, Linden reports increase in home invasions

By Sharon Stone

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Although Fenton and Linden didn't make the top 10 list for safest cities in the state, crime rates provided by local police show no homicides over the past five

years, numerous possession of marijuana cases and a fairly consistent number of drunk driving offenses.

Preliminary figures indicate that, as a whole, law enforcement agencies throughout the nation reported a decrease of 5.4 percent in the number of violent crimes brought to their attention for the first six months of 2013 when compared

See **CRIME** on 9

Headhunting for Veterans

► Fenton man's apartment business helping vets find jobs, keeps growing

By Tim Jagielo

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On Monday, Michael Beahon of Fenton was in L.A., working to bring in better tech support for his website, HH4V.com.

A discharged Marine, Beahon, 28, owns and operates Headhunting for Veterans (HH4V), a networking website and business that links veterans to jobs, resources and networks, to help them navigate civilian life.

See **VETERANS** on 7



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Michael Beahon's business has touched the lives of nearly 1,000 veterans.

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Free balloons, snacks, pens and tote bags are staples of the Fenton Community Expo. These balloons handed out Saturday are from Vicinia Gardens.



Thirty years of Expo draws energetic crowd

► 1980s theme highlights milestone 30th year

By Sally Rummel

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A late winter storm didn't dampen the enthusiasm or attendance of the 30th annual Fenton Community Expo last weekend.

“I couldn't ask for a more energized event,” said Linda Hathaway, who has been involved with the Expo since its beginning, the last 25 years as chairman. “It was a very consistent crowd with past years.”

Hathaway was presented with
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TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

Argentine Township police have seen several people in the past week driving with either no car insurance, expired license plate tags and suspended driver's licenses. Det. Doug Fulton said police pulled over four motorists from Linden, Howell, Holly and Argentine Township, three had expired plates and one had no light on their back license plate. Having no insurance and driving on a suspended license is a misdemeanor and having expired license plate tags is a civil infraction. All four vehicles were impounded at the police station impound lot.

FENTON TOWNSHIP WOMAN SHOPLIFTS

A 43-year-old Fenton Township woman was arrested for shoplifting from a department store on Owen Road in Fenton on March 1. Loss prevention detained the woman until police arrival. The woman attempted to take \$94 worth of merchandise, including clothes, cat food and a phone. She was turned over to state police on an outstanding arrest warrant and she has a March 31 court date for retail fraud.

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Greenhouses *where it's always spring*

By Tim Jagielo

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Fenton — Walking into the green house at Gerych's triggers palpable relief. It smells like warm soil, plants and water, as the warm sun filters through the snow-covered roof.

With a Michigan winter that doesn't stop, a greenhouse might be the closest respite next to a trip to South America.

“It's kind of zen, especially if you've had a bad week.”

Brenda Bonk
Gerych's Distinctive Flowers

On Monday, Nicole Kadlek makes her way through the greenhouse, watering the plants to the sound of relaxing music and the white noise of electric fans. “I love it, it smells good in here, it's warm when it's really cold outside,” she said.

It takes her about 10 minutes to water the potted plants, dragging the hose around items like a 4-foot-wide garden tortoise and nearly life-sized giraffe of moss and soil. In the back, cacti reach up to the 10-foot roof.

In the winter, Gerych's Distinctive Flowers in Fenton and Carlson's Greenhouse in Mundy Township are some of the few greenhouses currently open to the public — Bordine's Nursery in Grand Blanc

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Nicole Kadlek of Fenton waters the plants in the greenhouse of Gerych's Distinctive Flowers on Monday. When it's cold and grey outside, a greenhouse is always warm and green inside.



Growing year-round veggies

Ideas for building the perfect
backyard greenhouse

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A quick trip around the produce section of your supermarket is sure to leave you with sticker shock if you're shopping for organic vegetables. And while there's an initial cash outlay to build your own greenhouse, chances are you'd pay yourself back in homegrown veggies once you got it up and running.

The fact is, greenhouses extend the growing season well beyond the dog days of summer. A well-maintained greenhouse may even supply veggies when the snow flies.

Location, location, location

Before deciding if you want to buy a greenhouse kit or build one of your own, you first must

select the perfect place for it. According to BobVila.com, the best location is on the south side of your property, where the greenhouse will receive the most sunlight throughout the seasons. A west-facing site is also a good choice. Whatever you do, make sure the spot will

See **VEGGIES** on 5



Think varicose veins are just a cosmetic issue?

Varicose veins are a sign of vein (venous) disease.

Symptoms may include pain, swelling, restlessness, burning, itching, fatigue of the legs as well as skin damage. Learn more about vein disease at www.flintveins.com



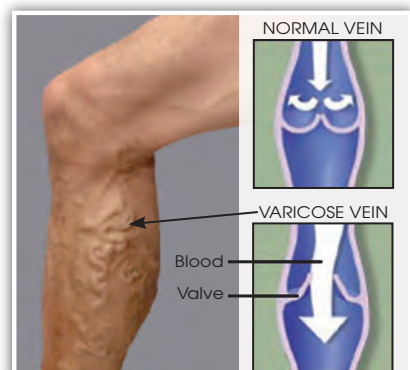
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FROM THE LEFT



Clarence Page

Nationally syndicated
columnist**A right to same-sex wedding cake**

If Arizona legislators were being perfectly candid, they would have labeled their so-called Religious Freedom Restoration Act precisely what it was, the Right to Use Religion as an Excuse to Discriminate Against Gay Men and Lesbians Act.

Supporters insist it was not an anti-gay bill. But what else do you call a bill that uses religion to 'protect' the right of businesses to discriminate against gay consumers?

Fortunately, the state's conservative Republican Gov. Jan Brewer vetoed the 'Religious Freedom' bill after business groups insisted that it would be bad for tourism and other businesses.

But the issue is hardly going away. With similar 'religious freedom' legislation pending in Kansas, Mississippi, Missouri and Oklahoma, conservative activists vow to press on. Bakers in Colorado and Oregon lost cases that made national news after they claimed religious reasons for their refusal to sell wedding cakes to same-sex couples.

I am reminded of how 50 years ago a confrontation erupted between police and civil rights protesters who were picketing a barbershop in Yellow Springs, Ohio. The owner, Lewis Gegner, refused to cut black people's hair. The jailing of 100 protesters put the town into national news only a few months before President Lyndon B. Johnson enacted the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

That law's public accommodations clause outlawed discrimination based on race, color, religion or national origin in all public accommodations engaged in interstate commerce, except private clubs.

As an African-American teen who lived near that town, wondered why anyone would want to get their hair cut by a hostile barber. It is hard to find good haircuts from friendly barbers.

But the principle behind the protests was easily understandable to me. Racial segregationists used to make the religious argument, too, claiming that God must have meant the races to be separate or He wouldn't have made us look so different. But if you're going to open up a business to the public, you should be willing to treat every potential customer with equal respect, whether you agree with their views.

LIBERAL LOGIC IS when President Obama trumpets an initiative called 'My Brother's Keeper,' which is to help minority boys be successful. Absolutely nothing wrong with that except ironically Obama has a biological half-brother who lives in a hut in Kenya. Yet, not a word from the media.

FROM READING

MANY Hot line submissions, there are a lot of people like me who do not believe Obama's BS. Evidently, Russia's President Vladimir Putin also doesn't believe Obama's BS. On foreign policy, Putin is playing chess, while Obama is playing marbles and drawing lines with crayons. God help us.

TAKING A CRUISE through the hood the other day I noticed someone snuck in an old singlewide trailer, shame on you for bringing property values down. I'm sad for people who are trying to make their homes have some kind of value.

OBAMA IS A weak President. Weak Presidents make many mistakes. Obama's public warning to Russia to stay out of Ukraine was ignored. What frightens me is what the next mistake might be.

I RECENTLY HEARD a report that the State of Michigan may be 'falling behind' because they do not allow gay marriage. On the contrary, I would argue that I am proud that the state is willing to stand up for the morals that made this country great.

THANK YOU TO the unknown person who plowed our driveway off Second

Hot lines

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Street while we were at church on Sunday. You're a saint! We'll make sure to pay it forward.

ANY LAWMAKER, WHILE making a six-figure salary, receiving a Cadillac benefits package, and becomes a millionaire from being in office, who tells the poor, the disabled and the disadvantaged that they must make sacrifices has no business as a legislator or a decent

human being.

WISH OUR DISTRICT 6 County Commissioner Tony Brown would have his email and phone number on the county website like the other commissioners. It would make it easier to contact him, since the email link on the page just sets up to forward his page to someone else.

ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP WASTED money hiring assessment company from Fenton. Too many mistakes, do not know difference between concrete porch and wood-covered porch. Charged homeowners for aboveground pools, which are not taxable.

I'M NOT A big Tiger Woods fan, but it is very boring when a different unknown player wins each week. The PGA is hurting.

THIS IS TO the guy who hit my daughter on U.S 23 doing 70, 80 miles an hour: I don't know what you were thinking but you sure messed up my life. My car is totaled. You hit her and didn't have the decency to see if she was hurt.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

FROM THE RIGHT



Cal Thomas

Nationally syndicated
columnist**Separation of Government from Press**

After much criticism from conservative quarters, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has decided, at least for now, to withdraw plans for its proposed study of how media organizations gather and report news. The expressed goal of the survey was to determine if the 'critical information needs' of the public are being met. In making the announcement, FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler indicated the survey would be 'revised' and that the government agency had 'no intention' of regulating political speech of journalists or other broadcasters.

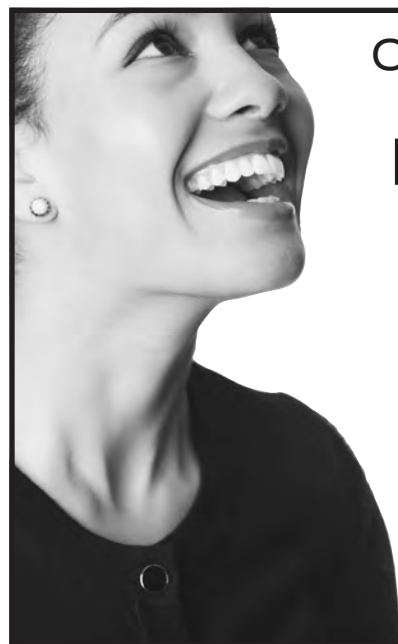
You couldn't prove that from reading the initial study. The obvious question is: Who gets to define my or your 'information needs?' The answer begins with two universities commissioned by the FCC to conduct the study: the University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for Communication and Democracy, and the Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism at the University of Southern California. Both associated with a liberal political philosophy.

FCC Commissioner Mignon Clyburn, daughter of Rep. James Clyburn (D-SC), says the FCC 'must emphatically insist that we leave no American behind when it comes to meeting the needs of those in varied and vibrant communities of our nation.' But not, apparently, political conservatives.

This 'study' — and possibly its revised edition — is a form of intimidation designed to target not the broadcast networks or even mainstream newspapers. Fox News executives feared they were the target of this exercise. From the beginning of the Obama presidency, White House communications officials and Obama advisers have leveled attacks on Fox, even proclaiming that it is not 'a legitimate' news organization.

Politicians throughout American history, including Jefferson, have been targets of press criticism, sometimes unfairly, even inaccurately, but still the press has remained free, or was allowed to regain its freedom after wartime censorship.

If the FCC moves forward with even a revised agenda that is intrusive and unconstitutional, that ranking is likely to decline even further.

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Where were you the last time you felt unsafe?**streettalk**

"The Internet. It's the easiest way for predators to flourish."

— Lolly Ulrich
Fenton Township



"The Toys 'R' Us in Flint last year. They made an announcement about safety so it made me question it."

— Lisa Jackman, Fenton



"I always feel safe. I have a bad attitude that I think I can conquer the world, I'm not afraid of anything."

— Linda Yax, Fenton



"The north end of Flint. They have a high crime rate."

— Matthew Pierce
Tyrone Township



"Washington D.C. I was in the ghetto and had to do some selling."

— Jay Browder
Fenton



"Downtown Flint. The media makes it seem unsafe."

— Sherry Hodges
Fenton

Fenton schools release more info on bond proposal

►Link on district website details numerous projects planned

By William Axford

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Fenton — More details on the Fenton Area Public Schools (FAPS) bond proposal is available on the school district website, fenton.k12.mi.us. The link, titled 'Bond Proposal Information,' includes frequently asked questions, a video detailing what the bond will cover and ballot language for the May 6 election.

The Fenton Board of Education voted 6 to 1 at a Feb. 24 meeting to place an \$11 million bond proposal onto the next available election.

The bond is set to last over 12 years, with limited funds dispersing every three or four years. According to the link, every school within FAPS will receive security and technology updates. A new fleet of buses is also planned, as the average age of each bus is 13 years old. Nearly half of the district's students ride a bus every day.

One portion of the bond will be used on athletic facilities, with projects ranging from adding approximately 10,000 pounds of rubber infill into the high school football field to replacing lockers and scoreboards in the main gym. Percus-

sion and brass instruments will also be purchased for the band program.

Superintendent Timothy Jalkanen has stated at recent board of education meetings that taxes will not increase if the bond proposal is approved, since "Interest rates are at historic lows" and "Property values in the school district have continued to improve."

"Unlike previous bond proposals, there will be change in the current tax rate if voters approve the May 6 ballot proposal," Jalkanen said in a press release. "The bond proposal calls for work that will impact every Fenton student and every school and school facility."

The board attempted two bonds in 2012, one in May for \$9.6 million and one in No-

vember for \$8.4 million. Both proposals were voted down at the polls.

Jalkanen said at Monday's school board meeting that a presentation on the bond will be presented to the public before the May election. Anyone 18 or older who lives within FAPS may vote in the election. The Fenton school district includes the city of Fenton and parts of Fenton, Rose and Tyrone townships. The last day to register to vote for the May 6 election is April 7.

For more information on the bond proposal, visit the FAPS website.

“Presentations about the bond proposal will be made to school and community groups.”

Timothy Jalkanen
Fenton schools superintendent

VEGGIES

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get good morning sun.

Greenhouse kits

When it comes to greenhouse kits, you can pay as little or as much as you want. Most outdoor superstores carry a wide variety of kits — from 12- by 7-foot portable and lightweight greenhouse for \$99 to spectacular types offered by companies like Hoklartherm. Hoklartherm offers a huge selection, including the RIGA 9.6- by 17-foot greenhouse kit for \$6,400. With hundreds of prefabricated greenhouse kits from which to choose, the sky's the limit.

DIY greenhouses

When it comes to greenhouses, size matters. Sure — it's tempting to build a small, cute one, but small greenhouses are the most challenging because they are prone to dramatic temperature fluctuations.

Larger greenhouses require more powerful heating and cooling equipment, significantly boosting initial costs. Tree-hugger.com recommends the minimum dimensions of your greenhouse to be 6-feet by 12-feet.

One of the most popular layouts for greenhouses involves three long tables — often referred to as "benches" — one running down the middle and one on either side, leaving a walkway between.

Window frame greenhouse

Why not recycle old windows to create

your greenhouse? Old wooden windows that you can pick up at the local dump, architectural salvage store, yard sale or even on your neighbor's curb will do the trick.

The lean-to

You need not build the whole greenhouse either — you can always lean it up against your house or garage. Old windows can also be used for its construction. A great benefit of the lean-to is that you can heat it during the winter using the heating system from the structure to which it is attached.

Poly hoop

The poly hoop design is a simple greenhouse you can build in a week-end. All you need are a few pieces of lumber, a

polyurethane sheet, and some "cattle panels" for support. The temporary and portable nature of this type of greenhouse make it great for renters, or those who wish to take advantage of the passive solar heating.



Building a greenhouse out of old, discarded windows is a way to help the environment, and repurpose old wooden-framed windows.



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FLOODING

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County Road Commission (GCRC), said workers have been scraping ice off storm sewers in case of an unexpected warm day. March so far hasn't shown any changes in weather yet but spring is inevitably on the way.

"It warmed up for a couple days last week but it was a non-problem because the air was very dry," Daly said.

According to a recent article by The Detroit Free Press, Michiganders have not experienced a winter with this much snow accumulation and low temperatures in more than 130 years. The Flint area has had 71 inches of snow so far this year, compared to the average of 47 inches.

For the City of Fenton Department of Public Works (DPW), spring-cleaning will consist of clearing remaining debris from the late December ice storm.

"It all depends on how warm it gets and how fast," said DPW Director Dan Czarnecki. "Right now the forecast isn't showing anything significant. It's hard to say what's going to happen."

The Weather Channel lists temperatures for Michigan reaching into the early to mid 30s by next week and potentially warmer weather in two weeks. Spring may seem far off still but homeowners should start preparing as soon as the temperature begins to rise.

Czarnecki recommends homeowners clear the snow near the base of their house in order to avoid flooding. Runoff should flow into downspouts, away from homes and into the ground. Daly advises making sure sump pumps in homes are clear of ice so water doesn't back up inside of homes.

More advice on protecting your home for the seasonal change includes checking downspouts for leaks and clogs; checking the roof for missing or damaged shingles, and removing debris from gutters.

Czarnecki isn't expecting any flooding issues but given Michigan's reputation of unexpected weather, the possibility isn't ruled out.

"I've been here three years and we haven't seen anything like that," Czarnecki said. "We're very much looking forward to spring, to get back out there and clean up brush from earlier storms."

“Flooding not only depends on the temperature but the humidity in the air and wind, too.”

John Daly

Director of Genesee County Road Commission



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**Ask the
judge**

The color of money

In 1986, the movie 'The Color of Money' was released featuring Paul Newman and Tom Cruise. Without getting into many details, suffice it to say, it involved a pool hall and pool hustling and betting money.

That having been said, the reason that I mention this movie has nothing to do with its plot — instead it's title brings to mind the fact that our country has a long history involving money (including its color) and which goes back to the days of the original 13 colonies.

Indeed, I have found a government website called 'New Money,' which contains some interesting information on this history and the security features of the paper currency presently in circulation which help determine if a particular bill is genuine or counterfeit.

As to history, the first general circulation of paper money by the federal government was in 1861 when Congress authorized the U.S. Treasury to issue non-interest bearing demand notes, which were the color green.

These notes came to be known as greenbacks and this term is still in use today to describe paper currency.

When there are issues involving counterfeiting, the Secret Service is the entity charged with investigating and they became a bureau of the Treasury in 1865. (They are now part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security). As you probably know, another of their duties is protecting the President of the United States.

Of course counterfeiting is against the law and in recent times the Federal Reserve, U.S. Department of the Treasury, U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the Secret Service have partnered to design new federal reserve notes to help prevent this practice.

With the exception of the \$1 and \$2 bills, all denominations up to the \$100 bill have had significant recent changes in design and look to make it as difficult as possible for counterfeiters, with the latest change being to the \$100 bill which began circulating October 8, 2013. This web page has a list of its new security features including a unique blue 3-D security ribbon.

Protecting the integrity of our currency is important and thanks to our many federal and state laws I believe we have in fact been protected. Much more information on all of this is available on the website www.newmoney.gov.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

OBAMA SAID IF Putin invades the Ukraine, there's going to be consequences. Is he going to fine him like he fines us if we don't purchase health insurance?

JUST SAW THE Ninth Court of Appeals upheld the ban on wearing the American flag on your T-shirt to school. They're going to destroy this country.

REGARDING THE 'WANTED 200 families to adopt,' story. The use of the word 'adoption' should be reserved for

the adoption of children. I know pets are special and loved but in reference to pets why not ask people to 'rescue' them? As adoptive parents and pet owners, we ask for your empathy in this matter. Children and pets are not equal.

CHALLENGE TO COMMUNITY of Linden. Stop and shop our local businesses. No community support, equals no growth!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL of the high school wrestlers that competed for states at the Palace of Auburn Hills. It was nice to see the local boys do so well, again.

VETERANS

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Beahon was honorably discharged from the Marines in 2011, and hasn't stopped moving since. Once he figured out how to negotiate civilian life again, which included veteran's benefits and going to college, he realized he wasn't alone.

"It just occurred to me, 'why would I not put this to a larger scale' because it's such a challenge all over the place," he said. He helped other vets he knew with the same post-military challenges.

This effort became Head Hunting for Veterans, a web-based intermediary between a potential job, and veteran applicants. He'll see a job prospect, send it out through his media, and he'll screen the applicants for the job, looking at resumes, choosing the best one to send to the employer.

He said that some vets, although highly trained in some areas, can need help with communication, and resume skills. In a time of a shrinking military, Beahon sees the role of veterans almost like post WWII — a highly trained, dedicated workforce flooding the market that will raise the bar of the American worker in general.

The Times first spoke with Beahon in September, and since, his business has grown by leaps and bounds. He's expanded into 16 states, helping 100 veterans link to jobs, resources and networking. "I haven't worked a day since the last day we spoke, because I'm enjoying what I'm doing so much."

Beahon guesses he's grown the business by 60 to 70 percent, in the short time since the September article. His clients range in age, and military experience, and he'll communicate by email, phone or online video chat service.

So far he has hit the goals he's set out to do without letting himself, or his business become overwhelmed. In September, he wanted to expand out of Michigan within six months. He's now in 16 states, and said the business has been profitable for a few months.

Not bad for a Fenton apartment start-up, which officially began in May, with the filing of his LLC.

He's also footed the bills for the company himself, so there are no loans to

repay. His staff levels fluctuate based on need, and the program is rather fluid — he generally has about six people working for him, some in Michigan, some out of state and many are veterans. He's looking to get interns for the summer.

This has also all been achieved as Beahon fights through the affects of his multiple tours of service to Iraq and Afghanistan as a combat engineer — a "laundry list" of medical issues, PTSD, joint problems, partial deafness and maybe even Gulf War Syndrome. "Every day's a new day to work on it," he said. These issues have affected his personal

relationships negatively, but he's learning what triggers his PTSD. Beahon's still in school, studying business management at the University of Michigan-Flint. He intends to graduate, and get a master's, or law degree.

Next year, he plans to have graduated, and have more time to put into the business. He'd like to have 20 employees, and be in even more states, by then.

"I'm not quite where I want to be, but I'm definitely making strides."

Michael Beahon
CEO, Headhunting for Veterans



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO
Michael Beahon, 28, runs his business out of his Fenton apartment, where he works more than he rests, or sleeps.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THERE ARE TWO school buses that go northbound on Hickory Ridge Road in the morning. One drives with its brights on. If the brights aren't on, the lights are out of adjustment. Somebody's going to get killed. Fix it.

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In the Holly Donut Shop kitchen, paczki are rolled, proofed, fried and sugared, eventually producing hundreds of them.

PACZKI

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If you want something besides paczki, you'll need to wait until this annual rite of calories has ended.

Although on Monday the lobby of the Holly Donut Shop is a little less busy, the kitchen is going full bore, as Yager's helpers create the pastry on an assembly line which includes proofing (slightly baking the dough rolls so they poof up) frying, filling and powdering with sugar.

"Every year we try to get a better system, and be more efficient," said Yager. "It's still a commotion."

On Sunday, they baked the paczki that they sold on Monday. On Monday, they bake paczki for order and pick-up during the real customer onslaught — "Fat Tuesday." This is both the start of Lent for Catholics and Mardi Gras, which means "Fat Tuesday" in French.

Chances are, there are still some paczki in your home or kitchen today — at 400 or more calories, it's OK to enjoy them slowly. Yager said her favorite flavor is the chocolate-filled and topped with powdered sugar. They also make apple, cream, blueberry, strawberry, lemon, custard and raspberry filling. The traditional paczki was prune-filled.

For filling flavor, Dillon Parker of Holly Township likes the strawberry or custard. On Monday, he sat with a group of regulars at the shop, along with friends and family. He doesn't mind that



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Creating the perfect paczki is a hands on, and messy, job.

the neighborhood doughnut and coffee shop is only selling the Polish treat for two days. "It only comes once a year," he said.

At Holly Donut Shop, paczki sold for \$13 for a dozen, or \$1.25 each.

DID YOU KNOW ?

"Paczki" (pahnnch-key) is the plural form of the filling-injected pastry treat. For example, "there are 12 paczki in the box." "Paczek" is the singular form, pronounced "pahnn-check." Sometimes people also pronounce the first bit of the word "poonch," or "punch."



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Dyan Sweeny of Holly brings out another full tray of paczki to an already packed counter on Monday,

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GREENHOUSE

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Township opens in late April, and Yard 'N Garden in Fenton is not using their greenhouse until spring.

Even if only 25 percent of the green house at Gerych's is open, there is still room to wander, and take in the whimsical atmosphere.

Under the roof is a little bit of everything, said Brenda Bonk, who manages the houseplants area of the greenhouse — exotics like orchids to everyday houseplants. Things like Easter lilies and poinsettias are more seasonal, but she said there's generally a variety of plants, whatever the season.

In the winter, Bonk said that visitors will come just because of the warm, living, tranquil atmosphere, which she said is encouraged. "You can make yourself comfortable out in the greenhouse, use the web and relax," she said.

Seeing someone hanging out using their laptop in the seating area is not uncommon.

"Watching things grow is very satisfying," said Shirley Carlson of Carlson's Greenhouse. She regularly sees seeds become plants in only a few weeks. They are busy getting ready for the Easter bulb push, and for the start to the spring season in May. They are gradually using more of the 1.5 acres of greenhouse space, which supports each stage of a plant's life as it moves toward bloom.

"It's a whole myriad of temperatures, lighting," she said. On Monday it was 90 degrees in some areas. While bulbs and daffodils sit in a cooler, Easter lilies are kept warm.

Of course all that heat in the winter comes at a price. Brenda Pruett, Gerych's office manager said that the costs for running the greenhouse average \$6,500 each month. The cost before they shut down the majority of the greenhouse for the winter — \$20,000 a month.

CRIME

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with figures reported for the same time in 2012, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The violent crime category includes murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

Statewide, Michigan State Police report that there were 628 homicides in 2012, the most current data available, with 163 arrests. Flint had 63 homicides. Fenton and Linden cities both report that there were no homicides in 2010 through 2014.

Linden and Fenton saw a slight increase in the number of assaults from 2012 to 2013.

The number of property crimes in the United States from January to June of 2013 decreased 5.4 percent when compared with data for the same time in 2012. Property crimes include burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft.

Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said that retail fraud offenses occur primarily at the big box stores. "Communities without those stores will have much lower figures," Aro said. With Fenton City's stats, a significant percentage of the assault offenses are domestic assaults.

"Home invasion numbers are all of our forcible entry offenses which include any entry, not just homes."

Arson is also a property crime, but data for arson are not included in property crime totals. Figures for 2013 indicate that arson decreased 15.6 percent when compared to 2012 figures from the same time.



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Thanks to generous businesses at the Expo, Kids Fighting Cancer was able to gather enough candy to put together 155 bags that will be given to young cancer patients at Hurley's pediatric cancer unit. In addition to the candy, kids created 40 encouragement cards for the young patients.

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EXPO

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a pearl necklace from the Fenton Regional Chamber as a thank-you in this milestone year for all her years with the Expo. "Our kids grew up at the Expo," said Hathaway. "Now the kids of the exhibitors 30 years ago are manning their own booths. I was pregnant with my daughter at the very first Expo, and now she's expecting a baby. We've come full circle in 30 years."

Saturday's attendance was especially strong, with Sunday's event always starting a little slower because of people attending church first, and then visiting the Expo. Sunday's numbers were also down slightly because of the Saturday night snowfall, but Chamber President Shelly Day said exhibitors were very pleased with results, referrals and leads they received on Sunday.

"The people who visited the Expo on Sunday appeared to be very serious prospects for business," said Day.

"I couldn't be happier with this year's Expo," she added. "Many people commented on how the event has become a reunion of sorts, an opportunity to see

many long-time friends. There was so much interest in the Expo that many people came up to the Chamber booth to ask how they could get a booth for next year."

The strength of this year's show was also evident in Car Raffle ticket sales, which kicked-off on Expo weekend. "Last year, we sold only one raffle ticket," said Day. "This year, we sold 20. That just shows us how many more people were familiar with the event and excited to win either a car, truck or cash."

The theme of '80s Flash-back also added a bit of whimsical fun to the event's 30th year. Winning as "Best theme-decorated booth" was the Tri-County Times, which won an office lunch valued up to \$300 from a Chamber member restaurant.

"This year's long-time exhibitors really put extra effort into updating their booths," said Hathaway. "The Times with their colorful '80s newspaper displays and coordinating T-shirts really put it over the top. They made it a spectacular show."

“Now we're looking forward to Expo No. 31 next year.”

Shelly Day
Fenton Regional
Chamber president



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MICHIGAN VOTES

WHAT YOUR LEGISLATORS
VOTED ON THIS WEEK

The Mackinac Center for Public Policy provides a weekly report of how local elected officials in Michigan have voted and on what topics. This report was released Friday, Feb. 28.

House Bill 4168: **Repeal mandate for sheriffs to kill unlicensed dogs**

To repeal a 1919 law that requires county sheriffs to locate and kill all unlicensed dogs, and which defines failure to do so as nonfeasance in office.

Passed 36 to 0 in the Senate
Introduced by Rep. Margaret O'Brien (R)
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Senate Bill 631: **Revise carrier pigeon licensure mandate**

To prohibit a person from getting a state-mandated carrier pigeon license if his or her facilities do not meet regulations imposed by the local government, but pre-empt locals from banning carrier pigeons outright.

Passed 34 to 0 in the Senate
Introduced by Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D)
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

DID NOT VOTE

House Bill 5108: **Repeal ban on ticket scalping**

To repeal a state law that bans ticket "scalping" at sports and entertainment events, or reselling tickets at a higher price through some service or agency.

Passed 66 to 42 in the House
Introduced by Rep. Tim Kelly (R)
State Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)

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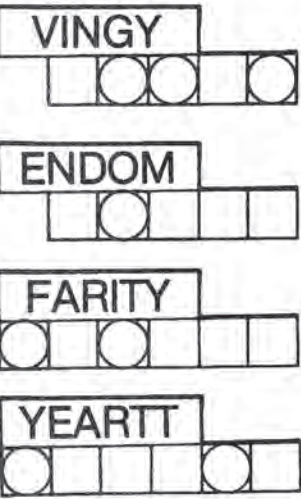
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Answer in this Sunday's edition of the Tri-County Times

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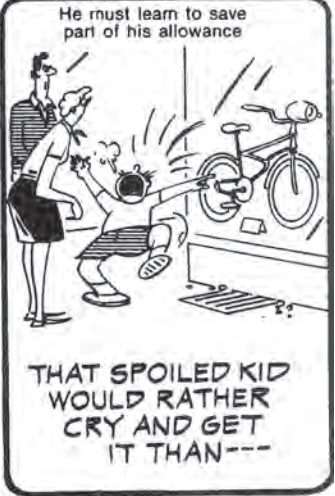
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ANSWER: If a woman has had her uterus and cervix removed, she does not need to have pap smears unless the uterus and cervix were removed because of cancer. Such a woman shouldn't cut off all examinations with her doctor. She could have other pelvic problems that require periodic examinations. However, the pap smear part of the examination can be stopped.

NEW DVD RELEASES

DVDs and movies released this week



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HOURS

Before sunrise on August 29, 2005, Nolan Hayes (Paul Walker) arrives at a New Orleans hospital with his pregnant wife, Abigail (Genesis Rodriguez), who has gone into early labor. What should be one of the happiest days of Nolan's life quickly spirals out of control when



the birth goes tragically wrong and Hurricane Katrina ravages the hospital, forcing an evacuation. Told to stay with his child, who is on a ventilator, and await transfer by ambulance, Nolan and his newborn are soon cut

off from the world by power outages and rising floodwaters. When no one returns to help, Nolan faces one life-and-death decision after another, fighting to keep his daughter alive, as minute-by-agonizing minute passes...becoming unimaginable hours. PG-13, 1 hr. 37 min.

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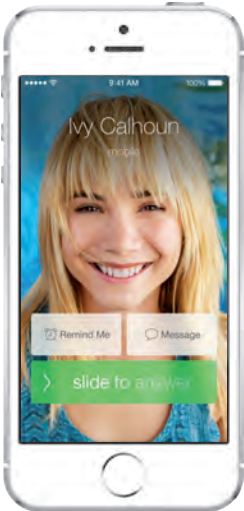
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The right way to reject a call

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The tip is provided by Handbook for iPhone Lite.



Press twice to divert to voicemail.
Press once to silence incoming call.

KING
FEATURES

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Unexciting
- 5 Baby bear
- 8 Use a cleaver
- 12 Franc replacer
- 13 — budget
- 14 "Mary — Little Lamb"
- 15 First victim
- 16 Long-running reality game show
- 18 Gobi or Mojave
- 20 Harsh
- 21 Thy
- 23 Midmorning hour
- 24 Smith and Jones, e.g.
- 28 Kind
- 31 Eisenhower
- 32 Credit-card users' problems
- 34 With 45-Across, a martial art
- 35 Fender bender
- 37 Made an educated guess
- 39 Foot part
- 41 Layer
- 42 Open out, as a flag
- 45 See 34-Across
- 49 Unexpected

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- 22 Argue against
- 24 Comedian Caesar
- 25 Guitar's smaller cousin
- 26 Like the superintendent's apartment, maybe
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SPORTS TRIVIA

WRESTLING

Q What tri-county wrestler had to compete against his teammate to win a state title last year?

A Austin Eicher had to do it, beating fellow tri-county wrestler Jacob Gorial in the 130-pound D1 final.

TRI-COUNTY WINTER TOP FIVE

Not much remains to the 2013-14 Winter sports season, but there's still enough events left to keep the final Tri-County Winter Top Five's rankings a mystery. Here's what the rankings look like after Monday's action.

1. Lake Fenton wrestling

The Blue Devils helped their cause last weekend with six wrestlers placing at state on Saturday. Of course, Andy Donoho won a state title.

2. Holly girls basketball

The Bronchos (22-0) remain undefeated and remain a serious contender for the No. 1 spot. They began regional action on Tuesday. A win on Tuesday will seriously improve their chances on taking the next step up the poll.

3. Fenton boys swimming

The Tigers captured their third straight Metro League title and they have a plethora of athletes headed to the state swim meet on Friday at Eastern Michigan University. To contend for the top two spots, they'll need to post some nice results.

4. Holly boys basketball

The Bronchos' Metro League championship season came to an end after a tough overtime loss to Grand Blanc on Monday.

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Two-time state champion.



Three tri-county state champs at the Palace

►Lake Fenton's Donoho shocks field, caps career with D3 171-pound crown

By David Troppens

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Auburn Hills — Andy Donoho wrestled at state a year ago, but didn't place, going 1-2.

He wasn't a regional champion, because he lost to Dundee's Ty Thompson two weeks prior to the individual state meet.

And he entered the state meet at the Palace of Auburn Hills with seven losses this season.

Donoho didn't look like a top candidate to cap his career with an individual state title.

But that's exactly what Lake Fenton's 171-pounder did on Saturday night.

Donoho avenged his previous 7-3 decision loss to Thompson with an entertaining 4-2 de-

cision victory in the Division 3 state championship match, earning Donoho his first state championship in his final prep match of his career.

"It feels so great," Donoho said moments after his upset state championship victory. "Last year I was honorable mention and this year it was nose to the grindstone, getting my way back to it. I had some awesome practice partners. Every day we'd get at it. ...We'd practice every day. It was worth it. It was worth every minute."

Top-ranked Thompson was the favorite, particularly with his previous victory

See **DONOHO** on 14

Eicher overcomes rib, wrist injuries to capture second D1 championship

By David Troppens

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Auburn Hills — Austin Eicher was in serious pain.

While pinning his foe in Hartland's Division 1 team state quarterfinal match the Fenton resident felt pain in his rib cage. He later found out he had suffered torn cartilage to his rib.

"I was kind of ticked off," Eicher said when recalling the injury which happened just a week before the MHSAA's Individu-

al State Wrestling Tournament. "I was thinking, 'Why me, right now before states?' But it worked out."

It certainly did.

Despite the issues with his rib injury during the three days of competition at the Palace of Auburn Hills, the Hartland senior captured his second straight state title by defeating Grandville's Collin Tomkins by a 4-2 decision in Saturday's Division 1 135-pound state champion-

See **EICHER** on 16

Fenton's Garcia caps outstanding prep career with third straight state title

By David Troppens

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Auburn Hills — Fenton resident and Detroit Catholic Central wrestler Drew Garcia has had a pretty good week.

A week after winning the match which clinched his squad's third straight team state wrestling championship, Garcia capped his

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPENS

Detroit Catholic Central wrestler and Fenton resident Drew Garcia capped his career with a third individual state championship at the Palace of Auburn Hills on Saturday.

prep career at the Palace of Auburn Hills on Saturday by capturing his third consecutive individual state crown at the MHSAA's Individual Wrestling State Championships.

The 171-pounder captured his third Division 1 title by defeating L'Anse Creuse's Devan Richter by a 5-2 decision in the championship match.

Garcia, who has wrestled in the state championship match for four straight seasons, was pleased with the legacy he created while at Detroit Catholic Central.

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Lake Fenton's Andy Donoho capped his wrestling career by winning the 171-pound Division 3 title at the MHSAA's Individual State Championships held at the Palace of Auburn Hill on Saturday.



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Holly suffers heartbreaking OT loss to Grand Blanc

By David Troppens

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Fenton — The heartbreak was evident.

Twice in the first quarter, the Holly varsity boys basketball trailed the Grand Blanc Bobcats by 13, and yet they came back.

The Bronchos came back so well that they had an 11-point lead at 73-62 with 5:03 left after two Joshua Simms converted free throws. However, the Bronchos' lead evaporated, Grand Blanc tied the game by the end of regulation and outscored Holly 13-7 in overtime, resulting in a tough-to-swallow 92-86 Bronchos' overtime loss in the Class A district opener at Fenton High School Monday night.

"We can take a lot from this," Holly junior Jake Daniels said. "There have been multiple times this season when we've had a 10 or more point lead and couldn't seem to keep things going. Everyone is coming back next year stronger than ever. We are not close to being done yet. This is a tough loss, but we are going to keep our heads up and keep going. We have to learn from this."

"We feel that this was our game. And I think everybody thought it was our game. We gave it away," Holly coach

Lance Baylis said. "We handed it on a silver platter and gave it away. (Grand Blanc) a nice team, the sixth-largest team in the state and we are the 135th. No one gave us a chance in hell, but we had an 11-point lead and gave it away."

The loss can't erase what was a pretty impressive season for the Bronchos (16-5). The season included an outright Metro League championship. With all but two players returning, and only one senior within the starting lineup graduating, the Bronchos should be as strong as ever next year. But that didn't help take the frustration away on Monday.

"This is Holly basketball and they are going to keep hearing about us for a long time," Daniels said. "And we are going to win this thing and give it 100 percent. There were errors we know we usually don't make that we made. We can either sit around and do nothing about it, or work hard next year."

First off, the Bronchos made an impressive comeback after trailing 26-13 after one quarter. Kyle Woodruff and Daniels, both Grand Blanc transfers, led the comeback charge, scoring 10 and eight points, respectively, in the quarter. Meanwhile, Holly's zone defense held Grand Blanc (19-2) to just

4-of-16 shooting in the second period, allowing Holly to cut the gap to 38-35 by halftime.

The Bronchos were a hungry team in the second half, taking the lead for the first time in the contest at 54-53 on an unconventional four-point play by Simms. Simms hit a three-pointer and was fouled, converting the free throw to complete the possession. Simms also dished an assist to Daniels for a layup to end the period with Holly leading 58-57.

The first half of the fourth quarter was all Holly, led by their Grand Blanc transfers. Daniels and Woodruff scored the team's first 13 points of the fourth quarter, and by the time Daniels scored on a breaking layup and converted a free throw after being fouled on the layup, Holly led 71-62. Simms extended the lead to 73-62 with 5:03 left with two converted free throws.

But that's when Grand Blanc fought back, and in a matter of just 1:30 cut the gap to 73-71. It was a Tre'von Avery's six-footer that cut the gap to that amount with 3:33 left in the contest.

From that point, Holly still had chances to ice the game, but failed to do so, making just 2-for-4 free throws down the stretch. Eventually Alexander



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Holly's Joshua Simms (center) attempts a shot in the Bronchos' 92-86 Class A district loss to Grand Blanc on Monday.

Brackett, who scored a game-high 28 points, tied the game at 79-all. Both teams had a chance to break the deadlock in the final seconds, but Holly

turned the ball over and Grand Blanc missed a three-pointer at the buzzer.

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DONOHO

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against Donoho, but Donoho said he learned some valuable lessons from that previous meeting.

"I knew I didn't wrestle great the first time, so he hadn't seen much of what I do," Donoho said. "I also fixed some of the stuff I needed to fix, so I took care of that stuff. (Wrestling him before) I think ended up being a big advantage."

One of the tactics Donoho expected was Thompson trying to grab a leg, and the Dundee junior did just that. He actually grabbed Donoho's leg and had the Lake Fenton senior standing on just one leg for an extended time period. However, Donoho worked himself out of bounds and got out of the hold. The first period ended up scoreless.

In the second period, Donoho earned a quick escape after starting in the down position. Donoho remained leading 1-0 until about the final four seconds of the period when the senior recorded a late takedown, putting him up 3-0 entering the third period. It put Donoho in command.

"He just misplaced his foot, I grabbed it and followed him down," Donoho said. "I stayed on top. The coaches told me it was short time (the period was about to end) and I rode him out."

The takedown was needed. Thompson began the third period in the down position, and quickly earned a two-point reversal, cutting Donoho's lead to just 3-2. Donoho later earned an escape, giving him a 4-2 lead with about 45 seconds remaining in regulation. From there, Donoho staved off any sort of attack and held on to his lead, capturing his championship.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPENS

Lake Fenton's Andy Donoho jumps into coach Vance Corcoran's arms after winning an individual state championship.

"I'm so ecstatic," Donoho said. "I want to thank my coaches for always being there every step of the way. This is gratification. It proves that hard work pays off. I wasn't supposed to be here at all, but I got here with great coaching and great practice partners."

Don't tell Lake Fenton varsity coach Vance Corcoran that Saturday's win was an upset. He might not believe you.

"It happened because that's one of the best kids there is and he works his butt off," Corcoran said. "He's one of the hardest workers in the room and takes it so serious."

Donoho's state trip began with a challenging 3-0 decision win against Ben McCann during Thursday's opening round, and continued on Friday with a pinfall win against Brandon Ayris in the quarterfinals and a 4-2 victory against Jared Roehl in the semifinals.

"I was determined to show (Michigan-grappler.com) they were wrong and come out as the champion," Donoho said.

Donoho proved his point.

Fenton swimmers poised for successful state meet

►Tigers bringing a record number of athletes since start of Jones era

By David Troppens

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Brant Cassidy is excited.

The four-year Fenton swimmer has been among the elite with the Tigers' program ever since he joined the squad as a freshman. He's been to the state meet before. During his junior season he competed in four events, helping Fenton's 400 freestyle relay team to a 15th-place team finish.

However, this year Cassidy and the Tigers want more. This season, he'd love to do some more second-day swimming in his individual events as well as two relays at Friday and Saturday's Division 2 State Swimming and Diving Championships being held at Eastern Michigan University.

"This week, we are upping our yardage to get back in shape and each day next week we are going to taper down and it will get easier so we can be ready and rested for the state meet," Cassidy said. "We've been training all year for it and that's what the big goal is. So we're definitely going to be ready, and it's going to be lots of fun."

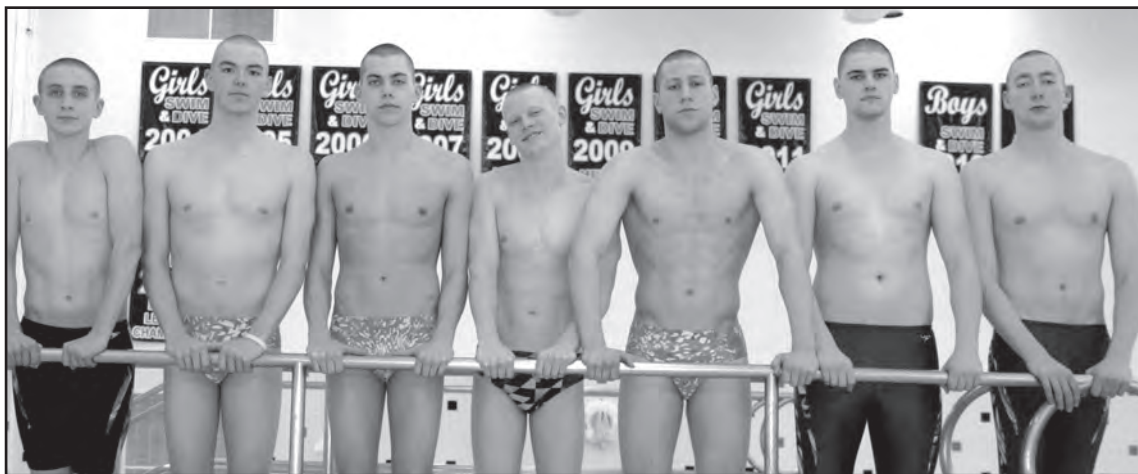
Cassidy and his six other teammates headed to Eastern

Michigan should have fun. The Tigers are bringing their largest contingency of boys swimmers to a state meet in ages, and their goal to have some individuals and/or relays make it to the second day are pretty realistic expectations.

"It's very exciting heading into the state meet this weekend," Fenton coach Brad Jones said. "We are taking the largest group of qualifiers in my 14 years at Fenton. We have a good shot at several school records this weekend and some second-day swims."

Cassidy is the only swimmer that has qualified in two individual events. He'll be competing in the 50 freestyle and the 100 freestyle. Michael Banner is qualified in the 500 freestyle, while Austin Landis will compete in the 100 backstroke. Zahne Macklin is entered in the 100 breaststroke.

And while all four of individual swimmers have been at the state meet in prior years, some of the relay participants will be making their first trip. That list includes Brent Nakkula, Zac Miceli and Landon Mikulenas. Nakkula is excited to be making his first trip to a state meet.



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(Above) Fenton's state-qualifying swimmers are (from left) Zac Miceli, Austin Landis, Brant Cassidy, Brent Nakkula, Landon Mikulenas, Zahne Macklin and Mike Banner.

(Left) Mikulenas swims in a recent freestyle event. He'll be competing in relay events at Eastern Michigan University.

"I'm pumped. I'm ready," Nakkula said. "Hopefully I get to leave my name on the board (the Fenton school record board) and break some records. I'm really focused on state."

The Tigers 200 medley relay team will include Landis, Macklin, Miceli, Nakkula or Mikulenas. The 200 freestyle

relay squad includes Cassidy, Macklin, Nakkula or Miceli. Finally, the squad will conclude the meet with Cassidy, Macklin, Landis, Nakkula or Miceli in the 400 freestyle relay.

"I think we do have a chance to get some individuals on that board and possibly get the 200 and 400 freestyle relays as

well," Mikulenas said. "We'll be working really hard to make it happen."

The preliminaries are Friday starting at noon. The top 16 swimmers qualify for Saturday's second day. The top eight compete in the final event while the next eight compete in the consolation finals.

GARCIA

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"It's good," Garcia said. "Obviously I wanted to be a four-timer. I came a little short my freshman year, but to come back three years in a row and win state titles is something special, and I'm proud of it."

Garcia has a lot to be proud of when looking back at his career. He finished the season with a 41-1 record, and a 189-12 mark for his career. And he had to contend for this year's title in what was a demanding path to a state title.

He opened the tourney with a pinfall of Sam Mason in 1:11, and then defeated Hudsonville's T.J. Lubbers by a 17-2 technical fall score. However, in the semifinals he had to face two-time state champion Davison's Jordan Cooks, edging him out by a narrow 2-1 margin. Cooks was the same wrestler Garcia had to defeat in the team state championships a week earlier in Battle Creek to earn the Shamrocks their third straight team state title.

"He's a great opponent, and I knew it was going to be a low-scoring match," Garcia said. "When the charts came out, I was a lot happier seeing him in the semifinals because I wanted to wrestle him in the semis instead of the finals, to get the tough match out of the way. So I was happy with that, and thought I wrestled pretty well. To win a chart as tough as this one was a real thrill."

As exciting as winning a third straight individual crown may feel though, Garcia has a tiny bit more appreciation for his team state clinching match a week earlier in Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena.

"They are different, but the team is more exciting because everything was on me and

more people got to enjoy the team state title than my individual state title. It was fun celebrating with my team and being happy with my team. I was really glad it came down to me and I had that chance."

In Saturday's individual final, Richter proved to be a pretty strong foe as well, however, Garcia never trailed. Garcia earned a takedown 50 seconds into the first period, and led 2-1 after the two minutes expired. In the second period, Garcia recorded an escape, and led 3-1 entering the final period. Richter posted an escape early, cutting the gap to 3-2, but Garcia wrapped up his third state championship with a third-period takedown, for a 5-2 lead. He held on relatively easily after that, collecting his third individual crown.

"I wanted to get with my offense early, and in that first period I got my takedown," said the Cornell-bound grappler. "In the second period, I thought had (a takedown), but they waved it off. I kept my composure and going into the third period I knew I needed one more take down. He shot in and that's when I reached under."

Garcia captured his first state title in 2012 with a 5-2 decision victory in the 152-pound Division 1 final against Eisenhower's Charlie Myers. Last year, he defeated Hartland's Michael Thomas by an 8-2 decision at 171 pounds.

"(Detroit Catholic Central) coach (Mitch) Hancock pushes us day in and day out," Garcia said. "I truly believe we train harder than anyone else in the country, and I always keep that in the back of my mind, knowing I can go longer. So conditioning definitely plays a part."

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In overtime, the Bronchos had one lead. It came on a converted free throw by Daniels, giving Holly an 80-79 edge. However, Grand Blanc responded by scoring at least a point on six of its seven overtime possession, with the only time they didn't score coming on a missed dunk. Holly was able to cut the gap to 88-86 with 1:10 left after that missed dunk on a Woodruff three-pointer, but the Bronchos were unable to hit four shots and turned the ball over once during their final three possessions.

Grand Blanc's size ended up playing a big role in the game. Brackett was a monster underneath with his

28 points. The Bobcats also scored 18 second-chance points off of 18 offensive rebounds. Holly counter-balanced that by netting nine treys and making 24-of-28 free throws. Unfortunately, two of the charity stripe shots the Bronchos missed came late in the fourth.

Holly's big three scorers showed up. Daniels finished with 27, while Woodruff netted 24. Simms had 21 off the bench. Senior Logan Spiker saw his Holly career come to an end with six points and four rebounds. He is the only significant Broncho gone from next year's team.

Linden faces Grand Blanc today at 5 p.m. at Fenton High School. Fenton hosts Brandon in the second game.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPENS

Hartland High School wrestler and Fenton resident Austin Eicher (head showing) grapples with Grandville's Collin Tomkins during his 135-pound Division 1 state championship match on Saturday at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

EICHER

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ship match. But his biggest foe may have been the rib injury itself, and Eicher found a way to fight through it.

"(The pain) kind of progressed through the tournament, but this was, obviously, one of the most important matches of my life," Eicher said. "It's my last high school match so win or lose, I was not going to use the pain as an excuse."

Eicher never did, and found his way to his second straight state crown, becoming the second Hartland wrestler ever to win two state championships. Last year, he won the 130-pound class by defeating teammate and Fenton Township resident Jacob Gorial in the finals. Hartland coach Todd Cheney admitted he was concerned if less than one week would be enough time for Eicher to recuperate.

"On Friday night we were worried. He was down on himself," Cheney said. "But he came (to practice) on Monday and his mindset was amazing. I did not expect that. He came in thinking 'This is a bump in the road and I have to go to work. I can't change it now' and he won himself a second state title. It's pretty awesome."

When Northern Illinois University-bound Eicher began his match with Tomkins, if he was feeling any pain from his ribs, it wasn't readily evident. In the first period, he took the lead with a takedown on Tomkins' legs, earning a 2-0 edge entering the second. In the middle period, Eicher earned a reversal with 1:25 left, taking a 4-0 lead. Tomkins responded with an escape with 25 seconds left, but Eicher still had a pretty decisive 4-1 lead entering the final two minutes.

During the third, Tomkins earned an escape, cutting the margin to 4-2, with 1:35 left, but Eicher, who also suffered a left-wrist injury earlier this season, held off Tomkins to earn the title.

"That's why I missed the first half of the season, my wrist injury," Eicher said. "I've been battling injuries and that's why I have to wear two knee pads as well. It will be nice to have a month or two break."

During Thursday's opening match of the state tourney, one could see Eicher's

Other Tri-County State Placers

The Tri-County area had several other wrestlers place at the MHSAA Individual Wrestling State Championships. Here is a list of the other placers.

Lake Fenton

Third: Carson Whaley (160).

Fourth: Trent Hillger (171).

Seventh: Jared Corcoran (119), Cody Sanders (152), Chase Hull (215).

Holly

Seventh: Andrew Scott (160).

Other tri-county wrestlers

Fourth: Jacob Gorial (145).

pain despite handily defeating Utica Ford's Michael Wells 12-2. After the match, he talked as though he embraced the challenge created by his ribs.

"It sucks, but at the same time I'm kind of testing my mental toughness," Eicher said at the time. "I get to test myself and use that to test my will to learn."

The learning continued during Friday's two matches. In the quarterfinals, Eicher earned a 7-0 decision against Detroit Catholic Central's Greg Johnson in the quarterfinal and a 10-3 victory against West Bloomfield's Matt Gudenau in the semifinals.

"I knew it was possible," Eicher said. "I just knew it was going to be harder than normal."

"I was more conservative. I was not on my attack at all times. I did what I had to do to win."

Eicher did a lot of winning during his Hartland prep career. He finished the season with a 36-1 record, and capped his career with 205 victories. While at Hartland, he placed fourth, second, first and first at the state meet. He's leaving the school as one of its finest wrestlers ever.

"This is an awesome feeling," Eicher said. "I am the second Hartland guy to win two state titles. It just shows, hard work pays off."

Eicher also showed he's pretty special.



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Public Notice
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Feb 28, 2014 @ 1 pm Notified by resident of sewage seeping from manhole in collection system. Sewer line was jetted and manhole was completely evacuated. Liquid Chlorine was spread over affected areas and neighbors were advised to stay out of area. Tyrone Woods LLC.

NOTICE OF MEETING 2014 BOARD OF REVIEW CITY OF LINDEN

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2014	8:45 AM - ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2014	9:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON 1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2014	2:00 PM TO 5:00 PM 6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

Meetings will be held at the Linden City Hall, 132 E. Broad Street, Linden, Michigan, 48451, for the purpose of reviewing the City of Linden Assessment Rolls. The tentative equalization factors for the City of Linden are; Commercial 1.0070 (ratio 49.65%), Residential 1.0737 (ratio 46.57%), and Industrial 0.9775 (ratio 51.15%). To schedule a meeting with the Board of Review, you may submit your petition to the City Offices prior to the Board of Review. Petition forms are available at the City Hall and appointments should be made by 12:00 PM on Friday, March 14, 2014 by calling the City Offices at 735-7980. Written protests must be received by March 18, 2014 by 9 p.m.

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Obituaries,
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Memoriams

Carl Dewitt "Jr." Losey

1938-2014

Carl Dewitt "Jr." Losey – of Bushnell, Florida, formerly of Flint and Fenton, age 76, died Monday, February 24, 2014 at Lane Purcell Hospice. A Memorial service



will be held in June, 2014. Private burial in Evergreen Cemetery. Carl was born in Flint, Michigan on January 25, 1938, the son of the late Carl Orville and Norma Irene Losey. Carl married Sylvia Decker on July 7, 1985 in Flint. Carl served in the U.S. Army. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, playing Euchre and loved his cats. Carl retired as a Truck Driver from Complete Auto Transit/Ryder Corporation. Surviving are wife, Sylvia; five children, Cary Shiel of Brighton, Craig Losey of Prescott, Christine Hazlewood of Argentine, Neil Crews of Mt. Morris and Jeannie Crews of Flint; 15 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephew. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Joyce Rodgers and daughter, Silvia Hawley. Your condolences may be shared with the family at swartzfuneralhomeinc.com.

Paul Alan Richmond

1953-2014

Paul Alan Richmond - age 59, of Linden, died Sunday, March 2, 2014 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Howell. Services will be held 3 PM Friday, March 7, 2014 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. The family will receive friends from 1 PM until the time of service. Memorial contributions may be made to the family. Paul was born December 25, 1953 in Ypsilanti, the son of David and Jane Richmond. He married Karen Ann Jones on March 23, 1988. Surviving are: wife, Karen of Linden; son, Russell Alan Richmond of Linden; two daughters, Stacy (Daniel) Iles of Byron, Stephanie (Troy) Husted of Fenton; six grandchildren, Dustin, Colin, Devin, Trenton, Braeden, and Charli; sister, Joanne (Steve) Marlowe of Livonia. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituary page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Robert L. Joslin Jr.

1955-2014

Robert L. Joslin Jr. - age 58, of Fenton, died February 27, 2014. Funeral



services were held 11 AM Monday, March 3, 2014 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Visitation was held 2-6 PM Sunday. Those desiring may make contributions to the Alzheimer's Association. Robert was born July 14, 1955 in Flint, the son of Robert L. and Thelma L. (Atchley) Joslin. He retired from Accument in 2006 with 32 years of service. Robert had lived in the Byron/Fenton area his entire life. Surviving are: sons, Robert L. (Rebecca) Joslin III, Jason E. (Tracey) Joslin, Joshua N. Joslin; grandchildren, Caleb, Brayden, Logan and Kaiden; sister, Yvonne Kryza; nephew, Trevor Kryza. He was preceded in death by his parents. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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