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Utilizing grant, Fenton schools to get second SRO

Fenton Police Department yet to name second officer to monitor schools

By Sharon Stone

Through an agreement with Fenton Area Public Schools (FAPS), the Fenton Police Department and a state of Michigan grant, the police department will provide a second school resource officer (SRO) to cover schools within the district.

See SRO on 8

Prism Project Safehouse opens

Receiving first arrivals of female victims of sexual exploitation and/or sex trafficking this week

After more than four years of collaborative effort, Prism Project has officially opened its long-term safehouse restorative program in Genesee County and is receiving its first arrivals this week.

The first of its kind in Michigan, this program provides a safe place where child survivors of sexual exploitation and/or sex trafficking can come to heal from See **SAFEHOUSE** on 8



Thousands of people attended the 38th annual Fenton Community Expo on Saturday, March 4 and Sunday, March 5 at Fenton High School. The event provides the opportunity to talk to vendors, win prizes and giveaways, and enjoy entertainment from local organizations. **Photo: Hannah Ball**

Expo exceeds expectations

Popular event well attended despite snowstorm

By Hannah Ball

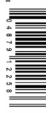
Fenton — It was another successful year for the Fenton Community Expo.

Held Saturday, March 4 and Sunday, March 5 at the Fenton High School, it was the largest gathering of businesses, churches, civic groups, schools, nonprofits and more in one place in southern Genesee County. This year marked 38 years for the annual event.

"The chamber staff does an incredible job organizing this show. Our exhibitors do a great job presenting their businesses. The overall look of the show is very polished and professional.

"We think that it sets a great mood for the exhibitors and the guests who attend the show. We are complimented over and over about how the show is so nicely done," according to a statement from the chamber.

See EXPO on 9



L Why are we changing clocks? It was said they were going to stop it. People hate it. It me up for weeks.

messes me up for weeks. Medications at different times. My stomach wants to eat earlier. Why won't they just leave it alone?"



white SUV Thursday at Culvers in Fenton, who paid for my lunch. Nice surprise and certainly appreciated."



L Thank you to the men working at Linden Masonic Lodge. You

make the best pasties. We are so fortunate here."

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What are elected officials reading?

Spy thrillers, historical nonfiction, autobiographies and more

By Hannah Ball

Because March is National Reading Month, the Times reached out to elected officials and asked what they're currently reading and what book they would recommend. This is part one. **Linden City Council**

Mayor Danielle Cusson: "The Power of One More" by Ed Mylett.

Mayor Pro-Tem: Brenda Simons: I'm reading "No God, But One" by Nabeel Oureshi. I would recommend this book because it's important to educate ourselves regarding all religions.

Councilor Heather MacDermaid: I'm currently reading "Mad Honey" by Jodi Picoult which is very good so far but I haven't read a lot of it yet. My favorite book that I've read so far this year was "Magic Hour" by Kristin Hannah. It's a can't-put-down story about a young girl who shows up in a small town after living a life of isolation in the deep woods and the people who help her.

Personally, I love to read and usually read close to 100 books each year.

Councilor Pamela Howd: I always



have several books that I read at the same time. Right now I am reading "The Naturalist: Theodore Roosevelt" by Darrin Lunde. It is about Theodore Roosevelt the conservationist, explorer, and the formation of the national parks systems. The book provides information about Roosevelt and his fight to save massive public lands and keep it for everyone to enjoy. I love it so far.

I am also reading the Bible for spiritual wellbeing. I just finished reading Diane Mott Davidson's last book, "The Whole Enchilada," and tried making a few of the recipes contained in the book. Great repeatable recipes, and her mysteries are always funny. Tasty chapters! Finally, I just read the TCTimes Expo booklet. Wonderful writing and informative too. **Fenton City Council**

Councilman Scott Grossmeyer: I just started reading "Keep Sharp" by Dr. Sanjay Gupta. After being around loved ones who were experiencing cognitive decline and were in denial about it, I thought that it couldn't hurt to see if there were exercises for the mind that might help avoid or lessen the same decline. **Argentine Township**

Supervisor Brian Saad: I read two books at a time: One I travel with and one at home. Now I'm reading "My Bondage and My Freedom," Fredrick Douglass's autobiography. American students should study Douglass. His grace and powerful ability of reflection are emotional and awakening.

Also, my dad has written several books and I'm reading his collection of Detroit Police Officer stories, "Officer in Trouble." I am a member of the Thoreau Society and have contributed to the Mark Twain House in Connecticut and toured it many times as I am history buff. I like non-fiction and spy novels. Check out more from my dad, retired and former Detroit Police Detective Mike Saad.

See READING on 8





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Sharin' the Spotlight

By Editor Sharon Stone

early a foot of heavy and wet snow wasn't enough to keep thousands of people from attending this year's Fenton Community Expo last weekend. Just as all of the companies and organizations were about to set up their booths Friday afternoon and evening, the snow started to fall, and very heavy at times. I made sure I got up a bit earlier than planned Saturday morning so that I could be at the Tri-County Times' booth when the expo opened. I didn't want to be late. Actually, I hate being late anywhere.

I was so glad that my neighborhood road, which is private, had already been plowed. Rolston and North roads in Fenton Township had been plowed but were slushy. When I reached the Fenton City border, the roads were just wet and easily manageable. The parking lot at Fenton High School was even better than I expected. Kudos to the Genesee County Road Commission, the city of Fenton DPW and the private snow plow companies that worked so hard to make sure the roads and parking lots were clear. It's not like this event can be rescheduled.

The Community Expo

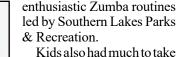
Sharon Stone

It was great meeting with families and people of all ages who stopped by the Times' booth to say hi and to hear what they had to say about the paper. Some offered their opinions, while others asked how to subscribe. We like hearing your story ideas and your opinions on the Hot lines. They've been around forever and

people generally love them or hate them. Oftentimes, these Hot lines are the only avenue people have to make their opinion heard.

There were so many opportunities to meet representatives from more than 100 businesses and organizations. The Expo is really a no-pressure way to learn about what businesses can offer. Many handed out small gifts or coupons to show their appreciation to the people of the greater Fenton and Linden area for showing an interest in their company.

The annual Expo also is all about fun and trying some delicious food. Entertainment included performances by the Fenton Ambassadors and A Joyful Noise Music Studio. Fenton Karate, Anderson's Karate and Fenton Robotics did demonstrations. If this wasn't enough, anyone could take part in some



part in, with the huge kids zone in the auxiliary gym, as well as the petting zoo in another part of the school building. Face painting and adorable balloon creatures were also a big hit with the kids, and some of the adults.

I'm guessing your kids were exhausted in a good way by the time they left.

Networking is a bonus for everyone volunteering their time to work the Expo. The Fenton and Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce goes over and above to help businesses network with other businesses.

These big community events also help to put a face to each business. I'm sure some of the attendees were surprised to see familiar faces, maybe even neighbors, who are running our small businesses and supporting our youth sports teams and organizations. To top it off, entry to the area's largest indoor community event was free thanks to long time event sponsors Sharp Funeral Homes and Coldwell Banker Professionals.

I can't wait for next year's Expo. What was your favorite part?

Hotlines

Submit Hot lines online at tctimes or text to 810-771-8398

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IF FENTON INCREASED your property taxes by \$3,000 a year, you must live in a multimillion dollar home. Or the city of Fenton is running out of bounds.

LOVELY TO READ about the Holly Hotel being restored. Makes me wish Linden had the millions to fully restore the Linden Mill.

I LEARNED SOMETHING new

today that I think is very important. If someone falls at home and the people there are not able to lift them, you can call 911 and ask for a lift assist. They will dispatch aid to your location.

IF YOU NEED someone to explain to you the difference between 18-year-olds in the military carrying guns and 1,000s of 18-year-old untrained college students carrying them on campus, then you're not as smart as you think you are.

READING SOME HOT lines reminds me of television's 'You're not smarter than a 5th grader.'

Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter _____ Question asked to Tri-County Times' Facebook followers

If you wrote a book, what would it be about?



"My long life as a daughter of two immigrants and long history with horses."



"Genealogy and how to do the research."



"Probably a cook book on easy gluten free/gluten intolerant recipes for parties and get togethers."

street talk



"How the good Ole days of growing up in Fenton in the 70s."

Lillian Kateman Fenton Lori Ward Linden Jackie Elise Vassar Mark Reich Oil City, Maryland

Governor issues story challenge

Whitmer to share story submissions on social media

March is National Reading Month, and Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has issued a challenge to Michiganders. The statement follows.

"Reading plays a crucial role in our lives, expands our knowledge of the world and each other, and helps us grow our imagination and build empathy. That's why, in this year's budget, I have proposed increased investments in literacy grants and coaches for children and adults, so Michiganders of all ages can experience the joy of reading.

"I hope you make the most out of this month by reading something new, returning to an old favorite, or writing a story of your own! Whether you have a short story that you've written or are inspired to write one for the first time, I encourage you to send it to me. During Reading Month, I will be sharing some of your stories on my social media to celebrate your talents and bring people together.

"I am so excited to read your stories. Michigan's young people are intelligent, creative, and imaginative, and I hope that students from across the state share their creativity and hard work with me. Let's celebrate the power of reading together!" To submit your story:

- Visit Michigan.gov/whitmer
- Click "Contact the Governor"

• Fill out the form and attach a copy of your story!

• Include your name, grade, and the city you live in

Submissions will be accepted exclusively through the online system and must be received no later than Sunday, March 12.

Loose invites all ages to Senior Spring Fling

Center has seats available for bus trip to Detroit Red Wings game By Hannah Ball

As winter slowly melts away, Loose Center is preparing for spring by inviting everyone of all ages to the Senior Spring Fling dance.

It will be held Wednesday, April 12 at the Loose Center from 6 to 9 p.m.

"Members of Loose and non members of any age are welcome to come check out the place, dance, eat and have fun. Leave the winter behind and dance into the spring. Even if you don't dance, come on in and listen to the band," said Dotti Tynes, program director at Loose.

From 6:30 to 9 p.m., the band, "Living Notes," a local group of five people from the Linden area, will play favorites from the '50s, '60s, and '70s. Songs will include popular tunes from Bob Seger, Doobie Brothers, Neil Diamond and many more.

Tickets are \$15 for a single person and \$25 for a couple. Refreshments will be provided by Symphony of Linden.

"We are not just a place where seniors hang out. We are a senior activity center where everyone is welcome to have fun," she said.

The Loose Center has seats left for the bus trip to the Detroit Red Wings game on Tuesday, March 28.

"We had a great time on the last bus trip," said

The week before, the center will have their corned beef lunch on Tuesday, March 16 at noon.

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A utility pole at the corner of N. LeRoy Street and S. Long Lake Road in Fenton was repaired Monday, March 6. It had caught fire that morning, which caused a power outage in the area.

Fire causes power outage on N. LeRoy

■Utility crew repairs pole, power restored

An electrical pole that caught fire on Monday, March 6 around 10 a.m. caused a power outage on a section of N. LeRoy Street.

said they received a call at approxi-

mately 10:10 a.m. that the electrical pole at the corner of N. LeRoy Street and S. Long Lake Road was on fire. It was reported that a transformer blew causing the pole to catch fire and burnt into two pieces.

Numerous traffic lights were affect-Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff ed and motorists were reminded to treat those intersections as a four-way stop.



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It is an excellent example of the wide variety of constitutional rights that defendants have in criminal cases.

However, our justice system also has civil cases where the same rights don't exist. For example, in criminal cases a defendant has the right to an attorney and a jury trial. In civil cases, there isn't an automatic right to an attorney and a jury trial has to be requested and requires a fee. There are other examples.

Because of this, and recognizing that everyone doesn't have complete access to the civil justice system, in 2021 the Michigan Supreme Court formed the "Justice For All Commission."

Its stated goal is to have 100% access for all people to the civil justice system by making it easier to navigate, especially for those who can't afford a lawyer.

This is no small task and to ac-

complish it, the Commission created 12 committees and work groups comprised of over 150 volunteers to develop recommendations to ensure that our civil system is welcoming, understandable, collaborative, adaptive, and trusted.

Guiding their work are four strategic pillars:

• A service culture that is pervasive across the Michigan justice system;

• Processes, rules, and laws, which are streamlined and simplified;

• People must be able to obtain what they need when they need it to address their problems by giving them a wide variety of affordable legal services matching individual needs;

• Having an inclusive, collaborative network of diverse partners working together to solve problems.

The first recommendations are in and came from the "Process Simplification-Debt Collection Group" in November 2022 regarding debt collection case, which occupy the largest share of the court system's civil docket.

The Commission's 2022 Annual Report was released last week. It's clear that steady progress is being made with more recommendations coming later this year.

Both are available online.

One final thought. The ancient Roman philosopher Seneca the Younger once said, "It is a denial of justice not to stretch out a helping hand to the fallen — that is the right of humanity."

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Why did you want to become a teacher? I wanted to become a speech-language pathologist (speech teacher) because of my younger sister. My sister has Autism and she did not talk very much when we were younger. She started



working with a speech-language pathologist and she made so much progress. She was talking non-stop in no time. She still is. From then on, I knew that is what I wanted to do. I wanted to be that person who can make such an amazing impact in the lives of others by giving them a voice.

How do you connect with students?

Building relationships is key with students. Getting to know as much as you can about them, listening, connecting and asking questions about their lives is crucial. I get so excited when students can't wait to share with me what they did over the weekend or how they did at a sporting event/tournament. When these connections and bonds are created, they know that they can trust you and will then work hard. Students don't care what you know, until they know you care.

What inspires you?

My husband and daughter inspire me every day to work hard and do my best. My sister inspires me to be that impactful person in the lives of others. My students inspire me every day. I love seeing the progress they make on either improving their speech and/or growing their language skills. Seeing how excited they get when they achieve their goals makes me so happy. The fact that they work so hard, every day, inspires me to continue to work my hardest, inside and outside of the classroom.



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Linden Community Schools (LCS) will be opening a new Multipurpose Center this year, thanks to LCS community for its support of a \$55-million bond in May 2020.

Linden Elementary School, serving grades K-3, had many upgrades this year as well, including a new collaboration media center addition, classroom upgrades, new secured main entry, renovations to ceilings, flooring, new lockers and much more.

All schools within the district will see renovations in the next few years to enhance student safety and school security, expand and enhance the instructional environment, modernize, upgrade and construction of school facilities, plus technology upgrades.

Additional information about the LCS bond program can be found at lindenschools.org.

Hyatt Elementary School, serving grades K-3, earned a National Blue Ribbon recognition in 2020.

Linden High School is ranked by US News & World Report as America's Best High Schools three years in a row. The high school also offers honors and advanced placements courses and middle college/ dual enrollment opportunities.

Argentine Early Childhood Center offers preschool and before and after school care.

Central Elementary serves grades 4-5 with STEM learning, intervention programs and a team teaching approach.

Linden Middle School, for grades 6-8, offers accelerated learning opportunities, student mentor programs and a growth mindset.

Linden Community Schools also partners with the Linden Police Department and Argentine Police Department having dedicated school -paid advertisement-



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HOT LINE CONTINUED

ONCE AGAIN LCRC outshines GCRC. Genesee County roads covered in ice, Livingston County roads down to asphalt at 7 a.m. GCRC trucks just getting out by then. Who's running the show over there? Just not impressed.

TO THE PERSON going to call the DNR on their neighbor for feeding deer. You are the kind of neighbor no one wants. Mind your own business. I am pretty sure those deer are not destroying any property and from what I have seen, none of them are sickly looking.

TO THE PERSON commenting on the Your Ride service in Fenton/ Linden. Uber and Lyft and Your Ride are far and few between. Even MTA needs a three-day advance notice and they don't always come through. Nice opportunity for someone to set up a real taxi service in this area.

IS IT TRUE that the 4-foot, 8.5-inch space between railroad tracks is based on the hind quarters of two horses that pulled Roman Legion war chariots?



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Synopsis of Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting February 27, 2023.

Call to order @ 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Saad.

Present:	Schmidt, James, Saad, Graves, Hallman.
Approved:	Minutes as printed of Regular Board Meeting January 30, 2023.
Approved:	Budget Amendments.
Approved:	Payment of expenditures.
Issued:	6 Building & Zoning Permits totaling \$3,592.50.
Approved:	Hiring Michael Nick as a Fire-fighter
Approved:	Hiring Michael Gocha and Richard Knieper as part-time
	Police Officers.
Approved:	Resolution 2023-3 to local residential appeals by mail.
Convened:	Executive Session.
Re-Convened:	Regular Session.
Appointed:	Heather Guminski to the Board of Review.
Adjourned:	7:42
Submitted by Jo	pearth Craves

Submitted by Joseph Graves Argentine Township Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON

2023 BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review of the Charter Township of Fenton will meet at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan at the dates and times listed below.

 Monday March 13, 2023
 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

 Tuesday March 14, 2023
 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

 Wednesday March 15, 2023
 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

 Thursday March 16, 2023
 1:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

At these sessions the Board of Review will hear any appeals or objections and review potential corrections to the assessment roll.

Property owners may file their appeals in writing, provided such appeals are received by the Board of Review no later than 8:00 p.m. on March 16, 2023.

Property owners wishing to appeal in person should call the assessor's office at 810- 629-3445 to schedule an appointment with the March Board of Review. Questions may also be addressed to the March Board of Review via email at bor@fentontownship.org.

TENTATIVE EQUALIZATION MULTIPLIERS

Property Class	Ratio	Factor
Commercial	45.53	1.09817
Industrial	48.53	1.03029
Residential	44.18	1.13173

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READING

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"A Day Late and A Dollar Short" by Terry McMillan and "Carte Blanche" by Jeffery Deaver, spy stories about governments and international corporate corruption in the early post-Cold War Europe.

Trustee Gwynne James: Currently, I'm re-reading a book by Bob Goff called "Everybody, Always: Becoming Love in a World Full of Setbacks and Difficult People." There are just so many great

SRO

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FAPS will receive \$143,420, Linden Community Schools will receive \$82,132 and Holly Area Schools will receive \$75,733. Lake Fenton Community Schools has an SRO contracted through the Genesee County Sheriff's Office and did not apply for the grant.

The state is reportedly dispersing \$25 million to 195 school districts to hire 195 SROs for the next three years in order to help improve the safety and security of more than 334,000 Michigan students.

SAFEHOUSE

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this complex trauma, on their time, with a loving team of professionally trained care providers. The program serves girls ages 12-17 with trauma-informed, victim-centered care anywhere from six months to two years depending on their individual plan of care.

The circle of care includes medical, educational, therapy, spiritual, and life skills all in one place. In an effort to not further exploit the children and families they serve, they provide this limited information regarding the safehouse.

"It's hard to put into words the fact that this started out as a dream and has come to fruition, and all of the moving parts that have come together to make this happen. I'm honored to provide a safe place for these girls to heal and grow," said Sylvia Blythe, founder/executive director.

"We have youth in our community, and families in our community, that are impacted by human trafficking every single day," said Holly Halabicky, chief This money can be used to support salaries, benefits and training for SROs.

takeaways and I figured it was a timely

read, given the divisive culture of our

world today. Goff has an effortless and entertaining way of storytelling.

The message in his book is simple and

clear. Love people without limits, even

the difficult ones — the way Jesus calls

us to love. It's that simple, yet it's often

hard to do. For this reason, it will prob-

ably stay in my reading rotation forever.

Trustee Mark Goupil: I'm reading "The Divine Comedy" by Dante Aligh-

Fenton Township

ieri as a personal challenge.

Fenton Area Public Schools has one SRO, Officer Tom Cole, from the Fenton Police Department, who monitors all of the schools in the district. This is Cole's fifth year as SRO for the school district.

Fenton Police Chief Jeff Cross and Cole attended the Fenton Board of Education meeting Monday to discuss the addition of one more SRO. Although the police department will be providing a second SRO, that officer has yet to be named.

administrator. "Families and children need the opportunity to heal and learn skills that will help them be successful, healthy, and contributing adults to our communities. We are honored and thrilled to serve in this capacity."

Prism Project is also hosting its annual Shine the Light Gala on Friday, March 24 at the Genesys Conference & Banquet Center. Rev. Christina Tipton, co-founder of Tipton Ministries, will be presenting "The Secrets of Social Media." All proceeds from the evening will benefit Prism Project Safehouse Program, providing restorative services to child survivors of sex trafficking.

Prism Project is a faith-based, 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization that aims to educate, advocate and rehabilitate victims of human trafficking and those affected by it. Their focus at Prism Project is to bring together awareness and prevention through educating our community and aiding victims to thrive outside of their oppressive circumstances. For more information on Prism Project and its long-term restorative program, visit prismprojectmi.org.



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Organizers anticipate 3,000 to 5,000 people attended. More than 112 vendors participated this year. Certain fan favorites returned, including the Kids Zone, the petting zoo, and entertainment in the cafeteria.

"We were very pleased with the Expo. This was our 38th show and only our second time with a snowstorm to contend with. The school grounds crew and the Fenton City DPW did an amazing job clearing the streets and school lots. It was a slower start Saturday morning but business as usual by Saturday afternoon," according to a statement from the chamber.

Attendance increased on Sunday.

"We were pleased that the snow didn't keep anyone home. Most of the vendors set their booths up Friday night in the storm- true Michiganders we are," according to the chamber. "The community loves Expo. They never disappoint as it is their chance to get out and see what's going on in the community. We had great comments from our exhibitors that were really happy with the conversations they had with potential customers and felt they will see real results in their business by attending the Expo."

They were pleased that the weather didn't cause power outages or catastrophic issues.

"Loss of power would have shut the show down. The Expo committee can roll with most issues; however power and heat are a must," the chamber said. "We see a lot of families come through to enjoy the Kids Zone as well as the Petting Zoo. Expo has something for all ages to enjoy."

Numerous nonprofits were able to meet the public and spread information about their organizations. Marcie Doughty and her son, Riley, helped at the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park booth. The dog park committee recently held a Cutest Dog Contest to fundraise for the park. More than 100 dogs were entered and one vote cost \$1. Rafa the German Shepherd puppy won.

"I always enjoy the Fenton Expo. It's a great opportunity to see the local businesses and organizations. It makes me appreciate living in this community," Doughty said.

In the summer of 2022, Riley, who attends Lake Fenton schools, raised more than \$2,000 for the park by collecting returnable bottles and cans. He won a bike from the LAFF Pathway booth.

"I enjoyed the Expo. My favorite part was learning cool things at each booth and walking to the vendors. My favorite booth was the LAFF Pathway booth because I won a bike," Riley said.

The original winner of the bike was

Roby Deese, a retired Linden Community Schools teacher. After his number was called, he told the booth attendants to give the bike to Riley. Doughty said her son was shocked that the original winner gave him the bike.

"It was nice because I've done an act of kindness for others and I got one back. It was so generous of him to give me the bike," he said.



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ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20 A development may have you feeling a bit down, Aries. That is only temporary, though, as your mood and circumstances will rebound in no time at all.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21 Taurus, people you encounter this week may be exceptionally stubborn, so you may need to avoid confrontations. Keep your emotions in check as best as you can.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21 Gemini, the weather may not be suitable for getting much done outdoors, but you can certainly stay busy inside the house with any projects you have been putting off.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22 This is a great opportunity for getting rid of any clutter that has been holding you back, Cancer. Start sorting through the garage or cleaning out a desk at work.

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LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23 Leo, do not worry about the small stuff that you feel could be holding you back. If you step away from the situation, you may find that everything is working out.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22 Virgo, there are plenty of opportunities open to you, but you may not realize they are so close by. A friend may need to guide your way on this for the time beina.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23 You may be feeling bad about something you did in the past, Libra, and now you want to make amends. It's the little changes you implement that will make a difference.

SCORPIO Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you may be ready to give your life an overhaul. That come without hard work and may amount to you changing careers in the weeks to come. Do your research before you put in notice.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21 Sagittarius, stay focused and disciplined this week, especially as it pertains to a diet. You can maintain your commitment, especially with others cheering you on.

CAPRICORN Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, rewards will not dedication. Now is the time to stick with the plan and keep moving forward. Save days off for later.

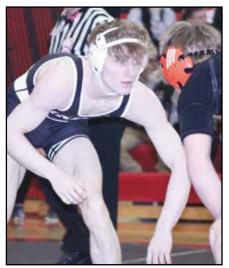
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AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18 Do not go up against managers or superiors this week. Aquarius. Doing so likely won't go in your favor. Just keep out of the spotlight for a little while longer.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20 You may be building the blocks of a major life project, Pisces. Use all of the resources at your disposal in the days to come.



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Three area wrestlers finish as state runner-ups

By David Troppens

The tri-county area had three wrestlers that qualified for a spot in their individual state championship match, but came up just a little short, settling for runner-up positions.

In Division 2 action, Lake Fenton's Jack Conley (150) and Linden's Bryce Shingleton (126) earned second-place Marcello Milani by a 3-0 decision in Satperformances. In D3 action, tri-county resident and Powers wrestlers Connor Owens (165) earned the third.

Shingleton was a runner-up in the 125 weight class a year ago as well. He lost to Orchard Lake St. Mary's undefeated

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urday's championship match.

escape in the third period.

Milani earned a first-round takedown

and held on to earn the win. The only oth-

er point scored in the match was a Milani

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With three fingers shown on each hand, Catholic Central's and Linden resident Drew Heethuis proudly displays that he just won his third individual state title at the D1 wrestling meet.

Heethuis collects third state crown

By David Troppens

Detroit Catholic Central wrestler and Linden resident Drew Heethuis will finish his prep career as a three-time individual state wrestling champion.

The senior captured his third straight by defeating Rockford's Elijah Bunn by a tight 4-3 decision in the Division 1 132-pound state championship match Saturday at Detroit's Ford Field.

He won his title last season against Davison's Justin Gates in the 119-pound class. During his sophomore season, he won the 112 class.

Heethuis (53-1), who will continue his wrestling career at Princeton, led 3-0 entering the third period of his champi-See HEETHUIS on 14

Lamka completes state championship mission

■Junior is Fenton's first wrestling state champion since Pickhover's title in 2002

By David Troppens

Fenton's Philip Lamka came close as a sophomore.

Lamka earned a third-place finish at the Division 2 Individual Wrestling Championships a year ago.

Lamka didn't want to "come close" again.

Trailing 5-4 late in his 165-pound championship final match against Goodrich's Max Macklem, Lamka earned a takedown to earn a 6-5 decision victory and an individual state championship.

"It meant everything to me," Lamka said. "I've worked so hard for this and it paid off. It feels great to be the first state champion since 2002."

It was the third time Lamka (44-2) has faced Macklem in the last three weeks. He earned a victory in each of those matches. Saturday's final match was the toughest win.

"It's always harder wrestling a kid you have seen many times through the year. You both know each other's moves and strengths so you game plan around them which

makes both of us get out of our comfort zone for sure," Lamka said.

"Before the match, I knew it would be a war. Both of us are high-level wrestlers. The match was going slightly how I expected but you can't ever predict how those matches will go. All I know is I had to get the job done when I looked at the clock with 26 seconds left. It was kind of a slow motion for me. I looked at my coaches in my corner, my family in the stands and thought in my head 'do or die.' Then soon after I snapped him down, and ran through a knee pick to get the winning takedown. Soon as I got that takedown, I knew I had it, knew I was going to be a state champ."

"It was a great match," Fenton varsity wrestling coach Brad Beverly said. "Philip was for sure more offensive, but Max was able to capitalize on a couple of mistakes, making it a very tight match. Max is a heck of a wrestler, and you have to be almost flawless to score on him. We went into the



(Above) Philip Lamka celebrates seconds after winning his first individual state championship. (Right) Lamka proudly stands on the firstplace position on the podium.

third tied and felt confident we could get another takedown, so we gave an escape so there was time to work for a takedown. ... Philip got the takedown with about 30 seconds See LAMKA on 12



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Blue Devils fall to Goodrich in district title game, 54-53

By David Troppens

Flint — The Lake Fenton-Goodrich varsity girls basketball rivalry has created its share of magical moments this season.

Both are clearly among the top teams in Division 2. Except to each other, neither team has lost a game to another opponent this season. And against each other, they had four outstanding enthusiastically attended and intensely played battles.

Lake Fenton won three of them. However, the Blue Devils were unable to win the last --and what was the most important — of those contests Saturday in a Division 2 district championship game at Flint Powers High School. Just eight days after the Blue Devils won a game on a last-second shot earning Lake Fenton a Flint Metro League championship, the Blue Devils' final shot attempt Saturday's district title game was defended well, earning the Goodrich Martians a thrilling 54-53 district championship victory.

Goodrich's Riley Place made the second of two free throws

with eight seconds left in regulation, and then Lake Fenton missed on a final shot by Savannah Fellenbaum, earning the Martians their first victory against the previously undefeated Blue Devils (23-1).

"This season was record breaking," Fellenbaum said. "We broke, I think, three records. This team has been the best. It's been an amazing season. We've gone through everything together. We've worked hard - blood sweat and tears together. It turned out to be an amazing season. It was an unfortunate end, but that's the way it comes sometimes. It could've gone either way."

"Every day we played our hardest," senior Makenna Clement said. "We always pushed. Against, Goodrich (21-3), I'm proud of how we played tonight. It's tough to beat a team you've beat three times before. We gave it our all, but didn't get the outcome we wanted, obviously. But we had a really good season, though."

"They say it's hard to beat a

team twice. It's hard to beat a team three times. We were trying to beat them a fourth," Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Karlie Dieck said. "Goodrich came out. They worked hard. It came down to some little things today — missed free throws, fouls that we shouldn't have done, a couple of thrown away balls that shouldn't have been thrown away, and some missed rebounding opportunities. By the end of the game it caught up to us."

The Blue Devils led the majority of the contest, but it remained tight throughout. The Martians' first lead of the game didn't come until a three-pointer by Place with 32 seconds left. Goodrich led 53-52. A couple of possessions later, Lake Fenton tied it up when Kendyl Smith got a rebound and was fouled. She made 1-of-2 free throws and the game was tied 53-all. On the ensuing inbound play, the Blue Devils were called for a foul, putting Place on the line. She missed the first, but made the See **DEVILS** on 14



Lake Fenton's Kendyl Smith attempts a shot in the Blue Devils' 54-53 loss to the Goodrich Martians in a D2 district title game at Flint Powers on Saturday. Photo: Mark Bolen

LFLF gymnastics qualifies five athletes to state meet

By David Troppens

The LFLF gymnastics team is going to have some strong representation at the state meet next weekend.

The squad had five athletes earn individual event state-qualifying spots at regional action on Saturday.

Keira Sadler qualified to compete in the Division 1 all-round while Molly Dixon, Alida Smith, Natasha Dudin and Sophia Markley each qualified for the state meet in one event.

The LFLF squad placed sixth overall at the regional meet.

Sadler had the highest individual placing. She took third on the bars (9.175), while also earning eighth on the floor

(8.875). She also took ninth on the vault (8.6750) and 11th on the beam (8.500). Her all-around score of 35.225 earned her a spot in the allaround competition at the state meet to be held Friday and Saturday at White Lake Lakeland High School.

Smith had the team's nexthighest placing after Sadler's third on the bars. She took fourth on the bars (8.475) earning her spot at the state meet. Sophia Markley finished fifth (8.95) on the floor while Molly Dixon took sixth on the vault (8.725). Those are the LFLF team's qualifiers.

Others earning team contributing scores on the vault were Sadler and Dudin with 8.675s and Dayne Stucky



The LFLF gymnasts going to the state meet are (from left) Alida Smith, Keira Sadler, Natasha Dudin, Molly Dixon and Sophia Markley. Photo: Mark Bolen

bars (8.125); Dixon (8.375), Markley (7.75) and Dudin

with an 8.45; Stucky on the (7.65) on the beam; and Dixon (8.75) and Dudin (8.70) on the floor.

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left. Knowing what was on the line, I was pretty fired up and nervous the entire time. He held on and got the win. It was an amazing feeling filled with many emotions. There's a reason why Philip's on this stage and it's because how hard he works and the time he puts in."

Lamka opened the tournament with a pinfall victory in 3:10 against Niles' Sam Rucker. He followed with a 5-2 decision win against Fremont's Trey Myers in the quarterfinals. He defeated Edwardsburg's Nathan Andrina with a pinfall in 1:17 in the semifinal. Lamka has a career 126-12 prep record.



Fenton's state-gualifying swimmers are (in no particular order) Max Haney, Luke DeFina, Zach Michelson, Jacob Grifka and Isaac Gurnsey.

Six Fenton athletes headed to D2 state meet

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity boys swim team will be taking six athletes to the Division 2 state swim meet at the Holland Aquatic Center on Friday and Saturday.

One will be looking to possibly end his career with some state championship medals.

The Tigers will bring Max Haney, Luke DeFina, Zach Michelson, Jacob Grifka, Isaac Gurnsey and Owen Cox to the meet.

Haney and Cox will be the only two individual event competitors and there will be a big spotlight on Haney. Haney is qualified to be able to swim in all eight of the swimming individual events, and would be a contender to compete for a state championship in pretty much any of those events. Last season, Haney placed second in the 100 butterfly (49.55 seconds) and fifth in the 200 individual medley (1:53.60). His 200 individual medley prelim time of 1:51.77 was the second-best in that round. He's already beat that time this season. Fenton's last individual state champion was Brian Lambert a state championship in diving (447.55).



competing in diving at the state meet.

The last swimming event individual state champion was Marty Spees in 1987, earning a title in the 200 individual medley (1:57.52).

The other individual performer will be Cox. Cox qualified for the state meet by winning his swim regional title with a score of 412.20, 16.20 points better than the rest of the field.

The Tigers will have two relays competing that the meet. The 200 freestyle relay team of Cox, DeFina, Michelson and Grifka will compete at the meet, as will the 400 freestyle relay team of Cox, DeFina, Michelson and Gurnsey. Both relays qualified at the River Rat Last Chance Meet.

LF boys open districts with 76-59 victory vs. Ortonville-Brandon

■Blue Devils face Flint Powers in today's semifinal round

By David Troppens

Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Tyler Szczepanski knows what step one is in any state postseason tournament game.

"The season is still alive," Szczepanski said after his squad's 76-59 Division 2 district opening victory against Ortonville-Brandon on Monday. "You never know what can happen in the postseason."

The Blue Devils' offense made sure nothing strange happened in their first game of the Durand District. Lake Fenton scored at least 20 points in three of the four quarters, setting a pace that Brandon ultimately couldn't keep up with. The victory means the Blue Devils now prepare for a Wednesday district semifinal contest with Flint Powers Catholic at 7 p.m.

The first quarter was an offensive fan's dream stanza. The squads combined for 42 points with each team netting 21 each. Lake Fenton's Jett Husted netted seven firstquarter points while six Blue Devils scored. Brandon was paced by Wes Atkinson and Zack Price-Parks who netted six points each.

"It was a high scoring first quarter. Kids on both sides were making plays, finishing a couple of layups at the rim," Szczepanski said. "From a spectator point of view, I'm sure it was exciting quarter."

The second quarter was where the Blue Devils created some separation. Lake Fenton's defense held Brandon to just eight points in that stanza while the Blue Devils

scored another 20 points. This time. Ashton Hunter netted seven of the 20 points while five others also scored. The Blue Devils led 41-29 at halftime.

"We started mixing up our calls on defense," Szczepanski said. "That threw them off a little bit. We did just enough to keep us in the right frame of mind (offensively) and keep them off-balanced. That was when the bit, and we felt we had control."

The Blue Devils (15-8) remained pretty hot in the

second half. Coleson Lessner led the charge. He scored 17 of Lake Fenton's 36 secondhalf points, leading the Blue Devils to victory. Husted also had a strong fourth quarter, netting six points while Carson Haddad netted five fourth-quarter points as well.

Lake Fenton had four players score in double-digits. Lessner scored a game-high 23 points while Husted had 15 points and Gavin Teffner chipped in 12 points. Hunter finished with 11 points while Haddad had eight points.

Husted also added a teamhigh 14 rebounds while Haddad had eight boards and two blocks.

Atkinson led Brandon with 18 points while Noah Gillespie had 15 points.



game separated a Lake Fenton's Coleson Lessner scored a game-high 23 points in Monday's district opening 76-59 victory against Ortonville-Brandon. Photo: Mark Bolen

Now, the Blue Devils prepare for Powers (15-7), a squad the Blue Devils defeated 57-52 in the district semifinals a year ago. The other semifinal contest is tourney host Durand (18-4) facing off Goodrich (18-4). The winner of that game will play in Friday's title game at 7 p.m.

"The four teams left, anybody can win it," Szczepanski said. "Goodrich and Duran have the best records and Powers is the No. 1 seed. We beat Powers last year in the district semifinals and I'm sure they are going to remember that one. We recognize they are the one-seed. We realize we have to play a really good game."

Five other area wrestlers place at individual state meet

By David Troppens

The tri-county area is always deep in prep wrestling talent as this year's state meet proved once again.

Not only were there five tri-county wrestlers in state championship matches (with two winning individual state titles), five others placed at the event held at Detroit's Ford Field.

One of those placers finished in third. Lake Fenton's Ty Johnson (144) earned that honor. He advanced to the D2 144 class semifinal, but lost to Wayland Union's Lane Button by pinfall. He bounced back in the third-place match earning a 5:00 pinfall victory against Thornapple Kellogg's Zack Gibson. Johnson (56-7) won his first three matches with two being decision wins and another being a major decision win.

Lake Fenton's Noah Hall (150) and Clay Cook (113); and Linden's Jase Grundy (190) earned fourth-place efforts.

Hall's story was made interesting due to the fact he faced teammate Jack Conlev in the semifinal match with a chance to make it to the state title match. However, he lost a 6-3 decision. Hall went 3-2 at the state meet, earning one pinfall win.

Cook lost his first match, but then won four straight matches to earn a spot in the third-place event. Cook (52-6) earned one pinfall win and had three tight decision victories in the other matches during that stretch earning a spot in the third-place match, losing it to Allendale's Jack Guerrero by a 6-1 decision

Grundy (190) won his first two matches, the first by pin, but then lost in the semifinal Goodrich's Easton Phipps. Grundy earned his spot in the third-place match with a 4:23 fall of Jefferson's Seth Minney, but then lost to Gaylord's Ty Besinger by an 11-5 decision in the thirdplace match.



Lake Fenton's Ty Johnson (top) earned a third-place finish at the D2 state individual wrestling meet on Saturday. He is pictured here competing in a recent match. Photo: David Troppens

Linden's Adoniah Delgado (138) earned a seventh-place finish. He went 3-2 at the tourney, earning seventh in a 3-2 decision win against Greenville's his three matches. He didn't place.

Liam Dailey.

Linden's Michael Bush (175) also competed at the state meet, going 1-2 in

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Shingleton (45-3) dominated his first two matches, winning by technical falls against Plainwell's Austin Gyokos and Fowlerville's Levi Baker. In the semifinal round the senior defeated Brother Rice's Ricardo Saenz by a tight 5-4 decision.

Conley (28-4) placed seventh a year ago at 152, but improved upon that placing this season. His loss came to Petoskey's undefeated Trevor Swiss (47-0) in the title match by a 10-4 decision. The match was tied 4-4 entering the third period, but Swiss dominated the third period to earn the win.

Conley, a senior, earned decision wins in his first three matches. He started with a 5-2 win against Chelsea's Elijah Ratliff, and followed with a 4-1 decision win against Lowell's Maddox Simcoe. His semifinal match probably was the toughest because it was against teammate Noah Hall. He defeated Hall 6-3.

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second. That shot ended up being the game-winner eight seconds later.

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"I missed the first one. I was in my head a little bit about it," Place said. "I was like



Along with assistant coach Aaron Lawrence (left) and varsity wrestling coach Vance Corcoran (right), here are Lake Fenton's four state-gualifying wrestlers who all placed at the state meet --- (from second to the left) Noah Hall, Ty Johnson. Clay Cook and Jack Conley.

Owens won his first state championship a year ago at 160 pounds but had to settle for a runner-up finish this season, losing to Kingsley's Kyan Fessenden by a tight 4-3 decision in the title match. Owens led 3-2 but a reversal by Fessenden in the final seconds earned him the victory.

'I know (the second shot) is going in, I got this.' Every free throw I shoot no matter what, I think 'this is for the game. I got this.' I was thinking that in my head.

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"(Losing the other games) gave us more motivation. We thought we can do this. We knew we could beat this team."

Owens, a senior, earned a 27-12 technical fall victory against Corunna's Dayne Zeeman in the opening round and followed with a pinfall win in 59 seconds against Ogemaw Heights' Konner Lauria in the quarterfinal round. In the semifinals he defeated Birch Run's Kahleel Brown by a 4-3 decision.

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"We made some shots that we didn't make in the other games," Goodrich varsity girls basketball coach Jason Gray said. "That was really big. Riley was our leading scorer and they've held her down pretty consistently until today. She was able to get herself in some open spots and

HEETHUIS

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onship match, but Bunn, who was a runner up at 130 pounds a year ago, made a spirited comeback attempt, making it a thriller of a third period.

Heethuis began his final state tourney with a 16-1 technical fall win against Hartland's Easton Culter, and followed it with a pinfall win in 5:12 against Utica's Hunter Thomson. He faced Swartz Creek's Mason Feudale in the semifinal, earning a 5-0 decision win.

"It feels awesome," Heethuis said. "It wasn't as dominant as I would have liked, but it's awesome to go out on a third championship. It feels nice."

Heethuis also enjoyed a state championship with his team. Detroit Catholic Central (28-2) recently earned the Division 1 state championship with a 41-31 victory against Hartland in the state final match. Heethuis won all three of his • matches by pin at the team state meet.

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we were able to get her the ball in some good spots where she can make it."

Goodrich turned the ball over during each of its first six possessions of the game, while the Blue Devils scored five points during that period.

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