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Chambers iPhone class big hit

"You don't know what you don't know until someone shows you."

By Sally Rummel
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I hate to admit that I was one of the last ‘hangers on’ to the old technology of a flip phone, until I got an iPhone 4s a month ago. But it takes more than just having an iPhone to learn how to use one.

As a long-time iPad owner, I was very familiar with user-friendly Apple technology. However, I didn’t know how to do much more with my phone than call and answer it, take a photo or two and check my texts and emails. My $10 per month flip phone could do all that, and my new iPhone was costing me six times that. It was time for me to learn how to get my money’s worth out of my iPhone.

That’s why I enthusiastically responded to a Fenton Regional Chamber email inviting my husband Mark and me to a free iPhone workshop, ‘iPhone 101,’ hosted by local business owner Chelsea Mills. We joined five other business people at the chamber office last Wednesday for a morning of one-on-one iPhone instruction.

Mills estimates that most people use only about 20 to 25 percent of their iPhone’s capacity.

While the seminar officially lasted two hours, the informal discussions continued for quite a bit longer, as people asked questions and shared their own experiences.

I was impressed with both the format and content of the workshop. Mills deserves a lot of credit for her efforts and for making the class so user-friendly.

And of course, I learned a lot and I’ve already paid my cell phone bill for next month! — Instructor Chelsea Mills
Kids in poverty need a bailout, too

It’s not hard to persuade hardcore conservatives to turn against their own ideas, as soon as President Barack Obama agrees with them.

You can see and hear that in the chilly shrug that some folks on the political right are giving to the president’s new ‘My Brother’s Keeper’ initiative — a five-year, $200 million public-private partnership aimed at helping at-risk minority youths.

Ever since Secretary Daniel Patrick Moynihan sounded an alarm in 1965, conservatives have implied liberals to promote the undeniable value of fathers and two-parent families.

Liberals have argued back that rising fatherlessness, most severely but not only in black households since the early 1960s, is a disastrous long-term consequence of global economic change and lost low-wage manufacturing jobs.

Yet cynics like conservative talk show host Rush Limbaugh brushed past that core issue to play the ‘what game.’ ‘What would happen,’ he bellowed in an on-air rant, ‘if Bush, Romney — take your pick of any Republican president — said, ‘I’m going to have a brother-keepers program specifically for our white children?’ There’d be a national outcry!’

‘It is almost always unconstitutional for the government to discriminate on the basis of race and ethnicity,’ said Roger Rosen, president of the conservative Center for Equal Opportunity.

While upward mobility also has stalled for many white youths over the past half-century, segregation by race and class stubbornly persists, leaving today’s low-income non-white kids more stranded than ever from the socioeconomic mainstream. Truancy, delinquency and, ultimately, high incarceration rates stem from and contribute to an out-of-wedlock birth rate of 72 percent in black households, 53 percent in Latino households and 29 percent among non-Hispanic whites.

When Wall Street and the auto industry fell into crisis, the government responded with billions of dollars in targeted action. Minority kids in crisis need targeted help, too. To claim otherwise uses desegregation as an excuse to ignore segregation.

“$1,000 for tickets to the U of M game when they won the Rose Bowl National Championship in 1997.” — Dan Jones, Linden

“$300 for a Cher concert in Vegas. It was absolutely worth it.” — Brenda Friend, Fenton

“$200 for a music fest. It was Lollapalooza so it had a bunch of bands.” — Brandon Raudebaugh, Linden

“$9 for the movies. If I went to a concert or show, the most I would pay would be $20 or $30.” — Juliann Paddock, Linden

“$165 for the Phil Collins concert. It was a gift for my husband and we both enjoyed it.” — Meggan Osborn, Linden

“$80 for The Who concert and $80 for the Springsteen concert with friends several years ago.” — Joe Navak, Linden

WHAT’S THE MOST YOU HAVE PAID FOR AN ADMISSION TICKET?
Crosswalk upgrades part of streetscape project

Signs costing $16,000 part of a more ‘walkable’ downtown

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As the streetscape project crawls closer, several peripheral details have to be handled as part of the larger project. In this case, the city has approved the expenditure of $16,000 for new, upgraded crosswalk signs in the city. The overall streetscape project will cost $4.8 million.

At the intersections of LeRoy Street and Silver Lake Road, and LeRoy and Caroline streets, there are regular crosswalk signs, but the city would like to upgrade these to the count-down type, like the intersection of Adelaide Street and Shiawassee Avenue. Each upgrade will cost $8,000.

These prices are quoted from the Genesee County Road Commission that maintains the signs. The city must still install and pay the up-front costs, and the GCRC will handle maintenance.

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O’DOUL’S

Continued from Front Page could have been a better decision made on the choice of beverage.”

Parents of fifth-graders were informed of the incident via letters sent March 14.

Koledo said criminal charges will not be filed after the incident was reviewed by the district attorney and Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter. According to Michigan law, a beverage is considered alcoholic if it has 0.5 percent alcohol or more.

According to Makaravage’s letter, the beverage was brought to class by a student March 6 as part of their presentation. The teacher explained to Makaravage that “even children drank beer for safety reasons” and students did not have to drink if they chose not to. School officials were later made aware that three students took a bottle home from school. The respective parents were contacted. Students who partook in the beverage in class were told that they had done nothing wrong and were not punished.

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day’s jokes,” said Gabe Smith, 13, who had Kargel in elementary school and middle school. Smith stood atop the snow banks near the school overlooking the crowd who joined in the event, with friends, all wearing T-shirts marked with the nicknames Kargel had given them.

Kargel, a physical education teacher at Linden Middle School and Saline resident was killed after he fell off his snowmobile Thursday, and was struck by another snowmobile traveling behind him. He was 34.

The memorial was held from 6 to 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium. As it began, a line led out the auditorium, and outside. The auditorium was filled, including the aisle ways.

The agenda included a video of his antics, opening and closing prayers and comments from Faith Baptist Church and staff and students recalling their favorite moments of the teacher who gave nicknames to most people he met.

Kargel was also known to lay in wait until an unsuspecting teacher, student or even staff member walked by, when he would spring out with a roar or grabbed an ankle to scare them — even Principal Julie Brown.

Brown read a statement to the Linden students from Kargel’s widow, Rebekah Ann. “You made him smile, you made him laugh. You made him proud.”

Through Brown, Rebekah thanked the students for making the school a fun place to come to work. “You were like his kids away from home... Please keep on laughing, giving and loving, for Mr. Kargel.”

Fifth-grade teacher Greg Sinn said Kargel’s mantra was, “life’s not the same without a little excitement in it,” and he was right.”

Testimony was peppered with funny memories of Kargel as well as emotions, breaking the voice of Superintendent Ed Koledo, and the teachers he worked with.

Afterward, students and staff shared their thoughts of Kargel.

Nick Douglass, physical education (PE) teacher at Linden Middle School shared an office with Kargel for four years. He was a PE teacher seven years before having met Kargel. “I learned more in the last four than I did in the first seven, in how to make connections with students and live life fully every day,” said Douglass, struggling slightly to get the words out.

He made me want to go out there and help people that needed it,” said student Kiara Beaver, 14. “He was like everyone’s dad, basically.”

Dakota Braun, 15, said, “He influenced me to accept people for the way they are. He really helped Linden in a positive way.”

Both students are in ninth grade at Linden High School, and had Kargel at Linden Middle School. Even at the high school, the mood was sad and somber Friday, after everyone had heard of his death.

The crash remains under investigation by the Michigan State Police-Brighton Post. Alcohol is suspected as a contributing factor.

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**GREAT TO SEE** our Emily interviewed for Our Town. We, as a group of her patrons, have watched her blossom into an accomplished bartender/server and a good friend. She is always friendly, polite and patient with people.

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In the story, “Tyrene finalizes 2013-2014 budget,” published on Wednesday, March 12, it was erroneously reported that the Tyrene Township clerk, supervisor and treasurer earn $60,380 annually. The clerk, supervisor and treasurer earn $50,380.
LOOKING FOR FIRST-ROUND UPSETS?

Based on history here’s what to expect in the NCAA tournament

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It seems when March comes around, something happens to the United States population.

People enter the NCAA tournament, excited about their selections. That’s until the opening round posts about five “shocking” upsets destroying the hopes and dreams of winning the annual office pool.

Upsets are the best part of the NCAA tournament. They are the things that make or break everyone’s predictions.

Do you want to select this year’s great upsets? Based on history, we’ll examine the first-round history of the 11th through 16th seeds since 1985 in the NCAA tournament.

ROADS

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$50,865, Holly will get $22,009 and the city of Linden will get $14,786.

The extra funding is welcomed by the agencies but motorists shouldn’t expect roads to drastically improve overnight. GCRC Director John Daly said the funding will be used to help balance stressed budgets, which were stretched this winter in overtime hours and maintenance costs.

“One unfortunate thing is people will expect their roads to be instantly repaired,” Daly said. “They’re so badly damaged that it’ll probably take all summer just to get through all the potholes. Your road was better today than it will be tomorrow.”

Fenton Department of Public Works Director Dan Czarnecki echoed Daly, expecting his department to spend much of its time patching roads this spring.

Without the extra funding, Daly said months for summer road repairs would be nonexistent. He added that Michigan roads were in rough shape before winter and that the county hasn’t received a funding increase since 1997.

“The emergency funding keeps us level but it doesn’t fix the problem,” Daly said. “The road systems are not even close to being in normal conditions. With the depth and extent of potholes — if motorists don’t slow down, they’re going to do a considerable amount of damage to their vehicles.”

Michigan roads may very well rank as some of the worst roads in America as the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association (MITA) reports state officials spend $154 per person on road and bridge maintenance, the lowest of any state. National transportation research group TRIP estimates Michigan residents pay $7.7 billion annually in repair, lost time and wasted fuel due to poor road maintenance and traffic congestions.

In addition to potholes, Daly warns that excessive flooding due to melting snow and clogged storm drains should be expected as the weather warms up. Flooded roadways may conceal damaged potholes and cause vehicles to hydroplane.

“I’m expecting these conditions to go on longer than usual,” Daly said. “We’re going to have these conditions on hard surface roads for the next 30 days, at least.”

No. 1 vs. No. 16 — It amazes me that a No. 16 team has yet to defeat a top seed since the tourney expanded to 64 teams. It will happen eventually, but never even try to figure out who that team will be by picking a top seed to lose.

No. 2 vs. No. 15 — Only seven 15 seeds have beat the No. 2 seed in the opening round, but it has happened three times in the last two tournaments. It could happen. However, picking a 15 seed is tough because even if you pick a shocker, the No. 15 has only advanced to the Sweet 16 once. Picking a 15 isn’t worth the gamble.

No. 3 vs. No. 14 — The 14th seed has beat the third seed 17 times. When it does happen, it seems it’s always a traditional power who loses. Teams like Kansas, North Carolina, Michigan State and Arizona lost as 3 seeds. Does that mean Duke may go down to Mercer, or Syracuse loses to Western Michigan? Don’t be shocked.

No. 4 vs. No. 13 — Twenty-five 13 seeds have advanced since 1985, and there’s been at least one every year since 2008. Pick at least one 13 to advance. It will happen.

No. 5 vs. No. 12 — Twenty-three 5 seeds have been upsets since 2001, an average of nearly two a year. Last year, three fell in the opening round. Also, expect one of the 12 seeds to make it at least to the Sweet 16. Ten have since 2001.

No. 6 vs. No. 11 — There have been fewer No. 11 seeds (39) to earn first-round upsets than No. 12 seeds (41), but it still happens frequently. And it seems 11 seeds are great candidates for Cinderella teams. Want to select a low-seeded squad into the Elite Eight? Three 11s have made it to the Final Four, including Virginia Commonwealth in 2011 and George Mason in 2006. So if you want to pick a low seed into the Elite Eight, do your research on the 11 seeds. These are great candidates to satisfy that craving with success.

Recent first-round upsets

Here is a list of some of the low-seeded teams to post a first-round upset since 2010.

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EXPERTS: IT’S A GOOD TIME TO BE GREEN

ESPN thinks the Spartans will capture the NCAA crown
By David Troppens
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Since Tom Izzo became Michigan State’s men’s basketball coach, any senior who spent four years with the Spartans’ program has competed in a Final Four tournament.

This year’s senior class is in danger of becoming the first to break that trend. However, if ESPN’s five-person panel during their two-hour Bracketology special on Sunday night is to be believed, Michigan State will keep the trend alive by capturing their third NCAA Division 1 Men’s Basketball championship in school history, and first since 2000.

ESPN’s Seth Greenberg, Jay Bilas, Jay Williams, Digger Phelps and Dick Vitale each selected the Big Ten Tournament champions and the No. 4 seed in the East Region to win the title. If that was not enough ESPN love, one could check ESPN’s website and watch Bruce Pearl and Jeff Goodman also select the Spartans to a championship. ESPN was not the only place we saw a lot of MSU love. On CBS, analysts Seth Davis, Clark Kellogg and Doug Gottlieb all selected the Spartans to win the title.

It’s easy to see why the experts are flocking to the Spartans (26-8). Michigan State opened the season as one of the favorites to make it to the Final Four, but struggled with injuries. Now healthy, the Spartans turned heads by capturing the Big Ten Tournament championship by defeating Michigan rather handily on Sunday in the title game by a 69-55 margin. Michigan defeated Sparty twice during the regular season.

So if a No. 4 seed is getting all this love, what are people saying about the second-seeded Michigan Wolverines (25-8)? After all, the Wolverines were a victory against Michigan State away from earning a No. 1 seed. Well, there is some love. For instance, Pearl is selecting a Michigan-Michigan State championship game in Arlington Texas on April 7. In addition, Vitale had the Wolverines in the Elite Eight, but losing to Louisville, meaning he thinks Michigan will lose out making back-to-back Final Fours by one victory. Beyond those two, most are not selecting the Wolverines to make it to the Elite Eight, much less the Final Four. So don’t be shocked if the Big Ten regular season champion Wolverines feel a little bit disrespected.

The only other Michigan school represented in the tourney is Western Michigan. The Broncos (23-9) captured the Mid-American Conference tournament title and are seeded 14th in the South bracket. The Bronchos face No. 3 seed Syracuse (27-5), who was among the hottest teams in the country earlier in the season. Western is in the field for the first time since 2004, while the Orange are normal visitors to the NCAA tourney. The Broncos were 12-point underdogs on Monday, meaning the chance of a deep run isn’t likely. However, it is tourney time, and who knows? Anything can happen during March Madness.

MICHIGAN TEAMS IN NCAA TOURNEY

#2 MICHIGAN
Record: 25-8 overall, 15-3 in Big Ten. Big Ten regular season champions.
First round: No. 15 Wolford (20-12) at 7:10 p.m. Thursday.
Top scorers: Nik Stauskas (17.9 ppg, 3.3 apg), Caris LeVert (13.3 ppg, 4.5 rpg).

#4 MICHIGAN STATE
Record: 26-6 overall, 12-6 in Big Ten. Big Ten Tournament champions.
First round: No. 13 Delaware (25-9) at 4:40 p.m. Thursday.
Top scorers: Gary Harris (17.1 ppg, 2.7 apg), Adreian Payne (15.8 ppg, 7.4 rpg).

#14 WESTERN MICHIGAN
Record: 23-9 overall, 14-4 in Mid-American Conference. MAC Tournament champions.
First round: No. 3 Syracuse (27-5) at 2:45 p.m. Thursday.
Top scorers: David Brown (19.4 ppg, 3.6 rpg), Shaye Whittington (18.5 ppg, 9.1 rpg).

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SCALPING
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those who own them, not by performers
or vendors. Kelly stated repealing the ban
on scalping will allow law enforcement
to focus on more damaging crimes.
“The time has come to reform this an-
tiquated law and stop making criminals
out of people who happen to resell their
tickets above face value.” Kelly said in
a press release. “It’s about leveling the
playing field for individual ticket holders
and giving them the same rights as outlets
like Ticketmaster.”

Several performers and organizations
including Ford Field, University of
Michigan and Live Nation wrote a letter to
legislators protesting the repeal, claim-
ing the bill will keep some teams and acts
from ever coming to the state.

“Many ancillary businesses are posi-
tively impacted when opposing teams
come to town, or when a tour comes
through a city,” opponents wrote in the let-
ter. “Yet, some performers and promoters
may avoid appearing in Michigan if they
encounter less fan-friendly protections in
fear that their shows will be over-run by
scalpers.”

Kid Rock is amongst the protestors
to the appeal, pen-
ning a letter to the
Detroit Free Press
in January. In the
letter, he blames
scalpers for high
ticket prices, not-
ning that he’s had
shows at $20 a tick-
et. He argues bring-
ning back scalping
would make it im-
possible to have
affordable tickets.

“High ticket
prices are driven
by scalpers scooping
up tickets before
fans have a chance to buy them and putting
them on the secondary ticket market for
five times the face value," Kid Rock wrote.

Michigan Ticket Fairness (MTF), a
group aimed at reforming the process
of selling tickets in the state, is in favor of
lifting the ban on scalping since the cur-
rent law allows vendors and performers
to decide how many tickets are sold to
the public. “The group claims that 90 percent
of tickets are given to corporations, fan
clubs and people connected to the enter-
tainment industry.

Vendors and entertainers fear that legal scalping will drive up
ticket prices. Legislators claim ticket holders should be able
to sell their tickets for whatever price they can get.

Senate Bill 608: Authorize additional
state spending and debt, revise
Medicaid funding detail
To adopt a compromise version of
the bill reported by a House-
Senate conference committee. This
appropriates an additional $215
million for roads, plus extra money for
buses for a variety of other government
programs. It authorizes but does not fund a project involving purchase of the
Steelcase “Pyramid” building for a
loosely defined, education-related “parking garage.” The bill also authorizes $60.3 million in new
debt for state college and univer-
sity construction projects. Finally,
it adjusts spending in the current
year budget to reflect fund source
changes triggered by adoption of the
Obamacare Medicaid expansion
starting in April. Introduced by Sen.
Roger Kahn (R) Passed 30 to 5 in the Senate
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County) X DID NOT VOTE

Senate Bill 648: Expand state
grants to certain doctors
To expand a state program that
subsidizes the medical school loans for
a student who agrees to provide
specialized primary care services in
an area of the state deemed to have a
shortage of such providers. The
bill would expand the program to dentists and increase the maximum
subsidy to $200,000. Introduced by Sen.
John Moolenaar (R) Passed 38 to 0 in the Senate
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County) X YES

Senate Bill 505: Remove ban on
logo glasses in bars
To codify in law an administrative
restriction on alcohol manufactur-
ers and distributors giving or selling
bars and restaurants certain items
that promote their brands. Among
other things the bill would ban
them from giving or selling to bars
glasses with brand logos. However,
it would repeal a ban on bars using
licensed glasses they buy at retail
from another source. This is one of
a number of bills making very minor
changes in Michigan’s highly restric-
tive alcohol distribution regulatory
system. Introduced by Sen. Joe
Hune (R) Passed 103 to 5 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Arrowhead Township) X YES

Senate Bill 276: Require commu-
nity service work by welfare
recipients
To require welfare recipients to
perform community service if they are
not already involved in a workrelated work
or training program, subject to many
exceptions. Introduced by Sen. Joe
Hune (R) Passed 81 to 19 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Arrowhead Township) X YES
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MARCH MADNESS

Here are the state teams’ schedules in the D1 NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament. Listed in order of earliest to latest game.

South Regional at Buffalo, NY
Thursday’s games
Ohio State (25-9) vs. Dayton (23-10), 10:15 p.m.
Syracuse (27-5) vs. Western Michigan (23-9), 30 minutes after first game is completed.

Saturday’s game
Thursday winners

East Regional at Spokane, Wash.
Thursday’s games
Cincinnati (27-6) vs. Harvard (26-4), 2:10 p.m.
Michigan State (26-8) vs. Delaware (25-9), 30 minutes after first game is completed.

Saturday’s game
Thursday winners

Midwest Regional at Milwaukee, Wisc.
Thursday’s games
Michigan (25-8) vs. Wofford (20-12), 7:10 p.m.
Texas (23-10) vs. Arizona State (21-11), 30 minutes after first game is completed.

Saturday’s game
Thursday winners

By David Troppens
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Looking outside, it’s hard to believe it, but the 2013-14 prep winter sports season has come to a close.

With the conclusion of the state swim meet, all of the tri-county squads have completed their winter seasons. That means it’s time for us to post our final Tri-County Winter Top Five poll of the season.

As is the case every year, there were some tough decisions to be made. The top three teams were a given, but how No. 2 and No. 3 were sorted out wasn’t a given. And, also, it’s time we deal with a pretty interesting battle for the fifth spot. There can’t be any ties this week.

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LF wrestlers take top spot in Winter Top 5

Both Holly hoops teams end 2013-14 season within final poll

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The Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team celebrated its team district championship earlier this winter. The Blue Devils ended up capturing a regional trophy, had the squad compete in the state quarterfinals and had an individual state champion.

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The Rivette file

Here’s a quick look at Gabrielle Rivette’s career at Northwood University.

2011-12: Rivette started five games, averaging 7.8 points a contest.

2012-13: She started all 28 games she played in and averaged 9.3 points a contest. She also had 101 assists.

2013-14: Rivette earned All-GLIAC honors, averaging 15.1 points and 3.4 assists a contest.

with a scoring average of 15.1 points a game, almost six points higher than her sophomore average of 9.3 points.

And the team has gone from 10-16 overall her freshman year to 12-16 last year to 14-13 during the current season, qualifying for the GLIAC postseason tournament for the first time as well as winning a 12-10 league slate.

“As a team we improved a lot since last season,” Rivette said. “We started out kind of shaky, but we picked it up toward the end.

“We had people battling some injuries and some people stepped up. Overall, it went pretty good.”

One of those people that stepped up was Rivette herself. Not only was she scoring up, but she averaged 4.7 rebounds and collected 92 assists. She also had 44 steals.

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TOP 5
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No. 4 - Holly boys basketball: It felt like a season of many highs and a couple lows. Now that the season is over, it’s easier to realize it was pretty much a season of great highs. After all, this was a young team with great expectations placed on their shoulders, and once the season was over, they pretty much satisfied those expectations.
The Bronchos finished 16-5 overall, captured the Flint Metro League title and gave an 18-2 Grand Blanc team all it could handle in districts before losing by six in overtime. And the future is extremely bright. All but two players return next season.
No. 3 - Fenton boys swim team: About once every couple of weeks during the winter, Fenton swim coach Brad Jones asks “So what do we have to do to move up in the poll?” When he asks that figure he means what they have to do to move up to No. 1 or at least No. 2.
The Tigers came close, but were unable to sneak to No. 2 in this poll. But a No. 3 finish is pretty nice as well, and the division after the first three is considerable, so the Fenton swim team were in the top tier.
The Tigers dominated the Flint Metro League, capturing the title handily. They also qualified many performers at the Division 2 state meet, had two relays make it to the second day and had one swimmer, Brant Cassidy, qualify for the second day in two individual events as well. It earned the Tigers a 17th-place team finish at the meet. It was a good showing, but not enough to eclipse the two out of their spots.

No. 2 - Holly girls basketball: The Lady Bronchos were No. 1 in the poll for a long portion of the season mainly due to the fact they just kept on winning, and winning and winning. In fact, Holly won so much during the regular season the Bronchos won the Metro League crown with a perfect record and finished the season 20-0 overall. The Bronchos followed that performance with a Class A district title, beating a pretty strong Fenton team for the third time this season in the district title contest. And while their season ended in the regional semifinals, the Bronchos put up a good showing against Canton.
The Fenton swim team went undefeated and were just as, if not more dominant, in Metro action. Why is Holly No. 2 instead of Fenton swim? We are giving the Bronchos the strength of schedule edge. Fenton’s competition in the Metro was really nobody. That hurts Fenton. The swim league was very weak. Also, Holly beat another foe that won a district title (Lakeland). That gave them the edge.
No. 1 - Lake Fenton wrestling: Really, the battle for the top spot wasn’t very close once the Blue Devils qualified for the team state quarterfinals. Despite not winning a league crown, no one had more impressive non-league wins than Lake Fenton had this winter and no one went as far and placed as high as the Blue Devils in tournament action. Individually, the squad also placed all but one wrestler who qualified for the individual state meet, and Andy Donoho earning an individual state title. This marks the second time the Blue Devils have finished the winter atop our poll. Congratulations!

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Northwood University junior Gabrielle Rivette averaged 15.1 points a game for the Timberwolves this winter, leading the squad to a 14-13 record overall.

RIVETTE
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Rivette was having a strong first half of the season, once scoring 24 points in an 89-77 loss to Malone, but once late January hit, her game exploded. She scored a season-best 26 points in a 90-82 victory against Ferris State on Jan. 23, and had a string of 10 straight double-digit scoring performances from Jan. 16 until Feb. 8.
She earned GLIAC Women’s North Division Player of the Week honors on Jan. 27 after scoring a combined 42 points in victories against Ferris State and Grand Valley State.
She only got better from there. She capped the season scoring at least 20 points in four of the team’s final five games, including tying her season high of 26 points in an 83-68 victory at Saginaw Valley State University, earning the squad a spot in the GLIAC tournament.
“I kept working on my game in the offseason and putting time in the gym,” Rivette said about her strong season. “Overall I was more confident and I was stepping up and doing my best.”
“I’m also used to it and know what to expect. I’m more laid back and used to the coaching style. I’ve played with the same girls over the years.”
Rivette rated the 26-point effort in the victory against Saginaw Valley as her top moment of the season.
“The win over Saginaw Valley put us in the GLIAC tournament,” Rivette said. “If we won, we were in and we blew them out. It was fun.”
Rivette earned more than the weekly honor. She was named to the GLIAC’s first team as well.
“It’s special, but it’s something you can’t do without my teammates and my coaches,” Rivette said about being the player of the week. “I was happy about that (being First-Team All-GLIAC) too. It was a goal.”
Rivette is preparing for her final season and says she’s enjoying life on the team.
“I’m just having fun. Some of my teammates are really good friends,” Rivette said. “We have fun on and off the court and I’m enjoying every little moment I have with them.
“Time flies. I feel like I was just a freshman yesterday. Overall it’s been a great experience and a lot of fun.”
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