Low temperatures break record Friday morning

Dangerous cold snap closes area schools

By Yvonne Stegall

ystegall@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 You may have heard meteorologists reporting record cold temperatures in recent weeks, but the truth is that Friday morning was the day this area actually

beat those historical lows. On Friday morning, ABC12 Meteorologist J.R. Kirtek said this area broke the record books at minus 25 degrees. "It broke the record for today's date, See COLD SPELL on 5A

L The all-time record low is minus 25 (degrees). 77 J.R. Kirtek ABC12 meteorologist

TRI-COUNTY TIMES TIM JAGIELO The sub-zero temperatures have been a challenge for car batteries over the past week.





Fenton takes ownership of crumbling seminary

 Engineering firm to assess structure; determine demolition or restoration

By Tim Jagielo

tjaielo@tctimes.com **Fenton** — Today, the seminary building stands as an intimidating stone goliath, encircled by fencing and yellow tape. A cheap curtain behind a broken window flaps in the wind near the attached home.

In-lieu of a time machine, the only way to

get close to seeing the functioning monastery building in its former glory is the small-scale replica in the A.J. Phillips Museum downtown.

In January, the building at 309 West High Street became the official responsibility of the city of Fenton.

See SEMINARY on 7A

Did your property value go up?

Assessor explains how assessments are determined, how to appeal

By Yvonne Stegall

ystegall@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 Fenton homeowners may have seen an

increase in the assessed value of their homes. Even for homeowners, property assessment can be a confusing subject. The con-

fusion started with Proposal A, passed by

Summary

There's no word yet on how many homes in Fenton have higher property taxes this year, but the Board of Review is just around the corner.

the voters in March 1994. This proposal drastically changed the property assessment and taxation system in the state of Michigan. The purpose of Proposal See VALUE on 11A

We use a two-year sales study of properties within the city of Fenton to determine property values for the upcoming year. 77

Tonya Molloseau Fenton City assessor



G I have lived in this area for 70 years and cannot ever

this cold in Fenton. The Times should do a story on historical highs and lows in this area.'



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO The 10,000-square-foot building at 309 West High St. recently came under the ownership of Fenton City. It reverted to county ownership last year.

Roof of Fenton Fire Hall catches fire

Build-up of heat in ventilation system likely to blame

By Sharon Stone

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Just before 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Fenton firefighters, along with Fenton Township and Linden City fire departments responded to a report of a roof fire at the Fenton Fire Hall restaurant.

Employees and diners were forced to evacuate in the minus 8-degree weather. There were no injuries reported.

Braving below-zero temperatures, fire-See FIRE on 7A

Upward Basketball

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Upward Basketball players reach for a rebound on Saturday at Fenton United Methodist Church (FUMC) in Fenton. The Christian organization attracts hundreds of youth in the tri-county area, more than 400 alone between the FUMC and Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church. The league has half a million players nationwide. See story on Page 5B.

remember it being

You complain when there is not enough parking and when the city comes up with an idea, you

complain. There is nothing wrong with the lot across the railroad tracks being made into parking

C Required citizenship test? Isn't this stuff they learn in his-

tory class? If not, then maybe the graduating

class of 2025 doesn't

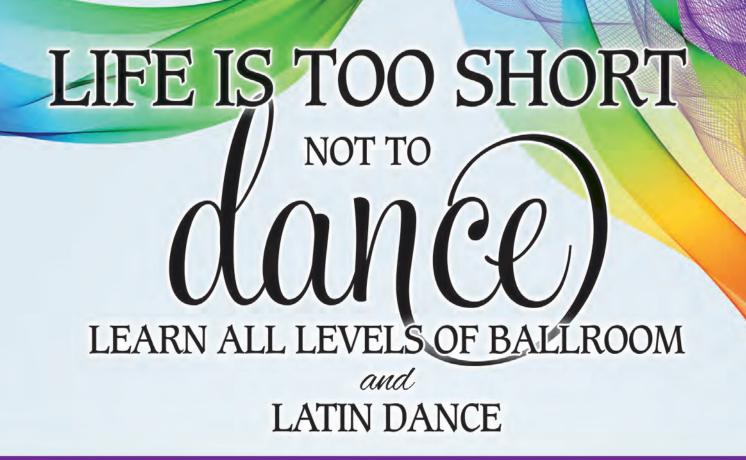
really need to know what happened in 1602 in some foreign country and they should be learning about our country."



GEach summer and winter we experience weather 'anomalies' that somehow surprise everyone. The technical term for this phenomenon is 'weather.'



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Pinterest

WHERE WE **Pin** GREAT IDEAS

In case you are one of the few out there who don't know what Pinterest is, it is an Internet and mobile application that allows users to discover photos and online articles and collect them or share them with others. It's a social media outlet that lets you bookmark things you love, with a photo, so you can come back to them when you want to. People create Pinterest boards for numer-

ous things, from crafting to planning a wedding and from money saving tips to vintage photos. It really is a site that offers something to everyone who uses the Internet.

A couple of the things that it offers are a chance to be more creative and a million ways to save money. Those are two of the practical sides of Pinterest.

Getting creative

With Pinterest, it's easy to get creative. You can find recipes, craft projects for children and adults, and many other DIY project guidelines. There are even a ton of ideas geared toward men. To start getting creative, start a board for your future projects and pin them there.

Not everyone is successful with their Pinterest projects, however, and if you do a search for 'Pinterest fails' you are sure to find a plethora of hilarious photos.

Pinterest has turned this Times writer into an even more creative person. Anyone who knows me knows that I am very artistic, but See PINTEREST on 10A

Millions go to popular website for craft and baking ideas, DIY projects and money-saving tips

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This is why your pizza is cheap and delicious

Did you know that the most popular meal in America is pizza? Americans

By Foster Childs

• If I Were

spent \$38 billion on pizza last year. The average American eats 46 slices of pizza each year. There are 41,362 subscribers to Pizza Today, the leading pizza industry magazine (there's more than one?).

There's lots more statistics, but my point is that we love pizza. We love pizza for two reasons: 1) Pizza is delicious. 2) Pizza is cheap.

For that, you can thank the Times. Because without the Times, your pizza would cost about \$25-\$30, you wouldn't have as many options (square, deep dish, flavored crust...etc.), it wouldn't be as big and it wouldn't taste as delicious.

Here's why. About 50 years ago, there was only one pizzeria in Fenton. We'll



RELIGION'S 'HEAD IN the sand' ideas about the cosmos, science, evolution, the history of the earth etc., has done more damage to the advancement of civilization than anything else over the course of the past 2,000 years. Stupid religious ideas still persist and influence too much, like no vaccinations.

TAKE THE TIME to understand how and why ISIS gained so much power in the Middle East. We removed two governments, destroyed their countries and propped up new government leaders who are not inclusive of all the people. It's a pattern we repeat over and over throughout history.

IN REGARDS TO the articles about the restaurants that were here and gone. Does anyone remember the Pink Poodle, on LeRoy Street south end?

TO THE PERSON who thinks any woman being appointed by the President is less qualified than a man is and somehow makes him less of a man is a social dinosaur. You are the guy who hears about a woman being raped and still asks first, 'What was she wearing."

UNEMPLOYMENT NUMBERS ARE skewed for many reasons, one of which is the fact that it doesn't count

Compiled by Alexei Rose, intern

call it Donnie's Pizzeria. Donnie's pizza was delicious, but a little pricey. Then

Dominic's Pizza opened in Fenton. Being the sly Italian fellow that he was, Dominic immediately placed an ad in the Times advertising that his pizzas were not only better than Donnie's, but (gasp), cheaper!

'Brutto figlio di puttana bastardo,' Donnie muttered under his breath as he called his Times rep to place an ad that stated, in large, bold type, that effective immediately his pizzas would not only cost the

same as Dominic's, but would also contain more ingredients. 'Oh you pezzo di merda,' Dominic

mumbled softly as he read the ad. 'So you wanna play rough, eh?' His next ad in the Times advertised the fact that he

those unemployed that are not receiving unemployment payments. Trust me, they are many.

I DON'T KNOW about anyone else but it's such poetic justice that the heaviest concentration of global warming believing liberals are in the Boston area, and that surrounding area is getting dumped on with so much snow and cold weather. Maybe some of them will change their minds.

GEORGE BUSH NEVER lied, did he? What about weapons of mass destruction? Those weren't discredited were they? What about mission accomplished? What mission was accomplished?

was increasing the size of his pizza, but (gasp), not the cost!

'Infamita,' screamed a furious Donnie as he read the ad, 'I'll show him.' In a burst of marketing brilliance, his next ad

offered an even larger pizza than Dominic's, with more ingredients, at the same price and offering (gasp), free delivery!

'Che palle,' said Dominic in awe as he read the ad on Saturday morning, 'I must make an offer that

we do know. 77 cannot be refused.' And that, dear readers, is how the two-for-one pizza was born.

My point? The Times is not just a vehicle to deliver you the news. It's also the engine that drives competition between retailers to provide us with the best value for our money. It's the mar-

with premium schools, stable housing values and safe streets. The Times is the com-**1** The Times is where we learn something we didn't know

about someone

mon denominator in our communities where we can all meet twice each week to discuss...well, anything. It's where we learn something we didn't know about someone we do know; where we stay connected to our commu-

nity. It's why our tagline is 'Subscribe. Read. Learn. Save.'

in town meets twice weekly to vie for your business — to your benefit! The Times also drives the 'shop local' agenda, ensuring our dollars

stay in our communities and come

back to benefit us over and over again

Now, go enjoy that delicious — and inexpensive — pizza.

You're welcome.

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I am thankful for the state-of-the-art water plant in Fenton.

IT'S A SHAME our children are forced to walk in the street going and coming from school because a few households on Fifth Street, and LeRoy don't shovel their sidewalks.

SO 2,870,000 JOBS added in 2014. Think how many would have been added if not for Obamacare. The country needs change and the Republicans have proven they can do it.

EVEN WITH OBAMACARE, I still

can't afford to go to the doctor. Now my 'free' insurance is charging me monthly and is now on 'hold' since I can't pay for it.

THE U.S. STATE Department just announced that the best way to keep people from all over the world from joining ISIS would be to find them jobs. What? With 18 million Americans unemployed or under-employed, shouldn't they be more of a priority than unemployed foreigners?

TO THE PERSON calling in about Val's Pizza, I agree, it was tremendous. I also miss the crispy fish and chips, the tiny building that used to be

by where the old Heritage was. WE NEED TO come up with a source to get our roads fixed, instead of taxing our hard-working people.

I'D LIKE TO send a big thank you to the workers who fixed the water problem near State Road in the brutal cold. Now we have water. Thanks again.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

streettalk

If you could, what professional sport would you play?



"Hockey, because it is a team sport, very active, and it gets you outside during the winter."

Sammy Marohn Holly



"NASCAR, because it is fun and I like the thrill of it."

Cassidy Shanburn Tyrone Township



"Basketball, I love the sport and played it in high school."

Eline Green

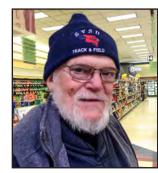
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"Hockey, because I played it growing up."

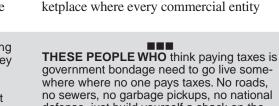
EJ Rosario

Fenton Township



"Sail boat racing, because I did it growing up."





government bondage need to go live somewhere where no one pays taxes. No roads, no sewers, no garbage pickups, no national defense, just build yourself a shack on the edge of the forest and shout about how free vou are.

TO THE PERSON who actually looked up

the facts on unemployment, did you also look up the fact that many people simply guit looking for work and weren't included in those numbers, or did that not fit your agenda?

AFTER SEEING ALL of the troubles these other communities are having with water,



Community Parent, Inc. continuing to help area youth

Local resource that links schools with experts on antibullying, drugs and more

By Yvonne Stegall

ystegall@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 Community Parent, Inc. was formed in

conjunction with the Chasing the Dragon presentation in March of 2011, after two teenage girls died two days apart. At that time, Community Parent was formed to provide resources to educate and ensure the safety of all children, whether it be in relation to drug use, suicide, bullying, abuse and so many other areas in need.

Recently, Sam Jawhari, one of the founders of Chasing the Dragon, split off from Community Parent to create Briona's Legacy, named in memory of his daughter, Briona, who died from a heroin overdose. With him went the Chasing the Dragon program.

However, Community Parent, a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization, is still in the community to help children in need and to share information with schools. It was a communicable split, and Community Parent is happy to continue helping with Briona's Legacy.

According to Bob Krug,

COO of Community Parent, right now they are at a transitioning stage. "We are looking at anti-bullying, which is a priority in many schools right now, and it affects children of all ages.'



SUBMITTED PHOTO Community Parent, Inc. offers support to schools in an effort to raise awareness about bullying, addiction and more.

We are looking at antibullying, which is a priority in many schools right now, and affects children of all ages. 77 **Bob Krug** COO of Community Parent

expert could be someone who was once an addict but has since changed his or her ways, and their life.

What Community Parent does is share

community-based resources with schools.

Krug said, "If a school wants anti-smoking,

anti-steroid, or anything else, we will

find and provide an expert." They share

resources with the schools and they find

Manyofthelocalschools are using materials provided by Community Parent in their health classes. Instead of the group coming in to do the presentations, they supply what is needed so the teachers can share the information instead.

The group will be attending a conference on bullying at the end of this month, which is at the Genesee Intermediate School District (GISD) level. This conference will be sharing information on not only the prevention of bullying, but also identifying bullying in the schools.

Krug said that the group works by the motto, "It takes a village to raise a child."

The community can get involved by volunteering their time and/or expertise. If you have experience in bullying, addiction or anything else that the group addresses, you can contact them to be added to the

bank as a viable source for future needs. The group is non-profit, and the workers receive no compensation. Community Parent can be found on Facebook, as well as at communityparent.org.

spring, less than a month away. There's no guarantee it will be warm or all the snow will be gone, but at least it is one

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I DON'T KNOW what you're talking about. You most certainly can afford to raise a family on minimum wage, if you're working two jobs.

THEY VOTE AND they vote for anything in their favor. Do you think they are going to vote for anything that's good for you and me? You're kidding yourself if you think they are.

YOU CAN CALL me a little old fashioned if you want to, but back in the day, we used to carry a girl's schoolbooks home for her. These days, you can't when you need one hand just to hold your pants up.

THIS MONTH, WE celebrate the birthdays of our three greatest Presidents, Washington, the father of our country. Lincoln who led us through the Civil War. The third and greatest, Ronald Reagan destroyed the Soviet Union, freed millions, toppled numerous dictators, without the loss of American lives and improved our economy.



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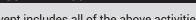




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COLD SPELL **Continued from Front Page**

and set the all-time February record, and tied the all-time record low, which was set on Jan. 18, 1976," he said.

While schools have been closed much of this week, because of wind chills, up until Friday morning the record low for this month was minus 22 degrees.

Kirtek said, "We've hit it a couple of times," when it came to that original low, on Feb. 2, 1959 and Feb. 12, 1967.

The National Weather Service in Detroit/Pontiac had issued a wind chill warning that was in effect from Wednesday evening to noon on Thursday. The NWS said a brisk northwest wind combined with temperatures falling toward minus 10 degrees resulted in wind chills of minus 25 to minus 30.

The warning ended just in time to break the record.

You've probably noticed that news stations have been reporting wind chill temperatures rather than actual temperatures, but it's that wind child that makes the schools close and the cars not start.

Let's try to remember that spring is just around the corner and it's time to start thinking warm thoughts. Kirtek said that the record February high is 68 degrees, and was recorded on Feb. 11, 1999.

March 20 is the official first day of

step closer to sunny summer days.





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HOT LINE CONTINUED

WE HAD TO go out in the snowstorm Saturday and we couldn't believe how many people didn't have their car lights on. Same in the rain, fog and at dusk. Please use your car lights.

EVERY DAY, OUR legislature is voting on something. If it's to make their life better the vote is 'yes' and if it doesn't it's 'no.' I say we just let them vote on whatever they are going to vote on and we pay for it.

THEY CAN SEND billions of dollars to foreign countries and have no problems coming up with that money. But here, we are closing schools and can't afford to get our roads fixed. What's going on here? Where is the money from our state lotto? Where is it going?

THEY KEEP GOING on about whether the minimum wage should go up. I think if all the government officials worked for minimum wage for a while they'd come up with a good answer.

THERE IS OFTEN a bad smell when going down Lobdell Road, between Linden Road and Hogan Road. Does anyone know what is causing the odor?



ATHLETICS

TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SUBMITTED PHOTO

Dog loving students take time to learn the facts. Shown here are (from left) Cali Rohr holding Tara, Josh Maier holding Little Bit, Britney Fairfield (center), Grace Olsen holding Coco Chanel and Gavin Thomas.

Fenton students use IB project to help dogs

► Dog Walk fundraiser at The Home Depot parking lot set for March 1

By Yvonne Stegall

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Five fifth-grade students have elected to research dogs as their International Baccalaureate (IB) project at State Road Elementary in Fenton. According to one mom, Karen Rohr, "These five children are all 'animal lovers' and their teacher put them together since their interests are similar."

Rohr said that three of them have focused their portion of the project around puppy mills, while one of the other children has addressed animal cruelty in general, and the final student has been looking into assistance dogs and their role with veterans suffering from posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

The five students have had an opportunity to meet with a local woman who fosters rescued puppy mill dogs and they have had 'hands-on' meetings with two volunteers through Fenton Adopt-A-Pet.

Rohr said, "One of the volunteers fosters pets that are not at the facility, since the children are dogs are not soall 'animal cialized to a high enough degree to be mainstreamed at this point. The second volunteer

is a veteran and is in the process of training an assistance dog."

The students have spent several weeks researching materials online as well as other written sources. They are developing a presentation that will take place March 24 at their school, and later at Fenton High School.

The objective of this project is to bring about awareness in the community. The students want to raise funds for both Adopt-A-Pet and TADSAW (an assistance dog organization).

They are hosting a walk, in hopes to

get donations, on Sunday, March 1, at The Home Depot on Silver Parkway at 8 p.m. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. Please bring friendly dogs and join others from the community in the walk. The students are making up small "doggie bags" (treats). Kellie Smith, with Positive Pawz, has donated her time and expertise in helping to coordinate the dog walk.

"The kids are very excited about the project. This is a first for all of us and we hope it brings awareness to the issues of puppy mills, animal cruelty, and the opportunity dogs bring to help people," said Rohr.

Students share why they chose dogs for their IB project

Gavin Thomas said he wants people to be aware that "99 percent of pet store puppies come from puppy mills and most of them have lived in terrible conditions." The conditions include tiny and filthy cages, no exercise, little food or water and lack of veterinary care.

Cali Rohr said, "Most people surveyed do not realize that puppies purchased from a pet store are from puppy mills. In fact, 78 percent of people surveyed believed that the puppies came from shelters or private owners whose pets had litters, or they had no idea where the pet came from.'

Grace Olsen wanted to learn more about puppy mills because, "I love dogs and I hate to see them suffer.'

Josh Maier said he wants to do everything to help them.

Britney Fairfield has been focusing on animal cruelty and wanted to learn about this topic because of a show called Pit Bulls and Parolees. She said. "The show inspired me to love all animals in the world, even the mean ones or the ones that look mean.'



lovers.'77 **Karen Rohr** Mom

These five

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According to Building/Zoning Administrator Mike Reilly, the city received the property in January from Genesee County.

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Mike Reilly

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renovation. 77

Building/Zoning Administrator, city of Fenton

He said an engineering review will be required to evaluate the structure to determine whether repair, restoration or demolition is

the prudent course of action. "There has been a private inquiry regarding a possible renovation," he said via email.

There is currently no set timeline for the destruction, or restoration of the building, which still stands impressively full of details and history.

The city has considered grants to aid at that end, but Reilly said until the building is evaluated, it's impossible even to seek a grant.

While the city impressively builds itself a new future, some out-of-the-way history continues to crumble.

The last owner of the building, Penny Crane, opened the building to public as a haunted house in 1995, while living in a home built off the back of the 10,000-square-foot stone structure.

The city condemned it quickly thereafter, and Crane was unable to get the building up to standards. Crane said she spent years attempting to restore the building, reporting clashes with city officials over permits and approval to complete work. She since abandoned the property after a fire destroyed her home, and she temporarily lived in a trailer on site.

After 20 years of decline, the seminary went from a shaky, unsafe building, to almost total ruin. One-third of the stone structure collapsed after the windstorm in the fall of 2013. The winter of 2013-14

FIRE

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fighters quickly realized that a fire hydrant adjacent to the downtown restaurant was frozen and inoperable. They immediately switched to their backup plan of using water from their tanker trucks.

Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff said his crew determined that the fire originated in the ventilation ducts between the cooking area and the roof. A buildup of heat ignited ventilation materials. The fire burned through the wood decking under the roof surface and caused about an 8-foot wide area of fire damage.

Cairnduff said firefighters cut away the decking, foam insulation and extinguished the fire. Some water damage resulted in the kitchen area, however, the fire chief said employees were quick to start cleaning up the mess.

The restaurant posted on its Facebook page that it was set to reopen on Friday.

Cairnduff said the restaurant would not be able to use the wood grill on Friday, due to the damage. He said they might be able to use the kitchen, but that he doubted the restaurant would be open for business on Friday. Building contractors will have to fix the damaged area.

As with any fire, the health department would have to inspect the premises before it would be permitted to reopen. did even more damage. A safety fence and yellow tape encircled the once-great building.

The seminary was built in 1868 and was originally a Baptist seminary. By 1886, it became a retirement home for Baptist priests and their wives. According to a previous Times report, the building

> was retrofitted into apartments between 1935 and 1945. The monastery served a short stint as a learning center for kids in the late '40s, and was last occupied as a retirement facility in the 1950s.

In April 2014, the ownership of the property, including the adjoining home, reverted to Genesee County. At the same time, Fenton City

was discussing grants for the demolition of the seminary, at which city Manager Lynn Markland had expressed regret.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

The city of Fenton took ownership of the seminary and adjoining home at 309 West High St. in January. The next step is to have an engineering firm evaluate the structure to decide how to proceed.



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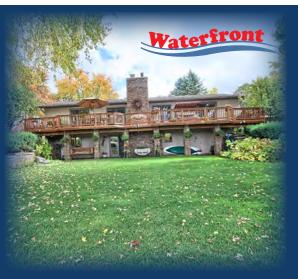
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PINTEREST **Continued from Page 3A**

I too get 'artist block' occasionally. So far, I have found tips for creating fun jewelry out of plastic animals and how to make cute paper mache' animal masks. The ideas are endless.

If you are crafty in the kitchen, you are sure to find many recipes worth trying on Pinterest, from desserts to main dishes, and everything in between.

Saving money Even more important than being creative, Pinterest can help you save money. You can find pins that help you save your pennies, in a jar or piggybank, offering you a chance to save a specific amount each week (aka the 52-week money saving challenge). However, that's not all.

You can also find pinned articles on

how to save money on groceries, how to keep a budget, how to start a fundraiser, couponing for beginners, apps that can save you money, how to make the stuff you have last longer (from foods to clothing) so you aren't replacing things all the time or throwing things out unnecessarily, and other general money-saving techniques.

Did you know that you can freeze yogurt, milk, eggs and even cheese to make them last longer? Neither did I. Did you know that you could make candles burn longer by freezing them for 24 hours prior to use? Did you know that you could make your own hand soaps, dish soaps and even laundry detergent for cheap? Did you know that keeping a piece of paper towel in your shredded lettuce would keep it fresh for an entire week? Neither did I, until I found it on Pinterest.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SALLY RUMMEL

Co-editor-in-chief Miranda Crews (left) shows the yearbook themed "One" with Yearbook Advisor Pam Bunka.

Fenton yearbook earns top awards

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FHS Fentonian continues to be noticed at state and national levels

By Sally Rummel

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The Fenton High School "Fentonian" yearbook is not only a treasured keepsake for students, it's also an award-winning publication.

Last year's editors-in-chief Josie Foguth and Corinne Beemer, now college students at Michigan State University and University of Michigan, respectively, led their staff to earn several awards for their yearbook themed "One," which chronicled in full color the school year 2013-2014.

The yearbook has earned a state "Spartan Award" and is in a finalist position or higher

for the Gold Crown Award by Columbia Scholastic Press Association and the Pacemaker Award by the National Scholastic Press Association.

"As a finalist, this yearbook is in the top 3 percent of all U.S. high school yearbooks," said Yearbook Advisor Pam

Bunka. "If they take home the top award, the book will be in the top 1 percent. They did an amazing job to sell enough books and enough ads to cover the costs of producing the book in full color."

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These awards will be presented at the Spring Conference of the Columbia Scholarship Press Association in New York City on March 17-21.

This year's editors-in-chief, Sarah Lawrence and Miranda Crews, both seniors, will be in attendance with 14 other yearbook students and three adults.

> "We were co-lifestyle editors for last year's yearbook, and we're super proud," said Lawrence. "It's a big deal."

> Mackenzie Cool, photo editor, has been on the yearbook staff all four years. "I'm really proud of that book. We were finally able to afford all-

color. We had to work a lot harder to get pictures in the right spots for full-color production. I'm even more excited for this year."

Social media and technology continue to play an ever-increasing role in the popularity of the yearbook among students. Students were invited last year to upload "selfies" for several pages entitled, "It Began With a Click."

This year's book will include QR codes so students can go into more depth for additional information. The books also use a Re-Play app and website where students can upload all their photos, then at the end of the year, students have to buy the yearbook in order to see all the student photos from the year.

Bunka, who has been a teacher and yearbook advisor at FHS since 1977, is just as enthusiastic this year for the yearbook as she has been every year. "This is my 37th yearbook. When I'm in this (yearbook) room, I'm really happy."

ĠΑ WHAT YOUR LEGISLATORS VOTED ON RECENTLY

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, nonpartisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released on Friday, Feb. 13.

BUDGET SHORTFALL EXECUTIVE ORDER VOTE

Last week, Gov. Rick Snyder issued an executive order trimming \$102.9 million of state spending in the current fiscal year, as required by the state constitution when spending exceeds projected revenue. The House and Senate Appropriations committees approved the order, which is also required by the constitution for it to go into effect.

Although state revenue collections are actually rising faster than spending in the current year, a shortfall occurred because corporations and developers who were granted selective "tax credit" deals by the previous two administrations are reportedly "cashing in" \$351 million more of these this year than originally projected. These deals extend as much as 20 years into the future, and in many cases the "credits" are actually taken as cash payments from the state. (Government secrecy prevents discovering the amount taken in cash.)

The largest cut in the executive or-der isn't really a "cut," but is removing \$16 million from the budget that had been appropriated for disaster relief but not spent. The largest real cut is reducing state subsidies paid to film producers this year from \$50 million to \$38 million. Another \$17.8 million will be saved by trimming a number of Department of Corrections programs and prison expenses. The rest of the cuts are smaller amounts spread across a broad range of government programs.

Here are the House and Senate Appropriation committees roll call votes on the executive order:

HOUSE

Republicans in favor: Jon Bumstead, Chris Afendoulis, John Bizon, Edward Canfield, Laura Cox, Cindy Gamrat, Larry Inman, Nancy Jenkins, Tim Kelly, Michael McCready, Aaron Miller, Paul Muxlow, Dave Pagel, Al Pscholka, Earl Poleski, Greg Potvin, Rob VerHeulen, Roger Victory Republicans opposed: None Democrats in favor: Harvey Santana

Democrats opposed: Brian Banks. Brandon Dillon, Fred Durhal III, Jon Hoadley, Jeff Irwin, Kristy Pagan, Sarah Roberts, Sam Singh, Henry Yanez. Adam Zemke

SENATE

Republicans in favor: Dave Hildenbrand, Peter MacGregor, Goeff Hansen, Jim Stamas, Tonya Schuitmaker, Marty Knollenberg, Darwin L. Booher, John Proos, Mike Nofs, Mike Green, Jim Marleau

Republicans opposed: None Democrats in favor: David Knezek **Democrats opposed:** Vincent Gregory, Hoon-Yung Hopgood, Curtis Hertel Jr., Coleman Young II **Republican** Mike Shirkey was absent.

VALUE **Continued from Front Page**

A was to give homeowners some relief against increased taxes due to the rapidly rising housing market. Before this proposal, taxes were calculated on As-

sessed Value, now taxes are calculated on Taxable Value. Notices recently went out to Fenton homeowners, letting them know what the Assessed Value is of their homes now. Tonya Molloseau, Fenton assessor, said, "After assessment notices are mailed, property owners can appeal to the local Board of Review the Assessed Value of the property." The Assessed Value of the property is 50

percent of the property's True Cash Value. If someone chooses to appeal their Assessed Value, they need to call City Hall and schedule an appointment with the Board of Review, Molloseau said, "It's up to the property owner to show the Board of Review documentation, appraisals, sales comparables or something that shows the

value of the property should be different than what the Assessor currently has on the property.

determine property values for

The petitioner will come in on the day of their appointment and present the information to the Board of Review.

As far as where your money goes when you pay your property taxes, the city only gets a small portion if there is an increase. City Manager Lynn Markland said that the money is split between the county, schools, the airport and many other government entities.

Percentages of homes in the Fenton city area that had an increase cannot be determined until after the Board of Review.



The City of Fenton Board of Review will meet at Fenton City Hall, 301 South LeRoy St., at the following times for the purpose of hearing protests to assessed values and the review of poverty exemption applications;

Sunday, February 22, 2015

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- Monday, March 2: 9 a.m. to noon
- Tuesday, March 3: 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, March 4: 1 to 4 p.m.,
- and 6 to 9 p.m. Monday, March 16: 2 to 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 17: 9 a.m. to
- noon • Wednesday, March 18: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for decisions only. No appeals to be heard this day.

Meetings with the Board of Review are held by appointment only. Appointments can be made by contacting the Assessor's Office at (810) 629-2261, or visiting Fenton City Hall Fenton.

Property owners who reside out of the area may appeal in writing to the Board of Review. Written appeals must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, March 16.

"We use a two-year sales study of properties within the city of Fenton to

the upcoming year," Mollo-

seau added.

They will review the information provided and make a decision. The decision will be mailed to the petitioner no later than June 1, 2015.



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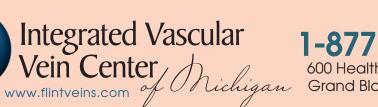
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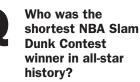
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BASKETBALL



I'm guessing this is an easy one for most. Spud Webb, who stood 5-foot-7, won the title in 1986.

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The Cuthy Junior Championships are slated to start at 6 p.m. on Wednesday at Mt. Holly.

The event features junior races from all over Southeast Michigan. The event is open to fifth- through eighth-grade students.

Fenton High School ski coach and Mt. Holly Thunderbolts Ski Team coach Tim Hiscock said the sport of skiing is growing, particularly in the tri-county area.

"I am encouraged by our efforts to recruit and develop young student-athletes into our sport to grow our team in the future. Our coaching staff is motivated to identify and develop elementary and middle school studentathletes through our junior development programs. We encourage any elementary or middle school student-athlete to become involved in the Thunderbolt Junior Development Team at Mt. Holly."

Contact Mt. Holly for more information on the event or other junior programs.

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Fenton's Weinberg wins SEMSL titles, preparing for state meet

By David Troppens dtroppens@tctimes.com

By most standards, Zoe Weinberg has had a pretty nice recent run on the ski slopes for the Fenton-Linden co-op ski team.

She recently qualified for the Division 1 state meet by winning a regional championship giant slalom and finishing runner-up in the slalom. Meanwhile, she followed up those results on Tuesday by recording individual championships in both events at the Southeastern Michigan Ski League Championship (SEMSL) meet held at Pine Knob. But as is the case with most athletes who

are pretty good at their craft, it's the one that got away that usually remains on their mind. "It's been a good year," Weinberg, a sophomore, said. "I am disappointed I didn't get first in both events at regionals. I made a mistake in slalom but that's ski racing, anything can happen on any given day. But that's part of the reason I like (skiing), too."

Weinberg did more than win her events at the SEMSL meet, she dominated them.

Weinberg had timed runs of 17.84 and 16.34 seconds in the giant slalom, earning a combined time of 34.18 seconds, or .55 seconds ahead of the rest of the field. She was even more dominant in the slalom. Weinberg had timed runs of 23.33 seconds and 24.86 seconds, earning her a combined time of 48.19 seconds. She defeated the field by an overwhelming 1.44 seconds.

See WEINBERG on 15A



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED PHOTO Zoe Weinberg has won three event titles in recent weeks at regionals and at the SEMSL meet. She'll be competing at state on Monday.

Eagles lose tight match vs. Brandon

► Young team's season ends in regional semis By David Troppens dtroppens@tctimes.com

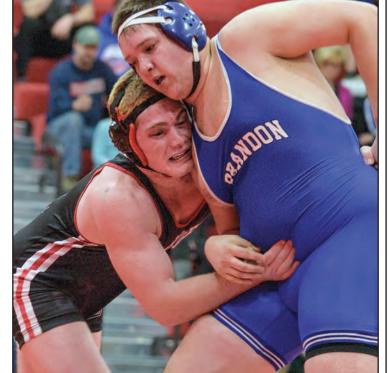
Linden — When it became apparent that the Linden varsity wrestling team would face Brandon in the semifinal round of the D2 team regional tournament, most knew it would be a close match.

The event may have ended up being even closer than of the fans expected.

In a match that saw nine of the 14 bouts decided by decisions, the Linden Eagles' young wrestling squad was edged by Brandon 29-27 in the regional semifinals.

The loss ended what was a pretty strong season for Linden despite fielding a team with only one senior.

"A lot of them are getting better. ... They've grown up,' said Linden's sole senior wrestler, Austin McNeill. "They See EAGLES on 15A



LF wrestlers fall in regional final to Birch Run

By David Troppens

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Lake Fenton's varsity wrestling team came one step away from capturing a second straight invitation to the Division 3 team state meet on Wednesday.

However, doing so meant defeating fifth-ranked Birch Run in the regional finals. And with three weight classes being forfeited, the Blue Devils fell to Birch Run 54-20 in the title match.

Lake Fenton earned its spot in the finals by soundly defeating Williamston 40-25 at Durand High School.

In the title event the Blue Devils did have four wrestlers win matches. After losing the first six, Lake Fenton won four of the next five. Trent Hillger (285) remained undefeated on the season when Birch Run gave him a forfeit. Senior Bobbie Kinkaid (103) ended her varsity wrestling career with See LF on 14A

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | MARK BOLEN Linden's only senior wrestler, Austin McNeill (left) competes during team regionals on Wednesday. Linden lost to Brandon.

PREP REPORT

HOCKEY

KBH United 8, Flushing 0: The Kearsley/Brandon/Holly co-op locked up the Metro League title by

earning the easy win. Shawn Larsen led KBH United with five goals and an assist, while Nate Flanagan, Kross Kenny and Jesse Zorn had a goal each. Makenzie Bolton, Flanagan, Steven Niles and Zorn had two assists each, while Tom Goye and Kenny also had an assist each.

Metro League Griffins 10, Swartz Creek/Clio 5: The Fenton/

Linden co-op hockey squad trailed at one time 3-0, but bounced back with six unanswered goals extending from the end of the first period through the second period, earning the victory. Five of those six goals were power-play goals. Connor Phillips had three goals

and an assist, while Buck Hudson had two goals and two assists. Joe Moran, Jackson Steel, Brendan Buerkel, Brandon Diener and Jake Thompson each had a goal. Buerkel also had three assists, while Thompson, Diener and Steel had two assists each. Tyler Bourassa, Moran, Jonah Lainesse and Tristan Deniau had an assist each.

In net, Manny Vomvolakis had 35 saves to assure the victory. BOYS BASKETBALL

Chelsea 61, Linden 31: The Eagles scored nine first-half points, resulting in the loss. Tyler Hoeberling led the Eagles with 10 points, while Trent Strang had five.

Linden freshmen 58, Chelsea 42: The Eagles (13-4) outscored Chelsea 21-12 in the opening quarter and led from that point, earning the victory. Corbin Sines led the Eagles with 14 points, while Blake Knox netted 12 points. Nick Koan also had 10 points, while Corbin Curtis and Andrew Burns had six points each

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lake Fenton 63, Bridgeport
47: The Blue Devils (4-13) struggled

in the first quarter, scoring just four points, but scored 59 in the final three periods resulting in the victory.

Sierra Arroyo led the Blue Devils with 16 points, while Kim Roe had 11 points and a team-high 18 rebounds. Kaitlyn Begley contributed 11 points, five rebounds, three assists and three steals, while Autumn Beardsley had seven points, 12 rebounds and six blocks.

Lake Fenton JV 43, Bridgeport **11:** The Blue Devils were led by Sage Fuller's 12 points, while McKenzie Rampy chipped in 11 points. Megan Lynch had seven points. All seven players who dressed, scored for Lake Fenton.

BOYS BOWLING

Holly def. Brandon: The Bronchos' Vladi Cracraft rolled a 224-226-450 series to lead Holly to the victory. Albert Lewellen also had a 204 game and a 403 series. Holly bowled baker games of 211 and

Fenton def. Linden: The Tigers were paced by John Cryderman's 266-219-485 series, earning the squad the victory against their rivals. Linden was led by Russell Carney's 184-213-397 series.

GIRLS BOWLING

Holly def. Brandon: Hannah Babon led the Bronchos with a 187-182-369 series, pacing Holly to the win. The team also posted a 190 baker game.

Linden def. Fenton: The Eagles were led by Rebecca Martin's 142-173-315 series. The team also posted a 170 baker game. Fenton's top bowler was Amber Prise with a 134-162-296.

Lady Tigers battle with No. 3 Goodrich

▶ Fenton loses to talented Martians, 45-34

By David Troppens

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No one can accuse the Fenton varsity girls basketball team from ducking the best competition in the Flint area.

Out of Fenton's five non-league foes the Lady Tigers have faced, they've battled three teams with three or less losses and four squads with win percentages above .600.

On Tuesday night, the trend continued as Fenton may have played its toughest foe so far, the third-ranked in Class B Goodrich Martians.

Fenton competed with the Martians most of the game and held Goodrich to its second-lowest scoring total of the season, but the Tigers were unable to keep up offensively themselves, losing a 45-34 non-league home verdict.

"Last night we did a couple of different things defensively because we had to," Fenton varsity coach Becki Moore said. "We were defending two Division 1 college players and the kids bought into the system and did a good job with it. You always learn more about what you need to do in losses and we really followed directions well when we had to make the changes on the fly."

Goodrich's star players included two University of Iowa-bound athletes — 5-foot-4 point guard Tania Davis and Alexis Sevillian. Another player, 6-foot-2 forward Isabella O'Brien, is headed to Division 2 Michigan Tech.

Early on, the Tigers (9-8) did more than compete; they had the lead. Fenton led 10-6 after one quarter. However, Goodrich won the second quarter and the Martians took a 25-19 lead into halftime.

'We attacked the basket and got to the basket, but then we got away from it," Moore said.

"That was part of the issue. We went to the line and were 8-for-9 at the line, but we were 6-for-6 in the first quarter. Once the first quarter ended, we got way from attacking."

Goodrich put some distance between the two teams in the third quarter, taking a 37-24 lead into the fourth quarter.

Ms. Basketball candidate, Davis, finished the night with 13 points and five assists. Davis averages 19 points per contest. Sevillian netted 16 points, while O'Brien had eight points. No one else on the team scored more than five.



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Fenton's Sarah Cummings (left) scored 20 points in the Tigers' 45-34 loss to Goodrich on Tuesday.

Fenton was paced by Sarah Cummings, who had a game-high 20 points. No one else scored more than four points for the Tigers. Carly Granger all over the place," Moore said. "She had that many points to go with her team-high seven rebounds. Emma Evo

was held to two points, but she did add three assists and three steals. "Carly played really well. She was

played in one part of the zone and See TIGERS on 14A



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an 8-5 decision victory against Jeremy Cox, and her win was followed by A.J.

Geyer's (112) 16-1 technical fall victory

against Colton Fritzer. Devan Melick

Against Williamston, Hunter Corco-

ran, Melick, and Hillger had pin wins.

Geyer, Reece Anguish, Ryan Franks

and Brendan Carr, Tristan Nevadom-

ski and Jackson Nevadomski also won

Fenton coach Vance Corcoran said. "We

beat a tough Williamston team by 15

points which was a little surprising. ... I

couldn't be happier with their efforts. I

definitely am looking forward to the fu-

ture with this young and talented team."

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"We wrestled well as a team," Lake

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Blue Devils take early lead, defeat Genesee Christian 76-55

By David Troppens dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789

The Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team took a nice lead after one quarter against Genesee Christian on Tuesday night.

The Blue Devils made sure they never lost it.

Lake Fenton continued to outscore Genesee Christian in each of the next two quarters, extending the Blue Devils' lead to 60-39 entering the fourth quarter. The squad eventually won a relatively easy 76-55 non-league contest at home.

"We did a great job early go get the lead after the first quarter and we were able to keep it there throughout the game," Lake Fenton coach Jake Erway said. "I thought defensively we played our best in that first quarter, and we did a pretty good job throughout the game of getting out in transition, which was nice."

Lake Fenton's offense remained strong throughout the contest, scoring at least 16 points in every quarter, making it impossible for Genesee Christian to get back into the game. A couple of Lake Fenton players stepped up to have outstanding games as well. Jake Zielinski (21 points) and Andrew Foerster (17 points) had their best offensive games of the season. Meanwhile, Chris Bell added 13 points and a team-high seven assists, while Jalen Miller netted eight points. Foerster also had eight rebounds.

"I thought Jake Zielinski, Chris Bell and Andrew Foerster played really well for us," Erway said. "Zielinski and Foerster both had career-highs in points. Zielinski was 7-of-8 from three-point range. It was one of those nights for him where he was obviously feeling it. Bell did a great job making sure we executed."

TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SCOTT SCHUPBACH Lake Fenton's Jake Zielinski scored a team-high and a career-high 21 points in the Blue Devils' 76-55 victory against Genesee Christian.



Tigers fall in OT to Martians

By David Troppens

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 About a week ago the Fenton varsity boys basketball team won an 83-80 overtime contest against Kearsley with the help of a converted threepoint shot by Chris Gilbert at the end of regulation.

On Tuesday, the Tigers found themselves on the agonizing other side of that same scenario.

Goodrich's Cap Wilson hit a threepointer at the end of regulation to force overtime. And once in the OT, the eighth-ranked Class B Martians edged Fenton to earn an 80-77 overtime victory at Goodrich High School.

"What comes around, goes around," Fenton coach Tim Olszewski said. "The shot we took against Kearsley was a great look off a designed play. The one that went in (against Goodrich) was a deep three, contested with someone in his face and he banked it in. I'm pretty sure he didn't call glass. It was a little heartbreaking to go into overtime on that type of shot, but the kids defended well. Nine out of 10 times it probably doesn't go in."

Another tough part of the shot was the fact that the Tigers had a chance to ice the game with 12 seconds remaining at the free-throw line. Up by two with two free throws, the Tigers made just one, making the tie possible. In the OT the Tigers had a three-pointer to win, but missed.

Olszewski said the Tigers played one of their best games of the season, but there was one area that killed Fenton — rebounding. Goodrich's (15-2) size was too much for Fenton as they were outrebounded 21-4 on the offensive glass.

"We were facing a very good ranked team and I'm proud of my kids' fight," Olszewski said. "They played one of the best basketball games we've played. But they outrebounded us and had 110 possessions to our 77, so we they had quite a few more possessions. ... But it was a great team effort. It's unfortunate we didn't get out with a win, but a game like that for sure helps us prepare for the district run. We were on their home court with a decent crowd on a Tuesday night against the eighth-ranked team in the state. Even though we didn't get the win, we learned some valuable things that will help us in the tournament."

Dillon Gardner had a team-high 24 points, while Beau LePage netted 15 points. Ben Hajciar added 14 points, while Ross Ebert scored nine points.

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guarded their Ms. Basketball candidate and still managed to come up with seven rebounds. Emma Evo played well defensively. She had a big girl in the middle that made it tough for her offensively, but she didn't allow it to affect her game. Chloee Foor, Aly Lenz, and Emma Brant were chasing their two all-staters all night. They did what we asked them to do."



Fenton's Beau LePage scored 15 points in the Tigers' 80-77 overtime loss to Goodrich on Tuesday.

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Linden's Bryce Davis (left) won this match against Brandon's Jon Allen by a 2-1 decision. The Eagles lost the regional semifinal match to the Blackhawks by a narrow 29-27 score.

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come in during the morning and lift. They are willing to put the hours in to get better. They will be doing summer wrestling. Some of the kids were doing it just to stay in shape (at the start of the season) and now they love the sport and this is what they want to do for the next four years."

"We learned hard work, commitment and what it takes to be a champion," sophomore wrestler Jaylin Steedman said. "I'm really confident in what we will be doing the next few seasons. I feel we accomplished what we needed to accomplish to finish this season strong."

Linden coach Todd Skinner is pleased with the progress his team displayed this winter.

"It's been unbelievable," Skinner said. "The freshmen are staying off of their backs. Our kids are battling and fighting. I couldn't be happier. I told them to remember this. We need to be back here again next year."

Linden (21-13) started by winning four of the first five matches, taking an 18-2 lead in the team score. However, Brandon slowly edged themselves back into the match by capturing victories in five straight bouts, giving Brandon a 20-18 lead in the team score with four weight classes remaining.

Linden had a void coming at 160, meaning it would probably take the Eagles winning the other three matches to capture the semifinal victory. Bryce Davis (152) started the run prior to the void loss by earning a tight 2-1 decision victory against Jon Allen. After the void, the Eagles trailed 26-21, meaning Cade Dickson (171) needed a victory against Brandon's Kerry Brown for the Eagles to have a shot. Dickson had the early lead, but Brown came back in the third period, earning a key reversal in the final seconds of the bout to earn a 4-3 victory. Linden's Aaron Steedman (189) capped the bout with a pinfall win in 16 seconds against Adam Burns, but the Eagles were two points short of advancing to the regional title match.

"It was definitely a close match," Mc-Neill said. "Both teams wrestled their hearts out. Our team is young. ... I'm happy with my team. They've come a long way.

"This is the best team I've been on in my high school career. It's the team with the most heart and the best family I've ever had. I'm really happy with them. ... Yeah, I would've liked to win, but they wrestled their hearts out and I'm happy with it."

Jaylin Steedman (215) started the match with a tough 7-5 decision victory against Brandon's Wyatt Wilson, and the tightness of his match became a trend throughout the night.

McNeill (285) followed Steedman's win with a pinfall in 3:07. That pin was followed by a tight 5-2 decision loss by Justin Cygnar (103), but Linden's Luke Zimmerman (112) responded with the second of three Linden pins in the event, shouldering his foe in 1:35. Koleton Strauss (119) followed the pin with a 5-2 decision victory. After Brandon was given a one-point penalty for misconduct, Linden led 18-2.

However, Brandon's Brendan Ladd earned the Blackhawks' only pin of the match and followed that win with four straight decision wins against Linden foes. Chandler Monsey (130), Dawson Blank (135), Patrick Kerr (140) and Avery Jacobs (145) suffered the tight decision losses during the run.

"It was a great dual," Skinner said. "We knew it was going to be tough because the first time we beat them by just eight and we knew it was going to be tough. They are a solid team."

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Her next event will be Monday's Division 1 state ski meet at Boyne Highlands. She trains every weekend with her club team at Schuss Mountain, which should help her compete with the northern schools who usually dominate the state ski events.

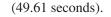
"The goal is to win, but like I said earlier, every day you get just one chance and anything can happen," Weinberg said. "My goal is always to win, but we'll see what happens on the day. There will be some good competition against the up-north teams."

Weinberg placed sixth in the giant slalom (50.67) and 33rd in the slalom (1:14.67) at last year's state meet.

One reason for concern involves Weinberg's ski schedule. She has another event with her travel squad during the weekend.

"I'll be coming in around 2 a.m. from Wisconsin from a race, so I'm a little worried about states," Weinberg said. "I'm hoping it won't impact me."

The Fenton-Linden boys also had a teammate competing at SEMSL. Andy Bennett placed 12th in the giant slalom (33.62) and 20th in the slalom



Both Fenton-Linden squads finished the season with third-place team efforts at Mt. Holly.

"I'm very pleased with the way our team skied this year, finishing third in a very competitive division for both the boys and the girls," said Fenton/ Linden coach Tim Hiscock. "I'm also very pleased and encouraged by the growth and development of our team as a whole this season. Our team worked hard on improving skiing fundamentals and it showed in our results this season."

Holly/Oxford at SEMSL

The Holly/Oxford boys ski team captured the SEMSL title, taking second in the giant slalom and the slalom. Their combined point total of 70 points edged out the field by 7.5 points.

Lars Jorgens-Kokate led the team taking second in the giant slalom (32.51) and the slalom (44.51).

Zac Felix was the team's next-best performer in the slalom, placing seventh (47.93), while Dillon Sink placed eighth in the giant slalom (33.49).

The girls team placed sixth. Emma Ford placed ninth in the giant slalom (35.99) and 11th in the slalom (55.21).



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Zoe Weinberg competes in a recent ski event. Weinberg will compete at the state ski meet on Monday.





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