

STORY: SKYROCKETING ENERGY BILLS
“Am I the only one who finds it strange that gas bills are much higher than last year?



My bill also jumped \$260 from November to December. So, my bill was \$360. I always have the heat turned down low and only have one person running the water heater. So I think these ‘extra’ costs on our bill are what caused it, not the usage. I have talked to so many people complaining about the sky rocketing prices.”

— Concerned

HOT LINE: CARPENTER ANTS

“To the person inquiring about carpenter ants, we had that problem years back when we first moved in. We bought chemicals



and tried other means. The best solution was when we removed

all shrubbery or tree branches that were close to the house, especially willow trees. It’s been 13 years and we have never had a problem again.”

— Shelly

STORY: GOOD-BYE, JAN

“Jan Ryneerson, you will be missed very much by all who knew you, and the ones who didn’t know you missed a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to know your personality and your unmatched taste in style. We worked with you for many years and we know you are at peace now. It will never be the same without you here.”

— Bryan H.

HOT LINE

OF THE WEEK

“GOODBYE, JAN RYNEARSON. You are going to be so missed by our community.”



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Behind the bouquet

► Local florists busy with Valentine’s Day rush

By Anna Troppens
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Fenton — As Valentine’s Day approaches, thousands of flowers — especially red roses — pour into local shops. Area businesses bring in extra employees to help handle the extra workload,

which they say is second only to Mother’s Day.

“We bring a lot of freelancers in for the holidays,” said Floral Designer Regina Lorenz, of Gerych’s

See FLORISTS on 10A

Summary

► Local florists have extra staff on hand, and thousands of roses, for Valentine’s Day. Many of the roses come from South American countries such as Ecuador and Columbia, said Linda Wolford, of Fenton Flowers and Gifts.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | ANNA TROPPENS

Jon Gerych, of Gerych’s Distinctive Flowers & Gifts in Fenton, inspects a flower arrangement.

Should the item-pricing law be repealed?

► Legislators introduce bill that eliminates need for individual price stickers

By Sharon Stone
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In his first State of the State address, given on Jan. 19, Gov. Rick Snyder said one of his goals is to repeal the state’s Item Pricing Law, which he believes is antiquated.

This existing law, which was enacted in 1978, puts an

See ITEM-PRICING on 13A

“In my opinion, this is yet another way to fatten the bottom line in this time of lean sales and stripping consumers of their rights.”

Mark Tressel
 Linden resident



Summary ► State legislators have introduced a bill that could repeal the state’s Item Pricing Law. If passed by the House and Senate, and signed into law by the governor, it could eliminate the need for stores to individually price items.

Health warning: Designer drug being marketed as ‘bath salts’

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The Michigan Department of Community Health has issued a warning about the dangers of a new designer drug marketed as “bath salts.”

The bath salts are being sold across the country as a crystalline powder online, convenience stores and on the street. These salts are not commercially manufactured bath salts that people use in the bathtub.

See BATH SALTS on 20A



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

Features Editor Jan Ryneerson is on the telephone “getting the scoop” at her desk at the Tri-County Times, where she worked for many years.

Good-bye, Jan

► Jan Ryneerson, longtime writer for the Times, passes away

By Sally Rummel
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Editor’s note: Throughout her career, veteran reporter Jan Ryneerson has told the stories of thousands of people from the tri-county area, especially those from Fenton, the town she grew up in and loved with all her heart. After experiencing quadruple bypass heart surgery in early 2010, suffering a stroke in Octo-

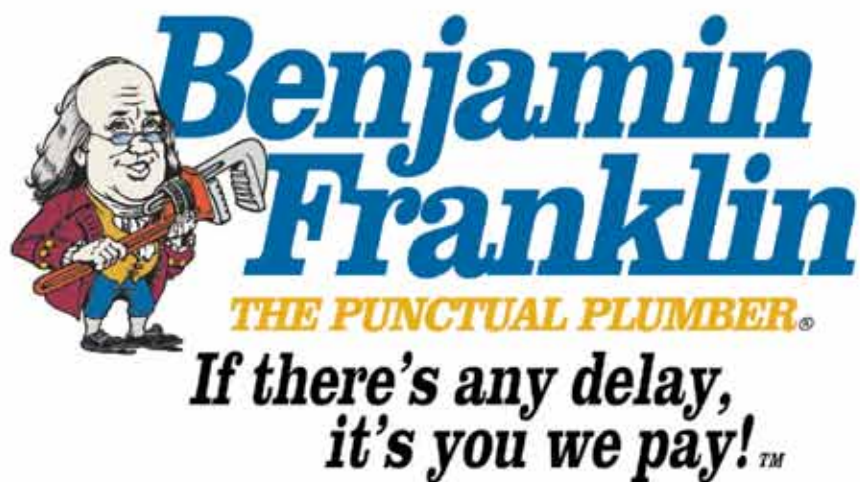
ber, and being diagnosed with cancer in January, Jan agreed, reluctantly, when the Times requested in December to turn the tables on the lady who spent her life telling other people’s stories, and tell her story. She was recently interviewed at her home, prior to suffering another stroke, seated comfortably in her living room, surrounded by her beloved antiques. Here is Jan’s story.

“She will be missed by all of us who were fortunate enough to know her, work with her, and love her.”

Rick Rockman
 Tri-County Times publisher

Long-time Tri-County Times Features Editor Jan Ryneerson passed away on Thursday in her beloved town of Fenton. She has been writing

See JAN RYNEARSON on 14A



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What's in a KISS?

► More than you think

Valentine's Day is a holiday to celebrate love. And, what better way to celebrate love than with a kiss?

What's in a kiss? According to Sheril Kirshenbaum, a research scientist at the University of Texas and the author of the new book, "The Science of Kissing," a kiss is chemistry and neuroscience. No matter how painstakingly one sets the scene, in the end chemistry trumps mood music. Kirshenbaum states in an article special to the WashingtonPost, "The high

stakes neuroscience of kissing, from a scientific perspective, a kiss is a natural litmus test to help people identify a good partner."

According to Kirshenbaum's article, a kiss influences important chemicals in people's brains and bodies responsible for promoting social bonding. She states that according to the work of Rutgers University anthropologist Helen Fisher, kissing evolved to facilitate three essential needs: sex drive, romantic love and attachment. Each is involved in promoting reproduction.

See KISS on 12A



Keep your lips healthy and kissable

See Page 12A

Service groups are valuable asset to communities



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

Fenton Lions Club members Dick Edwards (left), of Fenton, and Matt Sherrow, of Holly, grill chicken halves at a past Fenton Freedom Festival.

► Some raise more than \$20,000 per year for charity

By Tim Jagielo

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The Fenton Lions have their White Cane fundraiser. The Fenton Knights of Columbus sell Tootsie Rolls, and the Kiwanis clubs of Holly, Fenton and Linden have their own fundraisers.

These are small fundraising items bought for a few dollars at the most. However, it adds up to thousands of dollars that are turned into eyeglasses, gift baskets for the needy and a variety of ways of giving to the community.

There are numerous service organizations in the tri-county area. Each group has its own core values, requirements for members, and central focus. But they all have one thing in common — service to the community in which they reside.

See SERVICE GROUPS on 20A

Summary

► There are more than 20 civic and service groups in the tri-county area, all providing a valuable charity service to the community.

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Valentine's Day massacre

Unlike many men, I don't buy into the lame 'manufactured holiday' mindset associated with Valentine's Day. How could anyone argue that strengthening your marriage by telling your spouse that you love and appreciate them is not a good thing?

Unfortunately, the news about marriage is less than positive. Today, it is reported that nearly 50 percent of all marriages wind up in divorce. How could this be? Marriage is the creation of a family, and a family is the bedrock of society. Why would anyone not aspire to form their own loving family? Who in their right mind would ever think it beneficial to malign marriage and family?

The entertainment industry, that's who. Years of TV shows, movies, magazine articles and tabloid stories about celebrity unwed births, gay couples, celebrity sexcapades, casual sex, serial adulteries, abortion and drunken all-nighters has slowly redefined marriage from an institution into a casual lifestyle option even for prospective (code for pregnant) parents.

The message from Hollywood to society is crystal clear: If it's good enough for people who can have anything they want, why shouldn't you try to live this way?

The last 20 years of a steady 'entertainment' diet of celebrity non-commitment, celebrity profanity, celebrity-

divorce and celebrity self-absorption is manifesting itself in huge cultural implications. Unbelievably, celebrity infidelities and divorces are now routinely reported as mainstream news.

It's almost as if the real message is, 'Don't sweat it if your family is falling apart. Everybody's is. And if everybody's is, you're not to blame. Heck, life may even be better without the burden of family. Go ahead and free yourself — you deserve it.' Even some conservatives are buying into it.

But, guess what! They're wrong — dead wrong. Because the most recent evidence clearly indicates a marked reversal of that course. All signs point to an unprecedented migration back to traditional values, especially marriage. Most of it due to grassroots-level response to Hollywood's propaganda by churches, communities and conservative-backed legislation singularly purposed to strengthen

American families.

And it's having an impact. The November 2010 election shocked the nation with its clear-cut message to politicians that the majority of America is sick of the depravity emanating from Hollywood and, more importantly, Washington.

Finally, we're mad as hell and we're not going to take it anymore.

The heathens in Hollywood would like a Valentine's Day massacre. Because the Valentine's Day message of love and commitment doesn't promote their agenda. There's no room in the entertainment world for love, loyalty, selflessness, marriage and family.

Let's up the ante this Valentine's Day. Kisses, cards and chocolate galore!

It's one day that our kids will be watching our message, not Hollywood's.

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THE FENTON VILLAGE Players are sad to hear of the passing of Jan Ryneerson. Jan attended most of our productions and was a wonderful supporter of all things cultural in and around Fenton. She will be greatly missed.

GREAT JOB, CHRYSLER. I think every American should watch the Chrysler commercial over and over and over and say, I'm proud to be an American. It's time to wake up, America.

JAN RYNEARSON WAS Fenton's Grand Lady. She not only shared her love of Fenton and its rich history with us, she taught us how to be graceful when life went awry. She taught us to always see the sunny side of life and to reflect a God-filled life. There was always a goodbye hug, an 'I love you' at the end of a phone conversation, and a laugh to be shared. We loved you and will miss you.

SERIOUSLY, 'COULD OF been worse? You should've gotten it grammatically correct in a large front-page headline.

I AM DISAPPOINTED in the recent cover article titled 'Could of been worse.' It should have read 'Could have been worse.' I have to fight this battle with my middle schoolers, not my hometown paper, too.

I JUST READ the front page article about the blizzard in the Feb. 6 edition of the Tri-County Times and couldn't help but notice the glaring grammatical mistake, 'Could of been worse.' The writer and the editors need to go back to English class. It's 'could have,' not 'could of.' But, of course, since you are a serious newspaper I'm sure you knew that.

SO, WHO REALLY owns the old Topps store complex, and why do they want the DDA or the city of Fenton to buy it? Or, is it a Realtor wanting to make large cash from

the sale? Who keeps pressing these two to buy it, a stooge for the owners?

TOYOTA IS BUILDING another plant in the United States. I believe that's 14 for them. Why are there no foreign auto company plants in Michigan?

YOU MIGHT AS well go 10 mph in the snow. Hopefully, whoever is tailgating you, can tap your bumper and put you in the ditch where you belong. Then, you can get great mileage as the tow truck pulls your car out of the snow bank.

AFTER 20 YEARS, Facebook is more important than your marriage, really?

I HOPE THE police do start just taking pictures and sending them to the people in the mail. Maybe people would stop at stop signs and at red lights. The city of Fenton would sure make a lot of much-needed money if they would start enforcing the laws around here.

TYPICAL ANSWER, BLAME the unions. Just so you know, a teacher must go to college for five years to earn a degree in teaching. So tell me, what is your degree? Why don't you quit your job and let some young people in. I didn't think you would. Let's outsource your job. Let's outsource them all. Then, we all can go on welfare.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE Green Bay Packers for their Super Bowl win over the Pittsburgh Steelers. Go, Pack, go. It was too bad the Times couldn't do an article on Packer fans like they did for Steeler fans. There are no better or more loyal sports fans than Packer fans.

TO ALL OF you taking out your beloved for dinner this Valentine's Day, please have the decency to properly tip your servers. Twenty percent is the correct amount to tip, off the full amount of the bill. If you receive good service, then you should tip properly. If you can afford to buy a \$25 steak, then you can afford the 20 percent. Otherwise, please stay home. My pay of \$2.65 an hour doesn't pay the bills.

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Who was your first kiss?

streettalk



"Delores Brown, she lived next door to me. We used to walk to grade school together."

— Jesse Foster
Fenton



"I'm still waiting."

— Kelly Hodges
Fenton



"Marion Bowman, he was a couple years older than me in high school."

— Jean Nankervis
Fenton



"His name was Dick. He was riding on the running board of the hay truck I was riding in. He kissed me on the cheek. He was the farm boy and I was the city girl."

— Daralee Rowan, Linden



"In grade school, we played Spin the Bottle. We went into the closet and kissed. I don't remember his name, though."

— Judy Matsko
Fenton



"Charlotte, her dad was a cop. He always put me on edge to behave well. We went to a party. We were sitting on the stairway. When the lights went out, we had a smooch."

— Gerry Lacey, Fenton

No candidates for Linden school board

►Deadline for write-in candidates is April 22

By Anna Troppens

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Linden — The deadline to be on the ballot for a Linden Board of Education seat was Tuesday, and no one has stepped forward. The four-year seat currently belongs to Trustee Rick Kursik, who is not seeking reelection, Superintendent Ed Koledo said.

Kursik's term expires June 30.

It is possible for write-in candidates to run for election for the seat. The deadline to file as a write-in candidate is Friday, April 22. Forms must be filed with the Genesee County Clerk's Office, Genesee County

Summary

►A seat on the Linden Board of Education will be on the May 3 ballot. The incumbent has decided not to run for re-election, and no one else has stepped forward. If no one files as a write-in candidate by April 22, the board can appoint someone for a year and then the seat will go up for election for the remaining three years of the term.

Courthouse, 900 S. Saginaw St., Flint. The election will be Tuesday, May 3.

Candidates must be qualified and registered voters of the Linden Community Schools district. Koledo said he can provide information to those who are interested, about the responsibilities of serving on the school board. He can be reached at (810) 591-0980.

If no one files to run as a write-in candidate, the board of education can appoint someone to a one-year term, with a majority vote by five board members, he said. After that, the seat will be up for election for the remaining three years of the four-year term.

The Genesee County Clerk's Office can be reached at (810) 257-3283.

Five in the running for Lake Fenton school board

By Sharon Stone

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Lake Fenton — Five people in the Lake Fenton Community Schools district have filed petitions to run in the next school board election, which is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3.

Two four-year seats, currently held by Tammy Harbin and John Lamb and one partial term, temporarily held by David Foerster, are up for grabs.

Carrie Dershem, Christopher Fletcher, Foerster and Larry Godlewski are seeking one of the two four-year seats available while former school board

member Kristi Ocenasek is seeking the partial term.

Foerster, a former school board member, is currently serving on the board until the end of June. The school board appointed him to fill in for Stan Bragg, who resigned.

LINDEN SCHOOLS

Custodial costs too high

By Anna Troppens

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Linden — Linden Community Schools is trying to find a way to save money on custodial costs. An outside firm, D.M. Burr, handles custodial responsibilities for part of the school district. This includes Linden High School, Linden Middle School, the administration building and the bus garage.

D.M. Burr's services cost Linden schools around \$150,000 annually, Superintendent Ed Koledo said. The school district's Educational Support Personnel (ESP) union workers did the work for \$250,000 annually. Thus, the school district is saving around \$100,000 a year. Custodial services for the remainder of the school district cost around \$600,000 annually, he said. A goal is to try to get bids to find the fair market value of custodial services for the part of the school district ESP covers. School officials hope they will be able to bargain successfully with ESP, or out-source the work, Koledo said.

Summary

►Linden Community Schools is looking for ways to reduce custodial costs for part of the school district, which currently is served by employees from the district's Educational Support Personnel (ESP) union. An outside contractor, D.M. Burr, handles custodial services in other parts of the school district.

Costs around \$600,000 annually, he said. A goal is to try to get bids to find the fair market value of custodial services for the part of the school district ESP covers. School officials hope they will be able to bargain successfully with ESP, or out-source the work, Koledo said.

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NOCFA has received more FEMA grants than any other department in Michigan

►\$64,292 is seventh since 2005

Holly Twp. — The North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) received its seventh Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant since 2005. This grant is for \$64,292. In all, NOCFA has received grants totaling \$1,141,326 from FEMA and smaller amounts from other sources.

The grant will be used to purchase pagers, truck-mounted computers and other medical training equipment.

"We have been awarded grant money the past six years, which has allowed us to keep our operating costs down and therefore keep our residents' tax contributions low."

Jeremy Lintz
NOCFA chief

NOCFA has received more grants than any other department in Michigan.

"We have been so fortunate to have Lt. Barb Weil writing our grants," said Chief Jeremy Lintz. "It has enabled us to acquire

much-needed equipment while saving our taxpayers' dollars.

"Had we not received these grants, most of the equipment would have to be purchased out of NOCFA's operating budget."

Previous grants have allowed NOCFA to purchase equipment such as air packs, fire gear, cardiac monitors, extrication equipment, and also funded reflective address signs for the community.

Washington Club to hold 116th banquet

The Holly Washington Club will hold its 116th Annual Banquet on Feb. 24, at the First Baptist Church of Holly, at 15030 North Holly Road, and it starts at 12 p.m. Seats are reserved for \$7. It includes the luncheon, and a program to honor George Washington, the first president of the United States.

The first banquet was held in 1893 at the now historic Holly Hotel, with hundreds of area residents attending. A large and varied menu was served and people spent the entire afternoon indulging in food and socializing.

At the time, there were hundreds of Washington clubs throughout the country, which annually held a banquet to honor the "Father of the Country." It is possible the Holly club is the only such organization remaining.

For years, the menu has included ham, scalloped potatoes, peas, carrot coin salad, rolls, beverages and homemade cherry pie for dessert.

The pie honors the story of young George not being able to tell a lie and confessing to his father, that he cut down the cherry tree with his hatchet.

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Stacey spent 14 years in a professional business career, the last 4 as a Regional Manager. She became certified in tax preparation and has attended numerous seminars through the National Association of Tax Professionals. Stacey has worked with the Tax Center for 6 years.



Sheriff: Be on the lookout for copper thieves

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office asks residents to be on the lookout for copper thieves. Deputies are looking for groups of thieves who have been stealing copper piping, usually after breaking into unoccupied buildings and homes. In the past three months, the sheriff's department has received 45 reports, including 20 in Rochester Hills and 13 in Springfield Township. Copper thieves have also hit several vacant homes in the Fenton and Linden areas. Some of the thieves gained access to the lock boxes that Realtors have put on the door handles. Those stealing the copper are likely to sell it at certain scrap yards. It can be sold for around \$3 per pound, depending on the quality. Residents are asked to call 911 immediately if they observe any suspicious activity. Anyone with information on the reported thefts is asked to call 1-888-TURN-1-IN.



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Shown here is typical copper piping that thieves are stealing and later selling for scrap.

"We have had great police work to catch some thieves, but we need people to actively engage in watching their neighborhoods and workplaces for suspicious activity."

Sheriff Michael Bouchard

Police&Fire report

LARCENY

On Feb. 7, a Holly resident reported a larceny from a vehicle. The unlocked vehicle was parked in the driveway. Reported stolen were a GPS unit, two pairs of sunglasses, loose change and a set of golf clubs. The theft remains under investigation with Holly police.

DRUNK DRIVER

On Feb. 10, Fenton police responded to southbound U.S. 23 near the North Road ramp to check out a vehicle that had gone into the ditch. Police made contact with a woman from Linden. She blew a .189 on the preliminary breath test and was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

HOME INVASION

On Feb. 9, Fenton police investigated a home invasion complaint on North Walnut Street. The female victim said someone had entered her home and stole jewelry and cash. She provided the name of a man she suspects of breaking in.

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Featured columnist

By Roger Campbell



What's missing in most unhappy marriages?

Kindness.

The favorite Biblical text for weddings is, without doubt, Paul's eloquent description of love found in 1 Corinthians 13. These warm words frequently capture the hearts of lovers and are often chosen to either precede or follow their marriage vows. Why then, do these same people often find their love declining? Why has the Valentine atmosphere vacated their relationship?

The answer may be found in their neglect of the first line of this moving explanation of what love is all about, 'Love suffers long and is kind.' Without kindness, love loses its meaning and doesn't last.

I once wrote to a friend to thank him for a comment he made when I visited him shortly after his wife's death. Reminiscing over their years together, he explained the reason for their long and successful marriage in one simple, yet profound, expression of love. 'We were good to each other.'

There had been nothing complicated about their warm and lasting love bond. No in-depth study was needed to determine what parental or societal pressures in their past had made their marriage work. I doubt that they ever found it necessary to consult a marriage counselor, and at the time they had been married few ministers gave much at-

tention to premarital advice. Still, they enjoyed many happy years together because they were good to each other. They were patient and kind.

Imagine your home being a castle of kindness — a place where kind words are spoken, kind looks communicate love, and where random acts of kindness are a way of life — a place where giving is more important than receiving.

In his book, 'Love is the Greatest,' Dr. George Sweeting says, 'People are always hungry for kindness. The word 'kindness' comes from the word 'kindred' or 'kin' and implies affection for those who are our own flesh and blood.' Kindness, then, ought to be a natural part of relating to those we love, but sometimes it's when we're with those closest to us that being kind is most difficult.

Preparing his readers for such times, Dr. Sweeting wrote, 'A large part of being kind is the patient willingness to put up with the abuse or ridicule that comes our way. Usually that patience is needed most just when it is exhausted.'

If you long to be consistently kind but find your patience running on empty, try Peter Marshall's well-known prayer. 'When I am wrong, dear Lord, make me easy to change, and when I'm right make me easy to live with.'

My friend and his wife had discovered how to welcome God into their marriage and He made their mutual kindness possible. They were faithful in the services and work of their church, prayed together and were eager to help others. The love of God flowed through their marriage and brought an atmosphere of kindness to their home.

Be kind to your Valentine, starting today. You can't start being kind too soon, because you never know when it will be too late.

Roger Campbell is an author, a broadcaster and columnist who was a pastor for 22 years. He can be reached at rcministry@ameritech.net.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

KUDOS TO THE Holly Village Council. You've now taken a town, where your only resource is alcohol and pizza, and added marijuana to the mix. Holly's new motto should be, 'Give us your huddled masses yearning to be high.'

I JUST CAN'T believe that incompetent winter drivers have the audacity to complain about those of us who understand that slow does not necessarily mean good or safe. Learn how to handle your car in inclement weather or move to Florida for the winter. The truck in the ditch was probably forced to avoid someone driving 25 mph

in the left lane on the expressway. That's whom the cops should be ticketing.

DO YOU THINK your threat to move to Canada will influence my vote for Sarah Palin? It will only strengthen my resolve.

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Heart attacks can be 'silent'

Dr. Donohue gives his expert opinion.

(The full story appeared in the Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2011 Midweek edition.)

Daddies and daughters



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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.

Two years later — Randa Jawhari still missing

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

■ See complete story at www.tctimes.com

Skyrocketing energy bills

Colder months bring higher energy bills, as more natural gas is burned to keep homes warm. Why the huge jumps in energy bills?

■ See complete story at www.tctimes.com

Funds needed for abandoned children in Romanian orphanage



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

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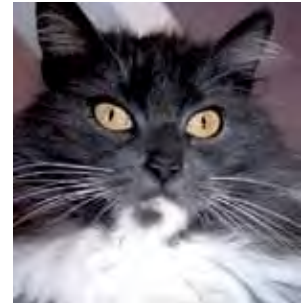
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FLORISTS

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Distinctive Flowers & Gifts, in Fenton.

Gerych's ordered flowers for Valentine's Day a while ago. Employees look at past records and the market when placing orders. Growers set the price, not the florist. Florists are asking growers for millions of red roses, for one day, Lorenz said. Most of the roses Gerych's uses come

from South American farms, where they can grow outside. In addition, greenhouses in Canada, California and Holland play a role.

A large percentage of men select the classic choice of red roses for their Valentine, but many other colors are available. Yellow is popular and symbolic for many people, as is white, which represents purity. Other choices include deep pink, gorgeous orange or bicolor roses. Bicolor roses, such as yellow with red tips and cream with pink tips, are becoming very popular, said

Linda Wolford, owner of Fenton Flowers and Gifts. "We have all colors except for blue, but they're working on a blue one," Wolford said. In addition, there is a new variety with a 4-foot stem, which Fenton



(Right) Stephanie Saint Marie and Cindy Gideon strip the thorns off of roses at Gerych's Distinctive Flowers & Gifts in Fenton on Thursday. Around 1,500 red roses will be stripped of thorns each day until Monday, to keep up with the demand for Valentine's Day.

Linda Wolford, owner of Fenton Flowers and Gifts.

New colors in roses are being developed constantly. Lavender is very popular.

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Flowers and Gifts doesn't stock because of the "very expensive" price per rose.

The longer the stem and the bigger the head, or flower, the more premium the rose, Lorenz said. Depending on the variety of rose, the head opens up wide or stays more closed.

Gerych's and other florists also use many other flowers for Valentine's Day, such as red, white and pink carnations. At Fenton Flowers and Gifts, many customers order roses mixed with a garden variety of lilies, carnations and spring flowers, such as lilacs and hyacinths.

Carol McAlister, owner of Yard 'N Garden in Fenton, said many of her customers like mixed bouquets of flowers, with one to three roses. "I probably sell as many other flowers as I do roses."

The best flower arrangements result when the customer trusts the designer to do the work for him or her, "designer's choice," Lorenz said. A customer specifies color and what flowers to use or not use. And, she recommends always giving a second choice. Lorenz also suggests finding a local florist the customer can depend on all year round.

Another tip is to order early. Gerych's and many other area florists are open today (Sunday, Feb. 13).

Weather is a big factor in Valentine's deliveries, she said. If it's very cold outside, all of the flowers need to be wrapped or they can freeze quickly when they are brought from the store to the car.

How to keep your roses fresh

- **Keep leaves** out of the water, to prevent a buildup of bacteria.
- **Change the water** each day. Remove the flowers from the vase, scrub the vase and refill it with fresh water.
- **Cut the bottom** of the stems one-quarter to a half-inch each day.
- **Add the package** of flower food after three days. Re-cut the bottom of the stems at this time, so the roses can take in more water and the food.
- **If the "neck"** of the rose starts to bend, fill a pan with water, put the stem underwater and cut the bottom of it off. It's important to do this soon after the stem begins to bend or it won't work.
- **Florists say** roses should be kept out of direct sunlight, in a cool area, to slow their ripening process. Don't set them on top of a TV, near a heat vent, or under a ceiling fan.



Keeping the bloom on the rose

How the roses are handled at the florist is important to how well they will appear later. Roses arrive at her store in wrapped packages of 20-25, or pails of water, said Carol McAlister, of Yard 'N Garden in Fenton. At Fenton Flowers and Gifts, employees cut the bottom of the stems off, under water, and place the roses in a bucket with flower food for an hour. After that, the flowers go in a cooler for two hours before they are arranged, said owner Linda Wolford. They are sprayed with a sealer to keep their moisture in before sending them out.

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By Anna Troppens

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Fenton Twp. — A friendly, gray-striped feline is on the mend at Adopt-A-Pet, after being found abandoned and almost dead in the basement in a vacant home.

"How fortunate most of us are to have a warm home to seek refuge during these frigid cold winter months," said Program Director/Board Treasurer Jody Maddock, of Adopt-A-Pet. "We have food to eat and a warm bed to snuggle into at night."

"Unfortunately, there are many animals that don't have it as good."

Nana was found trapped in the basement of a vacant home in Flint. No one knows how long she was there, and a maintenance man just happened to go into the home and heard a faint meow coming from below, Maddock said. "As soon as he reached the bottom step, Nana greeted him by rubbing against his legs. Nana must have used up every bit of energy she had left because by the time she reached Adopt-A-Pet, she was unable to move."

The cat was experiencing one of the most severe cases of dehydration Adopt-A-Pet has ever seen. "I've never seen an animal so dehydrated," she said. "Four of us just started crying when we saw her lifeless body."

Despite her misfortunes, Nana is friendly and gentle and welcomes help from the volunteers at Adopt-A-Pet.

The cat is not out of the woods yet, and, to make matters worse, she was pregnant. Due to her poor health, she lost all of the kittens and is unable to open her eyes or walk around. Nana is receiving medical attention around the clock.

"We know Nana will not die cold and hungry trapped in a dark basement alone, but Adopt-A-Pet needs your help," Maddock said. "Donations are greatly needed to help pay for her ongoing medical care. You could even become Nana's Guardian Angel donor if her story speaks to you."

Nana is 9 to 11 years old, according to Adopt-A-Pet's vet, but it is also hard to



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Nana, a gray-striped tabby, is being cared for at Adopt-A-Pet after being found trapped in a basement, dehydrated and almost dead.

be sure because she is in such bad shape. Maddock said, "She will be looking for a home once she is completely out of the woods. I don't expect that to be for a few weeks."

Nana's story is a sad but clear reminder that pets need to be brought inside during such cold winter months, she said.

"After several scary minutes of not being sure if she would pull through, Nana began to purr. It was like she knew she was finally in a warm, safe place and was thanking us."

Jody Maddock

Adopt-A-Pet program director

How to help

Adopt-A-Pet is looking for monetary donations to help with Nana's medical expenses.

"Because she needs around the clock care

and medications, it is adding up," said Program Director/Board Treasurer Jody Maddock. "We really aren't sure what all we are going to have to do for her but we've already spent \$500 just getting her stable."

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KISS

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and kissing bolsters all three.

According to Kirshenbaum's article, humans have evolved to use a number of signals — including taste, smell and possibly silent chemical messengers called pheromones — to help figure out whether someone is a suitable partner and a good person to reproduce with.

Kirshenbaum notes in her article that biologist Claus Wedekind has found, that women are most attracted to the scents of men with a different set of genetic coding for immunity than their own. The assessment occurs at a subconscious level, and a bad initial kiss may be a result of a genetically star-crossed pair.

The article also states that a good kiss can work like a drug, influencing the hormones and neurotransmitters coursing through people's bodies. It can send two people on a natural high by stimulating pleasure centers in the brain. Kirshenbaum states that the feeling has much to do with a neurotransmitter called dopamine, which is responsible for craving and desire and associated with "falling in love." When it's really pumping, dopamine spurs a couple to take things further.

Is not a kiss the very autograph of love?

Henry Finck

Kissing also promotes the "love hormone," oxytocin, which works to maintain a special connection between two people. Kissing can keep love alive when a relationship has survived decades, long after novelty has waned.

A bad kiss, alternatively, can lead to chemical chaos. An uncomfortable environment or a poor match can stimulate the "stress hormone" cortisol, discouraging both partners from continuing.

Whether it's magic or a disaster, there is one thing that a first kiss is very likely to be: unforgettable. In Kirshenbaum's article, she states that in research performed by psychologist John Bohannon of Butler University a first kiss trumped everything: It was the most vivid memory in the minds of those being surveyed. Bohannon reported in Kirshenbaum's article, that most people could recall up to 90 percent of the details of the moment — where they were, who made the first move — no matter how long ago the exchange took place.

So, that Valentine's Day kiss may be saying something very important, according to Kirshenbaum's article. If the chemistry is wrong — look elsewhere. There's not much you can do. What's in a kiss? As it turns out, quite a bit.

Keep your lips healthy and kissable

Our lips serve many purposes. They are an organ used for kissing and aid in articulation of speech. They also serve as the opening for food intake. The lips aid in facial expression. We have an upper lip and a lower lip, the lower lip being larger. The skin of the lip consists of three to five cellular layers and is thinner than facial skin.

Blood vessels and melanin (pigment), which varies in different skin tones, are what give lips natural colors. Lips do not have hair, oil or sweat glands. Because of this, lips do not have the usual layer of protection. Oil glands in the skin help keep it smooth and sweat glands help to regulate our body temperature, while also helping to fight off or kill bacteria. Because of this, lips become dry and are easily chapped.

Keep lips moisturized. Use a lip balm in every season, not just the winter months. It is advisable to use a lip balm that has a sunscreen in it to help prevent the lips from UV rays. Lips can get sunburned.

Licking them will only make them drier. Sometimes, licking the lip is a habit that must be broken. The saliva that is used to wet the lips eventually just evaporates and takes the natural lip moisture that we have, with it.

Have you ever heard the expression, "I had to bite my lip?" Biting your lips can be a very bad habit. Some people bite their lips when they are nervous or anxious or sometimes while we are thinking. Sometimes, this action can be very harmless, but in some cases, it may cause damage. Constant biting can cause soreness and inflame the lip, which can lead to discomfort.

A good way to keep lips healthy is to lather on the lip balm, moisturizer or petroleum jelly. There is no real healing agent in these products, but they do provide lubrication and help aid in keeping moisture in the lip tissue.

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ITEM-PRICING

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undue burden on retailers by requiring price stickers over other forms of price marking, according to Snyder. He said it costs Michigan's economy more than \$2 billion a year. Snyder suggests the state use the technology it has available to protect customers.

In response to this, House Bill 4158, sponsored primarily by Lisa Lyons (R-Alto), was introduced on Jan. 27.

According to Lyons, she introduced the bill to end a \$2.2 billion hidden tax on Michigan's economy while creating a climate that attracts jobs and retailers by modernizing and reforming Michigan's item pricing law.

"As the mother of four young children, I understand the importance of getting the most for my money and making the most of my limited time," Lyons said. "By eliminating the outdated regulation that each item be individually marked, we can finally provide retailers with the flexibility they need to deliver the most competitive prices and best shopping experience to Michigan consumers."

Under the current item pricing law, a price sticker must be affixed to individual items in the store, with some exceptions.

If the bill becomes law, the Shopping Reform and Modernization Act would enable retailers to use the latest technology to clearly communicate the price of items to consumers, according to Lyons.

If the bill becomes law, it would uphold consumer protection by retaining the popular bounty provision that provides for payment, up to \$5, of the difference, plus 10 times the difference between the stated price and the price charged at checkout. It would also reinforce attorney general oversight with tough penalties for violators.

Although he did not co-sponsor the bill, Rep. Paul Scott (R-Grand Blanc) supports the repeal. James Lower, his policy director, said Scott agrees with the governor on this issue. "It's a step toward modernizing," he said. The added cost that results from employees spending time pricing individual items is passed on to the consumer, he added.

Lower also said Michigan and Massachusetts are the only states that require

PRO — CHUCK SEYFERTH

Having worked at a large retail store in Fenton, Chuck Seyferth said stores should be required to maintain accurately priced shelf labels for every item they sell. That label would be required to show a brief description, 10-digit UPC and price. He also said stores should be required to place a sufficient amount of barcode scanners in locations throughout the store for the convenience of shoppers wanting to verify a price.

CON — MARK TRESSEL

Tri-County Times reader Mark Tressel, 44, of Linden, said he believes any change would only reduce consumer protection in Michigan. "I have to frequently fight to get something marked at one price, but scanned at another for the correct price," he said.

"I spoke to cashiers at Wal-Mart and a few other stores, and they are all politicized to want it repealed, but who will protect us from stores' unscrupulous or predatory pricing practices?"

"In my opinion, this is yet another way to fatten the bottom line in this time of lean sales and stripping consumers of their rights. I only wish Michigan had another Frank Kelly, because under his guidance we had some of the best protection against businesses."

"By eliminating the outdated regulation that each item be individually marked, we can finally provide retailers with the flexibility they need to deliver the most competitive prices and best shopping experience to Michigan consumers."

State Rep. Lisa Lyons

price stickers on individual items. "It's time to get rid of it, as well," he said. "It's an outdated technique."

Stores would still be required to display the price on the shelf.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Commerce for further review. It would have to be passed by the House and Senate and signed by the governor before becoming law.

HIDDEN TAX

According to a study released recently by the Anderson Economic Group (AEG), Michigan consumers spent \$24.3 billion on groceries, personal care items, and housekeeping supplies in 2010. If individual item pricing had not been required, Michigan consumers could have saved \$2.2 billion. This equates to every household paying a hidden tax of \$562 per year for item pricing.

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JAN RYNEARSON

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stories about local people for as many years as most readers can remember.

Every person Jan met along her life's journey was another opportunity for a story. Her inquisitive nature and her genuine love for people made each person she met another reason to ask the right questions and share their story with readers and listeners. Her passion for history made it her mission to report each event with accuracy, attention to detail and a genuine respect for each person involved with the story, be they the hero or the villain.

Jan worked for newspapers large and small, contributing throughout her career to the Detroit News, the Toledo Blade, the Farm Journal, the Fenton Independent and the Tri-County Times. She also served as editor of the Durand Express for three years. She took great pride in her work at Faith magazine for the Diocese of Lansing, taking top publication honors two years ago.

Jan also took her journalistic work to the airwaves, serving as news editor for the then-local radio station WFEN for three years. "I didn't get enough writing time," said Jan, who preferred to use



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SHARON STONE
Jan Ryneerson tries out an elliptical machine at Sears' grand opening in Fenton.

the power of the written word to tell her stories.

As a graduate of the journalism program at Eastern Michigan University, she was well trained in her craft, and pursued it with a zeal that followed her throughout her career.

Jan's love of history and antiques was legendary. Anyone who knew her well knew that she took great pride in living in an historic home in Fenton built almost 150 years ago. She filled every nook and cranny with things that were important to her, each item telling its story within the context of Jan's own life.

She wasn't all that interested in whether someone she was interviewing was famous or not — although she did meet a few U.S. presidents, governors and sports figures along the way. She does recall taking photos with President Gerald Ford and meeting President George Bush, Sr. But she was much more interested in sharing the hopes, dreams and accomplishments of local people who made a difference in the tri-county area, especially in Fenton, where she had grown up sledding down local hills, swimming in area lakes and skating on the Millpond.

As features editor for the Tri-County Times and a writer here since 1981, people became accustomed to seeing Jan at just about every community event, church function or school activity — always "dressed to the nines" and ready to capture a moment of Fenton history.

Her proudest journalistic accomplishment?

The Fenton "Remembers When" special section published in the Tri-County Times in honor of Fenton's 175th Anniversary in 2009, an event she also co-chaired.

Jan loved this community fiercely, supporting it with every minute of her time and every ounce of her always abundant energy. She was actively involved on the Fenton Beautification Commission, Fenton Dibbleville Questors, Fenton High School Alumni Association, and dozens of other local committees over the years.

The most prestigious honor of her life came just two years ago, when she was named grand marshal of the 2009 Fenton Freedom Festival Parade — following a unanimous decision by the Fenton Freedom Festival committee. "I am overwhelmed and surprised," said Jan, when told of the honor. "I didn't expect it at all and there are other people more deserving."

That was pure Jan — always humble and gracious at every opportunity.

"I never heard Jan say a negative word about another person," said Times Editor Cheryl Dennison.

With all of her professional accomplishments and civic involvement, Jan saved her heart for her church, St. John Catholic Church in Fenton. She was active on the St. John Education Commission, Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) and of course, St. John's Applefest.

She won the Applefest Apple Pie Contest in 1990 and, in typical Jan fashion, never entered it again after reaching its pinnacle with her delicious, home-baked apple pie. She was proud of the support and popularity of the Applefest in the Fenton community, as well as its strong standing as the largest community event in the Diocese of Lansing.

Jan, Ann Allen and Kathy Williams worked the Attic Treasures booth together at the Applefest for many years. "We've been friends since the third grade," said Ann. "We lived across the street from each other and walked to school together every day." Their friendship blossomed through adulthood, with Mary Alice Durant and Ruth Richmond rounding out the group.

"Jan was like a 'second mother' to me," said Dave Durant, son of Mary Alice Durant and co-owner of Uncle Ray's Dairyland. "They were best friends for 51 years. They shared so many laughs. Jan's son Matt even had the same birthday as my brother, Todd. We were all very connected with Jan."

Tri-County Times publisher Rick Rockman said it was a sad day for Fenton. "She will be missed by all of us who were fortunate enough to know her, work with her, and love her."

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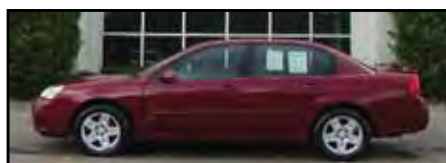
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			6	1		7			
			3					6	
6					8	9			4
9									3
7				6	4				2
			9					3	
				8		6	2		
	1		7		5			9	

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Ad #9677: 2011-02-06 2011-02-13, 2011-02-20 2011-02-27

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Ad #9980: 2011-02-13 2011-02-20, 2011-02-27 2011-03-06

KING FEATURES

SuperCrossword

ACROSS

1 Tower town

5 Ditch

9 Married Mile.

12 "Life" ('66 hit)

17 Acted like grandma

18 Sils solo

19 Tam material

20 Sit in on a class

21 Actor Alex

22 "Aida" river

23 "Meter" leader

24 Actress Rivera

25 Throb

26 Loser to DDE

27 Author Christie

29 Stirrup site

30 Riddle: Part 1

36 Gridiron position

37 Z — zebra

38 Present for pop

39 Dutch export

42 Ms. Silkwood

44 Wine variety

50 Sought office

51 Famed caravel

52 Om, for instance

53 Actress Joanne

54 ABA member

55 Skater Hughes

56 Come out of one's shell

57 Dutch export

58 Sharif role

60 22 Across feature

61 Internet acronym

63 Riddle: Part 2

68 Permit

69 Grows light

70 Studio

73 Word with camp or tree

76 "Rolling Stone" ('65 hit)

77 Groundwork

79 Before, to Byron

80 Mackie or Marley

81 Wobble

83 Add a lane

84 It may be white

85 Titmouse kin

87 Emulate Elle

88 — Castro

90 "vous plait"

91 Joyce's land

92 Implore

93 Answer to riddle

104 "Exodus" protagonist

105 Plaza Hotel kid

106 Get a galley going

107 Marineland performer

108 Kanga's creator

111 Construct

112 Crow's toe

114 TV's "Mad — You"

115 Celebrity

116 Mispickel and galena

117 Costa —

118 Rampa's instrument

119 — apso

120 Draft agcy.

121 Dentist's directive

122 French bean?

DOWN

1 Doggy

2 Restless

3 Left the Union

4 Fuss and feathers

5 A Lennon sister

6 — setter

7 West's "Diamond —"

8 — kwon do

9 Drilling site?

10 Club creed

11 Yale or Root

12 Tic- — -toe

13 "What?"

14 "Farewell, Francois!"

15 Big guy

16 Austere

17 Close the curtains

19 Cart

26 Postfix

27 Exiled dictator

28 Mary of "Dodsworth"

31 Claire or Balin

32 Big revolver?

33 Lost

34 "The Ramayana" heroine

35 Barbie's boyfriend

39 Austrian city

40 Solemn statement

41 "Wait — Dark"

42 Ballet company

43 Santa —, CA

44 Smith or Page

45 Like Machu Picchu

46 Utmost

47 Bizarre

48 Nest , egg

49 Zombie base

51 Debra of "Love Me Tender"

52 Fountain treats

55 Use coupons

56 Shampoo ingredient

57 Middle Eastern airline

59 Electrical measure

60 Librarian Melvil

61 "The Addams Family" actor

62 Pindaric poetry

64 Stop on —

65 Delibes opera

66 Blackboard support

67 Cry uncle

71 Cleveland's lake

72 Stagger

73 English channel?

74 Fireworks reaction

75 Kimono cummerbund

76 Peeper protector

77 Senator from Delaware

78 Humorist George

81 Stowe gear

82 Bisect

83 Sported

86 Civil War initials

87 Pixie and Dixie

88 Charge

89 Vile

91 Road curves

92 Luxury car

93 Veronica of "Hill Street Blues"

94 Maestro Leinsdorf

95 Novelist Cather

96 St. — fire

97 Savanna sounds

98 Startled cry

99 Vestige

100 Dubuque denizen

101 Game fish

102 Intense

103 Behind schedule

109 Mil. base

110 Homeric character

112 — Magnon

113 Back talk

114 Sternward

ANSWER KEY LOCATED IN THIS EDITION

PUZZLE ANSWER KEYS

King Crossword and Wednesday Sudoku Puzzle are located in last Wednesday's issue. All other puzzles are throughout this edition.

SUNDAY SUDOKU ANSWERS

9	6	7	9	8	7	1	8
5	1	2	9	6	8	4	3
8	7	3	4	1	2	6	9
2	8	6	1	7	9	5	7
3	9	1	2	7	5	8	6
4	5	7	6	8	3	1	2
7	2	9	8	5	7	3	6
6	3	8	7	2	1	9	5
1	7	5	3	9	6	7	2

WEDNESDAY SUDOKU ANSWERS

3	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17					18			19			20				
21					22			23			24				
25				26				27			28			29	
30				31				32	33			34	35		
			36					37			38				
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85				86							87			88	89
				90							91				92
93	94	95				96	97	98						99	100
														101	102
104					105						106				107
108				109	110						112	113			114
115											117				118
119											121				122

SUPER CROSSWORD ANSWERS

N	N	I	T	N	E	R	A	T	N	O
A	O	T	E	I	E	E	P	E	H	
M	O	G	S	O	O	H	D	I	H	M
G	N	S	N	P	L	D	A	V		
V	N	O	O	H	O	O	A			
E	S	N	E	S	A	R	O	C	B	V
O	G	O	T	R	A	V	N	I	O	T
T	E	E	N	E	P	M	O	N	H	S
V	T	P	O	O	H	R	O	N		
N	E	T	E	W	I	L	D	N		
S	E	A	V	O	H	A	T	L	V	B
O	L	N	I	W	O	L	V	E	M	B
T	L	V	P	A	L	S	M	S	P	T

Solution time: 27 mins.

KING CROSSWORD ANSWERS

N	N	I	T	N	E	R	A	T	N	O
A	O	T	E	I	E	E	P	E	H	
M	O	G	S	O	O	H	D	I	H	M
G	N	S	N	P	L	D	A	V		
V	N	O	O	H	O	O	A			
E	S	N	E	S	A	R	O	C	B	V
O	G	O	T	R	A	V	N	I	O	T
T	E	E	N	E	P	M	O	N	H	S
V	T	P	O	O	H	R	O	N		
N	E	T	E	W	I	L	D	N		
S	E	A	V	O	H	A	T	L	V	B
O	L	N	I	W	O	L	V	E	M	B
T	L	V	P	A	L	S	M	S	P	T

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Notice is hereby given that the February 15, 2011 regular meeting of the Tyrone Township Board of Trustees has been cancelled due to lack of business. The next board meeting will be held on March 1, 2011.

Keith L. Kremer
 Tyrone Township Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS FEBRUARY 7, 2011

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday February 7, 2011 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.

1. Clerk Krug led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
2. Appointed Clerk Krug as temporary Chairperson.
3. Approved the agenda as presented.
4. Approved invoices & expenditures for payment in the total amount of \$376,744.75.
5. Adopted Resolution No. 2011-02, authorizing the Township Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer to authorize payments under the Community Development Block Grant Program.
6. Approved contracting with Waldorf & Sons Excavating, Inc. and Cook Excavating, Inc. for the maintenance of Fenton Township's sanitary sewer system.
7. Adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

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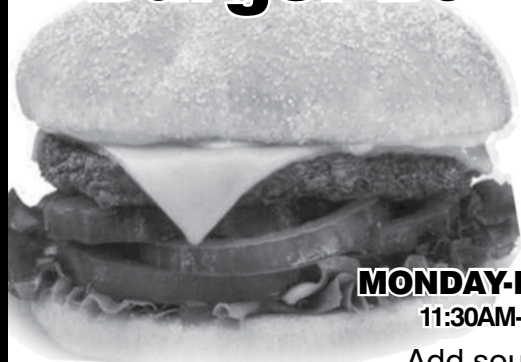
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BATH SALTS

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Hospital emergency departments in Michigan have reported 18 cases related to the use of these products in the past month, many of which have been in the Marquette area. Many of those treated were young adults in their 20s and 30s.

Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said he was unaware of any related cases in the Fenton area.

The products may contain a number of synthetic chemicals, which are strong stimulants that can cause increased heart rate, chest pains, dizziness, delusions, panic attacks, nose bleeding and nau-

Bath salts are sold with names, such as Ivory Wave, Aura, ZOOM 2, Zeus 2, Cosmic Blast and White Rush.

They can be snorted, ingested, mixed with water, injected or inserted rectally or vaginally.

sea. Patients ingesting these chemicals can be extremely paranoid and may not respond to usual calmatives. Some have been involved in homicides and suicides while under the influence.

"We are very concerned about the use of this dangerous product. These stimulants affect neurotransmitters in the brain, which can result in violent behavior and death," said Dr. Gregory Holzman, chief medical executive for MDCH.

Individuals with "bath salt" related medical concerns or questions are asked to call the Michigan Toxic Hotline at (800) 648-6942.

SERVICE GROUPS

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"I consider us to be an elite group of business people," said Immediate Past President of the Fenton Rotary Club, Andrew Brown. To join Fenton Rotary, one must be a current or former businessperson, and be referred to the group. "We're a service organization," said Brown. "Our money is put back into our community."

The Rotary Club can be linked to building the iconic Gazebo in downtown Fenton, starting Fenton Area Resource & Referral (F.A.R.R.), and the rubber duck race during the Fenton Freedom Festival on the Fourth of July. "That's why I joined, because they're giving back to the community," he said.

The central focus for the Fenton Lions Club is eye care. "Our primary goal is to help people in the Fenton community to get the eye exams and glasses when they can't afford their own," said Treasurer Dick Edwards of Fenton, from his summer home in Florida.

"We're a service organization; our money is put back into our community."

Andrew Brown
Immediate Past President,
Fenton Rotary Club

The Lions sell White Cane lapel clips to raise money for optical programs. The biggest moneymaker for the service group is the cash raffle in October. The Lions also sell barbequed chicken at the Fenton Freedom Festival. "It makes you feel great," said Edwards. "We get a lot of 'thank you's' back."

The Lions help both children and adults, around 40 each year, and three recently in January. With exams costing around \$70, and the glasses themselves costing around \$300, that is not a small amount.

The Knights of Columbus, named after their patron saint, Christopher Columbus, began in 1882. "We've been around for quite a while," said Immediate Past Grand Knight and trustee Lynn Walters of Fenton. He describes the Knights

as a Catholic paternal service organization. The organization raises money for Catholic functions, and others. "The first principle of order is charity, unity, paternity, and patriotism," said Walters.

A major area of focus for the Knights is the mentally impaired. The organization raised about \$25,000 during the last Tootsie Roll drive.

The Knights also donate to the American Red Cross and American Diabetes Association, and sponsor many events. "The principle of our order is charity. I think as an individual it helps you grow in that area," said Walters. "It gladdens your heart to know you can do these things."

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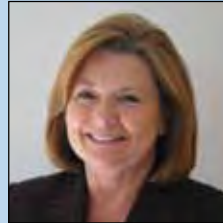
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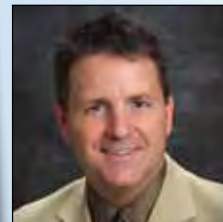
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ENGAGEMENTS



LEWIS-SCHONFELD

The engagement of Meagan Lewis to Matthew Schonfeld of Chicago, Ill. has been announced by her parents, Dave and Brenda Lewis of Holly. His parents are Peter and Julie Schonfeld of Bath and Luanne Schonfeld of Howell. The bride-elect is a 2002 graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed by Momentum WorldWide. Her fiancé is a 2001 graduate of Albion College. He is employed by InnerWorkings. An October wedding is planned in Rochester.



BAILEY-JOHNSON

The engagement of Nicole Bailey to Kyle Johnson, both of Davisburg, has been announced by his parents, Matthew and Judy Johnson of Davisburg. Her parents are Chris Bailey and Stephen Frye of Dearborn. The bride-elect is a 2005 graduate of Holly High School. Her fiancé is a 2002 Holly High School graduate and received a bachelor's degree from Baker College. A June 2011 wedding is planned.



HAUER-COLLINS

Thomas and Susan Hauer of Fenton are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Meghan Wagner Hauer to Andrew Joseph Collins III of Little Rock, Ark. His parents are Andrew and Somers Collins of Little Rock, Ark. The bride-elect is a 2001 graduate of Lake Fenton High School and also attended Western Michigan University and English Nanny and Governess School in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. She is a nanny in Washington, D.C. Her fiancé is a graduate of Duke University and Columbia Law School and is employed by Skadden, Arps, State, Meagher, and Flom, LLP in Washington, D.C. A 2012 summer wedding is planned.

BIRTH



WELLING

Brett and Christine (Bossolono) Welling of Holly have announced the birth of a daughter, Giuliana Judith Welling. She was born on Nov. 20, 2010 at Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc Township. Her weight was 8 lbs., 2 ozs. Her grandparents are Gerald and Judith Bossolono of Goodrich, and Darrell and Theresa Welling of Livonia. Her great-grandparents are Antoinette (Bossolono) Jodlowski of Frankfort, Ill. and Duane and Marie Welling of Williamston.

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News briefs

LAKE FENTON TO HOLD PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION

The Lake Fenton Pre-School instructors are inviting parents and their pre-school aged children interested in their programs to attend a meeting on Monday, Feb. 28, from 6 to 7 p.m. at West Shore Elementary School. The pre-school programs are for children who will be 3 or 4 years old by Dec. 1. Registration will take place on Monday, March 7, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (810) 591-6302.

LINDEN KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Linden Community Schools is starting its kindergarten registration for the 2011-12 school year. Registration packages will be available at Linden's three elementary schools on March 2. Parent information meetings have been scheduled for March 14 at Central Elementary School, March 15 at Linden Elementary School and March 16 at Hyatt Elementary School. Meetings begin at 6 p.m. There will also be free vision screening, by appointment only, for all incoming kindergarten students. Screenings will be held at Linden Elementary School on April 12, Hyatt Elementary School on April 13 and Central Elementary School on April 14. Vision screening hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

CITY REPORTS NO PROBLEMS WITH NEW GARBAGE CONTRACTOR

The city's new solid waste removal contractor, Republic Services, is doing well. He hasn't heard any complaints, said Fenton City Manager Lynn Markland. Markland spoke with Republic Services on Feb. 1, during the big snowstorm. The contractor decided not to pick up garbage Feb. 2. Republic Services did pickups that Thursday and Friday (Feb. 3-4), doing an excellent job. Markland will check into a question from city council, on whether people know why when items aren't collected. In addition, residents can purchase a new style of garbage bag with a drawstring top, or the old one without it, at the same price. People can buy these, which are available at city hall, or purchase tags to place on their trash cans.

KARL ROVE TO SPEAK AT LINCOLN DAY DINNER

Livingston County Republicans announce Karl Rove as the keynote speaker at their annual Lincoln Day Dinner, which will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, at Crystal Gardens, 5678 E. Grand River, Howell. Rove served as senior advisor to President George W. Bush. Tickets can be purchased by calling (810) 220-0044 or visit livingstonrepublicans.com. Ticket sales end at 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17.

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The Mattord and Huntley families would like to express their love and gratitude to all of our friends and family. Thank you for your love and support during this difficult time of saying goodbye to our beloved Joann, mother of Alicia, daughter of Faye, sister of June, Judy, Janet, Joyce, Jayne and Jeff. We would also like to thank Sharp Funeral Home for their compassion and the Eagles Club for providing a wonderful luncheon. And to the generous, kind-hearted gentlemen who helped defray the funeral cost, a special thank you! Joann's beautiful smile will forever be in our hearts.



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The ruggedness of the icy, glacial terrain made Janse's recent Antarctica marathon her most challenging event thus far. She wore spikes on her shoes to navigate the trail.

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The next race

Marit Janse will run in a marathon in Holland this April, at a small island at the top of the country. "It will be all sand running," she said. "This will be a huge challenge, especially with the winds we have in Holland this time of year."

►Next goal: All seven continents

By Sally Rummel

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Marit Janse, of Fenton, has had lots of company on some of her marathon runs — seals, penguins, dolphins and bears — to name a few.

At 50, Janse has run marathons in every state in the United States, including Alaska, Hawaii, and Washington D.C., making her a member of the "50 State Marathon Club." She began that quest after a New Year's resolution on Jan. 1, 1993 and hasn't stopped running since. She reached her goal of running in the 50th state a few weeks ago, at a marathon in Maui, Hawaii.

But, she hasn't stopped there. She is already halfway through running the 50 states for a second time, running in about 25 marathons each year. Now she's working on covering all seven continents, with three already under her belt.

"I wanted to be able to run in Antarctica while I was still young and healthy enough to do it."
Marit Janse

Summary

►Fenton resident Marit Janse has run marathons in all 50 states, and is now working on seven continents. Her most challenging marathon has been a marathon in Antarctica on March 7, 2010.

Last March, Janse undertook her most grueling marathon event ever, running 26.2 miles across the glaciers and ice of Antarctica, joining an elite group of 70 who finished the race. Running with
See MARATHON on 15B



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Marit Janse, of Deerfield Township, has run marathons over three continents, including Europe and Antarctica. "I just love being out there," she said. "I love being outside." Janse also plays piano, knits and crafts.



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Brittany Schram treats a patient at Acupuncture and Herbal Clinic in Fenton. Acupuncture is a 3,500-year-old form of medicine designed to treat imbalances in the body.

ACUPUNCTURE

Local practitioner is on-point with Chinese medicine

By Tim Jagielo • tjagielo@tctimes.com; 810-433-6795

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needle into certain points along his back.

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Get fit in a 'snap' in Linden

By Sally Rummel

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Matt Letten got "tired of being tired" and decided to take a proactive approach to losing the 80 pounds that had crept up on him after college, due to his sedentary lifestyle and fast-food addiction.

Today, he is a lean, active 27 year old and the new owner of Snap Fitness in Linden, which opened Jan. 24 in the Alpine Plaza. Its Grand Opening was Saturday, Feb. 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"Come on in and try us out," invites Letten, who formerly owned Snap Fitness in downtown Howell, which he recently sold so he could open this Linden facility. "I have family here," said Letten. "I used to come to Linden all the time to visit my grandparents, Paul and Eldeen Buhrow."

With state-of-the-art cardio equipment, each with its own personal TV, strength training machines, a separate core and abdominal area, plus free weights and tanning, this compact gym is a full-service facility.

Snap Fitness offers 24-hour membership access to the facility, as well as a network of 1,300 other Snap Fitness locations throughout the United States. "Within an hour of joining Snap Fitness in Linden, you'll have access to all Snap Fitness facilities nationwide, including one in Holly, two locations in Flint, one in Grand Blanc and in Swartz Creek,"

said Letten.

Members also appreciate the month-to-month membership policy, with the ability to put their membership "on hold" for up to three months, or to cancel at any time. There are price discounts available for members who

pay ahead for six, 12 or 18 months, according to Letten.

Personal training is an important aspect of the Snap Fitness philosophy, which offers a free, personal-training session with membership. Eric Jeffries is the certified personal trainer for Snap Fitness in Linden. He is certified through the National Federation

of Professional Trainers. "Most of our members take advantage of this free session," said Letten. "It's a way for them to get comfortable with the equipment and to learn how they can meet their own personal fitness goals."

Letten has experienced, in a personal way, the power of a life transformed through exercise and healthy eating. "It has impacted every single area of my life in a positive way," said Letten. "I went from the negative thinking of, 'There's nothing I can do,' to the very positive, 'There's nothing I can't do.' We can do that for you, too."

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SALLY RUMMEL

Nicole LaBeau demonstrates her haircut and design skills on her husband, Frank, at their new salon, LaBeau Salon & Day Spa, which opened in Fenton on Jan. 8.

'Be beautiful' at LeBeau Salon & Day Spa

By Sally Rummel

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Meaning "the beautiful" in French, LaBeau Salon & Day Spa in Fenton is living up to its name by providing services to bring out the beauty in each individual.

Owner Nicole LaBeau believes that every person can "Be Beautiful," which is the image she plans to project through her new salon, including a cosmetics line she expects to launch in the future.

Leading a staff of 12 with experienced, professional skills in all phases of hair-style and design, LaBeau is also pleased to provide area residents with aesthetic services, plus nails, massage therapy and more.

"In addition to our full salon services, we are also a complete day spa, offering packages and individual services," said LaBeau. "We've added private areas in our salon for pedicures, massages and skin care, including facials, body waxing and more."

LaBeau is proud to have hand-selected her staff, thanks to her position as a full-time educator for Regency Beauty Institute in Flint.

"I've been able to choose the professionals who work at LaBeau, all of whom share my same philosophy in customer service, the importance of cleanliness and sanitation in our salon, etc.," she said.

LaBeau has been a cosmetologist for more than 10 years, specializing in color and razor cutting. She is proud of her salon's designation as an exclusive

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Nicole LaBeau

owner of LaBeau Salon & Day Spa in Fenton

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Schwarzkopf salon, utilizing their complete line of professional hair products.

LaBeau Salon & Day Spa, located in the Shoppes at Silver Chase plaza in Fenton, will conduct its

Grand Opening on Saturday, Feb. 19, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Complimentary giveaways, prizes, wine and snacks will all be part of the fun that day, according to LaBeau. "We'll be offering free, hand paraffin treatments at our Grand Opening," she added. "Please come in and get acquainted with our staff, newly-remodeled

facilities, etc.," said LaBeau.

LaBeau Salon & Day Spa has already committed itself to local causes, including an employee Jean Day that provides a dollar from each participating staff member. Each dollar purchases six meals at the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, according to LaBeau. In addition, this salon will be supporting the work of Wigs4Kids non-profit group, with discounted haircuts at the salon on March 21, from 4 to 8 p.m.

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Snap Fitness owner Matt Letten has opened a new 24-hour fitness facility in Linden, with a Grand Opening on Saturday, Feb. 12.

Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriums



James Thomas Heft
1955-2009

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Ann C. Woodmansee,
Ann C. Woodmansee - age 87, died February 4, 2011. Share memories at www.temrowskifuneralhome.com.



Mary T. Battle,
Mary T. Battle - age 90, died February 9, 2011. Share memories at www.temrowskifuneralhome.com.



Richard J. Lucas,
Richard J. Lucas - age 64, died February 9, 2011. Share memories at www.temrowskifuneralhome.com.



Theresa L. Hix,
Theresa L. Hix - age 49, died February 9, 2011. Share memories at www.temrowskifuneralhome.com.



Patricia M. Smith,
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Deborah Kay (Dillenbeck) Reitano 1955-2011

Deborah Kay (Dillenbeck) Reitano - age 55, of Holly, died January 25, 2011 at her residence. Cremation has taken place. Debbie was born in Flint, MI, April 13, 1955. Surviving are: two sons, Anthony and Scott Reitano; three sisters, Diane (Tim) Hart, Lois Fontaine, and Beth (Wayne) Hayward, all of Holly; one brother DelLyle (Cheryl) Dillenbeck of Hershey, MI. She was preceded in death by her parents Maurice and Jane Dillenbeck.

Rick Wood,
Rick Wood - age 61, died February 7, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Dorothy Fick,
Dorothy Fick - age 86, died February 10, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Michael Stevens,
Michael Stevens - died February 5, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Helen M. Buche 1923-2011

Helen M. Buche - of East Moline, IL died February 4, 2011 at home. Memorial services were February 9, 2011 at First Presbyterian Church, East Moline. Committal will be later. Helen was born March 18, 1923, to Katie Irene (Croft) and Albert Sole at home southeast of Earlham, IA. In 1940, she graduated from Earlham High School. She was an AIB alumnus and a secretary in Des Moines. Helen married James Buche of Madrid, IA on September 3, 1944 at Earlham Presbyterian Church. While in Des Moines she put James through several years at Drake University. In 1959, she moved to Waterloo, IA, and was active at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and Civil Defense. In 1974, Helen moved to East Moline, IL and was active in the First Presbyterian Church of East Moline and the Newcomers Club. She enjoyed square dancing and genealogy. Helen is survived by her husband; daughter, Ruth Davidowitz of Huntington Station, NY; grandson, Andrew Davidowitz of Huntington Station, NY; nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, sister, Nellie Kempe.

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.

Boyd Cooley,
Boyd Cooley - age 57, died February 9, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



James Tortorice,
James Tortorice - age 82, died February 7, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Michael Middleton,
Michael Middleton - age 57, died February 11, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Janice Eleanor (Wright) Rynearson 1933-2011

Janice Eleanor (Wright) Rynearson - age 77, of Fenton, passed away to her loving savior, Jesus Christ, Tuesday, February 8, 2011. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Saturday, February 12, 2011 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, with Fr. David Harvey celebrating. Visitation was held at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton, Thursday from 7-9 PM, Friday from 1-4 and 6-9 PM and also will be held at church Saturday from 10 AM until time of Mass. A vigil service was held at the funeral home 7 PM Friday. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to the Janice Rynearson Memorial Fund. Jan was born September 23, 1933 in Gaines, the daughter of Mason A. and Fredricka (Staudenmaier) Wright. She was a graduate of Fenton High School and received her journalism degree from Eastern Michigan University. She married Richard M. Rynearson May 28, 1959 in Fenton and he preceded her in death February 16, 1975. Jan worked for many newspapers including the Detroit News, Toledo Blade, the Farm Journal, the Fenton Independent and Tri-County Times. She also served as Editor of the Durand Express for three years and was News Editor for the then-local radio station WFEN for three years. Jan was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church where she was



a Eucharistic Minister, active in the St. John Education Commission, Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) and the St. John Applefest. Her culinary

skills included winning the St. John apple pie baking contest in 1990. She also was a member of the Fenton Beautification Commission, Charter Member and President of Zonta Child Study Club, member and officer of the Fenton Dibbleville Questors, Fenton V.F.W. Auxiliary, Flint Writers Club, officer of F.A.R.R., member and officer of Junior Achievement Board of Greater Fenton, member of the Sesqui-centennial Committee and Fenton High School Alumni Association. Jan was a key member of the Fenton Freedom Festival Parade for 19 years, serving on occasion as co-chairman and was the 2009 Grand Marshal. Surviving are: 3 sons, Steven and wife Vicki of Fenton, Douglas and wife Jennifer of Fenton and Vincent of Fenton; 2 granddaughters, Angel and Brianna; fiancée, John Vincent Harrison of Fenton; niece, Jayna (Dale) Clark-Klatzker of Rhode Island; nephew, David (Helen) Clark of Saline; several other nieces, nephews and other relatives. She was also preceded in death by her parents; son, Matthew. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Zachary Harding,
Zachary Harding - age 24, died February 5, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Sophie Casebolt,
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Thelma Sims,
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Patsy Bischoff,
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Edward Chojnowski,
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Look Who's Talking

By Anna Troppens, Associate Editor



Sean Rusaw

18-year-old

Fenton High School senior

FAMILY:

My parents are John and Linda Rusaw. I have a younger brother, Tanner. He's a sophomore this year.

SPORTS AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES:



I do varsity sports, wrestling, baseball and football. I play beach volleyball in the summer, and we go on a lot of family trips.

PERSONAL MOTTO:

If you work hard enough at anything, you can accomplish it, pretty much.

MY DREAM CAR:

Probably a Chevy Volt. I think that's really cool. My parents are probably buying one, too.

ALL TIME FAVORITE MOVIE:

Probably Batman, 'The Dark Knight.'

FAVORITE PLACES TO GO:



Usually, for spring break, we go to Florida every year to visit my grandparents, stay at the beach and everything.

Sean Rusaw

OK, you're the school principal. What's the first change you would make?: I'd allow for off-campus lunch. I'd let them go across the street to McDonald's and Taco Bell.

If you could have one superpower, what would it be and why?: I'd be able to heal. That way, you'd never get hurt.

What is your earliest memory?: Probably, just playing in the backyard with my family, swimming in the pool when I was like 4.

I always: lock my car.

I have never: done drugs. That's a big thing for me. I don't really like all that kind of stuff at all. It bothers me.

Is there an event in your life you would like a 'do-over' for?: Applying for college. I would have applied to U of M right away. I got accepted at all four colleges I applied to. I'm going to Grand Valley.

What are you taking up there?: Psychology. I'm going to see if I can get a doctorate, work with ADHD patients. I have ADHD, and I'd like to help other people like me. I understand how they think.

If you could ask the president one question, what would it be?: Why hasn't he done anything about Egypt?

If you could make one rule everyone had to follow, what would it be?: Don't quit. If you quit, you only do half of it. If you get halfway and quit, you're going to end up with 50 percent done. That's an 'E.' It wouldn't have been worth starting it if you aren't going to finish it.

What physical or mental attribute, if any, would you change about yourself?: focusing. Focusing, I wish I could focus better.

If you had to walk through downtown all day wearing a sign, what would it be?: 'Attention,' just trying to get people's attention.

What is an upcoming event you are looking forward to?: Wrestling districts this weekend. My goal is to make it to states.

My most valued possession is: my iPhone. It helps with a lot of stuff, even school. I like it a lot.

My children will never be allowed to: drink. Me and my parents never do. I grew up like that. It's not needed. I think there are other ways to have fun.

Front row seats and backstage passes. Who are you seeing?: I'd have to take my girlfriend to a Taylor Swift concert. That's her dream. She'd love that.

The best day of my life so far was: I don't think there's one best day. If you only have one best day, that's not good. I have a lot of best days.

Who was your first Valentine?: Probably my old neighbor who lived just down the street, Lindsay. I don't know how to spell her name. That was a controversial subject back then, because I didn't know.

My parting advice for a better world is: if you work at something long enough and you keep trying long enough, it is eventually going to get done right. That's pretty much how I try to do my stuff.

Student Body, asked at Fenton High School

Who was your first Valentine?

RAQUEL RYAN, SENIOR



"My first real Valentine was my boyfriend, Chris. We've been dating for 2½ years."

DAVID WEHRLY, SOPHOMORE



"I don't remember. It was probably in first grade."

ISAIAH MILLER, SOPHOMORE



"I really never had one. I'm keeping it low-key."

ALLI TUCKER, JUNIOR



"This is actually going to be the first year that I have a Valentine, Jeff."

NICK SANBORN, SOPHOMORE



"I haven't really had one until this year, Michaela. This year will probably be the first one. We're probably going to see a movie, go to dinner."

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Filing your income TAX RETURN

Do it yourself or hire a professional?

By Sally Rummel

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It's what you don't know that can hurt you. When it comes to preparing your 2010 tax return, some people can handle them alone, while others need professional help. However, all can benefit from the knowledge of a tax preparer who knows the new tax laws.

If you have a simple return, you might consider e-filing or using a simple tax program. But, people should remember that they're not hiring a tax professional just to fill in the numbers, according to MSNMoney.com. The key is to find an individual who specializes in taxation and knows the tax trends and tax law changes, including the tax laws that have been passed in 2010.

More and more people are filing their returns electronically, including 95 million taxpayers who filed their 2009 returns that way. Much of this growth has come from professionals filing clients' returns.

THREE QUESTIONS TO ASK

Are you prepared to give your taxes your time?

According to the IRS, the average taxpayer needed 21.4 hours to do his or her 2009 tax return in 2010. That number rose to 31.9 hours if a Schedule C for business or a Schedule E for rental properties was filed.

Filing online through the IRS website, or through a tax program such as TaxCut or TurboTax, can save a lot of time filling out the forms. However, a taxpayer still must organize all the materials.

Are you prepared to put up cash to hire a preparer?

Getting someone to do your taxes can cost \$50 to \$100 at the low end — assuming a simple return — or up to several thousand dollars for a complicated return. The average for an itemized return is more than \$200, according to MSNMoney.com.

One thing to consider is any fee paid to a tax preparer may be deductible on next year's return, if it's itemized. Tax preparation fees qualify as miscellaneous deductions, the sum of which must be more than 2 percent of your adjusted gross

income before you can claim a deduction.

Are you prepared to deal with the complexity of the federal code?

Tax law has had major changes in 44 of the past 47 years, according to MSNMoney.com.

Even though electronic filing has made mathematical errors less likely, many taxpayers still need or want assistance. So, if you have the money, and you lack the time, skills or interest to handle your own IRS paperwork, look for a tax preparer who will give you their advice and direction, not just their typing skills.

For people who choose to do their own taxes, a consult with a qualified tax professional once every three to five years will assure you that you haven't missed anything.

What to expect from a good tax preparer

- Lots of questions. The tax preparer needs to understand what you do and how you do it, then seek out every legitimate deduction.

- An education about what's allowable as a deduction and how to structure activities to minimize tax exposure.

- A focus, not only on 2010 transactions, but also on how to reduce your 2011 taxes.

- More sophisticated advice and direction from a tax attorney compared to an enrolled agent or storefront tax preparer.

Why talk to a professional?

"Why spend hours and hours doing your taxes, when we can help you in a fraction of the time?" said Glen Mitchell, of The Tax Center in Holly. "If you value your time, it makes sense to go to a professional. There's also the 'worry factor' to consider, if you're going to be stressed out for the next six months or even six years about whether or not you missed something important."

"Anyone in business should have a professional look over their taxes," said Mitchell. "People who are very good at running their businesses aren't necessarily proficient at the tax side of their business. There are a lot of things they could easily miss. Plus, a tax professional is always wanting to talk about next year and how to make sure a business person is on the right track."

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- 1). Benefits will, of course, be drawn sooner and therefore drawn longer;
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Michael Moore
Insurance agent

Who needs life insurance?

Most Americans need life insurance. To figure out if you need life insurance, you need to think through the worst-case scenario.

► If you died tomorrow, how would your loved ones fare financially? Would they have the money to pay for your final expenses (i.e., funeral costs, medical bills, taxes, debts, lawyers' fees, etc.)?

► Would they be able to meet ongoing living expenses like the rent or mortgage, food, clothing, transportation costs, health-care, etc.? What about long-range financial goals? Without your contribution to the household, would your surviving spouse be able to save enough money to put the kids through college or retire comfortably?

► Life insurance helps make sure that the people you care about will be provided for financially, even if you're not there to care for them yourself.

Source: www.lifehappens.org

current standard of living, pay off debts, estate taxes, and final expenses and create a fund for college education. They can also create a fund for a family member with special needs.

Types of insurance

When purchasing life insurance, there are two main types to consider — whole life and term life insurance.

Term life insurance

For most people, the right type of life insurance can be summed up in a single word: term, according to smartmoney.com. That's because term life is "life coverage" only, paying the face amount of the policy to the named beneficiary. Whole life, on the other hand, offers a cash value component that many insurance companies offer as an investment vehicle. The policy builds cash value that a policyholder can borrow against.

Term insurance can be purchased for periods of one year to 30 years, after which time they expire. Premiums for term insurance are very inexpensive, especially for people in good health up to about age 50. After that age, premiums start to get progressively more costly. When a policy expires, a new one must be purchased.

Whole life insurance

Whole life insurance tends to be more expensive than its term counterpart is, because you're not only paying for insurance, but also for the investment portion. Often, these policies come with high fees and commissions, according to smartmoney.com.

People who are about age 65 may have no other options than to go with whole life policies, because some companies don't sell term policies to older customers.

Michael Moore, independent insurance agent for Moore Insurance Agency in Fenton, sells more term life insurance than whole life policies through his family-owned agency. "Life insurance is not so much of an investment, as it is a protection for a family's income," said Moore. "Everyone who has a family needs life insurance, although maybe not those of retirement age."

Life Insurance who needs it?

By Sally Rummel

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A woman in the tri-county area had been after her husband for years to get life insurance, and one day, the couple walked into the office of Mark Carney, State Farm agent in Holly, to buy a policy.

Just two years later, the wife died of cancer, and the same man who had hesitated to buy life insurance for so long was able to pay off the mortgage on their family's home and fund their two young children's college education.

Tragic events like this one are what

makes life insurance so beneficial for families, especially during their "growing years," when loved ones are dependent upon their family's economic means to pay a mortgage, maintain a lifestyle, save for college, etc.

"I've had cases go the other way, too," said Carney. "A guy who was 39 came into the office to pay a bill, and we talked about life insurance. He opted not to buy it, and, two weeks later, he died of a massive heart attack. His wife and two children were left with nothing. They had to sell their company, their home and had to move.

That's why I always talk to everyone about the benefits of life insurance. We find out what people need, what they can afford, and then tailor a plan just for them."

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"A guy who was 39 came into the office to pay a bill, and we talked about life insurance. He opted not to buy it, and, two weeks later, he died of a massive heart attack."

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Financial clutter

►What to keep and what to toss

By Sally Rummel

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Everyone knows that you need to keep your birth certificate and marriage license forever. However, what do you do with all the other financial clutter that finds its way into your household with every mail delivery, purchase or service you have used?

According to financial expert Suze Orman, your financial paperwork can follow this organizational plan.

- Keep sales receipts until the warranty expires or the item can no longer be returned or exchanged (exception: sales receipts needed for itemized tax returns should be kept for three years).

- Keep ATM printouts for one month. Throw out the ATM receipts when you balance your checkbook each month.

Keep while active

- Contracts, insurance documents, stock certificates, property records, stock records, records of pensions and retirement plans, property-tax records, disputed bills (hold until dispute is resolved), home-improvement records (hold for at least three years after the due date for the tax return that includes the income or loss on the asset when it is sold).

Keep forever

- Marriage licenses, birth certificates, wills, adoption papers, death certificates, records of paid mortgages.

One year

- Keep paycheck stubs for one year. (You can get rid of these once you have compared to your W2 and annual Social Security statement.)
- Throw utility bills out after one year, unless you're using these as a deduction such as for a home office. Keep for three years after filing that tax return.
- Cancelled checks (unless needed for tax purposes, then keep for three years).
- Credit card receipts (unless needed for tax purposes, then keep for three years).
- Bank statements (unless needed for tax purposes, then keep for three years).
- Quarterly investment statements (hold on to until you receive your annual statement).

Three years

- Income tax returns, (please keep in mind that you can be audited by the IRS for no reason up to three years after you filed a tax return). If you omit 25 percent of your gross income, that goes up to six years, and if you don't file a tax return at all, there is no statute of limitations, according to Orman.
- Medical bills and cancelled insurance policies.
- Records of home sales (for Capital Gains Tax).
- Records of selling a stock (for Capital Gains Tax).
- Receipts, cancelled checks and other documents that support income or a deduction on your tax return (keep three years from the date the return was filed or two years from the date the tax was paid, whichever is later).
- Annual investment statement (keep three years after selling the investment).

Seven years

- Records of satisfied loans.



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Knowing when to toss financial paperwork can help prevent clutter.

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Budgeting your hard-earned dollars

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"Every dollar has a name" is one of the money mantras of the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University program, but is also another way of talking about a budget.

Whether you have already built wealth or are just trying to get ahead of your monthly bills, the best way to do that is to know exactly where every dollar is going, so that you can control your money and your life, rather than having it control you.

"A budget is where we start with every client who comes in," said Marjie Shard, of Shard Financial Services in Fenton. "Everyone needs a 'working budget,' and in the case of a marriage or significant relationship, both parties need to be responsible for maintaining that budget."

Three steps to creating a budget

There are three steps to creating a budget, according to CNNmoney.com.

- Identify how your money is currently being spent.
- Evaluate that spending to see if it meets the financial priorities, you have set for yourself.
- Track your ongoing spending to make sure it stays within those guidelines or to understand how your budget needs to be revised.

Whether you budget electronically with Quicken, Microsoft Money or other financial hardware, or do it the old-fashion way with pencil and paper, the important thing is to track expenses within categories that allow you to see where your money is going.

Once you have done this, you may still have a sizable lump of spending that's undocumented — typically, the money withdrawn in cash and spent on day-to-day needs. It may be helpful to record every dime spent for the next four weeks, using these results to get a clear picture of how your cash is being spent throughout the year.

"We suggest that people who have trouble sticking to a budget use the cash/envelope system, paying cash for all their purchases and keeping the receipts in the envelope," said Shard. "Once they can visualize where their money goes, they can begin to make the necessary changes to help them meet their financial goals."

"The most important thing about the budgeting process is that it allows you to get familiar with where you are today."

Katie Rozen
Edward Jones financial advisor



Five-step process to meet financial goals Step 1

Where am I today? Use your pay stubs, income taxes, receipts, etc. to determine an overview of your current situation.

Step 2

Where would I like to be? Set specific goals, whether it's a college fund for your children or your own retirement.

Step 3

Can I get there? Work with a financial advisor to create and implement strategies to help you achieve your goals.

Step 4

How do I get there? With the help of your financial advisor, select an appropriate mix of investments.

Step 5

How do I stay on track? By meeting annually with your financial advisor, you can review your plan and make changes to meet new goals or circumstances.

Source: Katie Rozen

Edward Jones financial advisor



Suggestions for keeping a budget

- If your total household income is \$50,000 or less, it's likely that you may be spending more than you're bringing in. You may need to make serious spending cuts in order to avoid a financial crisis like foreclosure or bankruptcy.
- Remember the difference between "wants" and "needs." If your income doesn't cover your expenses, dig deeper and see if some of your spending has gone for luxuries you don't really need.
- Tithe yourself. CNNmoney.com suggests that you aim to spend no more than 90 percent of your income. That way, you'll have the other 10 percent left to save for your big-picture items.
- Don't count on windfalls. When projecting the amount of money you can live on, don't include dollars that you can't be sure you'll receive, such as year-end bonuses, tax refunds or investment gains.
- Use income increases as an excuse to save more, rather than spend more, especially until you are sure you're staying ahead of inflation.

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Wills and living trusts — what's the difference

By Sally Rummel

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Everyone over the age of 18 needs a will, but not everyone needs a living trust. What is the difference, and how do you know what you need to protect yourself and your loved ones?

"If you're 18 or older, you need an estate plan, even though most young people don't think about these things at this age," said Sharon K.S. Miner, of Miner Law Firm in Fenton. "If you don't have a will, you're going to let the state determine what happens to your assets and your children, if you have any."

What is a will?

A last will and testament governs the disposition of a person's assets to others. It also allows a person to select a guardian to care for his or her children, and names an executor or administrator who handles the will after death. The same trustee may also be named as custodian of custodial bank accounts at the time of one's death. While living trusts do not name guardians, they can pre-appoint someone different from the guardian to manage a beneficiary's assets until they are older and fiscally responsible.

How is a will different from a living trust?

While everyone does need a will, certain circumstances point to the importance of a living trust. "If your spouse, child or grandchild has special needs that make it difficult for him or her to handle money, you will want to consider setting up a living trust," said Miner.

Another circumstance might be a person who wants to delay the distribution of assets until a beneficiary reaches a certain age — such as the case of families with young adults who may be deemed as not financially responsible.

A living trust can also maintain assets for a spouse in a blended family, and provide care for pets.

Having a living trust doesn't replace a will. Living trusts are sometimes included with wills and power of attorney documents. Trusts are essentially boxes for holding assets during and/or after a person's lifetime. A will takes effect after a person's death. A living trust takes effect while they are alive once they have signed the documents.

Having these important legal documents in place helps ease the court process of probate, which validates a will, ensures instructions are followed and repays creditors during the transition of an estate. Probate's cost and length differ in each state, although Miner believes that probate in Michigan "isn't horrible."

"We have informal probate proceedings here that help keep the costs down," added Miner.

While a living trust costs more up-front to set up than a will, families save money at the time the living trust is administered, according to Miner. Wills are inexpensive to put into place, but then become more costly to administer after one's death.

What legal documents you put in place are best determined by meeting with an attorney who specializes in estate planning. The value of your estate, the state you live in and the age and needs of beneficiaries are just a few of the issues that will determine your legal course of action in setting up an estate plan.

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Sharon K.S. Miner
Attorney



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Having a living trust in place helps families to keep control of their assets and helps ease the probate court process. Everyone over the age of 18 should have a will.

Types of guardianships/conservatorships

Guardianships and conservatorships are established by probate court, according to Sharon K.S. Miner, of the Miner Law Firm in Fenton. The judge appoints someone to make medical decisions for you or pay your bills if you are unable to do those things for yourself. The guardian makes decisions about where you live and your medical treatment. The conservator deals with your financial and business matters.

The alternative to a guardianship through the probate court is to do a health care power of attorney, sometimes called a patient advocate designation. With this document, you nominate someone to make medical decisions for you if you can't make them for yourself. This generally avoids the time and expense of a court-appointed guardian.

The same thing can be done on the financial side. The alternative to a conservatorship is a durable financial power of attorney. With this document, you nominate someone — your agent — to pay your bills and deal with any business or financial matters you might have, without the time and expense of a court-appointed conservator.

Within both guardianships and conservatorships, there are special classifications. A "special" or "limited" conservator has the authority to take care of certain specific business or financial matters. A limited guardian makes medical or physical care decisions about certain specific matters. There can also be a guardian of a minor child, if the parents are not available or have passed away. You can nominate someone to act as the guardian of your minor children in your will. They will be responsible for raising your children, according to Miner.



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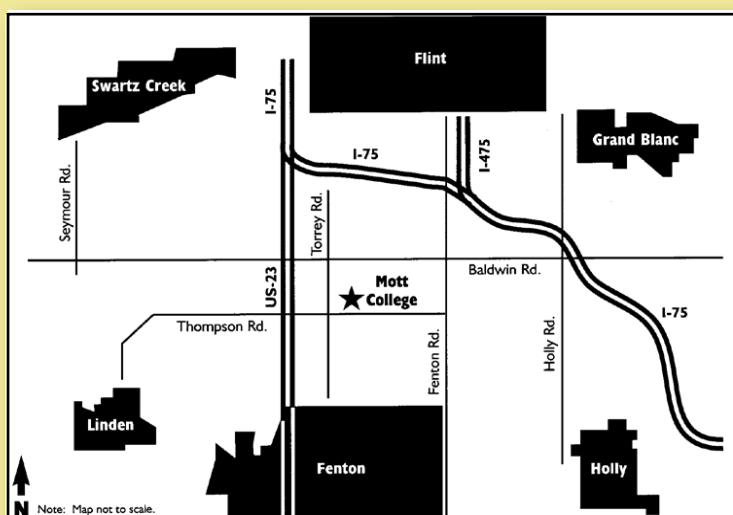
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MARATHON

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her was the Prince of Holland — her native country — which was a huge honor. “He finished second in his age group and so did I,” she said. Janse ran with spikes on her shoes across glaciers and ice caps, finishing the course in 4:57:40.

“I got the hardest one done first,” exclaimed Janse, who has already run marathons in the continents of North America, Europe and Antarctica. Her next challenges will be marathons in Asia, Australia and South America. “I wanted to be able to run in Antarctica while I was still young and healthy enough to do it.”

The hardest part of running a marathon in Antarctica isn’t the race itself — it’s the logistics of getting there. While Janse waited for her turn on a relatively “short” waiting list of four years, today’s marathoners, who want to run in Antarctica will typically wait six to seven years. “The rules and guidelines are very strict,” said Janse. “You have to be an experienced runner and in very good health.”

To get to Antarctica for the March 7, 2010 event, Janse flew from Detroit to Miami, into Argentina, then onto the South American island Ushuaia — considered the southernmost city in the world. From there, Janse hopped on an old Russian boat, which was “home” for five days as she traveled to the frozen continent of Antarctica. “There weren’t any stabilizers on that boat,” recalled Janse. “Everyone was sick, even the doctor on board.”

After completing the grueling marathon course — with no food allowed except on the boat because of strict land preservation rules — Janse boarded the boat again for another five days to begin the long journey home. “It was freezing,” she said.

While Antarctica was definitely her most challenging run, Janse has also faced bears in Alaska, the heat and humidity of her most recent marathon in Maui, Hawaii, and her one huge marathon disappointment — not finishing a race in Green Bay, Wisconsin, almost collapsing from dehydration at mile 23. “I had to get hooked up to IVs in the medical tent,” said Janse. “They took me across the finish line in a car.”

Never a quitter, she returned the following year to that exact race site and finished the race.

She considers the Midnight Sun Marathon in Norway to be the most scenic she has ever run, matched closely by her Pike’s Peak marathon in Colorado, taking her up the mountain at an altitude of 14,000 feet. “I think Colorado is the most beautiful state in the U.S.,” said Janse. She was also thrilled to run alongside wild horses in Green River, Wyoming. “It was like they were running with us, in a way.”

Janse runs many marathons in Europe, going home to her native Holland for two months a year to visit family and friends. While there, she takes in four or five marathons in Germany, Belgium, England, Hungary, France, Ireland, Spain and Norway.

Not only does Janse run marathons, but she also competes in “ultra runs” — defined as distances greater than the 26.2-mile course of a marathon. She ran a 100-mile course in the Halliburton Forest



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Marit Janse gets a “seal of approval” from the sidelines during a marathon in Antarctica last March. Penguins, birds and seals made for interesting company during her grueling arctic run.

in Ontario, Canada last September. She’ll also runs in indoor marathons, taking first place in an Ohio event just last week.

Why does Janse love to run? “I love being outdoors, and it’s such a cool way to see the world,” said Janse. “You see much more while running than from a car.” She also enjoys the camaraderie of running with her family. She met her husband, Frank, while running many years ago, although she runs solo at her marathon events. “My whole family in Holland runs, so it’s something we do together when I come home, or they’ll come and watch me,” said Janse.

Her mom started running 13 years ago, at the age of 60, and has been sidelined by a stroke she suffered two years ago. “I was on my way to Hawaii to finish the 50 states in 2009, when my mom had the stroke,” said Janse. “I wasn’t able to meet my goal that year because I was taking care of Mom, so it’s more of a coincidence that I am now 50 years old and have finished the 50th state!”

ACUPUNCTURE

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Acupuncture is about balance, more specifically, the balance of Ying and Yang, said Schram. Where the needles are inserted in the skin, relate directly to where the imbalance of the person lies.

“You pick points along specific meridians in order to treat a person’s underlying imbalances,” she said.

In acupuncture, there are 12 meridians, or lines that run from the fingertips to the end of the toes. “Each meridian has an associated organ,” she said. “You’re putting a needle in to stimulate the energy to treat the deficient or excess in that imbalance.”

That imbalance is between ying and yang, two opposites that are dependant on each other. In this case, the blood and Qi energy are ying and yang. “You can get kidney yin deficiency,” she said. “There’s this extensive theory that you have to understand about all the organs.”

Schram gave a digestive disorder as an example of an issue she treats. “Typically, that’s related to the spleen in Chinese medicine,” she said. The practitioner would then insert needles along the spleen meridian to help “nourish or strengthen the spleen.”

To Schram, it is not about fixing a problem, necessarily, it is more about finding a weakness or an imbalance and correcting it with a needle inserted into a specific point. Schram can then gently move the needle to stimulate that area. “It’s more about energy flow, really,” she said.

Schram said she frequently treats and converts skeptics, and had some case history that relates acupuncture in some ways back to Western medicine.

For example, the bladder meridian runs from the corner near the eye to the toe, and a needle was inserted at those two points. Researchers ran an MRI on the person, and when the needle on the foot was stimulated, the visual cortex of the brain lit up.

Another way acupuncture works is by the needle stimulating nerves, which tells the brain to release endorphins.

Despite these two examples, Schram said that Western and Eastern medicines do not always translate.

“Anything that’s been around for 3,500 years is pretty legitimate,” she said. “I work with a lot of physicians in the area, and I would say that

“You’re putting a needle in to stimulate the energy to treat the deficient or excess in that imbalance.”

Brittany Schram
Licensed acupuncturist

they agree with me, as well.”

Schram has a master’s degree, a pre-med degree and an undergraduate degree. She also studied in China for two years, and has treated around 1,000 patients.

Acupuncture does not work for every single patient, she said. If her treatment

does not seem to be working, she will refer the patient to a general practitioner, or a chiropractor. “It would be unrealistic to say that it is 100 percent always going to work.”

If a patient needs emergency care, like in the case of chest pain, she will send them to a doctor. “I think it’s really important to integrate the two medicines,” she said. “Chinese medicine is all about balance.”

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WISDOM TEETH

The third molar teeth are last teeth to develop and erupt into the mouth. This usually occurs when a person is around 18 or 19 years of age. They are called wisdom teeth because these teeth appear in the mouth once the person has reached the “age of wisdom.” I think most would agree that this is a misnomer as I personally can’t think of any 18 year olds exhibiting much wisdom. Few people have adequate room in their mouth for their third molars to erupt into full position. For those that do, my philosophy, in their case, is if they can keep their wisdom teeth healthy then they can keep them. Most wisdom teeth, however, are problem teeth. Few people have enough space for their developing third molars. This lack of adequate room causes most wisdom teeth to become impacted. An impacted tooth is trouble. Impacted wisdom teeth create pressure which can cause damage to the other teeth. Impacted wisdom teeth can cause crowding of the other teeth. Impacted third molars can become infected and can sometimes develop cysts. Impacted wisdom teeth can develop periodontal disease which can spread throughout the mouth. It is best to have impacted wisdom teeth removed. Removal of impacted third molars involves surgery. It is best to have wisdom teeth surgery at ages 18-20. At this stage in their life the person is young and healthy, the third molar teeth and bone are not fully developed, and there is no active infection in the area. Third molar surgery in this situation usually considered minor surgery and recovery is fast and easy. Conversely, the impacted third molar surgery on a 70 year old is often considered a more major surgery with a much prolonged and difficult recovery.

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Bronchos collect Pluta's 500th victory at districts

By David Troppens

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Orchard Lake — The Holly wrestling program was in trouble.

Coach Don Pluta finished his rookie year at the top with just six kids, and he was delivered an ultimatum.

"The next year my AD came to me and said, 'If you don't have more kids next year, we will have to dismantle the program and not have it. We can't have a program with just six kids.'"

That was in 1983. On Wednesday, Holly's long-time varsity wrestling

coach won his 500th dual meet of his career. And in the process, he won a Division 2 Team District title.

Holly captured the Orchard Lake St. Mary's district by defeating Bloomfield Hills Lahser 81-0 in the semifinals and then defeating Auburn Hills Avondale 55-12 in the finals to earn a spot in Wednesday's Regional Team Tournament to be held at Madison Heights Lamphere High School. The winner of that meet will be headed to Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena on Feb. 25.

Afterwards, fans hoisted signs that said "500" and the wrestlers did as well, celebrating the milestone with their respected coach. The coach that always talks about the program and those surrounding it as its reason for success, was honored by those exact people he always honors.

"That's a lot of wins and a lot of years, but it's also a lot of hard work by the kids and assistant

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Holly wrestling coach Don Pluta

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A Fenton-Holly showdown for first on Tuesday

►Bronchos clinch win in fourth quarter vs. Kearsley setting up Tuesday's pivotal game

By David Troppens

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Holly — On senior night, coaches want their seniors to step up.

Brent Staffne and the rest of the Holly Bronchos' seniors did just that on Friday night. And now, they have a chance at first place because of it.

Staffne scored nine of Holly's 24 fourth-quarter points, leading the Holly varsity boys basketball team to a 64-56 Metro League victory at Holly High School on Friday night. The win puts Holly (11-2, 12-3) in a tie for first place in the Metro, with a road game against co-Metro leaders Fenton on Tuesday.

"That has us jacked," Staffne said about the Fenton loss. "We are looking forward to Fenton and, hopefully, getting the win there. I think we can do it for sure."

Holly led 42-34 just 15 seconds into the fourth quarter after a Nicholas Stoll layup off an Anderius Gray assist. However, Kearsley responded with six straight points in a span of 76 seconds, cutting the margin to 42-40.

That's when Staffne hit his first big shot, a kiss-off the board for a 44-40 lead. Kearsley cut it back to 46-43 on a Paul Adas steal and layup with 4:20 remaining, but just 15 seconds later, Staffne hit a three-pointer, raising the edge back to 49-43. Later, he hit a driving scoop shot. That was followed by a put-back hoop and converted free throw off a foul by Stoll, putting Holly up

54-45 with 2:41 left.

Kearsley did fight back to within 59-56 with 55.1 seconds left on two converted free throws by Jake Vahlbusch, but Holly iced it from there. Josh Fugate, who led Holly with 19 points, made a free throw. Gray then dished an assist on a Staffne hoop and then Gray, also a senior, hit a five-footer, capping the win.

"We just had to pick it up a little bit," Staffne said. "We came out slow in the third quarter. We got the ball moving a bit and we hit some big shots. Nick had the (three-point play) and I had that three. We tried to keep the ball moving to keep our confidence up."

"Brent's a wizard with the ball," Holly coach Lance Baylis said. "He's one of the most coordinated kids I've ever coached, probably the most coordinated. He's what you call a basketball player. He's tremendous."

Gray's defense on Adas down the stretch was key. When Adas hit a trey with 2:55 left in the third quarter, he already had 23 points. Gray then blanked Adas in Kearsley's halfcourt offense the rest of the game. Adas finished with 25 points.

"He's the best defensive player in the league and he got some offense in as well," Baylis said. "He had eight points. He works his butt off on defense. He used an incredible amount of energy but he still scored and had bursts of energy on the offensive end."



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Ryan Hickoff (right) scored 24 points against Lapeer West, but the Tigers still lost the contest 70-55.

Fugate led the Bronchos to a 30-23 halftime lead, scoring 14 of his 19 points in the first half. Stoll finished with nine points and eight rebounds, while Gray also had five rebounds and three steals.

Holly lost to Fenton 51-48 earlier in the season, but trailed in that

game 20-0 at one time.

"We can't let them go up by 20," Staffne said.

"We just have to be smart and not let them get up by 20 because that cost us the game. If they don't go up by 20, we win that game by 20."

Tri-county's Metro League girls teams all win on Friday

The Fenton varsity girls basketball team whipped up on Lapeer West 49-24 at Fenton High School.

Gabrielle Rivette led Fenton with 11 points, while Alyssa Ostrowski and Sam Granger had 10 points each.

"We were happy with that balanced scoring," said Lady Tigers coach Brad DeWitt.

The Tigers honored DeWitt for

becoming the winningest girls basketball coach in Metro League history. Rivette was also honored with a game ball for scoring over 1,000 career points earlier this season

LINDEN 44, LAPEER EAST 41

Sabrina Kinney scored a game-high 16 points to lead Linden (3-13) to the road win. Maija Satkowiak had 11 points, while Megan Harp had eight points.

HOLLY 41, KEARSLEY 30

Ashley Xiong led the Bronchos with 13 points, while Lauren Maher had nine points, all coming on three-point shots. Jenna Mitchell and Alyssa Copley had six points each.

BOYS BASKETBALL

LINDEN 63, LAPEER EAST 55

Linden outscored East 23-13 in the fourth quarter to spark the win.

Brad Farthing led all scorers with

23 points, while Kevin Baker had 16 points. Jack Plasters, Max Powell, Dylan Nash and Shaye Brown each had six points.

BEECHER 64, LAKE FENTON 43

Sean Canning led Lake Fenton with 20 points, but Beecher had three double-digit scorers and earned the win. Devin Evans had seven points for Lake Fenton, while Spencer Quick had six.

►Down two starters, Fenton falls to West

By Al Zipsie

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Fenton — Playing without two starters — point guard Eric Mowery and junior Dylan Hickoff — proved too much for the Tigers, as they were upset by Lapeer West 70-55 in Metro League action.

Dylan Hickoff was out with the flu and Mowery missed another game with a concussion. Lapeer West's Cullen Turczyn and inside player Zeshawn Jones-Parker combined for 46 points. Turczyn scored 27 points, hitting 13-of-14 free throws. Parker had 19 points with 15 in the first half. Turczyn dished to Parker for a hoop in the final seconds to build a 30-17 lead at intermission. Parker scored inside as West went ahead to stay at 8-7 midway through the first quarter.

Everybody kept waiting for the Tigers (11-2, 13-2) to make a run, but it never happened. At the end of the third quarter Fenton cut the lead to 42-35 as Ryan Hickoff grabbed a rebound and hit Devan Beagle for a breaking layup.

Fenton got a putback hoop from Charlie Herzog and a Andre Kundert layup, cutting the margin to 57-50, but would get no closer. Lapeer West sealed the win at the free-throw line hitting 78 percent for the game, outscored the Tigers 28-20 in the last quarter.

"Take out two primary players from any team in the Metro League and it will hurt. The small picture, it looks like a terrible loss. In the big picture we can control our own destiny and win it outright or tie for the league title again," said Fenton coach Tim Olszewski.

"We only need to worry about ourselves. We have big games with Holly and Swartz Creek, and most likely won't have either player back for Holly."

Ryan Hickoff tried to keep Fenton close, scoring 24 points and grabbing 12 rebounds. Conor Muntin added 11 points

Fenton hosts Holly Tuesday.

On this date...

Teresa Phillips becomes the first woman to coach a men's Division 1 college basketball team.

No competition — LF wrestlers win district title

► Devils win only three matches of night to win championship

By Al Zipsie

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Lake Fenton — The Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team tied a school record with 24 wins as they slammed Flint Powers Thursday 72-6 for the MHSAA Division 3 District Dual Championship.

Lake Fenton spent no more than five minutes on the mat, as there were only three matches that actually occurred on the mat. And each of those three matches were first-period pinfall wins.

Christian O'Guinn (160), Connor Brancheau (171) and Nate Franks (285) had those victories. The Blue Devils won on forfeits through 152, Powers' only points came with a forfeit at 215.

The Blue Devils, ranked third in the state in Division 3, will have a chance to break the team win record at the team Regionals Wednesday at Carrollton. Lake Fenton meets Saginaw Swan Valley in the semis. If they win, they'll most likely face ninth-ranked Birch Run for the chance to qualify for the Team State Meet in Battle Creek.

"Now is the time to come together. We will see what we are made of. We need to win when it matters most," said Lake Fenton coach Vance Corcoran.

The talented Lake Fenton squad has wrestled some of the best teams in the state. To win a state title, they'll have to face more. But it won't be easy. Injuries have hurt the Blue Devils. Ray Denam separated a shoulder at the GAC meet and is out indefinitely. Jake Hosking waited until mid-January to wrestle, but then broke a hand in a match with New Lothrop. He hopes to get back for the team state meet.

"We hope to have Jake back for the dual team state (meet) if we make it to Battle Creek," said Corcoran. "Ray can't wrestle anymore. We will keep weighing in for a chance for a void, but you won't see many at this point of the tournament."

"Swan Valley and Birch Run are two stacked teams. We have been working hard and we have had the toughest schedule in the state which should prepare us. We have wrestled seven or eight schools as good or better than

Birch Run."

"Ray is my best friend and the injury is just bad luck," Lake Fenton wrestler Drew Morris said. "He is a trouper and would come back if he could. He is a junior and will be back. Like all year everybody is gunning for us, and Birch Run will be a



tough match at the team regionals. We are ready to make that run."

"We have the team to do it, and now it's time to show it," added Todd Melick.

"The regional will be a tough one. It's time to step up," added Justin Melick.

The team competed in individual districts on Saturday.

Those results will be compiled in Wednesday's edition.

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Lake Fenton's Christian O'Guinn (right) works on pinning an opponent during a match this season. He was one of three Lake Fenton wrestlers that had to wrestle on Thursday, helping lead the Blue Devils to a team district title. Lake Fenton competes in Division 3 Regionals at Carrollton on Wednesday.

Eagles fall short in district meet

By Al Zipsie

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Fenton — Linden varsity wrestling coach Todd Skinner had hopes that this would be the year to make a run at tradition-rich Corunna.

His team battled the Cavaliers, but came up short 42-30 in the MHSAA Division 2 Team District final Wednesday. The Eagles ended the dual season with a 26-9 record and were ranked in the top 10 in their Division most of the season. They now focus on the Individual District, which Linden hosted on Saturday.

"I thought this is the year we had a good chance to beat Corunna," said Skinner. "I was pleased with the heart and passion of the guys we had wrestling. Corunna is a good team and well coached."

"We had to dismiss five guys from the team (before the Metro League meet). They broke school policy and I am disappointed. We just were short-handed and of the five, four were starters and three had winning records. We have to look at Districts. We have five or six who can make regionals."

"Kyle Fisher went to 50-0 on the season with his wins tonight."

Linden defeated Owosso 43-30 in the first match. The Eagles then faced Corunna. Double-winners for Linden were Austin Golden (119/125), Dallas Blank (140), Jeff Fisher (160) and Kyle Fisher (215).

Kyle Fisher has decided to continue his wrestling career at the University of Michigan. "The rankings mean nothing, I have been working hard, and I just have to perform when I need to. And I am ready for it."

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Linden's Dallas Blank (top) won this match in the team district meet held at Fenton High School on Wednesday.

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LF basketball plays well in defeat

By David Troppens

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Lake Fenton — Sometimes results don't reflect the performance.

Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Matt Furey believes that.

In what he thought was one of the best performances he's seen in recent time, the Lake Fenton Blue Devils lost a 74-58 home verdict against Flint Northwestern on Tuesday night.

"I couldn't be more proud of our guys and how we play the game right now," Furey said. "It was one of the best-played games that we've had in seven years. We outrebounded them, turned it over just eight times in a track meet, had 10 team assists and outshot them from the free-throw line. They hit a few more shots than we did in the second half, and a few of ours rolled out."

"We outworked them and were more physical throughout the game against a ranked opponent. I couldn't be happier with how we compete and get after people."

The Blue Devils (5-8) trailed just 18-16 after one quarter, and they trailed just 35-31 at the half.

At one time, the Blue Devils led by six late in the first half. However, Flint Northwestern forged itself to a reasonable lead during the third quarter. Seven Northwestern players scored during that quarter, setting up a 54-41 lead after three quarters.

Mitch Kirk and Devin Evans set up the offense, by breaking the press, while Sean Canning was the primary beneficiary, scoring a team-high 21 points. Kirk and Evans had four assists each, while Canning had three assists.

"(Kirk and Evans) single-handedly

broke down Northwestern's pressure, going one-on-three in the backcourt," Furey said. "They just outran them and created two-on-ones and three-on-ones for easy baskets to Sean and Spencer (Quick). They are, undoubtedly, two of the quickest and most efficient guards in our conference, and are underrated by most."

Kirk had 15 points and seven rebounds, while Evans had six points and five boards. Canning also had six boards. Quick finished with nine points and a team-high 10 rebounds.

DeOndre Parks led Northwestern with 23 points, while Jaylen Magee had 15 points.

KEARSLEY 61, LINDEN 43

Kearsley outscored Linden 37-22 in the first half, resulting in the Metro League loss.

Kevin Baker led the Eagles (4-9) with 11 points, while Jack Plasters had 10 points. Brad Farthing chipped in eight points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

KEARSLEY 40, LINDEN 33

Trailing just 19-15 at the half, the Eagles were outscored 10-4 in the third quarter, resulting in the loss. Linden had its best scoring quarter in the fourth period, 14 points, but it wasn't enough to make a big dent in the Hornets' lead.

Megan Harp and Jordan Sargent led Linden (2-13) with nine points each, while Sabrina Kinney had eight points. LaTrece Robinson led Kearsley with 18 points.

HOCKEY

SWARTZ CREEK 3, FENTON 2

Swartz Creek got single goals from Jacob Veenhuis, Brandyn Matte and Trenton Sheick, helping lead the Dragons (18-2-1) to the Metro League victory.

The Tigers got goals from Josh Esch



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Lake Fenton's Mitch Kirk (left) tries to reach up for a rebound in a recent game. The Blue Devils lost to Flint Northwestern 74-58 on Tuesday night.

and David Johnson. Ben Hackney, Tyler Delong and Jeff Moran had assists. Fenton took 45 shots, but Creek goalie Justin Trebtoke made 43 saves to preserve the victory for the Dragons.

Joe Foguth made 26 saves for the Tigers.

EAGLES

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Blank got things rolling against Corunna with a fall in 3:23, giving Linden a 6-0 lead. That is the last lead Linden held. Linden lost the next two matches, resulting in a deficit. However, Jeff Fisher, cut the team deficit to 12-9 with a 9-7 decision win. The Cavaliers put together a fall and a major decision to build the lead to 22-9. Kyle Fisher then answered back with a fall in 1:53. But a Linden pinfall loss followed.

Freshman Eli Foguth came up with a quick move for a pinfall 19 seconds into the third period. Karrah Varner then got a forfeit win, and all of a sudden Linden was down by one at 28-27.

Following a major decision loss, Linden's Golden (125) came up with a hard-fought 9-3 decision cutting the gap to 32-30 with two matches left. However, the Eagles lost the final two matches.

In the opening match against Corunna, the Eagles got wins from Kyle, Dan and Jeff Fisher, as well as from Shaw (112) and Golden (119), Blank, Chase Gifford (171) and Coleman (285).

Fenton lost to Corunna 68-6 in the first round. Pat Turner (130) earned Fenton's only win, pinning his foe in 1:11, the final match of Fenton's meet.

"We have only two seniors on the team in Pat (Turner) and Sean Rusaw (160), who sat out tonight," Fenton coach Bruce Burwitz said. "We are low on numbers with only 16 wrestlers, but this is a group great to work with and they keep on improving."

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Winning close matches sparks Bronchos' title

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Orchard Lake — The Holly varsity wrestling team expected a tough match against Auburn Hills Avondale in their team district championship match on Wednesday.

And in a lot of respects, that's exactly what the Bronchos got.

However, if one looks at Holly's 55-12 victory, it doesn't look like it was that close. Why?

Because it seemed whenever the Bronchos had a toss-up match, a match that either wrestler had a pretty even chance of winning, the Bronchos' wrestler notched the victory. Before one knew it, the Bronchos had an "easy" 500th victory for Holly coach Don Pluta and a District Team Championship.

"We won those swing matches," Pluta said. "Avondale is a well coached team and a good program. We knew we were going to have to battle hard for this one."

The Bronchos did just that. They took an early 13-0 lead with tech fall wins from Tyler Gibson (119) and Esteban Gonzales (130) and a decision win by Anthony Gonzales (125), but an injury default loss cut the gap to 13-6.

Holly's Andrew Scott (140) answered with the first key win. He edged Grant Sharkey 6-4 in overtime.

"Starting off, I was tired and I knew it was all heart from there," Scott said. "I just had to go. I went with my instincts and wrestled. That's what I do."

Holly lost the next match, cutting the Bronchos' team score lead to just 16-12, but Mike Neal (152) came up with the next big win, earning a pinfall win in 1:30 against Dean Vettese.

"I'm glad I could do it," Neal said. "The team needed me. I knew it was going to be close, so I wanted to get as many points as



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Holly wrestling coach Don Pluta (center) is honored after Wednesday's meet for his 500th career victory.

I could. I thought it was going to be more of a 50-50 match."

The close matches kept going Holly's way. Zas Guzdziol (160) had a 9-5 decision win, and Joe Scanlon (189) won 4-1. Joe Piwowarski (215) won 5-0 as well.

"I felt everyone wrestled great," Scott said. "It's not just a one-man team, and everyone did their job. The matches we should've won, we won, and the matches that were expected to be close we also won. That was the key to our victory."

Now the Bronchos head to team regionals at Madison Heights Lamphere on Wednesday. They'll be the favorites to get out of that bracket to make the state meet.

"We were expecting Avondale to be a tough match," Esteban Gonzales said. "They are going to be our toughest team on our way to Battle Creek. Our ultimate goal is to go to team states."

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coaches," Pluta said. "You saw the fans out there. I think we travel better than most teams out there. They are 100 percent behind the team."

"I'm the head coach and they go on my career victories, but you always have to remember it's the program first. I just told the kids 'The program got 500' and I am very sincere about that. I really believe that. It's never just one person. It's the time through the years, the kids going to camp and all the extra work they do. ... It's a great day for the program."

The wrestlers were equally pleased.

"It's a great accomplishment," Andrew Scott said. "For us to be a part of it is something that we will hold in our hearts forever. That's 500. That's a big deal."

"It means a lot, because not many coaches have earned that," Mike Neal said. "And we are going to be able to go on farther. It's really cool."

Don Pluta's history

Don Pluta became Holly's head coach in December 1983. Since becoming coach, he's won 500 dual meet events for Holly. Here are a few highlights during his career.

► **March 1987:** Pluta coaches his first state champion, Steve Yobuck at 155 pounds.

► **Feb. 1992:** Pluta earns his first Metro League championship, as the team goes 8-0 in league play and wins the league meet.

► **Feb. 2005:** The Bronchos win their first-ever team regional title, defeating Eisenhower 45-24 in the final match.

► **March 2009:** Josh Houldsworth (145) and Jake Hyde (160) earn individual state titles in the same year, the first time the Bronchos have had multiple state champs during the same season.

► **March 2010:** Houldsworth (145) becomes Holly's first-ever defending state champion, while Anthony Gonzales (112) becomes Holly's first-ever freshman state champ.

The Bronchos honored that great day by wrestling pretty great as well.

Holly didn't lose an individual match against Lahser, earning pinfall wins in seven of the eight matches that were not forfeits. Mason Cleaver (112), Anthony Gonzales (119), Tyler Gibson (125), Esteban Gonzales (130), Zach Jones (135) Andrew Scott (140) and Blake Cuthbert (160) each won pinfall matches, while Mikey Spencer (145) won a 5-0 decision.

The Bronchos were supposed to face stronger resistance from Avondale, and did, but the Bronchos still won all but two matches.

Cleaver (112), Joel Schuerman (285), Shawn Scott (171) and Neal (152) won matches by pinfall, while Gibson (119) and Esteban Gonzales (130) won by technical fall. Others that won by decision were Anthony Gonzales (125), Andrew Scott (140), Cas Guzdziol (160), Joe Scanlon (189) and Joe Piwowarski (215). Scott Scanlon (103) won by forfeit.

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