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Fenton woman murdered in Colorado

Daughter’s estranged husband arrested for deaths of both women

By Sharon Stone

A Tyrone Township woman and 1978 graduate of Fenton High School died March 5 in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Tamara Clark-Dunn, as well as her 29-year-old daughter, Annie (Clark) Scott, died following a domestic violence situation in Colorado Springs, Colorado, according to the Colorado Springs Police Department.

Scott’s estranged husband, Timothy Ray Scott, 28, was injured during the See MURDERED on 6

Parents of Little Leaguers, let’s remember the coaches are volunteers and are there to help your children learn how to play as a team. Criticizing the umpires and the coaches is not helping anyone. If you can’t be respectful to coaches and umpires maybe you shouldn’t come to the games.”

“Nobody knows what’s right. We all know what’s wrong. Fix yourself. Leave others be.”

Red Fox Outfitters to close in April

‘We turned a profit on paper, but not in terms of long-term trends’

By Hannah Ball

Red Fox Outfitters has been one of the most noticeable buildings in downtown Fenton since they moved into the renovated, two-story historic beanery building at the corner of N. LeRoy and Main Street in November 2015.

The business has been open since April 2014, operating at first out See RED FOX on 7

HHS marching band ‘trip of a lifetime’ is off

St. Patrick’s Day parade in Dublin, Ireland cancelled due to coronavirus

By Sharon Stone

For members of the Holly High School marching band, a trip of a lifetime has been cancelled.

On Monday, Holly Area Schools learned that the St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Dublin, Ireland was cancelled due to the coronavirus situation.

Superintendent Scott Roper sent a letter to students and parents to inform them of the cancelled trip. “As you know, this was the focus of the scheduled high school band trip,” Roper said in the letter. “It is very disappointing for our students who have worked very hard for this once-in-a-lifetime experience.”

See ‘TRIP OF A LIFETIME’ on 8

Making connections at Expo 2020

Linda Roll of Fenton Township plays Connect Four against her granddaughter, Evelyn Roth, 10, of Grand Blanc Township, at the 2020 Fenton Community Expo on Saturday, March 7. Roll eventually lost the game.

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Michigan State Police takes human trafficking presentation to local schools

By Tim Jagielo

Lake Fenton — After the visceral human trafficking movie “Ring of Silence” finishes, Lake Fenton Community Schools Superintendent Julie Williams said an eerie silence usually follows. “It’s extremely impactful,” Williams said, for the viewers. “Probably an awakening.”

The most recent presentation was at Lake Fenton High School on Thursday, March 5. Overall, presenters sought to spread information about the serious problem with human trafficking, which can happen anywhere.

Approximately 300 parents and their children attended the movie screening. It included a presentation from the Michigan State Police (MSP).

Tpr. Amy Belanger spoke for 35 minutes about the “path to victimhood,” how teens and preteens become vulnerable to predators who seek to exploit them for intimate photos, or to press them into a form of sexual slavery. Her information compelled emotional responses from the audience as she related the stories of seemingly normal, happy teens who became entrapped by “friends” they met online, who gradually drew them into a life of sexual exploitation propelled by compulsory drug use.

"Seeing the movie in general really had me questioning if I really did know the people who I was on social media with." — Estella Hufton

Lake Fenton High School freshman

Tpr. Amy Belanger shares the downward progression of one 15-year-old human trafficking victim, aged exponentially by her experience. The presentation included stories of how children were gradually ensnared by traffickers through social media. Photo by Tim Jagielo

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D o Sundays give you a feeling of dread and unease? If so, you may be suffering from a case of the ‘Sunday Scaries,’ and you are not alone.

A shape.com article cites a few studies that are hard to ignore. First, a monster.com survey found that nearly 80 percent of people have what they call the “Sunday Blues.” Sunday is the biggest day for people seeking treatment for peptic ulcers, another health problem associated with stress, according to a study in World Journal of Gastroenterology and it’s the No. 1 day people suffer panic attacks according to a study published by PLOS One. Whether you’re returning to school or work or as your job as house CEO, the Sunday Scaries are real and as the research shows, they are nothing to ignore.

We all deserve a lovely Sunday to enjoy time with our friends and family, so here are a few tips to make that happen.

Love what you do: I love my job, but that doesn’t mean it’s always easy. To combat extra stress, I try to use the end of Fridays to work on my to-do list for the coming week. I also do everything in my power to take one weekend day off from email. Having a complete 24 hours without checking email (work and personal) gives my brain a nice break to ensure that I don’t burn out.

Give social media a break: Yes, it’s fun to see what everyone’s been up to during the weekend, but social media can be extremely anxiety-inducing. Before you know it FOMO (Fear Of Missing Out) kicks in, so it’s best to put the phone down.

Be productive: Sundays can be great for binging watching, but my mind can wander into stressful territory even when Netflix is on. The Sundays that I get a pedicure, mop the kitchen floor, do laundry, clean out my closet and/or grocery shop (treating myself to fresh flowers, of course) are always the Sundays free from the Sunday Scaries.

Work hard, play soft: While I love (and typically believe in the phrase) — “Work hard, play hard!” Sunday Scaries could mean it’s time to rein it in. Obviously, hangovers are no fun, but more importantly, alcohol can impair your ability to sleep soundly and a weekend worth of great sleep is a sure fire way to avoid the Sunday Scaries.

No matter how you cure the Sunday Scaries, the important part is that you do. Life is short and wasting an entire day of your weekend worrying about the week ahead is not worth it. So, how do you avoid the Sunday Scaries? Email me at ecaswell@mophonepaper.com. Emily Caswell is the brand manager at VIEW Group, the branding division of View Newspaper Group.

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Tips to avoid the ‘Sunday Scaries’

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DON’T HURL ACCUSATIONS of racism casually.

THINK DEMOCRATS AREN’T coming for your gun? Take a good look at Virginia.

NOW THAT BLOOMBERG has dropped out of the presidential primaries maybe he can focus on buying Elissa Slotkin another term.

I DON’T UNDERSTAND folks saying Social Security is socialist. We pay into Social Security while we are working and money is returned to us based on how much we paid when we were working. Not everyone gets the same amount. Sounds like capitalism at its finest.

THIS IS TO the person who claims Fox News only shows the Republican/conservative point of view. Apparently, you never watch Fox News because you would know that they show the left point of view, with people like Juan Williams, Geraldo Rivera, Cornel West and more. Don’t judge until you know what you are talking about.

TIME TO ASK why over $400 on my tax bill goes to Mott College?

What do you get out of attending the Expo?

“Just seeing the members of the community. You run into people you know.”
Ron Brooks
Fenton Township

“You get to ask questions of the different vendors. I may have found a water softener company, and a box company.”
Henry Dodson
Deerfield Township

“You get a lot. You get to see all the new businesses; you get to see all the old businesses. See old friends.”
Kim Barry
Fenton

“This is my first time. They have lots of free info on pre-k education for my 4-year-old.”
Kara Cagle
Flint Township

“To be able to educate people. We’re doing outreach with Wellhead Protection Committee and we get to teach people about water.”
Steve Guy
Oxford
Michigan presidential primaries explained

By Tim Jagielo

Michigan’s presidential primary was Tuesday, March 10, and the mitten state was among six states including Idaho, Missouri, Mississippi, North Dakota and Washington voting. Michigan primary results weren’t available by press time, so check myfenton.com for current results.

Primaries are an important season for both political parties. The Democrats will begin to rally behind candidates who will eventually take on presumptive Republican nominee, President Donald Trump, in the November election.

The candidate who wins the most delegates will earn the party’s nomination at convention to run for office. As of press time, Joe Biden had 670 declared delegates. Bernie Sanders had 574. Tulsi Gabbard had two, according to the Associated Press.

Those who dropped out still have their delegates.

“IT’S been very interesting, especially given how quickly we arrived at having two primary candidates: Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders,” said University of Michigan-Flint Political Science Lecturer Kevin Lorentz.

There were 10 Democrats on the local ballots running for office. While they’re listed, all but Biden, Sanders and Gabbard had dropped out of the race.

June 2 is the final day for primaries in the U.S., with Washington, D.C., Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico and South Dakota voting.

How does the Michigan delegate system work?

Michigan has 125 pledged delegates. Pledged delegates will vote for their candidate at convention. Among those, 82 delegates are allocated among the state’s congressional districts, according to Lorentz.

Pledged delegates for congressional districts are chosen March 16, and the remaining 43 delegates are chosen at the June 2020 Michigan State Democratic Convention.

There also are 22 “super-delegates,” who can vote for any candidate they choose at convention.

Nationally, Lorentz said a Democrat must attain 1,991 pledged delegates to secure the nomination outright on the first convention ballot. However, super-delegates can influence ballots that follow. Approximately 2,376 delegates (including pledged and super-delegates) are necessary to secure the nomination, he said.

**What’s the point of endorsements?**

Most Democrats who’ve dropped out have endorsed former Vice President Joe Biden. These have no direct impact on who is nominated to run, but they can reinforce a voter’s decision, or sway uncertain voters. “Voters who haven’t fully committed to a particular candidate may often look to party officials and currently elected leaders for guidance and cues,” Lorentz said.

**Open vs. closed primaries**

Michigan has both closed and open primaries. The March primary was “closed,” in that a voter had to declare whether they wanted a Democrat or Republican ballot, though party registration is not necessary. The August U.S. primary is open, said Lorentz, meaning the ballot has both parties listed, though voters must stay on one side of the ticket.

Whether voters choose Republican or Democrat, ballots are made available to parties on closed primaries. With open primaries, their decision remains private. This is because on the “open” ballots, the voters doesn’t have to declare for which party they’ll vote. Both parties are on each ballot.
Fenton Regional Chamber will be 2020 Parade Grand Marshal

Fenton Freedom Festival Committee recognizes entire Chamber during its 100th birthday celebration

By Sally Rummel

Hundreds of Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce members won’t all fit into a sports car during the Freedom Festival Parade on Saturday, July 4, but that’s okay.

The Chamber is so pleased to have been selected the 2020 Grand Marshal that it tentatively plans to build a float for the board of directors to ride on during the 10 a.m. parade.

“The entire Chamber is being recognized as a whole,” said Shelly Day, executive director of the Chamber. “We wouldn’t be a Chamber without all of our members.”

Fenton Freedom Festival Chairperson Pat Lockwood said the selection was made at the committee’s January meeting. “It just seemed the appropriate time to honor the Chamber during the celebration of their 100th anniversary,” Lockwood said. Lockwood was executive director of the group from 1981 to 1987.

“It was a unanimous decision by the committee,” Lockwood added. “They had great success in bringing so many businesses into the community, and have given so much support to all of our non-profits. They also run so many successful events throughout the year.”

See GRAND MARSHAL on 8

HOT LINE CONTINUED

DID YOU SEE the picture of the Fenton Board meeting? Teachers and parents look concerned while two members of the school board have their head down. One is on her phone. Classy.

TO THE LADY in the silver Acadia dropping her daughter off at the high school. When you ignored the stop sign and narrowly missed me, was flipping me the bird necessary? Do you constantly make mistakes and blame others? Anyway, I hope you have a nice day.

DOES ANYONE KNOW where all that litter along the soccer field fence comes from? Every spring it’s there from one end to the other. Terrible first impression of Linden.

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DOMESTIC situation. He was arrested on suspicion of two counts of first-degree murder, a police spokesman said in a news release. Police have not released additional details about Scott.

Kim Garcia, Dunn’s older sister, said Scott smashed the windows to his wife’s apartment, barged inside and fatally shot Ann Scott, who was also known as Annie Clark, according to The Gazette article.

Dunn, who was known by friends as Tammy Jo Clark-Dunn, tried to fend him off with a butcher’s knife and stabbed him, Garcia said, before the man shot her. The deaths ended a years-long cycle of abuse, Garcia said.

According to The Gazette, Annie Scott was a 29-year-old hairstylist who recently severed ties with her husband who she described as abusive. She had worked at J. Gregory Salon in Colorado Springs, Colorado since 2011.

Elizabeth Backstrom, owner of the salon, told The Gazette that Annie’s stepfather stopped by the salon on March 6 to let them know that Annie and her mother had been killed. Annie’s mother had recently moved in with her daughter to protect her from her estranged husband.

On March 5, at approximately 2:14 a.m., the Colorado Springs Police Department (CSPD) Communications Center received reports of a domestic disturbance inside a residence in the 6600 block of Palace Drive. CSPD officers responded to the residence where they located one deceased adult female, identified as Annie Scott. Officers also located one adult male, Timothy Ray Scott, and a second adult female, Tammy Jo Clark-Dunn, suffering from serious injuries.

The injured male and female were transported to the hospital in serious condition.

Detectives from CSPD’s Violent Crimes Section responded and assumed responsibility for the investigation. The Coroner’s Office will make the official cause and manner of death determination.

According to the Colorado Springs Police Department, the police department was notified that the female victim, Tammy Jo Clark-Dunn, who was transported to the hospital died from her injuries.
The law and the coronavirus

The news on the spread of the coronavirus is being reported on a daily basis with most of it being bad although some of it could be good.

The bad involves how far it has spread. The good is the fact that governments worldwide are taking steps to control the spread and hopefully, in the not too distant future, there will be positive results.

I will leave it to others to describe the illness as this is far outside my area of expertise.

However, what I can and will do for today’s column is to give a very general overview of some of the legal authority, which allows the United States and state governments to take necessary steps to address the treatment and control of the virus.

On the federal level, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has statutory responsibility for preventing the introduction, transmission and spread of communicable diseases in the United States.

The primary law, which applies in situations such as this, is the “Public Health Service Act,” which allows the HHS to respond to Public Health Emergencies. An emergency was declared by the Secretary effective Jan. 27, 2020.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has been given the authority to implement many of the provisions of the Act.

These include detaining, medically examining, and releasing persons arriving into the United States and traveling between states who are suspected of carrying specified communicable diseases.

In appropriate cases, isolation and quarantine of those infected can be ordered.

The Act also allows for funding to state and local governments to control diseases such as the virus.

Turning to the states, all states have “police powers” to take appropriate remedial actions.

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of the store at the former Kirkey Shoes location. It received a major uplift with the new location. SkyPoint Ventures was the real estate/capital development arm of the project.

The store is now closing.

Doors remain open for now, but are expected to close at the end of April.

Jesse Anderson and Nick Brown have been co-managers of the store since the beginning. Anderson said they’re closing because of profitability.

“We turned a profit on paper, but not in terms of long-term trends,” Anderson said. “This did make our decision easier. It’s good to recognize where things are going.”

He estimates that the location, on the north side of the train tracks, may have played a part.

“It’s tough to be on the other side of the tracks, in terms of pedestrian traffic downtown,” Anderson said.

Anderson is looking at options for future plans.

“We’re both from this area,” Anderson said. “We’re versatile. We love to do what we’re passionate about. It’s been exciting to be a part of the building’s renovation, to have played a small role in this building’s history. We’re excited to see the next chapter of this building.”

Anderson and Brown made the closing announcement Friday, March 6 on the Red Fox Outfitters Facebook page:

“It is with a healthy dose of the bittersweet that the Red Fox Team announces that we will cease retail operations at the end of April — just about six years to the day from when we first opened up our doors in Fenton’s historic downtown.

“The owners and most of the team hail from the area and we so enjoyed playing a role in active endeavors throughout the community. Whether it was outdoor education, helping out runners of all ages, or bringing the area a fly fishing shop and the classes and events that came with it, we truly are blessed to have had a lot of fun pursuing our passions and facilitating their growth in downtown Fenton.

“While we loved the shop and the great pursuits and memories that came with it, the Red Fox team is excited for their next respective chapters, and we’re excited for the next chapter of the building we’ve inhabited since 2015 — the historic Fenton Granary. The Big Barn has lived many lives since its construction in 1855, and we were grateful to play a small role in its illustrious history as a center of commerce and life in downtown Fenton.

“Thanks, from the bottom of our hearts, to our customers and friends for the great memories, the passion for the activities we love so dearly, and for all the support through the years. We certainly loved giving back to the community, and only wish we could have even more the last six years.”
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To help stop the virus from spreading in Michigan (including testing), the Department of Health and Human Services has activated the Community Health Emergency Coordination Center and Governor Gretchen Whitmer has activated the State Emergency Operations Center.

I have barely scratched the surface. There is much more out there to learn and it is vitally important for everybody to know.

A wealth of this additional information can be found at the websites of the CDC cdc.gov and the State of Michigan michigan.gov/coronavirus. As they say, “knowledge is power.”

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Roper was told that the Irish Minister for Health, Simon Harris, reported that the coronavirus situation was very serious and public welfare was paramount.

Roper said the school district is strongly advocating for a full refund for all travelers on this trip. The travel agency, WorldStrides, said that they desire providing a full refund and will work toward this resolution.

The superintendent said he would be updating the students and parents on refunds as information becomes available.

Expo 2020

Nice weather, fear of crowds may have contributed to smaller numbers at the Expo

By Sally Rummel
Fenton — There’s only one community event during the entire year that doesn’t as well when the weather is warm and sunny.

This past weekend’s unseasonably nice weather, along with crowd fears about the flu and coronavirus, may have contributed to a smaller attendance at the 2020 Community Expo in Fenton.

But that didn’t lessen the enthusiasm for the event by organizers Linda Hathaway, Expo chairperson and Shelly Day, executive director of the Fenton Regional Chamber.

“We kind of expected this might happen,” Hathaway said. “So many people are fighting the flu and re-evaluating their time spent in crowds. And the weather — who could predict 60 degrees on the first weekend of March?”

Still, the exhibitors overall were pleased with the Saturday-Sunday event. “The lighter crowd does create an opportunity to talk one-on-one with potential customers,” Day said. “We didn’t hear a single negative word from any exhibitors; they all seemed pleased with the number of leads they pulled from the event.”

Robert Ward of D.O.W. Asphalt in Swartz Creek keeps a running log of leads year after year, and said he was happy with the results as of Sunday afternoon. “I got the same number of leads I usually do,” he said.

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Day also said this recognition comes because the Chamber is so heavily involved in the Fenton Freedom Festival. “The Chamber Board was really excited when they got word of this honor,” Day said. The Chamber also will be guest of honor at the community-wide Grand Marshal Reception on Thursday, July 2 at 7 p.m. at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center.

Any community members who would like to help construct a Chamber float for the 2020 Fenton Freedom Festival parade is invited to contact the Chamber office at (810) 629-5447.

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An Expo attendee receives a free exam from the Dr. Wax Orthodontics booth.
Photo: Tim Jagielo

Jesse, 9, plays catch with a high school volunteer at the Expo. Photo: Tim Jagielo

Winner of the Chamber’s 100th Birthday $100 raffle was Tom Wielchowski of Tom-Tom’s Photo Booth.

“It was nice to have one of our Chamber members win the raffle,” Day said. The winner of the $145 50/50 drawing was an Expo visitor from Pontiac, whose name was not available at press-time.

Winning the Booth Contest for creativity and keeping a consistent theme from the booth to the business was Advanced Chiropractic in Holly. “It was very creative, very Jurassic Park-like,” Hathaway said. “They used the theme throughout their display and costumes, and their big inflatable dinosaur was all skeletal bones — very appropriate for a chiropractor.”

The business will be honored with a $200 office lunch from any Chamber member of their choice. “I thought all of the exhibitors put a lot of thought into their booth presentations,” Hathaway said. “They certainly were well organized this year.”
Approximately 300 people attended the presentation on human trafficking at Lake Fenton High School on Thursday, March 5. It included information about the “path to victimhood” and videos as well.  

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

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Some were tricked into sharing intimate photos, with which they were later blackmailed. Ages ranged from 12 to 16 that were exploited, across all genders, sexual orientations and segments of society.

“The Ring of Silence” was released in 2019 and directed by Nicole Bowers Wallace. It has been praised by survivors for its accuracy. It chronicles the experience of a young woman who meets a charming stranger online, who draws her into the “seedy underbelly of society,” according to the internet movie database (IMDB.com) description. It’s been seen by thousands of students around Michigan.

“It was a very heavy presentation,” said attendee Lisa Kent. “It was so sad to hear about and watch how human life of all ages can be sold and treated like that. So disturbing. And to learn that in some cases sold by their own family.”

Tom Hufton attended with his daughter, Estella, 15. She’s a freshman at Lake Fenton High School. “The horror these victims go through is so scary,” Hufton said. “The tactics the human traffickers use to lure their victims into this industry is just sickening. They’re not human.”

Estella said the presentation had her questioning whether she really knew the people she chats with online. “I think the number one thing that will always stick with me from watching ‘The Ring of Silence’ is to use your voice when you are in a serious situation no matter how serious. Talk with your parents, another adult, a school counselor, etc.” she said.

She could empathize with the main character “April” after falling in love with a man she thought she knew.

Hufton said before the movie, he had assumed that human traffickers kidnap their victims — not lure them gradually, “grooming” them into this.

“I never realized that in some cases relationships that look like genuine boyfriend/girlfriend relationships could actually be part of the ‘act,’” Kent said.

Hufton said in practical terms, communication with your children is key, and being aware of their use of smart technology, social media and certain apps.

**POLICE & FIRE REPORT**

**LINDEN MAN ARRESTED FOR OWI IN FENTON**

At 2:15 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 29, a Fenton police officer conducting radar clocked a vehicle traveling 57 mph in a 40-mph zone on Owen Road, near U.S. 23. A traffic stop was initiated and contact was made with the driver, a 22-year-old Linden man. The officer observed the driver fumble through his wallet in search of his license. The officer also detected the odor of alcohol. The driver denied consuming alcohol. The man was asked to exit the vehicle, at which time the officer spotted a can of beer between the man’s legs. The man was arrested for drunk driving and having open intoxicants in his car. He eventually told the officer he had drank one “big a** margarita.” The man was lodged until sober and issued a ticket.

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**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

**TO THE PERSON** that mentioned that the federal government has control over freeway speed limits. They repealed the federal speed limit in 1995; therefore each individual state has control over freeway speed limits.

**DOES ANYONE KNOW** what was spent on Linden schools’ athletic field, $6 million or $9 million?
LFLF gymnastics squad places fourth at regional meet

By David Troppens

The LFLF varsity gymnastics team had only six performers at the regional meet last weekend.

Still, the squad came mighty close to qualifying as a team for the state meet.

However, the co-op team which includes students from Linden, Fenton and Lake Fenton ended up finishing fourth as a team, just outside the top three positions needed to qualify for the state meet. The team had an overall score of 138.65.

Plenty of performers, however, qualified for the state meet in individual events, including Apryl Smith who ended up placing second in the all-around.

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Holly’s Young, Gonzales capture state titles

By David Troppens

Young caps career with first championship

Nathan Young came close to an individual state wrestling championship during his junior season, losing in the finals.

The Holly senior made it to Ford Field again this season to compete for a Division 2 individual state wrestling title and found himself in that state championship bout against Eaton Rapids’s Chris Haynes (140).

His return to the title match ended up being beautiful revenge as Young defeated Haynes by a 4-2 decision.

“It felt really good obviously.” Young said. “I came pretty close last year, but didn’t get the job done. But this year I was able to seal the deal. I went out there and tried not to be ner-

Gonzales completes perfect season with thrilling third-period

By David Troppens

Jacob Gonzales was down 5-0 entering the third period of his Division 2 individual state wrestling championship contest against Lowell’s James Fotis Saturday at Detroit’s Ford Field.

However the Holly sophomore still only had one thought in his mind.

“I knew I had to score points and losing never crossed my mind,” Gonzales said. “I had do to what it takes to get the win.”

Gonzales (152) did just that.

Gonzales earned a takedown and took his opponent to his back for a late five-count and then pinned Fotis with eight seconds remaining in the match, earning his first individual state wrestling championship of his Holly prep career.

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See GONZALES on 12

Blue Devils capture D2 district championship vs. rival Goodrich Martians

By David Troppens

Lake Fenton — Way back on Jan. 13, 2017, two Lake Fenton varsity freshmen girls basketball players competed against the Goodrich Martians for the first time.

Morgan Furey and Katelyn Siebert were the freshmen, and the Blue Devils lost 71-26. A year later, sophomore Sydney Hammis joined her fellow classmates as varsity members on the Blue Devils basketball game. However, the team’s fortune didn’t change much as the Blue Devils lost three more games against the Martians, including a loss in the district title game.

On Friday, the trio were getting their last shot at beating the Martians in front of a large home crowd in a Division 2 district championship game, and they were up to the challenge.

The seniors and the rest of the Lake Fenton team defeated the Goodrich Martians 54-52 to secure the division title. It was the second straight year the Blue Devils and Martians faced off in the district title game.

See BLUE DEVILS on 12
**Tigers taking seven swimmers to state meet**

**By David Troppens**

Seven Fenton varsity swimmers will be headed to Holland Aquatic Center for the Division 2 state swim meet Friday and Saturday. Holly also has a swimmer headed to the meet.

The Metro League champion Fenton Tigers will have seven swimmers competing in eight different events with some having strong chances at earning second-day swims on Saturday.

Fenton’s competitors are Max Haney, Anthony Barnett, Gavin Crews, Alec Maddock, Jack Fries, Joel Diccion and Kaz Sieja. Holly’s competitor is Logan Molzahn.

Fenton freshman Haney is going to be as busy as any tri-county performer, competing in four events. Haney qualified for the state meet in the 200 freestyle and the 500 freestyle individually. He’ll also compete on Fenton’s 200 medley relay and one of the two freestyle relays. Haney will be expected to qualify for second-day swims.

“That’s my goal. I want to make it to the final,” Haney said.

**Tigers fall to Lapeer Lightning in final regular season game**

**By David Troppens**

The Fenton varsity boys basketball game will be entering the tournament after a rough stretch of contests.

The Tigers lost their fifth straight game, dropping a 64-47 road contest against Lapeer.

Lapeer made a halfcourt shot at the end of the third quarter to take a 46-45 lead and then held Fenton to just two fourth-quarter points, resulting in the victory.

The Tigers have run into some tough opposition during that run, with all five squads holding a .500 or better record with the exception of Lapeer (8-11).

The Tigers (9-11) are also suffering from other issues. The Tigers were without two starters due to injury or sickness. Jacob Boulay led the Tigers with 14 points while Kede Lookebill netted 12 points.

Fenton travels to Howell for district action today.

**Three area wrestlers place fifth at state meet**

**By David Troppens**

Holly’s individual state wrestling championship duo of Nate Young (140) and Jacob Gonzales (152) made the biggest tri-county headlines at the MHSAA’s state individual wrestling meet Friday and Saturday, but other area wrestlers had strong performances at the event.

Three had fifth-place finishes — Linden’s Bryce Shingleton (119) and Jimmy Roti (152); and Lake Fenton’s Zolen Marvin (215).

Shingleton opened his varsity career by placing fifth during his freshman season. Shingleton won his first match by tech fall, but lost his second bout by decision. He rebounded with two consecutive wins by pinfall, earning him in the placement positions.

Rapids’s Robert Davids in the fifth-place match, winning 8-3.

Roti, a junior, won his first match by decision but then lost his second bout, putting him in a position to have to win his third bout to place. He not only won that match but also won the next by pinfall. He lost in a match that could’ve put him in the third-place match, so he competed in the fifth-place bout. He defeated Richland Gull Lake’s Dakota Otman by a 4-2 decision.

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BLUE DEVILS
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Fenton squad earned the Blue Devils’ first district title since the 2001-02 school year and also finally got that elusive victory against the Goodrich Martians, earning an energy-filled and inspirational 62-55 victory against the Martians.

Prior to the contest, the senior class had lost nine straight varsity games against Goodrich in their careers. They made their final opportunity count.

“A district title against Goodrich means so much more than any other team we could’ve played against,” Furey said. “They’ve been beating up on us in the past for I don’t even know how long. We have made them a rival.”

“It feels so good because I feel like every single time we play Goodrich, four straight years, we’ve lost to them every single time,” Hammis said.

“We really felt this year we really had a chance to beat them. This was the third time playing them, so to finally beat them our senior year and get a district title is amazing.”

“The biggest thing we’ve been talking about all season is you don’t know what it’s like to be a champion until you do it,” Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Brian VanBuren said. “We’ve been talking about preparation and what we try to do to get us ready for it, but you truly don’t know what it feels like until you do it.

“(The seniors) talked about putting their stamp on the program and their legacy. I told them to look up there (at the wall where the team tournament banners are located) and told them there are not names attached to these. We talked about they may not remember how many points or whatever you did (during the season), but they will remember that you were on that team. It’s the first team to win a district championship in 18 years.”

The Blue Devils’ play in the district championship game was pretty amazing. The Blue Devils earned their most program-defining victory in the new high school gym (Lake Fenton has played in it since August 2004).

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“At the time I was super-excited,” Gonzales said. “I was thinking how hard I worked to get where I was and how hard I worked to get this opportunity to wrestle at the state finals. I thought about the people that got me there, my family, my brothers, my team and my coach and everything that got me there.”

“Jacob gave me a little bit of a heart attack,” Holly varsity wrestling coach Zachary Wood joked. “Down four points in the last 15 seconds and he dumped him, got him on his back and got the pin. It was pretty exciting.”

Gonzales has quite the wrestling family as all of his older brothers wrestled. Anthony Gonzales was a two-time state champion (2010, 2012).

“It’s a competition really,” Jacob Gonzales said about his brothers. “We are really competitive as brothers. When I was a freshman I was looking to be a four-timer (state champion). Last year I had a bad tournament so this year was the start of my shot to be a three-timer.”

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He felt no stress. He was laughing two minutes before he went out for the state finals.”

Young took the lead in the first period with a take down. He entered the second period up 2-0. The slim lead held through the entire match. During the third period, Young rode the top position the entire period, earning the victory.

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Horoscopes

ARIES
Mar 21/Apr 20
This week should begin with seemingly little activity, Aries. But like an iceberg, much is hidden beneath the surface ready to be exposed when the time comes.

TAURUS
Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, there is no need to take everything on this week, Taurus. Focus on small details to keep yourself occupied and engaged for some time to come.

GEMINI
May 22/Jul 21
Gemini, you have unique goals and ambitions. Do not let others’ preconceived notions get in your way. Stay the course and reap the rewards of your hard work.

CANCER
Jun 22/Jul 21
Think long and hard about what you have to say before you start sharing your opinions, Cancer. It is hard to retract statements, so choose your comments wisely.

LEO
Jul 23/Aug 22
Move outside of your comfort zone this week, Leo. Doing so can be especially valuable as you embark on a new path that you believe will help you in the future.

VIRGO
Aug 23/Sept 22
Virgo, skip any shortcuts this week, however tempting they may be, because they’ll only cost you more time in the long run. Invest the time up front and you’ll be rewarded.

LIBRA
Sep 23/Oct 22
Libra, some time off in the days ahead provides a great opportunity for some relaxation and reflection. Make the most of this free time and form a plan for the future.

SCORPIO
Oct 23/Nov 21
Scorpio, your social schedule has been busy of late, and the roller coaster ride does not figure to end anytime soon. Take some time for yourself to get away for a few days.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov 22/Dec 21
Sagittarius, an influential person may come into your life this week and make some big changes to your perceptions about the future. It may be an exciting time.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22/Jan 20
Some powerful people have taken notice of your efforts, Capricorn. Your hard work may be paying dividends before you know it. Expect to see more of these people soon.

AQUARIUS
Jan 21/Feb 19
Aquarius, it is alright to share your latest successes with close friends or family and perhaps shout it to an even wider audience. You are modest about much of what you do.

PISCES
Feb 19/Mar 20
Your brain is currently wired to make top-notch business deals, Pisces. Put all other plans on hold for the time being.
Bite into pie in honor of Pi Day

Each year on March 14, math aficionados around the world celebrate the mathematical constant known as pi, which is represented by the Greek letter “pi.” Pi relates to the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter, which comes to approximately 3.14159, but goes on infinitely. The celebration date is significant because it corresponds to the first three digits of pi, or 3.14.

While discussions about math and ponderings on pi in particular can fill the day, this calendar event also marks the opportunity to dig into pi’s homonym ... pie. Calculating circumferences and diameters may be even more intriguing when using an actual pie. Any pie can fit the bill, but why not feast on this recipe for “Rhubarb Hand Pies” from “Simply Scratch” (Avery) by Laurie McNamara?

Rhubarb Hand Pies

MAKES 6 PIES

INGREDIENTS:
- 3/4 pound fresh rhubarb, trimmed and cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1/3 cup packed dark brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 pie crust (2 discs), homemade (see below) or store-bought
- 1 large egg, beaten

DIRECTIONS:
1. Combine the rhubarb, brown sugar, lemon zest and juice, ginger, salt, and 1/4 cup water in a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil over high heat, then reduce the heat to medium-low and simmer for 12 to 15 minutes, or until the rhubarb mixture is thick. Remove from the heat, stir in the vanilla, then pour into a heat-safe bowl to cool completely.
2. Preheat the oven to 400 F. In a small bowl, combine the beaten egg with 1 tablespoon water to make an egg wash.
3. Roll out one disc of dough to 1/8 inch thick. Use a 6-inch biscuit cutter to stamp out 3 circles. Brush the outer edges with a little egg wash before spooning 2 tablespoons of the cooled rhubarb mixture onto one half of each circle. Fold the unfilled side over the filling and crimp the edges with a fork. Brush the tops of each pie with more of the egg wash. With a sharp knife, make slits in the center for ventilation and sprinkle each pie with 1/2 teaspoon of turbinado sugar. Refrigerate. Repeat with the second disc of pie dough and remaining filling.

All-Purpose Pie Crust

Makes two 9-inch pie crusts

INGREDIENTS:
- 2 1/4 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 cup ice-cold unsalted butter, cut into pieces
- 6 to 8 tablespoons ice water

DIRECTIONS:
1. In the bowl of a food processor, combine the flour, salt and butter and pulse until the pieces of butter are the size of peas and the mixture is crumbly; do not overmix.
2. Add the ice water 1 tablespoon at a time, pulsing after each addition, until the dough comes together in large clumps and resembles coarse, wet sand. Divide the dough in half, form into round discs, and wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate for 30 minutes.
4. Bake for 15 to 18 minutes or until the crust is golden and the filling bubbling. Let the pies cool on the baking sheet for 10 minutes before transferring them to a wire rack.
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