Fenton takes ownership of crumbling seminary

By Tim Jagielo

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. 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.

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Did your property value go up?

Assessor explains how assessments are determined, how to appeal

By Yvonne Stegall

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 confusion started with Proposal A, passed by the voters in March 1994. This proposal drastically changed the property assessment and taxation system in the state of Michigan. The purpose of Proposal A is to determine property values in the city of Fenton to determine property values for the upcoming year.

Tonya Molloseau
Fenton City assessor

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Roof of Fenton Fire Hall catches fire

Build-up of heat in ventilation system likely to blame

By Sharon Stone

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 fighters were called to the Fenton Fire Hall restaurant because of a report of a roof fire. They found a large amount of smoke and heat coming from the building.

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Upward Basketball

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.
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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 numerous 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*

**FAILS**

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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 as many options (square, deep dish, flavored crust...etc.) it wouldn’t taste as delicious.

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CONTINUING TO HELP AREA YOUTH

Local resource that links schools with experts on anti-bullying, drugs and more

By Yvonne Stegall
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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 non-profit organization, is still in the community to help children in need and to share information with schools. It was a commu- nicable 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 transition stage, “We are looking at anti-bullying, which is a priority in many schools right now, and it affects children of all ages.”

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 experts who can speak to the children. An expert could be someone who was once an addict but has since changed his or her ways, and their life.

Many of the local schools 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 this March, which is 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, whether it is 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 workers receive no compensation. Community Parent can be found on Facebook, as well as at communityparent.org.

COLD SPELL

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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.

Kirk 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 Det- roit/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 tempera- tures, but it’s that wind chill 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. Kirk said that the record February high is 68 degrees, and was recorded on Feb. 11, 1999.

March 20 is the official first day of 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 step closer to sunny summer days.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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YOU CAN CALL me a little old fash- ioned 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 birth- days 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 dicta- tors, without the loss of American lives and improved our economy.
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 post-traumatic 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 dogs are not socialized 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 TADSAY (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 8:00 a.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 opportunities dogs bring to help people,” said Rohr.
SEMINARY
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According to Building/Zoning Administra
tor Mike Reilly, the city received
the property in January from Genesee
County.
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 e-mail.

There is currently no set
timeline for the destruc-
tion, 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 build-
ing 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 liv-
ing in a home built off the back of the
10,000-square-foot stone structure.
The city condemned it quickly thereaf-
er, and Crane was unable to get the build-
ing 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
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 apart-
ments 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 owner-
ship of the property, includ-
ing the adjoining home, re-
verted 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.

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.

FIRE
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Fighters quickly realized that a fire hy-
drant adjacent to the downtown restaur-
ante 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 be-
tween the cooking area and the roof.
A buildup of heat ignited ventilation
materials. The fire burned through the
wood decking on the roof surface
and caused about an 8-foot wide area
of fire damage.
Cairnduff said firefighters cut away
the decking, foam insulation and extin-
guished the fire. Some water damage re-
sulted in the kitchen area, however,
the fire chief said employees were quick
to start cleaning up the mess.
The restaurant posted on its Face-
book 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 depart-
ment would have to inspect the prem-
ises before it would be permitted to
reopen.

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“Here’s a test. Take a walk down into your basement, and look up at the ceiling for thin sheets of tin nailed between your floor joists. These are your cold air return lines. Give them a good pounding. Do you see puffs of dust seeping out of the edges? That’s the easiest way to see you have uncontrollable dust problems, and this debris cannot be removed without the help of a professional.

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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 piggy bank, 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 buying 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 will keep it fresh for an entire week? Neither did I, until I found it on Pinterest.

Fenton yearbook earns top awards

FHS Fentonian continues to be noticed at state and national levels

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

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.”
MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, 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 a budget deficit 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 order 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 $178 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 Carlfield, Laura Cox, Cindy Gamrat, Larry Inman, Nancy Jenkins, Tim Kelly, Michael McCready, Aaron Miller, Paul Muxlow, Dave Pagel, Al Picholka, Earl Polski, 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, Gondal 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 Knezevitch
- Democrats opposed: Vincent Gregory, Hoon-Yung Hopgood, Curtis Hertel Jr., Coleman Young II
- Republican Mike Shirkey was absent.

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A was to give homeowners some relief against increased taxes due to the rapidly rising housing market. Before this proposal, taxes were calculated on Assessed Value, now taxes are calculated on Taxable Value.

Notice 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.

“We use a two-year sales study of properties within the city of Fenton to determine property values for the upcoming year,” Molloseau added.

The petitioner will come in on the day of their appointment and present the information to the Board of Review. They will review the information provided and make a decision. The decision will be mailed to the petitioner no later than June 1, 2015.

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.

**CITY OF FENTON 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:

- 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.

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.

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

**CUTHY JUNIOR CUP SLATED FOR WEDNESDAY**

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 student-athletes through our junior development programs. We encourage any elementary or middle school student-athlete to become involved in the Thunderbolt Junior Development Program at Mt. Holly.”

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

**Fenton’s Weinberg wins SEMSL titles, preparing for state meet**

By David Troppens
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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

**Eagles lose tight match vs. Brandon**

Young team’s season ends in regional semis
By David Troppens
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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 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

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**Lakes 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 Hilger (285) remained undefeated on the season when Birch Run gave him a forfeit. Senior Bobbie Kinkaid (103) ended her varsity wrestling career with

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The Tigers fall to state-ranked Goodrich
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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 were following 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 move, tie, and lead; 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.

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

Fenton was held to two points, but she did add three assists and three steals.

“Carly played really well. She was all over the place,” Moore said. “Carly played in one part of the zone and

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

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The Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team took a nice lead after one quarter against Genesees Christian on Tuesday night. The Blue Devils made sure they never lost it.

Lake Fenton continued to outscore Genesees 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 Genesees 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.”

Tigers fall in OT to Martins

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About a week ago that the Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team won an 83-80 overtime contest against Kearsley with the help of a converted three-point shot by Chris Gilbert at the end of regulation.

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

Goodrich’s Cap Wilson hit a three-pointer 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 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 Gardiner 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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guard 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. Chloe Foer, Aly Lenz, and Emma Brant were chasing their two all-staters all night. They did what we asked them to do.”
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 Kenny 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 just two points short of advancing to the regional title match.

“It was definitely a close match,” McNeill 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. Koloten Strauss (119) followed the pin with a 5-2 decision victory. After Brandon was given a one-point penalty for misconduct, Linden led 16-2.

However, Brandon’s Brennan 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 (50.61) 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 on 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 (49.61 seconds).

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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LEATHER, SUNROOF
Price: $13,900

2015 CHEVROLET SILVERADO CREW CAB 4X4
Stk#1256986T
WAS $49,825
SAVE $8,913
NOW $40,912

2015 CHEVROLET CRUZE AWD
Stk#1810406
WAS $25,815
SAVE $2,332
NOW $23,483

2015 CHEVROLET SILVERADO DOUBLE CAB 4X4
Stk#18104497
WAS $226
PER MONTH LEASE!

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Stk#136775
WAS $134
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PER MONTH LEASE!

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PRICE: $14,305
SAVE: $2,306
NOW $11,999

2014 CHEVROLET CRUZE LTZ
PRICE: $26,180
SAVE: $6,821
NOW $19,358

2014 CHEVROLET CRUZE DIESEL
PRICE: $26,980
SAVE: $6,791
NOW $20,189

2014 CHEVROLET SILVERADO DOUBLE CAB
PRICE: $32,768
SAVE: $10,130
NOW $22,638

2014 CHEVROLET SILVERADO REGULAR CAB
PRICE: $30,275
SAVE: $7,873
NOW $22,401

2014 CHEVROLET TRAVERSE LTZ
PRICE: $44,105
SAVE: $9,107
NOW $34,998

2012 CHEVROLET IMPALA LT
Price: $13,400

2012 CHEVROLET IMPALA LS
Price: $10,900

2011 CADILLAC CTS PERFORMANCE
Price: $23,800

LEATHER, SUNROOF
PRICE: $36,245
SAVE: $2,306
NOW $33,939

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