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#### ONLINE COMMENTS

STORY: LAKE FEN-TON WRESTLERS Good job, James DeMember, keep on keeping on. We are all proud of you." – Barb

#### STORY: TAX LAWS

**44** I just received my military annuity statement and as of March 1, my tax withholding



living and a tax increase, I don't know if I should cut my prescriptions or my food bill. Any way you look at it, I am mad as hell.' - Ed G.

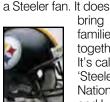
STORY: COMMUNITY

CENTER **41 hope they** make the steps and wheelchair ramp outside ADAcompliant as well." - Vera

#### HOT LINE: GRAVITY

**44** To the writer who said gravity is not a law, why don't you jump out of a plane with no parachute and see if you can break the 'theory' of gravity. Read up on Newton's laws of motion.' – F. Tomchuck

#### STORY: STEELERS **44**Born and raised



families together. It's called 'Steeler Nation, and I bleed

bring

black and gold. We believe, here we go." — Gus G.





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## Two years later — Randa Jawhari still missing

**By Sharon Stone** 

sstone@tctimes.com; 810-433-6786 Friday marks the two-year anniversary of Randa Jawhari's disappearance.

One of eight siblings, Randa was 42 years old when family reported her missing on Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009. Jawhari's mother, Anisse

Jawhari, stopped by Randa's apartment shortly after 8 a.m. after dropping Randa's daughter off at school.

Randa's tiny apartment at 3464 Shiawassee Avenue was empty. There were no signs of foul play or other evidence to suggest where she had gone.

See RANDA on 17

#### "How do you give a funeral for someone when you don't know what

happened?" **Diana Anderson** Randa Jawhari's sister

#### Summary

Fenton police and family members have been searching for clues as to the disappearance of Randa Jawhari, a 42-year-old Fenton woman who was reported missing two years ago Friday.

<sup>\$1.00</sup>

#### **Family loses** everything in early morning fire

Randa Jawhari

Blaze remains under investigation

By Sharon Stone sstone@tctimes.com; 810-433-6786

Tyrone Twp. — A family from Windy Hill Drive, in Tyrone Township, lost nearly all their belongings when their home was destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning.

Fenton Fire Chief Robert Cairnduff said his department responded to the 911 call at 12:57 a.m. When firefighters arrived on scene, the attached garage was in flames and quickly spreading toward the attic area of the twostory house.

See FIRE on 10

#### Fenton negotiates new fire contract with Tyrone

May extend agreement from one to five years

**By Anna Troppens** atroppens@tctimes.com

Fenton — The city of Fenton is discussing a new, longer contract with Tyrone Township, for the city's fire department to continue providing services in the township.

Before other local governments began their own fire departments, Fenton covered itself, all of Fenton and Tyrone townships, most of Deerfield Township and parts of Holly and Rose townships. Then Fenton Township, Hartland and Argentine built their own fire stations.

See CONTRACT on 9

## **Daddies and daughters**



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Lee Graham does the "YMCA" with daughter Peyton Graham, 6, at the annual Daddy Daughter Dance at Andrew G. Schmidt Middle School in Fenton on Saturday. "It's been an outstanding event," said Lee. "We picked my tie out last week."

## Skyrocketing energy bills

Summary

energy bills, as

homes warm.

more natural gas

is burned to keep

bring higher

Colder months

Exceptionally cold winter fueling extremely high energy costs

#### By Tim Jagielo

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It's sometimes better to sit down, first before opening that dreaded energy bill. For 1.8 million people in Michigan, that bill is from Consumers Energy, a Michigan-based energy company.

Stacey and James Hickey, of Holly Village, opened a whopping \$500-plus energy bill for the month of January, which was \$300 more than November's bill. This is the couple's first home together, a two-story home in the village of Holly, built in '97.

The Hickeys keep their electricity usage and heating consistent, so why the huge jumps in the energy bill?

"The weather is the primary factor," said Mary Gust, spokesperson for Consumers Energy, in Saginaw. "We've experienced some See ENERGY on 7



How your bill is calculated The cost of gas is calculated by multiplying the price per thousand cubic feet (Mcf) by how many Mcf are used. The current unit price for gas is \$6.87, and it makes up the bulk of your bill. Added to this, are an administrative fee of \$10.50 and \$2.50 per Mcf for operations and maintenance.

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## Funds needed for abandoned children in Romanian orphanage

#### Visit to orphanage turns into two-year mission for Fenton woman

#### By Anna Troppens atroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792

When Alisha Sidebottom, who grew up in Fenton, began helping children in a Romanian hospital, she didn't know she'd fall in love with her work. She stayed for three weeks

#### Summary

Former Fenton resident Alisha Sidebottom has been working in Romania for two years, helping care for abandoned children left at a hospital in Brasov. She is seeking donations from home to help her continue her work in Romania

in 2008, volunteering with Firm Foundations Romania for the Brasov Children's Hospital. "I fell in love with it," Sidebottom said.

A year later, she returned. She ended up quitting her job at home, selling her truck and moving to Romania. Sidebottom, now head supervisor for Firm Foundations Romania, is trying to raise support from home for the abandoned and semi-abandoned children at the hospital.

See CHILDREN on 11

#### "The way I see it is. these children are suffering and if I can help, I will." Alisha Sidebottom Firm Foundations Romania, head supervisor

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED PHOTO Alisha Sidebottom, of Firm Foundations Romania, cuddles a child at Brasov Children's Hospital in Romania.

#### **HOW TO HELP**

The work that is happening in Romania is not possible without the financial or emotional support of those back home. "I am asking you to join in making differences by financially giving a one-time donation or by giving monthly to support my work here," said Alisha Sidebottom, of Firm Foundations Romania. "Please help me to be able to continue helping the people in Romania. I currently work in the hospital five days a week, supervising our short-term volunteers."

## **Celebrate Valentine's Day locally**

**By Sally Rummel** news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

You don't have to travel far to find romantic ways to celebrate Valentine's Day in the tri-county area. Whether you're looking for a dressy, fine dining experience or a casual evening out for the two of you, local restaurants are "putting out the red carpet" on Monday, Feb. 14 with Sweetheart Specials and other Valentine's Day surprises.

Fenton Winery & Brewery invites couples to a four-course Valentine's Day meal, prepared by certified executive chef Matthew Cooper, of Chef's

Summary

Local restaurants

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Monday, Feb. 14.

Table Events and Icon Ice. Assorted cheeses will start the meal, followed by butternut squash bisque, a main course of boneless beef short ribs, with a starch and fresh vegetable, plus offerings, with some pecan-bread pudding for dessert. Each course will

> See VALENTINE'S DAY on 11



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## 'Item pricing' law on way out

New Michigan Governor Rick Snyder is backing a move to repeal Michigan's 33-year-old item pricing law.

A slight major-

ity of Michigan residents want to keep the law, which Snyder says he wants to eliminate. Michigan has the nation's most stringent pricing law that forces retailers to display the price on virtually every item they sell. A bill was introduced in the Legislature in January to repeal the mandatory pricing part of the law, but retain some other consumer protections.

In his State of the State address, Snyder called the law antiquated, citing a study that says retailers pay \$2 bil-

## A submit at: www.tctimes.com or call 810-629-9221

THE KING'S ARTICLE gave me an idea to fix education. Lay off all teachers and get rid of unions that promote dinosaurs coasting to retirement, and cuts young, innovative educators. Make them bid to teach a classroom, like outside contractors (no health care, either). At the end of the year, test the students and set standards. If students meet the standards, the teacher gets a COLA, plus a 2 percent raise, and comes back next year.

#### I WATCHED A segment on a talk

show about what a travesty it is that Americans do not support the troops and their families more than what we do. I would be interested in hearing from these families what we can do locally.

**THE PERSON WHO** thinks Sarah Palin is smart, you're going to have to stop watching Jerry Springer and start watching something more educational.

WHY DON'T YOU spend the \$18,000 for the community center study and use it for repairs? Are you so incompetent that you can't look at the repairs list?

#### **FOR ALL THE** people wanting

something done with the old Topps property, are you familiar with the term

Compiled by Tim Jagielo, Staff Reporter

Richard Rockman Straight from the Shoulder Dublisher

lion annually to meet its requirements. I find that hard to believe. Sounds more like a number they pulled out of the air. Plus, even if

it's true, it's highly unlikely any of the alleged savings would be passed on to the customers. There's a better chance of seeing Elvis flipping burgers than that happening.

A poll of 600 Michigan voters showed that 51 percent want to keep the law and 39 percent support its repeal. The margin stayed the same after arguments from supporters and opponents of repeal were read to respondents. To be fair, the poll was conducted by a pro-business polling firm. And, we all

'flood plain?' Are you knowledgeable on the cost of required flood insurance?' Folks just want to complain, but don't think first.

#### **DEAR 'SLOW SNOW DRIVER'** commenter, I bet you're the kind of SUV-driving genius I see spun out in a ditch five miles later, after tailgating and subsequently speeding past me on an icy, slush-covered

highway.

**TO THE PERSON** who didn't like my remark about Sarah Palin, guess what? The first thing Republicans said when asked what they would do when they took control was, 'Make sure Obama doesn't serve a second term.' I'm only stating the know that nearly every poll ever done is skewed by wording, sample or timing to favor the side paying for the poll.

The groups who most strongly support keeping the law: women, African Americans, union members, voters over age 55 and Democrats. Hmmm, interesting.

Those who most want to get rid of it: Republicans, Macomb County voters and those whose incomes rose in 2010. Hmmm, even more interesting.

The United Food and Commercial Workers union supports the current law and says jobs would be lost in grocery stores if it's repealed.

Massachusetts is the only other state with a similar law and it applies only to food retailers.

Those two facts alone make me think that it would be a good law to get rid of in this day of hoped-for, less cumbersome legislation. An outdated, useless law shouldn't be kept in place because,

facts about Palin, and it seems most agree, which gives me faith in Fenton. Hopefully, America wises up. Oh, and I'm not liberal.

I WAS AT my daughter's game, and noticed that some parents need to work on manners. The half-time sermon is going on and I look back at two kids playing their DS, and another one texting, and the parents talking. Come on, people. Let's teach our kids some manners, and then lead by example.

I GET GREAT gas mileage going 15 miles per hour in the snow. It would probably be even better if I were to only drive 10 mph. I will have to try it next time it snows.

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Management

as the United Food and Commercial Workers union says, 'It would cost jobs.' That's so lame of a response that it speaks for itself.

And, if Massachusetts is the only other state with a law like this, then it must really be unnecessary. Massachusetts is one of the highest taxed and most poorly governed states in the country.

I do wonder, though, how shoppers are supposed to contest a price at the cash register when it won't be displayed on the product. That doesn't seem very fair — especially to the harried moms and the elderly, the groups who likely need the help the most.

All the rhetoric, polls and debate are moot anyway. With a new Republican governor, and the Michigan Legislature controlled by the Republicans, the item pricing law will soon be just a memory.

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WILL YOU PEOPLE get over the brewing company being across the street from the Methodist church. If you don't like it, don't go there, just like if you don't like what's on TV, turn the channel or turn it off. Get over it and move on with your life.

#### I THOUGHT ABOUT the question posed by a previous Hot line submission, 'What legislation has the Republicans passed that helps the common working man?' I can't think of any. How about you? Can anyone out there think of any?

I WANTED TO thank our neighbor, Conrad, for taking the time to plow out our driveway during the last storm. It is greatly appreciated

**DEBBIE STABENOW WANTS** to give \$7,500 to buyers of electric vehicles. Here's a product that won't sell, unless the government gives our tax dollars as an incentive. You go to work, you pay your taxes and the federal government gives those tax dollars to a person who can afford a new car while you duct tape and wire yours together. Can't even find a running used one since 'Cash for Clunkers' crushed them all. Debbie's still spending.

#### I HOPE THAT law enforcement reads the Hot lines. I hope they see the irresponsible drivers admitting to driving improperly in bad weather and they start ticketing these drivers. Maybe then, with their insurance rates skyrocketing and

license revocation a possibility, will they realize their incorrect position and driving habits. One can hope.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

street talk

What did you like most (or least) about the Super Bowl?

LAURA KOVALCIK



"I could not stand the Black Eyed Peas. It's not for my age group. That part was too rowdy for me. I like Christina (Aguilera). I liked her very much."

— Charlotte McPherson Linden



"I didn't care for the outcome. I just don't think it was a well-played game. The highlight for me was the commercials."

— Mike Allen Fenton



"I don't like football. They're all getting knocked down. I'd hate to have my grandson in that."

— Georgia Rose Linden



"(I liked) watching them beat up on each other. Let them earn their money. It was a good game, if you watch football."





"My favorite was the commercials. The rest, I just don't care for it."

— Chris Long Linden



"I guess my favorite thing would be getting the whole family together to watch the game."

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## Police&Fire report

#### **INTRUDER IS REALLY PLUMBER**

Michigan State Police Groveland Post responded to a home on Grundyke Road, in Holly Township, to investigate a report of a breaking and entering in progress. It turned out that it was a plumber who had been asked to give a price for replacing copper pipes in a foreclosed home.

#### ATTEMPTED MURDER

The Michigan State Police is investigating an attempted murder and following up on leads. Just after 10 p.m. on Feb. 6, troopers from the Brighton Post were dispatched to Faussett and Clvde roads. in Deerfield Township, to investigate a report of a person being shot. The victim, a 48-year-old man, is currently hospitalized in stable condition.

#### **FELONIOUS ASSAULT**

The Linden Police Department is seeking arrest warrants against a 20-year-old Hartland man for felonious domestic assault. Police were called at 4:20 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 6 to respond to Silver Lake Road for a domestic assault in progress. While driving his pickup truck, the Hartland man attempted to make his 20-year-old ex-wife pull over as he traveled behind her vehicle. The woman's boyfriend was driving the vehicle and there were three children inside. When they refused to pull over, the Hartland man rammed the back end of their vehicle. He was taken into custody and lodged at the county jail.

#### **DEATH INVESTIGATION**

The Fenton Police Department is conducting a death investigation involving a 24-year-old Fenton resident. During the evening of Saturday, Feb. 5, police responded to a home on North East Street. Lt. Jason Slater said the man's father called 911 when his son could not be awakened. The father reported smelling natural gas, prompting him to air out the house. When he checked on his son, he discovered that he was not breathing. An autopsy was performed on Monday and police are awaiting the report, as well as the toxicology report.

#### **DRIVER FALLS ASLEEP**

At 8:20 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 7, Fenton police were dispatched to northbound U.S. 23, just north of the Owen Road overpass. Lt. Jason Slater said a 57-year-old Fenton man, driving a 2006 Kia, fell asleep at the wheel. The car struck the Owen Road bridge and came to rest just north of it. No damage was observed to the bridge. Police listed him as at-fault on the accident report.

#### **BUSINESS BROKEN INTO**

At 5:45 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 5, Fenton police responded to a business on Grant Street to investigate a break-in. The owners said they had just returned from making a delivery and noticed a broken window on a company van. The overhead door of the building had also been pushed open. Computers and an automotive scanner were reported missing. The case remains under investigation.

#### **CHIEF THANKS RESIDENTS**

Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro wants to thank the residents of Fenton for their assistance in removing vehicles from city streets. He said the city has an ordinance prohibiting parking on city streets between 2 and 5 a.m. for the purpose of snow removal. By keeping the streets clear, the department of public works was able to plow and salt roads quickly.

#### **TEEN SHOPLIFTERS**

At 5 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 3, Fenton police were sent to a department store in the 3700 block of Owen Road. Loss prevention employees had two 17-yearold females in custody for shoplifting. Store employees observed the teens conceal scrapbooking supplies and cosmetics in their purses and then exit the store without purchasing the \$63.15 in merchandise. The teens admitted to taking the items while at the police station. They are to appear in Fenton court on March 7, for retail fraud.

#### SIGNS STOLEN

A 41-year-old woman in Rose Township filed a malicious destruction of property complaint with the Michigan State Police Groveland Post on Jan. 29. She said someone has been removing the "no trespassing" signs she put up around her horse farm.









#### The Padilla case and its effects on Michigan law

Immigration laws have been in effect in the United States for many years. It is not surprising then, that over these years there has been substantial changes regarding a number of the provisions of these laws, including the requirements for legal immigrants as to both residency and possible citizenship.

One of the very important changes has been increasing the chances of deportation for those immigrants who may be legal residents but not yet citizens, and are convicted of certain crimes.

The importance of proper legal representation in such matters is seen in the March 31, 2010 U.S. Supreme Court decision of Jose Padilla v Kentucky.

Mr. Padilla was a native of Honduras and had been a lawful permanent resident of the United States for more than 40 years. He served with honor as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces during the Vietnam War. He pled guilty to the transportation of a large amount of marijuana in his tractor-trailer in Kentucky, after being told by his attorney that he did not have to worry about his immigration status since he had been in the country so long. He relied on what turned out to be bad advice, and after his conviction, his deportation turned out to be virtually mandatory.

The Supreme Court held that the attorney's advice was constitutionally deficient under the Sixth Amendment, and that attorneys must now inform their clients as to whether their guilty pleas carry the risk of deportation.

Of course, this ruling is binding on the states, including Michigan, and the Michigan Supreme Court held hearings in January on two proposed Court Rule amendments to implement the requirements of Padilla.

One proposal requires the court, in taking a guilty plea, to ask the defendant and counsel if they have discussed the possible risk of deportation upon a conviction. The other proposal requires that the court advise a defendant of the possible deportation consequences without inquiring as to attorney-client discussions.

There is a difference of opinion in legal circles as to which proposal is best. Whatever the final wording turns out to be, it is certain that at some point in the foreseeable future, a new Court Rule will be implemented or further direction given from the Michigan Supreme Court addressing this very important issue.

#### School housing study nearly complete

rate shows the community cares

about the district."

**Jennifer Rogers** 

Response rate shows that community cares By Tim Jagielo

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**Holly** — The study initiated by Holly Area Schools (HAS), that could lead to an elementary building, closing is near completion.

The Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) "Just the participation and response

began the study in early January, meeting with 12 focus groups from a cross section of people in

communications director, MASB the Holly area, including senior citizens, parents of children inside the HAS district, and other community members, said

Jennifer Rogers, director of Communica-

News briefs

The Tyrone Township Board of Trustees has

approved an agreement with Plante Moran,

for auditing services. The fee for the annual

audit is \$14,800, an increase of \$300 from

last year, according to Clerk Keith Kremer.

bids last year, selecting Plante Moran for a one-vear contract with the option to renew

it. The board renewed the agreement, at its

**PUBLIC MEETING SET TO DISCUSS** 

The Genesee County Road Commission

has scheduled a public information hearing

for Tuesday, Feb. 15 to present preliminary

plans for Fenton Road. Road Commission

officials will present recommendations for

the reconstruction and widening the road

to three lanes, between Butcher Road and

Fenton City limits. The meeting will be held

at the Fenton Township Civic Community

Township officials asked for competitive

**TYRONE RENEWS CONTRACT** 

WITH PLANTE MORAN

Feb. 1 regular meeting.

**FENTON ROAD WIDENING** 

tions and Public Relations at the MASB. "The process is going well," she said. "We're getting a lot of input."

An online survey was also distributed through Superintendent Kent Barnes' email, and links on the HAS website and Facebook page. The survey received 544 responses, according to Rogers. "Just the participation and response rate shows the community cares about the district," she

> said. The survey closed on Monday.

What's next?

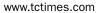
The next step

is analyzing the data from the 12 focus groups, and online survey responses. The final analysis will be presented to the HAS board at the Feb. 14 meeting.

Center, from 6 to 8 p.m. The presentation will review the project assessment report, which summarizes the purpose and need for the project and project impacts. The report will be available for review prior to the meeting on the road commission's Fenton Road page on its website www.gcrc.org. Copies of the report will also be available prior to the meeting at the township hall and at the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission office.

#### **FENTON DPW RECEIVES KUDOS** AFTER SNOWSTORM

The Fenton Department of Public Works (DPW) did an excellent job clearing roadways at Oakwood Cemetery after last week's snowstorm, said cemetery board President Doug Tebo. There was a funeral at Oakwood Cemetery on Wednesday, Feb. 2, and one on Thursday, Feb. 3. He wanted council to be aware of the DPW's fine job. Councilman Bradley Jacob said a man who plows roads for Genesee County called and told him the Fenton DPW did a great job after the snowstorm. The caller said he drives through Fenton on his way to work.



#### ENERGY

**Continued from Front Page** 

very cold temperatures." The resident's lifestyle and number of occupants also affect the bill, she added.

With large, vaulted ceilings, the Hickeys keep the thermostat at 72 degrees. Otherwise, it is too cold, said James. "Things are pretty consistent."

Although their thermostat is set to a consistent temperature, the furnace has to burn more gas in colder weather to keep the house warm.

Gust said the price of natural gas changes month to month, and running a furnace takes extra electricity to run the furnace fan. Despite how it feels, or what it costs, she said Michigan is among the lowest 15 states for energy costs.

> **Additional information** Consumersenergy.com 1-800-477-5050

Dave Lamb, of Dave Lamb Heating & Cooling, suggests looking at the house, itself, for inefficient doors and window seals, and properly maintaining the furnace.

James said their home is not especially old, but the "builders' grade" (less expensive windows and doors) may be not be efficient. "I understand we need to do some stuff to get this house under control," he said. They have made improvements to the home by adding storm windows in the basement.

Two doors leading outside need insulation, and the older sliding doors need to be replaced. "We feel drafts coming from different areas of house," he said. "(The doors and windows) definitely need work done."

Stacey and James are fortunate, as both have gainful employment. For customers who foresee difficulty paying an especially hefty bill, Gust recommends calling Consumers Energy and making payment arrangements. "We do offer some flexible payment arrangement to help them out," she said. "Shut-off is the last resort."

#### HOW TO REDUCE YOUR HEAT BILL

► Make sure your furnace is maintained properly. Have it checked out annually, and change the filter regularly.

► Turn the thermostat down one to two degrees and wear extra clothing. Each degree turned down, saves 3 percent of the bill

Do not take hot 10-minute showers. Your water heater uses gas to heat up the water.

Be sure your home has proper insulation in the walls, attic, basement,

and crawl space. Check the caulking around even newer windows for cracks or breaks.

Reapply if needed.

Make sure there is no furniture

blocking heat vents.

Open windows and blinds during sunny days for some extra, free heat. Source: Dave Lamb Heating & Cooling, Consumers Energy

#### After heavy snowfall...

Be sure to keep your meter clear of snow, and only clear the area by hand, or by shovel.

Keep the path to the meter clear, for an accurate reading, instead of being

charged based on estimated costs.

Keep the air intakes for the furnace clear to prevent it from freezing.

▶ Without the vents open, carbon monoxide also becomes a concern. The air intake is usually located on the side of the home, or on top of mobile homes.

## **City leaders mull shared police, dispatch services**

► Officials hope to meet with other local governments this month

#### **By Anna Troppens**

vices in other

communities,

at Monday's

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Fenton — City council discussed sharing services with other local governments, and providing police and dispatch ser-



**TIMES MIDWEEK** 

Council is hoping to host a meeting with Councilother local governman Tim Farments this month, icy raised the in the Fenton fire issue during a station. Mayor Sue Osborn said it discussion on a would be a dinner meeting, to become al with Tyrone acquainted with Township for other local officials. Fenton provid-At a second meeting fire departing, she would like the municipalities ment services to identify issues they can address Faricy said it together. sounds like Fenton's fire

department and Tyrone Township have a wonderful working relationship. As Fenton heads into the future and worries about its costs, he asked whether the issue of the city providing police services in the township has arisen.

Tyrone receives police services from the Livingston County Sheriff's Department, which is based in Howell, he said. Fenton's police department, on the other hand, is across the street from Tyrone Township.

"We need to improve our intergovernmental relations." **Sue Osborn** Fenton mayor

Sue Osborn said. In addition, with Fenton's

"We'd defi-

budget issues regarding its 911 dispatch, Fenton Township is close by and uses Genesee County's 911 services, Faricy said. If Fenton's dispatch center provided the service for Fenton Township, people who know the area would be dispatching emergency vehicles. He asked whether it's been discussed.

Osborn said, not for police services, that she is aware of. It would depend on cost, and the county sheriff's department has vehicles and other things it needs. It also would mean spending

money on Fenton's part. In addition, she doesn't know if the township would switch to Fenton.

She would like joint meetings of local governments, she said. The first meeting would be to get acquainted with representatives from other local units of government. At the second meeting, they could come up with issues they could handle jointly.

It could take place this month sometime, hopefully, Osborn said. She'd like to use the Fenton fire hall and hold a dinner, since it has a kitchen.

Councilman John Rauch said Fenton City Council previously met with the Fenton school board and Fenton Township once a month. That way, they could discuss issues.

**CONSOLIDATING SERVICES IS A STATE-LEVEL TOPIC** 

Officials in Lansing are discussing consolidation of services for local governments, Fenton City Manager Lynn Markland said. He doesn't believe state officials understand the amount of cooperation local governments already have.

'There is a lot more consolidation of services going on than I think the state gives us credit for," Markland said.

The city of Fenton, for example, provides fire department services in Tyrone Township. In addition, the city cooperates with Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation and has an emergency medical services (EMS) agreement in cooperation with Fenton Township and Linden.

Councilwoman Cheryl King said the state has reduced revenue sharing with local governments, and municipalities need to keep an open mind about how they can share costs. Local officials need to figure out how to provide services and still have quality, she said.



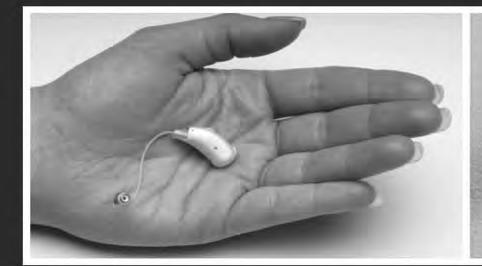
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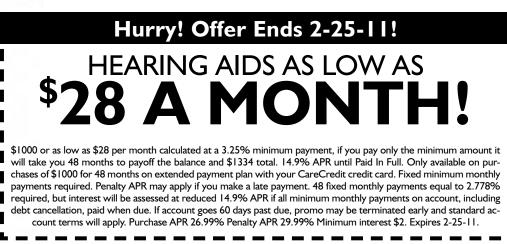
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"Obviously,

we inherited

this sewer

system, so we

try to work

with people as

best we can."

Mike

#### Township awards bid to Waldorf and Sons

Summary

► Waldorf and

Sons, Inc. was

awarded a two-

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in Fenton

Township

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Now, the city

is negotiating a

renewal of its con-

tract with Tyrone,

which doesn't

Who pays for fire department

responses in Tyrone?

Currently, the person receiving the

service does. Tyrone Township must

pay the fire department that responds,

Cairnduff said what Tyrone charges, is

Tyrone voters approved a special as-

officials have said it will take effect in

assessment will now pay for this.

between the township and the residents.

sessment in August 2010, and township

April. Tyrone has paid for police service

out of its general fund, to the Livingston

County Sheriff's Department. The special

billing the person who receives service to

recoup the cost. Fenton Fire Chief Robert

calls, he said.

to operate

Company will operate and maintain the township's sanitary sewer system

#### By Sharon Stone

sstone@tctimes.com; 810-433-6786 Fenton Twp. — The Fenton Township Board of Trustees voted 5-0 in favor of

contracting with Waldorf and Sons, Inc. to operate and maintain the township's sanitary sewer system. Supervisor Bonnie Mathis and Trustee Ken Hill were absent.

Mid-Michigan Trenching was the company who previously performed the work.

The township sought

bids from four qualified contractors, including Mid-Michigan Trenching, Bostwick Excavating, Waldorf and Sons, and Cook Excavating.

Clerk Robert Krug said Mid-Michigan Trenching did not follow the proper procedure when submitting their proposal and Bostwick declined to submit a bid. Waldorf

#### CONTRACT

**Continued from Front Page** 

'We always have covered parts or all of Tyrone," said Fenton Fire Chief Robert Cairnduff.

Fenton's response time in Tyrone av-

#### Summary

The city of Fenton is renegotiating its agreement with Tyrone Township, for the city to continue providing fire department services in the township.

have its own department. Tyrone averages 250 calls annually, with Fenton's fire department responding to around 150 of them. Fenton Township's fire department responds to approximately 50 of the calls for service from Tyrone, with Hartland Area Fire Department covering the other 50. With a proposed change, the contract could be renegotiated if

Fenton is called fewer than 100 times or more than 200.

Tyrone and the city of Fenton are discussing some changes to their agreement. which Fenton City Council considered at Monday's worksession. Council didn't vote but reached a consensus on the proposed changes. Cairnduff said the contract would likely go to council for approval at its first meeting in March, after Tyrone Township's board considers it.

The fee for a response from the Fenton Fire Department would remain \$1,337 for the first year, he said. After that, it could increase by 1 percent annually. He would like to have a five-year contract instead of the usual one-year one with Tyrone, to avoid having to renew it each year.

In addition, Tyrone voters approved a special assessment in August 2010, to pay

#### Waldorf & Sons, Inc.

Major line-item costs include the pump station maintenance at \$16,250 per year, airlift station maintenance at \$2,450 per year, ground maintenance at \$2,000 per year, \$90 per hour emergency calls and \$600 for removal of roots, mineral deposits and other blockages from sewer lines.

and Sons and Cook Excavating were the two remaining firms that submitted proposals. Each company provided line-item costs. The contract went into effect immediately

and runs through Dec. 31, 2013.

Waldorf and Sons will operate and maintain the system, including pump stations, air lift stations, manholes and sewer lines, employing qualified personnel and utilizing the vehicles and equipment necessary to maintain the system in good working order.

Maintaining the sanitary sewer system in good working order is a high priority of the township. The contractor's performance will be monitored and evaluated on an ongoing basis by Supervisor Bonnie Mathis, or her designee.

#### Summary of proposed changes

· Increasing the opt-out clause for the contract, from 90 to 120 days. It would give both parties time for budgeting, Fenton Fire Chief Robert Cairnduff said

 Increasing the per-run fee by 1 percent after the first year.

• New fuel surcharges, for when fuel prices for the fire department vehicles rise above a certain point. • If Fenton responds to less than 100

or more than 200 calls in Tyrone per year, the contract can be opened for renegotiation.

 Reducing the cancellation fee from \$750 to \$500, when firefighters go to the station but no wheels on a truck turn.

> for police and fire department services. Township officials would like to sign contracts beginning April 1, with the Fenton, Fenton Township and Hartland Area fire departments, Cairnduff said. In addition, township officials said they would like the contracts to be as identical as possible. Proposed changes

with Fenton include dropping the cancellation fee from \$750 to \$500, Cairnduff said. There have been three of these incidents in Tyrone since April 1, 2010. It is when Fenton's fire department receives a call for service in Tyrone Township and firefighters respond to the station. However, the call is cancelled "before we turn a wheel on a truck," he said.

Reducing the fee to \$500 would still cover Fenton Fire Department's payroll.

And, Fenton is working on a fuel surcharge, Cairnduff said. Most of the trucks use diesel fuel, and the surcharge would apply to when fuel prices increase above a certain amount. In the current contract, the amount is \$3.50.

In the new contract, he is working on different fuel surcharges. The price Fenton Fire Department pays is a little different from the price at a gas station pump, he said.

#### **Board tables review of sewer hardship clause**

Government may have options for homeowners struggling to pay

#### By Anna Troppens

atroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 Tyrone Twp. — The Tyrone Township Board of Trustees has tabled action

on the hardship

clause for its sewer

ordinance. There

is a \$13,500 fee for

those who are re-

quired to connect

to the township's

sewer system, not

including instal-

clause, which

township officials

are reviewing, al-

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owner's payment,

but the property

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pay it. The federal

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lation.

Summary ►Tyrone Township has tabled action

on the hardship clause for its sewer ordinance. Supervisor Mike Cunningham found information on federal grants

or loans residents might be able to apply for, for those who are struggling to pay connection and installation costs to the municipal sewer system.

government might have better options available than the township, for residents struggling to pay sewer connection and installation costs, Clerk Keith Kremer said.

Supervisor Mike Cunningham said, unfortunately, the township doesn't have the funds to help residents, in the event Tyrone has a hardship clause. He found information on federal grant money or loans through the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development program, for sewer connections.

Tyrone residents might qualify. If someone is 62 or older, he or she can ap-



ply for a grant of up to \$7,500. Part of the grant requirements are, the recipient must sign an agreement to live at the residence for three years.

For those who can't make payments for hooking up to the township's sewer system, a 20-year federal loan at 1 percent interest is a possibility, Cunningham said.

area; more information is available at www. rurdev.usda.gov/mi/mapsmain.htm http://eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov/eligi-

Compared to most other counties, Livingston County has a higher amount of income allowable for applicants for this type of funding, Cunningham said.

#### Where is the township's municipal sewer system?

Tyrone Township has a municipal sanitary sewer system installed along Hogan Road, Runyan Lake Road and based upon state law, and others are opting to connect to the service, said Supervisor Mike Cunningham.

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Cunningham Tyrone Township supervisor The property must be in an eligible rural

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the U.S. 23 corridor. Some residents are being required to hook up to it,

**FIRE** 

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The residents were home and asleep when the homeowner awoke to the sound

of popping. When he saw that the garage was on fire, he and his wife, and their three children safely exited the home. The smoke

detectors inside the home were operational, but had not yet been activated by smoke.

The fire chief said they believe the family's dog and cat perished in the fire. Amazingly, said Cairnduff, the family's caged bird was located and rescued about one hour into battling the blaze.

The family watched from

a neighbor's home as firefighters extinguished the fire. They then went to a local hotel. Cairnduff said the family's home

#### was insured.

"They lost everything."

**Robert Cairnduff** 

Fenton fire chief

Summary

A Tyrone Township

family's home

morning.

was destroyed by

fire early Tuesday

The blaze remains under investigation, said Cairnduff. Although the fire began in the garage, the cause is un-

known at this time. The house is still standing; however, he said it is a total loss. A vehicle, parked outside the garage, also caught fire.

Assisting at the fire was North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA), and departments from Fenton Township, Linden City and Holly Village.

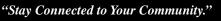
To the chief's understanding, State Road Elementary School's PTO is in the process of assisting the family, who had children attending that school at (810) 591-2400.

"They lost everything," said Cairnduff.

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Students show soup they donated for people in need. They are (front row from left) Kaylee Davis, Courtney March, Christian Dutzy and Nick Sanderson; and (back) Joseph Caleb and Jack Palmquist. Kelley Turnbull (below) colors a mini football player in teacher Sarah Mawhinney's class.

#### Students dish out some 'Soup-er' Bowl fun

Second-graders from Linden Elementary School enjoyed some 'Souper' Bowl fun, in honor of Sunday's big game. Rebecca Duguid, Sarah Mawhinney and Jennifer Wasilewski's classes dressed in black and yellow for the Pittsburgh Steelers or green and yellow for the Green Bay Packers.

On Sunday, Packers fans celebrated the win. However, on Friday, students supporting both teams made crafts, played bingo and enjoyed snacks. They also collected canned vegetables and soup, for local people in need. The donations were to emphasize the importance of giving back to others, Wasilewski said.





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#### CHILDREN Continued from Page 3

The hospital has five floors. Sidebottom's organization mainly deals with two of them. In 2005, the two friends who later began Firm Foundations Romania visited the hospital. They saw children had no diapers, because the hospital didn't have money for it.

"All the babies were wearing rags," Sidebottom said.

The two young women began buying diapers with their own money, asking nurses if they could help change the youngsters' diapers. They built relationships at the hospital, and now, Firm Foundations Romania supplies diapers for the children.

The babies also need attention, physical touch and play time — which all contribute a huge amount to their mental and social development, she said. Before, babies were left in their beds and could develop social and physical disabilities from it. Many didn't stand or walk as soon as they should. Others swayed back and forth in bed to calm themselves.

"It affects them in many ways," Sidebottom said. As adults, they might not know how to receive love from another person, or how to function as a normal human being.

Due to problems with adoptions to people outside Romania, the government only allows its own citizens to adopt Romanian children. Romanians can receive government stipends each month to care for

adopted children, or children they take into their homes. However, there is prejudice against gypsy children, who have darker skin and are often negatively labeled. Many of the babies Firm Foundations Romania works with in the Brasov Children's Hospital are gypsies, or Romas.

Young girls become pregnant at 14 or 15 and keep having children. "I am happy to say that Firm Foundations Romania has started a teenage mentor program with 14 young girls, and now they are all in school and starting to dream about

college," Sidebottom said. "For those girls who have already be-

come mothers, I run a mother's program on the newborn floor of the hospital.

"This program seeks to encourage new mothers to love their children, have the freedom to ask questions, and to know that there are people who care."



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** I SUBMITTED PHOTO Alisha Sidebottom, of Firm Foundations Romania, works with youngsters at Brasov Children's Hospital in Romania.

## Why are children left at the hospital?

After Romania closed its orphanages in 2005, there was no place for poor, young mothers to leave their babies. Many turned to the health care system. In Romania, the government offers free heath care to children under 18. Parents also receive money from the government to stay at home with their baby for the first two years of a child's life. Many leave their babies in the hospital for weeks, months and sometimes years, at a time. Even though babies go home for a week-

end here and there, they often end up back in the hospital. Many parents believe it is best for the child to be there, because they get food and a warm place to sleep. What parents don't realize is, their baby's development is suffering, since he or she spends

hours a day in a bed not being held, talked to or loved. Even while feeding, nurses often prop the bottles on blankets for the child to eat while still in bed.

entor program now they are o dream about GET ONLINE www.firmfoundationsromania.com What Firm Foundations Romania does is support the hospital with extra help to care for these babies. "We run an international volunteer program that sends volunteers into the hospital twice a

nsromania.com the hospital twice a day, five days a week, with the goal of giving these children the

love, attention, and touch that they so desperately need," said Head Supervisor Alisha Sidebottom. "We also supply diapers for all the babies who stay in the hospital without their mothers."



"All the babies

were wearing rags

(for diapers)."

**Alisha Sidebottom** 

Firm Foundations

Romania, head supervisor

#### VALENTINE'S DAY Continued from Page 3

be paired with your choice of beer or wine, according to Fenton Winery owners Matt and Ginny Sherrow. Couples can choose reserved seating of their choice — 5 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.

At the **Holly Hotel**, a Valentine's weekend of gourmet dining awaits diners Friday, Feb. 11 through Monday, Feb. 14, with "Love as Food" as the theme. From oysters or baked brie as a first course,

diners will enjoy a sumptuous feast of soup, salad, and a choice of five different gourmet entrees, followed by a course of imported farmhouse cheeses, and three different romantic desserts. A comedy show by master storyteller Norm Stulz will round out Valentine's Day evening, Feb. 14 at

9 p.m. You'll be "seeing red" in many of the Valentine's Day dishes prepared by Chef Roger Thornberry at the **Fenton H** 

ry at the **Fenton Hotel**. From roasted eggplant, tomato and red pepper soup to Valentino pasta, Surf & Turf, or other specialty entrees such as prime rib, the romance of red continues through dessert with strawberry mousse, cherry cheesecake or bumpy cake cut into heart shapes.

At **Waldenwoods Banquet & Conference Center** in Hartland, Valentine's Day is arriving early with a Sweetheart Dinner Dance on Saturday, Feb. 12, from 6 to 12 p.m. at the Cromaine Lodge. Diners can sample appetizers followed by a gourmet dinner buffet. The evening will continue with desserts, a champagne toast and entertainment by Kurt Lewis Entertainment.

At **Janelle's in Byron**, ladies will receive a free carnation on Valentine's Day, with 11 specialty dishes served from 4 to 9 p.m. This romantic dinner will include appetizers, gourmet entrees from amaretto chicken to prime rib, baby back ribs and more, plus desserts to complete the evening.



Whether you're looking for a dressy, fine dining experience or a casual evening out for the two of you, local restaurants are "putting out the red carpet" on Monday, Feb. 14 with Sweetheart Specials and other Valentine's Day surprises.

ruary specials all month long, and will welcome Valentine's Day diners to enjoy a bountiful 16-ounce serving of New York strip steak with sautéed mushrooms and onions — and all the "sides," or other specials — including spaghetti with garlic bread, fish and chips or other favorites from the famous, historic Linden Hotel menu.

The Linden

Hotel offers Feb-

For a taste of Italy on Valen-

tine's weekend through Valentine's Day, **Johnny's Pizzeria** in Fenton is offering a "Sweetheart Dinner for Two," with entrees including a 10-ounce, queen-cut prime rib, to pasta primavera, sherry mushroom fettuccini, rib eye and shrimp, as well as blackened chicken fettuccini. Dinner will include a beverage, dessert and all the accompaniments, according to owner Delio Barletta.

This is just a "sampling" of local restaurants that are providing specialty dining on Valentine's Day. The rest of the romance will be up to you ...

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## What women really want for Valentine's Day



#### Red rose reigns as symbol of love By Sally Rummel

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Ask any woman what she wants this Valentine's Day, and her answer will likely be that she wants to be remembered and feel loved. How her husband or boyfriend chooses to show that affection will probably fit into one of four categories: flowers, chocolates, jewelry and pampering.

"It all comes down to the rose," said Jon Gerych, owner of Gerych's Distinctive Flowers & Gifts in Fenton. "The red rose is still 'top dog' as the sign of love."

Red roses, in fact, are the symbol of love, romance and passion, while pink roses spell romance, dignity and reliability, according

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to Gerych. Yellow roses are actually a sign of jealousy, but they are still a popular rose because of their beauty and color.

Roses are sold by their stem length, with the longer the stem, the more expensive the flower.

Keepsake gifts incorporated with a gift of flowers can be a meaningful present for Valentine's Day, because it's more long lasting than a floral expression. At Fenton Flowers & Gifts, a music box accented with flowers inside is a thoughtful gift because it's more of a keepsake, according to shop owner Linda Wolford. "Men think it's all about the flowers, but women also appreciate a gift with it that will last longer," said Wolford.

At Euphorbia Gardens in Linden, red roses are still the most popular Valentine's Day gift, according to owner Marsha Cross. She's working very hard at keeping her prices for down this special holiday, so that people can enjoy giving this traditional gift. Another gift women really want for

Valentine's Day are diamonds, according to local jewelers.

"You can start with a good basic pair of diamond stud earrings for \$200 and go up from there," said Mary Ann Beltinck of Sawyer Jewelers in Fenton. Their down to the rose. The red rose is still 'top dog' as the sign of love." **Jon Gerych** *Gerych's Distinctive Flowers & Gifts in Fenton* 

"It all comes

trade-in and trade-up policy makes them a very affordable gift, now and into the future. "We buy diamonds back for full price that were purchased here at Sawyers so you can trade-up for a new pair," said Beltinck. "If you lose a diamond earring purchased at Sawyers, we're able to replace just the one — we do insurance replacement right here."

Diamonds are also a popular Valentine's Day gift at Mos' Art Jewelers in Fenton, but for a man who still wants to give a traditional gift of roses, this local jewelry store has the perfect answer: a real rose that lasts forever. "We offer a real rose that has been lacquered with color after it has bloomed, and is then trimmed in 24-karat gold," said store manager Jeanette Howell. "It looks beautiful in a vase or in a curio cabinet, and it lasts forever."

Medawar Jewelers in Fenton sees many engaged couples coming in for Valentine's Day, selecting engagement rings and sets to symbolize their commitment

How much?

▶ People spent \$15.7 billion on Valentine's Day gifts in 2010, with an average price tag of \$103. A total of \$190 million was spent on Valentine's Day cards alone.

The most popular Valentine's Day gifts are chocolates, jewelry, candy, gift cards and clothing, according to the National Retail Federation.

to an upcoming marriage. "Valentine's Day is our second busiest holiday of the year," said Suzanne Medawar. For men who are shopping for wives or girlfriends this time of year, diamonds are popular, as well as heart-shaped jewelry to symbolize the holiday, she adds. Women also

like to be pam-

pered for Valentine's Day, with gift cards to their favorite spa or salon. At The Retreat Salon & Skin Spa in Fenton, a "Cupid's Retreat" package provides discount pricing for a half-hour massage, mini-facial and manicure/pedicure. "We also have gift certificates for Valentine's Day that are available through Feb. 14, good for future services here at The Retreat," said co-owner Kristen Steele.

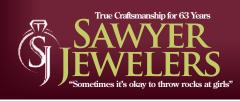


With Valentine's Day falling on Monday, Feb. 14 this year, many retailers are open on Sunday, Feb. 13. "We'll be open and doing Valentine deliveries all weekend, so that people who are getting flowers can enjoy them all weekend," said Linda Wolford, of Fenton Flowers & Gifts.

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## **Basketball game rocks Lake Fenton gym**

#### Mentally impaired students play from the heart

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TAZ

**Basketball Team** Warren Berry

Britney Jackson

Taylor VonDaggenhausen

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Ryan McFarlin

Jeff Hurd

Chris Metcalf

Chris Newman

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**Brandon Andrews** 

Matt Clark

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Brittany Armstrong

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**By Sharon Stone** 

sstone@tctimes.com; 810-433-6786 Lake Fenton — The gym at Lake Fenton High School was rockin' Friday morning as the students, parents, and faculty cheered on the school's Project Choice students as they took on the TAZ basketball team from the Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center.

These basketball games have been taking place for at least 10 years and are one of the highlights for the trainable mentally impaired (TMI) students from several school districts that attend Lake Fenton.

Just like any varsity basketball game, the energetic fans cheered on their team, and the other team, whenever they made or blocked a great shot. Parents of those playing were invited to watch and put forth a lot of cheering, as well.

Principal Jerry Kramer said the teams play a couple of times a year. "We try to have our kids come down and cheer them on," he said. "It's a big deal to them (the players).'

Lake Fenton students Mitch Kirk and Sean Canning coached the Project Choice players and student Spencer Quick refereed the

game. Key Club members Cayla Messler and Arika Kujawa coached and led the cheer squad, also com-**Lake Fenton Blue Devil** prised of Project Choice students. Kujawa and **BASKETBALL TEAM** 

Messler have been working with their cheer squad since December and were thrilled to be a part of the event.

Kujawa said it's special to have the whole school come down and watch and cheer on the teams. "The TMI kids get very excited," she said.

"It's definitely worth it," said Messler.

When asked what this game means to her students, Joan Olsen, Project Choice instructor said, "It means everything to them. "We plan for it." She added that the general education students step up, coach the players, and cheer squad.

"They've been practicing for months."

Olsen said these games are also very exciting for the parents of her students, especially by having the whole school watching on. In the end, the Lake Fenton team sunk more baskets, but based on the smiles and high-fives after the game, all of the players were winners.

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A player from Lake Fenton's basketball team takes the ball down the court as the other team's coach cheers on her players.



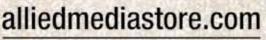
#### **HOT LINE** CONTINUED

A FRIEND OF mine works for Lake Fenton schools' food service, and told me they are getting a whopping 15-cent raise this year, while the administrators are getting six-figure salaries. This is an example of salaries gone wild. They should be ashamed. Čut their salaries.

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#### My winter 'to do' or 'not to do' lists

When I got home from work last night, I thought to myself that I should think of something to write about for my column this week. I decided to make

a list of all the things I have to do in my house this weekend. Because it's been snowing, raining or hailing for the last six weeks, I have either postponed or delayed doing most of the things on my to



do list. They are as follows:

• Try to clean the snow off the back door to the house so I can get to the back yard.

• Change the batteries in my remote control garage door opener.

• Clean the snow off the front of the garage door so it can be opened. Purchase a new pair of snow boots; the last time I did that was 1980.

• Call the repairman, because I think I have a leak in the bathroom ceiling. Clean out my garage so I can get my car inside, protected from the weather.

 Clean off the ice that's accumulated on the car while I haven't been able to get it in the garage. Try to get my old snow blower

repaired.

• If I can't repair the snow blower, then throw it out.

 Try to move the lawnmower out of the way of the garage door.

• Make sure to pay my monthly bills.

 When I was eating breakfast yesterday, I noticed that the kitchen

table leg was wobbly, so it has to be repaired. Someone has to call the fuel com-

pany, because the gauge on the side of the house reads, "low fuel." • Call the neighbors to find out

if they're OK and thank them for watching the house.

• Try to get my financial documents organized because we're approaching tax season. My accountant has already called to inform me that he wants my stuff early this year.

• Make sure to call the kids to find out when they're coming for a visit. • Try not to waste so much time in

front of the television set. I have to try to organize my time better, so I can accomplish more in a day. There are just too many

things to do on my to-do list. Well, there's always next weekend!



## Heart attacks can be 'silent'

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Is it possible to have had a heart attack and not know it? I am a 59-year-old man and had my first-ever EKG this past week. The doctor tells me I had a heart attack. I have never had anything that felt like a heart attack. I don't smoke and never have. Heart attacks don't run in my family. My mother and father are alive at 85. I weigh 155 pounds and have weighed that since I was

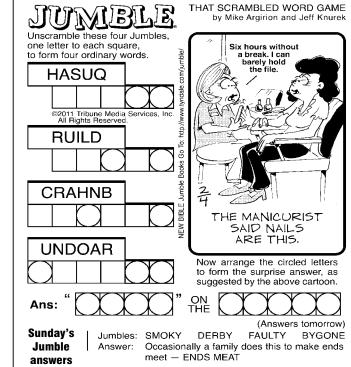
discharged from the Army, more than 35 years ago. Could this be a mistake? — R.S. **ANSWER:** As many as

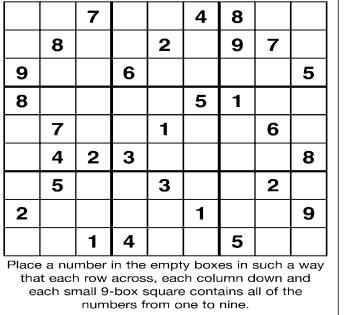
20 percent of heart attacks are silent, producing no pain or other symptoms. Those attacks are discovered when an EKG happens to be taken at a later date. It's also true that the EKG might show the pattern of an old heart attack without one ever having occurred.



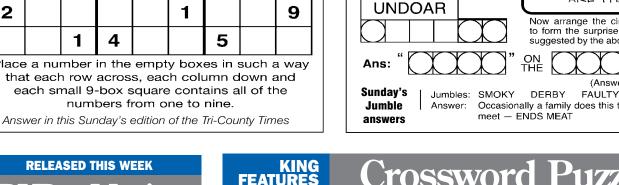
If you want to settle the matter, consult a cardiologist. It's probably the wise thing to do. The booklet on heart attacks explains why they happen and how

to recognize them. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue - No. 102W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.





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#### **RELEASED THIS WEEK** DVDs&Movies

#### LIFE AS WE KNOW IT

Holly Berenson (Katherine Heigl) is an up-and-coming caterer and Eric Messer (Josh



Duhamel) is a promising network sports director. After a disastrous first date, the only thing they have in common is their dislike for each

for their 1-year-old goddaughter, Sophie, the daughter of their best friends. But, when the best friends die, they leave Sophie in their joint guardianship, and Holly and Messer are forced to put their differences aside.

#### **IT'S KIND OF A FUNNY STORY**

Sometimes, what's in your head isn't as crazy as you think. That's certainly true for Craig (Keir Gilchrist). Sixteen-year-old Craig, a stressed out teenager, checks himself into a mental health clinic. But, the youth ward is temporarily closed, so he finds himself stuck



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Craig's mentor and protégé. With a minimum five-day stay imposed on him by the adult

ward's staff psychiatrist, Craig is sustained by friendships on both the inside and the outside as he learns more about life, love, and the pressures of growing up.



## Teacher Spot**LIGHT**



KAREN ALEXANDER Media Specialist

#### Sarah Rogers and Marta Watters

Karen Alexander is the media specialst at Lake Fenton High School, but her job isn't as simple as that. She is responsible for overseeing all four buildings in the district. In addition, she's also teaching a section of Senior Seminar during the second and third trimesters.

#### How long have you been working at Lake Fenton?

"Since 1996. Prior to that, I was a substitute, and a track and cross country coach at Powers and Swartz Creek."

#### How did you come to work at Lake Fenton?

"I student taught here for Jane Webster in 1989."

#### What is the most challenging part of your job?

"Trying to take care of all four buildings."

#### What is the best part of your job?

"Working with students."

What do you do in your free time?

"I run, read, and play with my twin girls."

## If you were stranded on a desert island with anyone, who would it be?

"My husband."

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

"Getting ready to retire."

Where did you graduate high school?

"Swartz Creek."

What's the craziest thing you've ever done?

"I dated two guys at the same time when I was in high school."

## Senior seminar projects Volunteer hours required for graduation span diverse array of experiences

#### Marta Watters

Senior Seminar is a required course at Lake Fenton that all graduating seniors must take. It involves an exit presentation, as well as a volunteer project.

Throughout the course, students are expected to prove that they are ready for college. In their presentations, they must show that they are complex thinkers, collaborators, effective communicators, self-directed workers, and involved citizens.

For example, the students who have Karen Alexander this trimester

I like helping someone with something that I have always loved to do."

 Mariah Manchester, on her senior seminar project tutoring a middle school student

are required to have 20 hours of volunteer work, and each project must have to do with the student's desired career. Some students shared their projects and are enjoying helping others.

Lauren Edge wants to volunteer at Adopt-a-Pet in Fenton. She plans to start her project within the next week or two.

"I want to volunteer there because it would be a fun... project and it involves the field I want to go into."

Lindsay Sensoli is volunteering

#### Upcoming Events Feb 11 Boys JV & Varsity Basketball v. Beecher 5:30 & 7 p.m. Hockey @ Mt. Pleasant 7 p.m. Feb. 12

Sadie hawkins Dance 8-11 p.m. Competitive Cheer @ Fenton Invitational 1 p.m. Feb. 18

No School - Professional Development Feb. 21 No School - Mid-Winter Break

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Devyn Stites, Stacie Bubin and Cliff Everhart are teaching younger students drumming techniques to better prepare them for membership in the high school band. Photo Alyssa McCoy.

at Fenton Patch, a community-specific online news and information platform for the surrounding communities. Lindsay writes stories and covers events around the Fenton area. When she turns 18, she plans on turning her volunteer project into an actual internship. Lindsay said, "It's a better way to get my foot in the water when it comes to getting experience in the journalism field." Lindsay plans to attend Ohio State University, studying this field.

Sarah Smith is tutoring an eighth-grader in clarinet for her volunteer project. Sarah said, "I like helping someone with something that I have always loved to do."

Mariah Manchester is volunteering at O.A.T.S. (Offering Alternative Therapy with Smiles, Inc.), a Clarkston facility that helps mentally, physically, and emotionally-challenged kids. There, the kids ride horses and spend time with them. Mariah said she really enjoys her time there and feels that "it's making a difference."





#### What are your plans for Valentine's Day?

Lauren Edge

"A romantic date with my girlfriend, Andrea, and buy her something cute.



James Harvey, senior

"...cuddle up with a box of tissues, watch sad movies... and think about how pathetic my love life is."



Megan Somers, sophomore

"I'll be giving Megan an inspirational speech."



"Bryan is going to take me out to my favorite resaurant and to a movie."

Sarah Cox,

senior



#### RANDA

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Family members said Randa had been diagnosed with mental illness. She was a chain smoker and was afraid of the dark. At the time of her disappearance, she was very sick. Nothing appeared missing from her apartment, other than a blue bathrobe. Her cigarettes were found on a table in the living room. She did not own a car and relied on family members or Your Ride for transportation.

Randa's sister, Fadia Jawhari, was the last known person to speak on the telephone to Randa at about 11:20 p.m. the previous night. Everything appeared to be normal. Phone records for her apartment phone revealed little. She did not have a cell phone or a credit card.

Ground and aerial searches were done and Crane Lake in Fenton Township was searched because Randa's neighbor told police he had gone fishing there the night before. Police were not ruling out anything.

Randa had many connections with the Flint area because she frequented treatment centers for her mental illness. Posters about Randa's disappearance were distributed throughout the area. Her profile was submitted to the local and national missing person organizations.

Det. Ron Skarzynski remains frustrated with the lack of leads in this case. A wall in his office is covered with notes, photographs, timelines and drawings.

The residents at the small apartment complex were interviewed, some more than once.

#### **UNKNOWN VEHICLE**

Video footage from the parking lot surveillance camera, activated by motion, was reviewed. Every vehicle entering and leaving the parking lot was eventually accounted for, except one, said Skarzynski.

The unknown vehicle pulled into the parking lot at the apartments at 5:12 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009. The vehicle was seen heading to the west side of the lot and out of view of

Go online to see VIDEO SURVEILLANCE OF VEHICLE IN QUESTION www.tctimes.com the camera. Approximately one minute later, the vehicle was seen exiting. Because of the morning darkness,

glaring headlights and grainy exposure, Skarzynski and Det. Scott Townsend cannot positively say what kind of vehicle it is. It appears to be a two-tone smaller car, possibly with a hatchback. A fo-

rensics lab has en-

hanced the video. The detectives are hoping that this information might jog the memory of someone who may have forgotten that they pulled into the parking lot that morning. TIMES MIDWEEK



Randa Jawhari lived alone at this apartment complex on Shiawassee Avenue when she was reported missing on Feb. 11, 2009.

**GHATTA JAWHARI** 

#### **UNKNOWN COMPANION**

Skarzynski is also hoping to identify a well-dressed African-

American man who accompanied Jawhari to a dentist on multiple occasions in Flint before her disappearance. Based on information provided by dental office employees, a Michigan State Police artist put together a composite sketch of this man. At this point, the

detective would just like to identify and speak with him.

#### DNA PROFILING

A DNA profile was done, using DNA provided by Randa's parents and daughter. Authorities would be able to connect any remains through DNA testing, in the event a body is found. Needing a break from the investigation, Randa's parents, Anisse and David Jawhari went back to their native Lebanon several months ago. They are expected to return to Fenton next month.

#### DIANA ANDERSON

Diana Anderson, Randa's sister, misses and grieves every day for her sister. "It never goes away. It's on your mind, every day," she said.

"I'm still looking for that blue bathrobe. That was the last thing we thought she was wearing.

"It's sad. It's hard. I don't want to be angry anymore."

Anderson now cares for Randa's daughter, Mattilyn. She said because of the situation, Randa's daughter has a lot of anxiety. In addition to school, they stay busy with dance, music and hockey. Mattilyn sees a child psychologist to help her cope with her mother's disappearance. Anderson has also sought counseling.

"We've done everything," said Anderson. "He's (Skarzynski) done everything. I'm angry at this situation."



#### Linden. Anderson said Randa's disappearance has definitely put a strain on the family dynamics as everyone is attempting to find an answer. Ghatta said she shared everything with Randa. "She shared my life," she said. Starting about two weeks before Randa disappeared, Ghatta had dreams about her twin every night. She can't really remember what happened in

about her twin every night. She can't really remember what happened in the dreams, but she does remember how uneasy they made her feel. Since Randa's disappearance, she's had just two dreams.

Randa's twin, Ghatta Jawhari, was

living in Ohio, but has since moved to

"Birthdays, holidays, they're hard," she said. "I need closure.

"My sister was so optimistic, always. She had so much faith in God. Whatever happened, I know she's in God's hands."



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January is over, and with the start of February, the sports scene starts to get a bit more intense.

The top five is starting to get a bit more serious as well. And with recent developments, decisions become a bit more

challenging. Do we rate teams based on what is expected or what they've done up to this point? Where does an undefeated ski team rank among a sport like wrestling? Some of these questions will be addressed in this top five. For the first time this winter, we have a change at the top.

No. 5 - Fenton girls skiing: The girls have finished an undefeated dual season and deserve a lot of kudos for doing it. Our problem is, it's hard to understand where they deserve to be in our top



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five based on the overall caliber of competition in the area. We'll get a true feeling about their ranking during the postseason.

No. 4 - Fenton girls basketball: The Lady Tigers have won enough to be the sec-

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ond best team in the Metro and have helped make coach Brad DeWitt the winningest girls varsity basketball coach in Metro League history. They've dominated everyone in the league, but Clio, who looks to be on cruise control towards a Metro title. No. 3 - Fenton boys basketball: Right now, the top three teams on this list are the only

real competitors for the top spot by season's end. The Fenton boys slipped against Swartz Creek, but since then remain in first place a game ahead of the field. Questions remain, can they get their halfcourt offense to be more efficient in the early portions of games being the biggest one. However, they are answering other questions about their depth as well, getting contributions from bench players.

No. 2 - Lake Fenton wrestling: They may very well be the No. 1 team in the area, but taking second in the GAC drops them a notch for right now. One can argue that New Lothrop is good enough to beat anyone in our area, therefore this isn't a fair assessment. But a big part of the ratings are . based on what you do against your conference, and the Blue Devils finished second. Obviously, that's a great placing, but not a championship. No. 1 - Holly wrestling: The Bronchos domi-

nated the Metro League as though they were wrestling against JV teams. They are ranked in the state and are poised to earn coach Don Pluta

wins No. 499 and 500 at team districts. The challenge will be keeping this spot. Chances are at least one of our top two wrestling programs will make it to Battle Creek, maybe both. If both make it, which team goes farther at the event could end up being the final key to who ends

with the top spot.

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What is the most points an NHL player has scored in one game?

Daryl Sittler scored 10 points in the Toronto Maple A Leafs' 11-4 win vs. the Boston Bruins. Sittler scored six goals and dished off four assists.

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**Bronchos cap perfect Metro season** 

► Holly wins first league title since 2006-07

#### **By David Troppens**

dtroppens@tctimes.com Lapeer — The Holly varsity wrestling team proved something Saturday at Lapeer West High School that the Bronchos probably felt all season long.

They proved they are the kings of the hill in the Flint Metro League. The Holly Bronchos, who were

Summary ►Holly wrestlers dominate Metro meet en route to winning the league championship.

capped the Metro season by crushing the field at the Metro League Meet. The Bronchos had 10 wrestlers in the finals and six win league titles.

undefeated in

duals this year,

The last time the Bronchos went undefeated in Metro duals and in the league meet was the 1991-92 season. It was their first Metro title since 2006-07 and first outright title since 2004-05. The Bronchos were pleased with their performances. Linden placed fifth in the tourney and third in the final standings, while Fenton was sixth at the meet and the overall standings.

"It means a lot because we've never really dominated the Metro like this for how long? We have won it before, but we haven't gone undefeated since 1991-92," senior

Mike Spencer said. "It was a big honor to be on the team that went undefeated in the league."

The Bronchos won five straight championship matches and at one time had wrestlers in eight straight championship matches.

Mason Cleaver (112) and Anthony Gonzales (119) started the run by winning titles by decisions in the finals. Tyler Gibson (125) See TITLE on 20





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(Top) Holly's Esteban Gonzales earns a pin to win the 130-pound weight class Metro League title, while (immediately above) Holly's Tyler Gibson (under) holds down Linden's Austin Golden, eventually earning a title as well. Holly won the Metro League meet, earning six individual champions.

## Fenton Tigers play sloppy, still defeat Lapeer East handily

**By AI Zipsie** dtroppens@tctimes.com

Lapeer — Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Tim Olszewski said, "It is a thing of beauty when we play like we can."

Even in victory, Olszewski didn't think that happened on Monday.

The first-place Fenton Tigers (11-1, 13-1) overcame a sluggish first half, and stepped it up

night. The Tigers played without Lapeer West). We need to rotate slump early on." senior point guard Eric Mowery, who was out with a head and back injury suffered against Linden on Friday. Lapeer East remains winless in the Metro with the home loss.

"We started out sluggish, just went though the motions, played just good enough to win and turned it on when we had to,'

and rebound better and make a statement.

"We have to look at the big picture. When we play the type of teams at the state tournament (we could face), we have to get better and consistent."

"We need to play a whole game, not just when we need to," said Ryan Hickoff, who scored

late in the third quarter, putting<br/>away Lapeer East 69-45 Mondaysaid Olszewski. "Eric will be<br/>back Friday (when Fenton hosts16 of his game-high 24 points in<br/>the first half. "We were in a little

The Tigers led only 13-10 after the opening quarter. That lead grew in the second quarter. The half ended when Ryan Hickoff buried a three-pointer at the halftime buzzer off a pass from Devan Beagle. Fenton led 33-23 at the break.

After Hickoff's 24 points, See TIGERS on 20

#### LF wrestlers take second at GAC meet By Al Zipsie

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Holly's

**Mason Cleaver** 

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Byron — Once again, New Lothrop played the nemesis to Lake Fenton's third-ranked wrestling team.

The Hornets won the GAC title outright after winning the GAC meet Friday at Byron High School. Lake Fenton, who lost in a dual to New Lothrop earlier this season, finished second at the meet and in the overall standings.

The Blue Devils (10-1 in the GAC) had to win the conference meet and have New Lothrop (11-0) finish in second to earn a share of their first league championship in 35 years. New Lothrop edged Lake Fenton 246.5-236.5. Goodrich was a distant third with 132.5 points.

Still, it was an outsanding day for the Blue Devils. They had six GAC individual champions and had eight make it to the finals. Leaving with titles were Justin Melick (152), Drew Morris (189), Todd Melick (119), Buddy Poyner (125), Zach Corcoran (135) and Connor Brancheau (160). Lake Fenton won four of their first head-to-head battles in the championship match with the Hornets. However, New Lothrop had more depth placing in 13 of the 14 weights.

"We made up 14 points in the finals after being down by 24," Lake Fenton coach Vance Corcoran said. "The kids went 8-2 in the finals in the matches for first and third place. The big picture is, we know we can get it done when it matters most."

Todd Melick avenged the See GAC on 20

## Tri-City hockey splits weekend verdicts

#### By David Troppens

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 It was a case of some good and some bad for the Tri-City Chiefs last weekend.

The co-op hockey team hosted its own tournament and came home with a second-place finish.

The Chiefs (7-11) started the tourney by winning a thrilling 3-2 verdict in the semifinals against the Flushing Raiders. However, they followed that win with a tough 4-3 loss to the Grand Ledge Comets on Saturday.

"It was a fun tournament. The guys played good overall," Tri-City coach Ryan Hoover said. "It was a good weekend. We kind of blew it in the first period (against Grand Ledge), though. You know there's that saying you can't win one in the first period, but you can lose one, and that's what we did for sure. We were down 3-1 after one period against Grand Ledge, and couldn't make it up."

The Chiefs opened the tourney with a thriller. With 38 seconds left in a tied game, Sean Meyer scored the game-winning goal, the third Tri-City player to score in the game.

"I put a line together, changed it up and it worked," Hoover said. "Guys crashed the net just like they are taught to, and the way they do when we are playing well. When you crash the net, good things happen."

Also scoring goals against the Raiders were Garrett Gormley and Evan Haller. Luke Conner had two assists.

The Chiefs played disciplined, taking only two penalties. In net, Hannah Fremd won the contest, saving 15 of 17 shots.

"We played well against Flushing," Hoover said. "Their goalie stood on his head. We had a lot of chances. We had five



breakaways and he stopped all of them. We out-worked and out-skated them and we were rewarded."

Against Grand Ledge, the Chiefs fell behind 3-1 and never had the lead. Kyle Frank scored a short-handed goal with 1:10 remaining, cutting the margin to 4-3, but the squad couldn't sneak any closer.

"They called a penalty late in the game in our own zone that I didn't agree with," Hoover said. "It didn't take away a scoring chance for them, but it made it pretty hard to create opportunities. We had one, but it didn't work out."

The game had its share of penalties. A couple of Grand Ledge players were ejected, and the Chiefs got called for 26 penalty minutes.

"In the second and third periods, I thought we outplayed them," Hoover said. "We had a lot of opportunities, but we couldn't capitalize."

#### Holly basketball ready for key stretch of games

#### By David Troppens

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 The Holly varsity boys basketball team had to wonder if they were going to be a Metro League championshipcaliber team entering this season.

Sure, coach Lance Baylis has created a strong program that seemingly always contends for the Metro League title now, but with most of its roster gone from a year ago, one had to wonder if the Bronchos would remain one of the elite teams.

With four games left in the league schedule, the Bronchos (10-2, 11-3) think they have their answer. And after last Friday's 44-28 thumping of Brandon, the Bronchos are just one game behind the first-place Fenton Tigers entering two pivotal games — Friday's home contest against Flint Kearsley and next Tuesday's road contest at Fenton High School. And entering this round against the two key foes, the Bronchos now know this time they belong, where earlier in the season they may have questioned that a tiny bit in their minds.

"There's no doubt about it. They read a lot of the preseason clippings about Fenton and their three starters returning and a transfer coming in, and knew what we lost. They may have questioned if we belonged, but I think they started believing in themselves. As we've matured, we've been getting that confident attitude. Talent, we have **See STRETCH on 20** 



#### TITLE

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won a 19-4 major decision over Linden's Austin Golden in their title match, and then Esteban Gonzales, who has now won 200 varsity matches, defeated Swartz Creek's Alex Donoho by pinfall in 1:20 for the fourth straight title. Zack Jones (135) capped the five-title run with a forfeit win. Shawn Scott (171) won Holly's final title, pinning Lapeer East's Eric Strickler in 2:35.

Andrew Scott (140), Spencer (145), Joey Spencer (152) and Joe Piwowarski (285) each came home with second-place performances.

"We always wanted to win the league title as a team," said Holly senior Joey Spencer. "Plus, being a freshman and (always) losing to Oxford made me mad. It made me happy to win it my senior year."

The Bronchos are now looking at the team state tournament, which starts at Orchard Lake St. Mary's tonight. In the process, with two wins tonight, the Bronchos will earn long-time coach Don Pluta his 499th and 500th victories.

"We want to get to states and then place as high as we can when we get there," Piwowarski said. "The key is everyone going out and winning their matches, and if they don't win not getting pinned. We've had hardly anyone get pinned in a lot of our meets and that's helped a ton.

'We haven't talked about (coach Pluta's 500th win) too much, but it is a big deal because he'll be in the top 10 for wins by Michigan coaches. It is big. We'll get it for him. We'll do it for him.

Linden had two champs. Kyle Fisher (189) pinned East's C.J. Spencer in 1:30 to win a title, while Dallas Blank (140) defeated Holly's Andrew Scott 9-2 in the final. Golden (125) earned a second.

Fenton had Preston Wetzel (152) and Sean Rusaw (160) earn thirds, while Patrick Turner (130), Jacob Wykes (135) and Zach Finlay (215) earned fourths.

Joe Scanlon (189) placed third for Holly, while teammate Mike Neal (160) placed fourth.

Linden's Tyler Satkowiak (215) placed third, while Zac Shaw (112) was fourth.

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#### GAC

**Continued from Page 18** earlier dual loss to the Hornets' Taylor Knupp. The younger Melick brother (32-4) beat Knupp for an 11-0 major decision.

"It was a nice feeling. I have been looking forward to it since the hard-luck loss to him," said Melick, who had a bloody nose during the match. "I was just making sure he didn't hit that move again. It was hard to concentrate with the injury. I just was trying to be careful and not bump the nose again. It was pretty close to a injury default, and that would have been difficult to lose that way."

'Todd owned that kid tonight. And give Christian (O'Guinn) credit for battling such an elite wrestler in Roger (Widmo),' said senior captain Zach Corcoran.

For Poyner (43-2), it was his fourth league title, two in the Metro and now a pair in the GAC. He earned it with a 2:30

fall over the Hornets Bella Nemeth.

Corcoran had an 8-0 major decision

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it. Basketball IQ, we have it. Skills, we have it. Now they are starting to get that confidence that they can beat anyone on any given night."

Brandon found that out on Friday. Holly trailed 14-10 about halfway through the second quarter, but finished the half with a 12-0 run, sparked by defensive efforts by Anderius Gray and Brent Staffne. Holly led 22-14 at the half. The defense allowed just seven points in each quarter.

Josh Fugate led the team with 11 points, while Staffne had nine points.

Now come the two games that will separate the men from the boys, at least for the Holly program.

"Friday is our Snowcoming game so it's a big game. We think that if we win Friday, Tuesday is going to mean the league title," Baylis said.

"We cannot win the league unless we win Tuesday. And you know what, it's a big game for Fenton, too.

"On Friday we have to win at home. If we do, Tuesday will be, here we go again. It's going to be awesome, fantastic."

over New Lothrop's Clayton Simons. Defending state champion Justin Melick (40-5) pinned Connor Wood with eight seconds left in the match. Brancheau (44-2) dismantled LakeVille's Cecil Batchelor by tech fall. Morris (41-3) snuck by with a 3-1 decision win vs. New Lothrop's Spencer Gross in overtime.

"He got winded quicker and I knew I was in better shape once it went to overtime," Morris said. "I knew I had the chance to win it and got the takedown for the win. I didn't know it was right as time ran out.'

Second-place finishers for Lake Fenton were James Demember (103) and O'Guinn. Demember lost to New Lothrop's Josh Wendling 4-2 in doubleovertime. O'Guinn lost to two-time defending state champion Roger Widmo 9-2. Bryce Hopkins (130) finished third, while Nate Franks (285) placed fourth.

Lake Fenton (24-5) hosts the MHSAA Team District Thursday.

#### TIGERS

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Fenton did not have any other player in double-figures, but had some balanced scoring. Dylan Hickoff and Damon Thomas both had nine points, while Beagle and Charlie Herzog chipped in eight points each.

"We missed Eric (Mowery) and his experience and knowledge," Olszewski said. "Devan passed well. Damon Thomas a sophomore. He is long and has some skills and finished well.'

"Eric knows how to play the game so well, but Andre and Beagle both did a good job at the point filling his shoes," Ryan Hickoff said.

"This team has good chemistry no matter who is playing," Beagle said. "I have been getting more minutes and had the chance to play some point with Eric out. My focus is to play better defense, to play the point and get some points when the shot is open."

Scrappy East stayed close. Midway through the third quarter, Neil Kuisell was fouled on a drive to the hoop. He made both free throws, cutting the gap to 39-36. The Eagles' flirt with an upset then came to a halt. Fenton clicked off the next 11 points and outscored them 21-9 in the final quarter, sealing the win. The run began as Herzog converted an

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(Left) Lake Fenton's Connor Brancheau won a GAC title at 160 pounds at the GAC Meet Friday night. Lake Fenton placed second at the tournament.

#### **Metro Boys Basketball Race**

The Flint Metro League boys basketball season is nearing its end, and two traditional tri-county area rivals find themselves right in the middle of the mix once again.

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Team Fenton Tigers Holly Bronchos Swartz Creek Dragons

Friday's games Kearsley at Holly, 7:30 p.m. Lapeer West at Fenton, 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday's game** 

Holly at Fenton, 7 p.m. Lapeer East at Swartz Creek, 7 p.m.

Feb. 18 games Holly at Lapeer West, 7 p.m.

Fenton at Swartz Creek, 7 p.m.

old-fashioned three-point play on a hoop and a free throw.

That was followed by a Ryan Hickoff inbounds pass from one baseline thrown to the other, hitting Dylan Hickoff in stride. He was fouled on a dunk attempt, making both free throws. Ryan Hickoff followed with consecutive hoops on offensive boards. East never got the lead back to single digits. The Eagles hit one of nine free throws in the second half.

#### PREP REPORT

#### **BOYS BASKETBALL**

Genesee Christian 57, Lake Fenton 56: Genesee Christian's Clay Selby made a free throw with three seconds remaining, earning the home team the victory Friday night.

Lake Fenton's Sean Canning had a halfcourt shot at the buzzer, just missing the attempt. Canning finished with 28 points, while Spencer Quick had 11 points. **GIRLS BASKETBALL** 

Fenton 56, Lapeer East 37: Gabrielle Rivette led Fenton (10-2, 12-3) with 14 points, while Sam Granger had 11 points in the Monday night victory.

Fenton led 33-16 at the half, and scored 20 points in the second quarter alone.

The girls played really well," Fenton coach Brad DeWitt said, "Our defense was quite good, and it created a lot of problems with the press. Everyone played well.

Holly 52, Brandon 28: The Bronchos held Brandon to just five first-half points, resulting in the win. Holly led 22-5 at the intermission, and then scored 18 points in the third quarter to blow the game completely wide open.

Audrey Koons led Holly with 13 points, while Allyssa Copley and Delaney Serra had eight points each.



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Thursday, February 10, 2011 at Faith Baptist Church, 4518 W. Silver Lake Rd., Linden. Pastor Ken McMaster officiating. Visitation will be 10 AM Thursday until time of service at the church. Memorial donations may be made to Faith Baptist Church. Zachary was born May 13, 1986 in Flint the son of Douglas Dean Harding and Lisa Lynn Krusyna. He graduated from Fenton High School in 2004. Zachary was an avid golfer, loved bowling and enjoyed dancing. He was a very sharp dresser who was well mannered. Zachary will be missed dearly and remembered forever. Surviving are his Father, Douglas Harding of Fenton; Mother, Lisa Harding of Fenton; Sister, Hiliarie Raymond (Scott) of Fenton; Nephew, Owen Miller Raymond; Grandmother, Virginia Harding of Goodrich; Grandparents, Ervin and Anita Krusyna of Fenton; several aunts, uncle, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, John Harding. Arrangements provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton where online condolence may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Jan B. Graham** 1938-2011

Jan B. Graham - born August 3, 1938, passed away February 7, 2011 in Lakeland, Florida. Jan retired from General Motors with 30 years of service. He is survived by his wife, Sharon; daughters, Roxanne Benzel of New Hampshire, Vicky Wells of Virginia; sons, Mark of California, and Eric of Michigan; brother, Terry of Ohio; sister, Mary Alice Cummings of Florida; and 6 grandchildren; 2 nieces; 2 nephews; and many cousins. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lighthouse For The Blind, 206 Avenue D, N.W., Winter Haven, Florida 33881.

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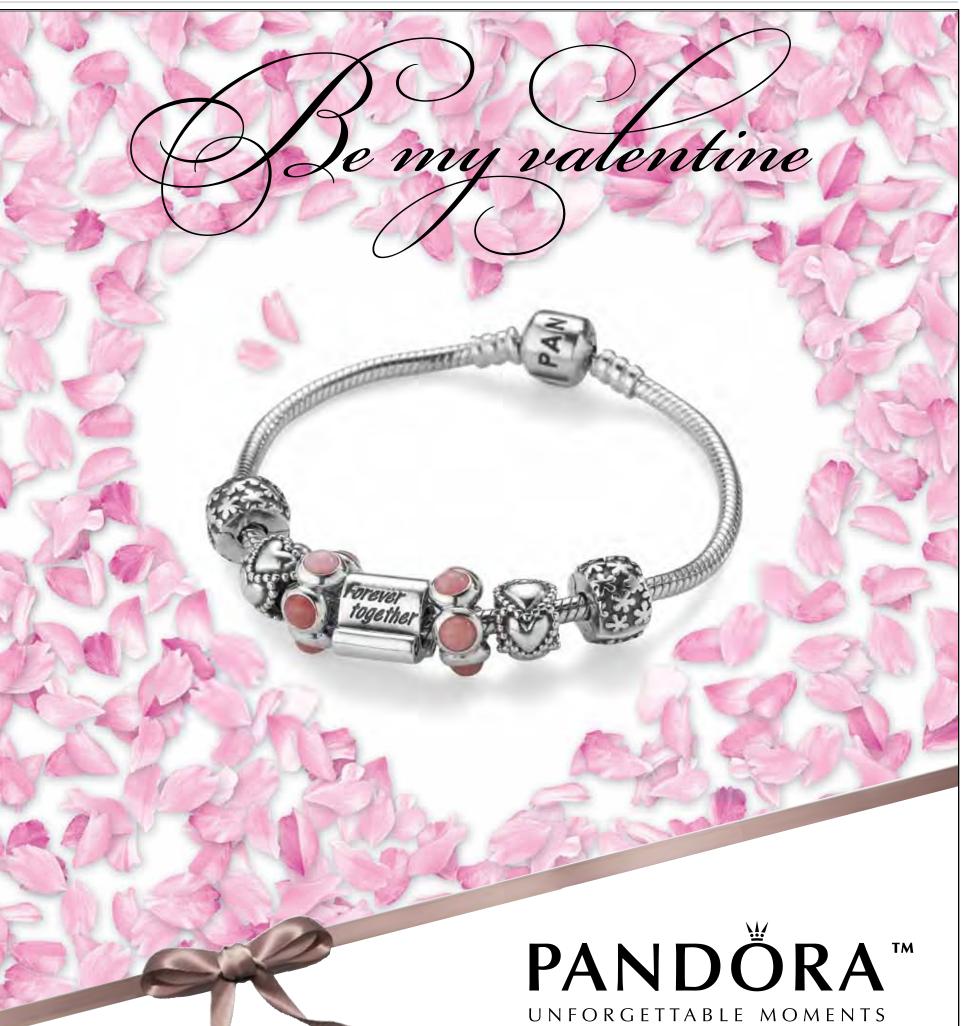
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