

“Really, you want me to pay for repairing a sidewalk installed by the city on city property? Newsflash, I already pay for it with my taxes. What’s next, will I have to repair the potholes in the road in front of my home?”

Police corral ram wandering in traffic

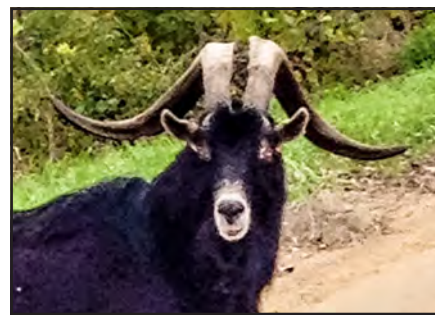
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Apparently, police work does not always include arrests and citations. Sometimes it involves corralling livestock roaming aimlessly in traffic.

The Argentine Township Police Department received multiple reports regarding a large ram walking in the roadway near Silver Lake and Bird roads. Officers

Doug Fulton and Ryan Wilburn responded to the area at about 3:20 p.m. to investigate.

When the officers arrived, Fulton said a neighbor was out feeding the ram, technically called a Jacob Sheep Ram. With the help of firefighter Jeremy Haddon, who arrived at the scene, and a neighbor, the group followed the ram eastbound on Silver Lake Road. Their goal was to keep the animal from
See RAM on 15A



Argentine Township police are hoping to locate the owner of this large Jacob Sheep Ram.

“He was big and smelly.”

Doug Fulton,
Argentine Twp.
police officer



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“” ONLINE COMMENTS



“The Fenton teachers need to quit holding the school calendar hostage. The union is

out of control. Why do you think you get a say in the calendar? No other job picks their holidays. Get to work. Sincerely, thousands of working parents.”

“To my neighbor to the east. Sorry the wind blew all my leaves into your yard, but I don’t control the weather. Complain to Mother Nature, not me.”



“I’m all for medical marijuana. It will keep the slackers and stoners home on election day watching soaps and old movies.”



“Fenton’s recycling bins are far too small. My house generates more recycling than garbage. In most communities the recycling bins are large rolling bins. Our City Council is environmentally ambivalent. Wake up and do your damn job.”

“Had to chuckle at the two stories side-by-side last Sunday. The one about Crust’s wonderful cinnamon rolls was right next to the headline ‘Why are Michiganders so overweight?’ Too funny.”



“How in the hell can it possibly be the homeowner’s responsibility to repair or replace sidewalks? I didn’t put it in, the city did. I’ve never heard of anything so stupid.”

Area teen to spend 5-15 years in prison for fatal wrong-way crash

► Must speak at schools about drinking, driving after release

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Zachary Parker, the Swartz Creek teen who struck a car head-on on U.S. 23 in Mundy Township on Feb. 9, killing one of the passengers, was sentenced to five to 15 years in prison.



Zachary Parker

Parker’s sentencing took place on Thursday, Oct. 9 in Genesee County Circuit Judge Geoffrey Neithercut’s courtroom. In addition to the prison sentence, the court also recommended an alcohol abuse education program while incarcerated and during parole.

Parker was also ordered to speak at five high schools during parole about the dangers of drinking and driving. He had a blood alcohol content of .197
See CRASH on 16A

‘New’ Lake Fenton High School celebrates a decade



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Lake Fenton High School students exit the building Thursday afternoon, and head toward either waiting family, buses or their own vehicles. The “new” high school has been in service for 10 years, as of August. **See story on Page 15A**



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Multiple fire departments including Fenton City, and Fenton, Deerfield and Hartland townships, responded to a fully engulfed home on Mabley Hill Road, near Germany Road on Wednesday.

Blaze levels Tyrone Township home on Wednesday

► No one home, no injuries, horses are safe

By Tim Jagielo
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Tyrone Twp. — Just before 4 p.m. Wednesday, multiple fire departments responded to a home fully engulfed in flames on Mabley Hill Road between Center and Germany roads.

A pillar of black smoke could be seen from far away, even after departments contained the blaze.

See BLAZE on 21A

Few residents opt to ‘Meet the Candidates’

By Yvonne Stegall
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Fenton — Based on the small turnout at the Meet the Candidates event hosted by the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce, held at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center Tuesday evening, one might wonder if people will be prepared for Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 4.

There were just over two dozen people in attendance. Participating candidates were asked five questions that had been submitted beforehand and during the meet and greet.

See CANDIDATES on 21A



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In Allen's former neighborhood he annually drew around 500 visitors to his home on Halloween. He enjoys the decorating and set up with his children, Olivia, Ian and Aidan.

Taking Halloween to a whole new level

► New Linden resident decorates home for spookiest holiday of the year

By Yvonne Stegall

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Lovers of Halloween are likely to don a few decorations about their house or yard. Just like Christmas, Halloween becomes a visual holiday. From giant spiders to ghosts in the trees, Halloween decorating can be fun for the whole family.

Larry Allen and his family recently moved to Linden, and with him came his love of Halloween and crafting. "I use any chance I can get to build or create something."

The Allens are one of those families that take Halloween to a whole new level, and make it fun for everyone.

The 51-year-old started decorating his yard for Halloween eight to 10 years ago and he said it just kind of escalated from there. "It started as an activity to do with my kids. It gave us something to do together," he said. Larry has three children, Olivia, Ian, and Aidan. He said they all pitch in and know their roles. "Without my kids, it couldn't be done."

This is their first Halloween here in Linden and Larry said he expects a good turnout of people stopping to look at his decorations. "It's good for the community," he said. It brings people out, and it's a great opportunity to meet his neighbors.

Larry's favorite part of his own Halloween

setup is the custom spider webs he creates each year. He said they cover the whole yard, and they can't be saved from year to year. He covers them in spiders, including one that actually moves.

"I am turning our front porch into a haunted room so trick or treaters have to earn their treat."

According to Larry's wife, Janet, Halloween isn't his only obsession. She compared him to Clark Griswold when it comes to Christmas. Larry said, "I am thankful my wife allows me to do it."

If you want to see the Allens' decked out yard, just take a drive down Tickner Street in Linden. It is sure to jump out and say, "BOO!"



Larry Allen hangs more ghouls inside the mini-haunted house he has created on his porch out of PVC pipe and plastic sheeting. "On Halloween you can scare people and get away with it," he said.



Haunted Attractions

Oakhaven Farm Harvest Days, Holly. Phone 248-634-5437. Opens: Saturdays and Sundays in October. See www.oakhavenfarm.net for details.

Spooky Trails, Baldwin Road, Swartz Creek. Phone: (810) 407-3035. See www.spookytrails.com for details.

Saint Lucifer's Scream Park, Flint. See www.fearfest.net for all dates. Details: "It's one of the most intense and scariest Haunted Houses in the state!"

The Crypt Haunted House, Burton. Phone: 810-742-2260. See thecrypthauntedhouse.com for all dates. Details: "For 10 years Chemco has been hosting the scariest haunt in Genesee county."

Past Tense After Dark, Lapeer. See www.pasttensecountry.com for all dates. Details: "We feature three heart pounding haunted attractions: The Hayride of Despair, The Corn Maze of Fear and the House of Horrors."

Erebus, Pontiac. Phone: 248-332-7884. Erebus Haunted House was entered into the Guinness Book of World Records as the World's Largest Walk-Through Haunted Attraction from Aug. 2005 to Sept. 2009. Go to www.hauntedpontiac.com.

Erwin Orchards Corn Maze and Fright Night Haunts, South Lyon. See www.erwinorchards.com for details.

Tunnel of Terror, Rochester. Friday and Saturday nights in October, but closed on Halloween. See www.rochesterareajaycees.org for details.

Burton Haunted Forest, Burton. Phone 810-701-7875. We Strongly Advise Children Under 13 Do Not Attend. Proceeds Benefit Post 4 Handicapped Scouts.

Bates Haunted Sawmill, Millington. Details: Bates Saw Mill of Torture is based on true events and local legend. Find them on Facebook.

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Random royal thoughts and quotes

■ **One need only** to watch a few negative political ads to realize the high stakes these elections represent. Research shows that, despite Americans saying they dislike negative political ads, they are far and away the most effective tool to ensure a win. No surprise that, in politics, the best liars, cheats and thieves generally win.

■ **Bad leaders** are elected by good citizens who don't vote.

■ **In December 2012**, the Illinois Supreme Court approved a law permitting more people to carry concealed firearms. In less than two years, more than 65,000 Illinois citizens got permits. Over these same two years,

the rates of robbery, burglary and car thefts dropped dramatically, and the murder rate has fallen to a level not seen in more than half a century.

What does that tell you?

■ **If we chose our doctors** the same way we choose our leaders, we'd all be dead.

■ **Half the population** has never read a newspaper. Half the population has never voted. Tragically, they are no longer the same half.

■ **Congratulations** to the Hamel family and Crust. Their affiliation agreement with Williams & Sonoma

puts them, and Crust, in the national limelight — all good news for Fenton.

■ **Sadly, politicians** are far more con-

cerned about the next election than the next generation.

■ **Why would anyone** vote to return to the dysfunctional policies of the Granholm era that killed jobs and sent our kids packing? Michigan is finally on the right track. We are repairing roads and bridges, creating jobs and attracting young people to our state. Stay the course — it's working.

■ **The Democrats' evolution** from a liberal party to a Marxist Leftist party is now complete. They have proven there is nothing remaining in that party's leadership that respects or reveres any of America's founding principles.

■ **Truth be told**, there is no such thing as not voting. You either vote by vot-

ing, or you double the value of another person's vote by staying home.

■ **The White House released** a statement on Friday from President Obama that should ease all our concerns: Effective immediately, Ebola is now covered under Obamacare.

■ **News flash** — your vote *does* count. It is your duty as a citizen to vote. If you are too busy, it takes just a few moments to pick up an absentee ballot at city hall and vote in the comfort of your own home.

■ **Only in America** will citizens gladly take up arms and cross the ocean to fight a war for the freedom of others, but won't cross the street to vote for their own freedom.

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THIS IS THE age of the zealot. Not just in the Middle East, but here in America as well. It is an age of intolerance and conflict. I hope it is short lived.

■ ■ ■
OBAMA'S 'NO BOOTS' on the ground, will be a terrible failure. Witness the Kurdish defense of 'the Syrian border town of Kobani' where American Air support has failed. Obama needs to start listening to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and not the political members of his administration.

■ ■ ■
THE DDA CANNOT plan Fenton into becoming successful. Fenton must grow its own character and personality. Cutting down shade trees was another bad decision.

■ ■ ■
IF LEON PANETTA is such a stand-up guy, why did he not expose President Obama's Benghazi lies when it happened in 2012? Why did he wait 2 years to publish an expose book? The families of the 4 patriots who died in Benghazi and the American people deserved to know the truth then. Hence, we re-elected a liar, deceiver and incompetent fraud.

■ ■ ■
FIFTY-FIVE MILES per hour from Gramer farms on Bennett Lake Road to White Lake Road? I am 38 years old and lived on that stretch starting in 1986. The speed limit changes three times, moron. Stop texting and reading 'how to be popular.'

THANK YOU FOR bringing the body of our cat back to our house on Denton Hill Road. You are good people. May you live happily always.

■ ■ ■
THE OIL AND gas companies that employ fracking are exempt from the EPA Clean Air and Water Acts, as well as from the Superfund Act, meaning that if they cause pollution or damage, they are not responsible for the cleanup. Local taxpayers are.

■ ■ ■
I'M EXTREMELY SHOCKED to see that Lake Fenton schools has allowed 28 students in kindergarten classes this year. One of the reasons we brought our kids to the district was because of small class sizes and scores. Why are you setting our kids up for failure? Disappointed.

FORMER SECRETARY OF Defense Leon Panetta stated recently that the emergence of ISIS is directly due to Obama not leaving behind a residual force in Iraq. The new war in Iraq and Syria can now be squarely blamed on president Obama, who again is showing his incompetence as a leader.

■ ■ ■
I WILL BET — grade school, high school, college professors, and all the teachers in the nation — that not 5 percent of them ever served their country in the military. Ninety-five percent of them all thought they were too smart, like Bill Clinton, the draft dodger.

■ ■ ■
SINCE WHEN DOES a 17-year-old man become a young boy? My paper today told about some boys killing chickens. They identified them as 17-year-old young

boys. They are a far way from being 'young boys.'

■ ■ ■
A CONSCIENTIOUS PRESIDENT who is supposed to be caring for all U.S. citizens would immediately stop all flights to and from West Africa until the Ebola virus is under control. In about a year, he will say he is shocked and surprised he is just now learning about it.

■ ■ ■
THIS IS TO the person who said George Bush wanted to pull all the troops out of Iraq. Just another misinformed comment from another liberal stooge. Bush wanted to leave a residual force of 10,000 to 20,000 troops behind to keep the peace. Get your facts straight.

■ ■ ■
WHEN YOU'RE DOWN and out and thinking the end is near, just think about when you were up and in and you'll be mo'better.

■ ■ ■
MANY YEARS AGO, when we were young and getting ready for school, we all sat around the table holding hands and mama would say 'remember Jesus loves you, the bible tells you so, and he will be with you wherever you go.' That was our good start to the day.

■ ■ ■
TO THE GUY asking us not to vote for president so he can have his way. How about not breathe my air and I won't vote for president for you. We can be even.

■ ■ ■
SIXTY-PERCENT OF the doctors aren't going to take Obamacare? Where are they going to practice, Mexico? Use your brains.

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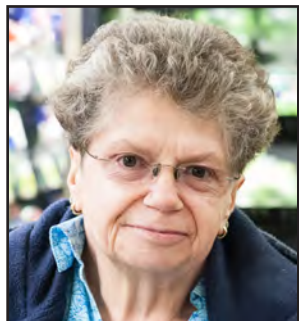
What new trade skill would you like to learn?

streettalk



"I'd like to learn more about designing, arranging furniture, home decorating. I'd love to take a class on that."

— Sharon Hutton, Fenton



"Had I been younger, I would've gone for nursing."

— Jeanine Zilliox, Durand



"I just hired someone to do it for me: an electrician."

— Bob Quick, Linden



"It would be to drive heavy equipment. I did some, but I'd like to learn more."

— Doug Tebo, Fenton



"House construction for mission trips in foreign countries."

— Bill Reese
Holly Township



"I would like to learn carpentry. I would like to do finish work."

— Neil McPhee
Tyrone Township



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Users pulling hair out over iPhone 6

FRANKFURT (Reuters) — First there was bendgate... now brace yourself for hairgate.

Fresh from the online uproar over whether the shiny new iPhone 6 bends when carried around in pockets, Apple has been hit by a new complaint — that the handset traps users' hair or beards when they make calls.

It is difficult to gauge whether there is any real issue, but Twitter users have made #hairgate a rising social media trend, leading major news outlets to pounce on the story.

"The seam on my iPhone 6 where the aluminum meets the glass is definitely catching my hair and pulling it out," one user tweeted.

Bearded iPhone users have jumped on the bandwagon complaining that their facial hair gets yanked during calls, leading to spats over whether to treat #beardgate as a separate trend, or simply as a subset



of #hairgate.

Apple was not immediately available to comment.

Jokers are having a field day, with the Twitter account of the Atlanta International Fashion Week speculating that it may be an elaborate plot against hipsters for whom facial hair has become de rigeur. Another user tweeted: "Congrats, Apple, for finally getting hipsters to shave."

For some, it is a heaven-sent marketing opportunity; Gillette Co. [PGGIL.UL] was quick to tweet: "Your phone may be smarter than ever, but leave the shaving to the experts."

However, many iPhone 6 users were left to wonder what all the fuss was about.

"I have iPhone 6. Doesn't bend and doesn't snag hair. Who thinks up these things? Apple haters? Competitors?" tweeted Dr. John Wooten, a Virginia-based technical consultant.

(Editing by Pravin Char)

HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHISTLEBLOWERS: I DON'T know if there are enough of these willing patriots to cover the Obama administration and its corruption and cover-up lies. Obama's appointees and cronies make Al Capone's thugs look like boy scouts. Where does he find all these people who lie and cover for him?

ROADS ARE BEING repaired? Wake up, you're dreaming. There may be a few roads being repaired, but all of our roads are in a deplorable state. How can anyone with any sense make a statement like that.

HEY MR. PRESIDENT, wake up and smell the roses. We are in a religious war, whether you think so or not.

The end is near, are you prepared?

►Expo provides information, products for 'preppers'

By Yvonne Stegall

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Contrary to popular belief, not all people who are preparing for a disaster think the end of the world is coming, or even zombies. In fact, if you had attended the Great Lakes Emergency Preparedness Expo (GLEPE) you would have been surprised at the lack of doomsday scenarios and zombie outbreaks.

Although any "prepper" would have been happy for the information available at this expo, from underground bunkers to shelf-stable foods, there was a little bit of everything for those ready to be prepared for even the most natural of disasters.

A prepper can be defined as a person who makes active preparations for any kind of disaster. For more information, go to theprepperjournal.com.

Kyle MacNall, head of planning and promotions for GLEPE, said, "This was our third show so far and it continues to grow." He said the attendance at this Saturday's Expo was a steady flow, but not overwhelmingly busy.

MacNall said that David Castlegrant & Associates started the GLEPE as a venue for people to come and get information from local government and law enforcement officials as well as local businesses on what to do and how to prepare for emergencies of all kinds. He added that in recent years we have all seen some of the most extreme weather, from extreme cold and snow to heavy rain, floods and high winds. "We all see things happen on the news but never believe it can happen to us," said MacNall.

The purpose of GLEPE is to teach people that it can happen to anyone, and how they can be prepared to survive the worst.

The Expo offered numerous training classes, presentations and demonstrations



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Attendees are offered a chance to learn about, or brush up on their CPR skills.

Most common emergencies

• **Technological and accidental hazards**, which include nuclear power plant failures and hazardous materials incidents, as well as blackouts and household chemical emergencies.

• **Natural disasters**, which include floods, fire, winter storms and extreme cold, tornado, extreme heat, thunder and lightning storms and windstorms.

• **Terrorist Hazards** are another type of emergency, and can include cyber attacks, biological & chemical threats and explosions or bomb threats.

Source: ready.gov

encompassing the prepping, self-reliance and emergency management industries. There was a CPR demonstration and class. The Coast Guard was even available to answer questions about water safety and preparedness.

Michigan Department of Community Health, as well as the National Weather Service and many emergency food vendors, were on-site. An interesting vendor was Global Underground

Shelters, but unfortunately, they didn't bring a sample of their product.

The next show in Birch Run will be on April 11 and will again be a one-day show.

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'Middle skill jobs' — a new reality in state's evolving economy

► Many good paying jobs require specialty training, not a four-year degree

By Sally Rummel

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Jordan Jeffers, 31, knew that college really wasn't for him when he graduated from Fenton High School in 2001.

"I'm not a 'school person,'" he said, explaining his career path to his work today as a licensed master plumber/plumbing contractor and owner of his own business, Absolute Plumbing. He prepared for his career with building trades classes at the Genesee County Skill Center (now called Genesee Career Institute) while in high school, and then apprenticed with a local plumber, working through the process to get where he is today.

With Michigan's economy shifting from automotive and manufacturing, the demand for skilled workers with training beyond high school, but without a four-year degree, has grown.

Labor economists call them "middle skill" jobs, and these skills include welding, nursing, medical coders, dental hygienists, plant technicians, HVAC and experienced carpenters.

Even with the state's 7.4-percent unemployment rate as of August, it's still difficult for companies to find workers with technical expertise and trade skills, especially in the areas of construction, IT and computer programming, robotics operation, basic engineering and health care.

With typical pay between \$30,000 and \$80,000, not including overtime, these "blue collar" positions may offer workers bigger paychecks than some of their "white collar" peers.

But it takes more than just "showing up" to do the job. Training in a

"I started out wanting to work as a finished carpenter but changed to plumbing because I knew people would always need a plumber."

Jordan Jeffers

Licensed master plumber/
plumbing contractor

specific skill set is key.

To help increase trained workers for Michigan businesses, the Michigan Advanced Technician Training Program was launched last year. Mott Community College in Flint is one of four community colleges to offer a format based on the centuries-old apprenticeship system. The other colleges are Henry Ford Community College, Macomb Community College and Oakland Community College.

Apprentices alternate class time with on-the-job training at their employer, who interviewed them and hired them from the beginning. The employer pays the tuition, plus his or her hourly wage. Training is free for the apprentice, who earns an advanced associate's degree at the end of three years. He or she must commit to the employer for a minimum of two years.

Even corporate giants like Google are becoming more willing to hire and promote workers with technical skills based on ability and experience, not necessarily a bachelor's degree.

Projected job growth in southeast Michigan from 2014-2019 by level of education:

- Middle-skills jobs — 3.8 percent
- Bachelor's degree or higher — 1.4 percent
- Jobs requiring some post-high school training or associate's degree, but don't pay hourly wage of \$15 or more — 5.8 percent

- High school diploma or less — 1.2 percent decrease

Source: Workforce Intelligence Network

Apprentice programs:

- Michigan Advanced Technician Program www.mitalent.org/mat2/
- Step IT Up America joinstepitupamerica.com/en/

"Mott (Community College) is participating in one of three MAT2 programs. We're developing the technical design program with Macomb Community College, starting in January."

Tom Cranston

Executive Dean at Mott Community College



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SALLY RUMMEL

Jordan Jeffers, owner of Absolute Plumbing, meets with his accountant, Denise Peters, at Fausey & Associates on Thursday. "I wish I had taken business classes that would help me run the business side of my company," said Jeffers.

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Military milestones



Air Force Airman First Class **John M. Oros** graduated basic military training as an honor graduate on July 29, 2014 at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, Oros studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations. Oros graduated Security Forces Technical School on Oct. 7, 2014 at Lackland Air Force Base. During the eight weeks of training, he learned about missile security, convoy actions, capture and recovery of nuclear weapons, law enforcement, directing traffic and nonlethal tactics such as using pepper spray and pressure points on a body. Oros is the son of Juan Oros, Jr. of Bay City, Texas and Gloria and Anthony Trujillo of Fenton. He is the husband of Courtenay Oros and the father of Jaxson S. Oros. He is a 2009 graduate of Fenton High School.

Calendar of events

Award-winning singer Carman comes to Fenton for a special concert

The ministry of multi-award winning singer Carman will visit The Freedom Center with his "Live Across America" tour at 2473 West Shiawassee Ave., Fenton on **Saturday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m.** For more information, call (605) 332-9080. Tickets range from \$18-25 with VIP for \$100. Tickets available at The Freedom Center or online at www.itickets.com or charge by phone (800) 965-9324.

Fenton Ghost Walk

Come hear the stories of the poor spirits who linger in Fenton on **Saturday, Oct. 11**. Tales past and present will be told while walking in Fenton's Historic District. This is not a haunting, but rather a walk that combines heritage, folklore and stories about ghosts of Fenton. Walking tour of just over one mile. Be prepared with appropriate footwear.

Jake's Women (Comedy — PG) Thursday, Oct. 16, to Sunday Oct. 26.

The play presented by the Fenton Village Players at the Fenton Village Playhouse, revolves around Jake, a novelist who is more successful with fiction than real life, and who faces a marital crisis by daydreaming about the women in his life. The wildly comic — and sometimes moving — flashbacks played in his mind are interrupted by visits from actual females.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THANK YOU TO the Times for the coverage of area sports week in and week out. Many parents are the proud recipients of the great stories and photos of their athlete children. Keep up the great work Mr. Troppens.

■■■■ **HERE WE GO**, another year. You don't want to take care of your leaves and they blow over onto my property. If you don't want to take care of it maybe you should go get a condo.

■■■■ **I AM THANKFUL** that Leon Panetta had the courage to tell how this current administration operates.

■■■■ **THE AMERICAN PEOPLE** better start facing the facts. We are in turmoil. People being born today will still be paying off the debts we have created.

■■■■ **A VOTE FOR** Mark Schauer is a vote for fairness for all of us. Why should those who have a big-shot job be able to make five times what I make for doing less work. Let's put a Democrat back in charge of Michigan.

■■■■ **I KNOW WHERE** Rick Snyder is taking us. Do not vote for Mark Schauer, he is going to put us back where we were, or even farther behind. Leave Rick alone, he's doing his job.

■■■■ **THE PROBLEM WITH** pure capitalism is that it eventually centers most of the wealth within the hands of a few rich families. Governments must set up tax systems and laws to keep that wealth spread around. Too much income inequality will turn the U.S. into an impoverished nation.

■■■■ **VOTES FOR SNYDER** and Land are votes for a pro-business Michigan, with low taxes, increased jobs, an increase in companies moving back to Michigan and a decrease in regulations. The tax and spend Democrats will do just the opposite.

■■■■ **MY GRATEFUL THANKS** to the gentleman who paid my \$225 prescription bill at Rite Aid. He had no way of knowing that the day before I paid over \$800 for my husband's prescriptions and was really stretching my October budget. I will pass along the good will. Thank you again.

■■■■ **IF YOU DON'T** vote, then don't whine and complain about the results.

■■■■ **FROM ONE TAXPAYING** citizen to another, vote in the upcoming election on November 4th. Your vote does count on the local, state and federal level. Voting is a right but it is also a responsibility. Be informed and vote for candidates of your choice.

China bans tainted stars from TV, movie screens

BEIJING (Reuters) — Stars who have used drugs, visited prostitutes or been involved in other law-breaking will not be allowed to appear on Chinese television, movie screens or other forms of broadcast, state media said on Thursday, following a series of scandals.

The ban by the broadcast regulator, which includes radio and advertisements, is meant to "keep the industry healthy," the official China Daily reported.

"Celebrities who break the law should not be invited to appear in programs, and transmission of their words should be suspended," the newspaper said, citing a statement from the regulator.

"Recent cases involving stars using drugs or visiting prostitutes have harmed the image of the entertainment industry and set a bad example for young people," the newspaper added.

Chinese prosecutors last month approved the arrest of Jaycee Chan, son of martial arts movie star Jackie Chan, after

a suspected drugs offense, the latest in a string of celebrities to fall foul of the law.

China has detained several other mostly B-list celebrities in recent months on drug-related charges, cases that have been publicized widely in both state and social media. They have included movie and television stars, film directors and a prominent screenwriter.

One director was detained on suspicion of hiring prostitutes.

The crackdown has come as the government seeks to push forward a wider campaign against extravagance and decadence.

Chinese President Xi Jinping has vowed to go after corruption and excess among the elite, a prime source of public discontent as the gap between the poor and the wealthy continues to grow.

China's Ministry of Public Security told police across the country to get tough on drugs, gambling and prostitution.

(Reporting by Ben Blanchard; Editing by Robert Birsell)



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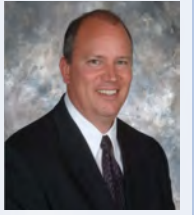
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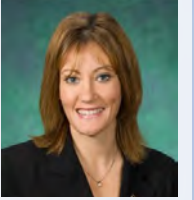
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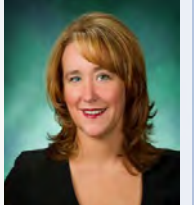
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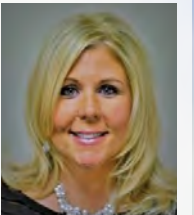
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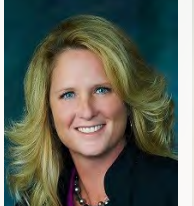
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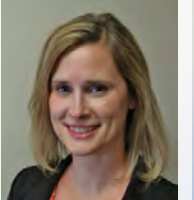
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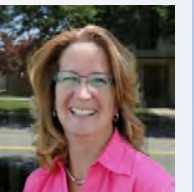
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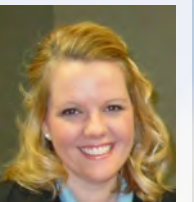
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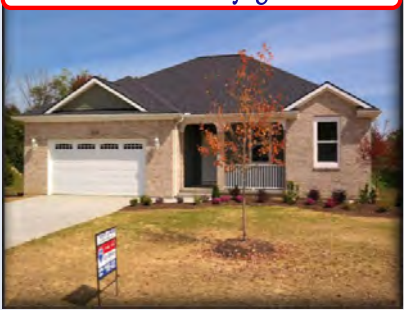
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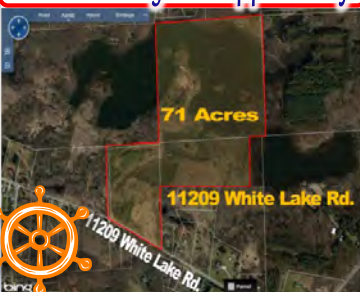
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Microbeads are an abrasive added to cleansers and toothpaste, but because they are made out of plastic, they don't break down and eventually get into the waterways.

Great Lakes threatened by microbeads

► Tiny toxin absorbers common in health-care products

By Yvonne Stegall

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Go in the bathroom and look at your liquid soap, shower gel and toothpaste. Do they have little specks in them? Those are microbeads, and they are getting a bad rap because they are polluting the waterways.

No waterways are safe, and that includes the Great Lakes, which contain nearly 20 percent of the earth's surface fresh water, providing drinking water to more than 40 million people.

What are microbeads?

Microbeads are tiny synthetic plastic particles used as an abrasive in many personal care and beauty products, such as facial scrubs, soaps and toothpastes.

According to Jennifer Caddick, Engagement Director at Alliance for the Great Lakes via email, "When consumers use personal-care products containing microbeads, these tiny plastic particles don't dissolve. Instead, they are rinsed down the drain and, because of their small size and buoyancy; microbeads escape treatment by sewage plants and are discharged into our rivers and lakes."

She added, "Once in the water, microbeads, like other plastics, can absorb persistent toxic chemicals commonly found in waterways and can be mistaken for food by small fish and wildlife." Studies have shown that fish and wildlife of all sizes consume plastic, raising serious concerns about the impacts of microbeads on aquatic species and on up the food chain.

According to a recent article on Na-

tional Public Radio (NPR), scientists suggest that the chemicals and toxins ingested by fish and wildlife through the microbeads could be passed on to humans and other wildlife.

While microbeads are thought to serve a purpose in the products they are found in, there are natural alternatives out there, such as ground almonds, oatmeal and pumice.

Many researchers believe that banning microbeads in consumer products is an important first step, and there is legislation pending in Illinois and New York, and there are bills targeting microbeads in Minnesota, Ohio and California.

To help save our Great Lakes, Caddick said, "Stop purchasing products with microbeads." Consumers can determine if their personal care or beauty products contain microbeads by checking the product ingredient list for "polyethylene" or "polypropylene."

Several leading beauty-product manufacturers, including Procter & Gamble, Unilever, Colgate-Palmolive, Johnson & Johnson, The Body Shop, and L'Oreal, have all made recent commitments to phase out the use of microbeads in their products.

Caddick also said, "Ask your state legislators to pass legislation to phase out microbeads." Individuals can contact legislators on this issue through the action site: takeaction.greatlakes.org.

Plastics don't biodegrade, so the microbeads that are already in the lakes and waterways are going to stay there, but there are ways to prevent more of this pollution from happening.

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Jennifer Caddick
Engagement Director at
Alliance for the Great Lakes

Microbeads

Look for the words "polyethylene" or "polypropylene," in the list of ingredients on items you are purchasing.

Tri-county fundraisers

Flint Institute of Arts presents First Frost Arts & Fine Crafts Fair Oct. 18-19

The Flint Institute of Arts presents its ninth annual First Frost Arts & Fine Crafts Fair the weekend of **Oct. 18 and 19**, sponsored by the Founder's Society as a fundraiser for the FIA. Local artist, Jeneil Applegate of Linden will be one of the featured artists. Musical entertainment, a bake sale and raffle will also be part of the two-day festival. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. General admission is \$5, seniors 62 and up are \$4 and children 12 and under are free. For more information, call (810) 234-1695 or visit www.flintarts.org.

Eagle Scout Tyler Grenzicki



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Tyler Grenzicki of Fenton Troop 212 earned his Eagle Scout Advancement and is one of the 2014 Youth Volunteers of the Year for the Michigan Nature Association. He earned this distinction for completing a new boardwalk along the trail at Dauner Martin Nature Sanctuary in Fenton as part of his Eagle Scout project.

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State Rep. Joe Graves will host a town hall meeting on **Wednesday, Oct. 15 at Holly High School from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** to discuss the ET Rover gas pipeline that has been proposed to run through Genesee County. Graves (R-Argentine Township) said he was disappointed in the informational meeting conducted in September and wants to give residents an opportunity to let their concerns be heard and find out if there are any new developments in the company's plans to build a pipeline in Genesee County. He said ET Rover representatives have been non-committal on his invitations to take part in the public forum, however, a representative from the Michigan Public Service Commission will be at the meeting to give a broad outline of property owners' rights. "I will continue to urge ET Rover to address apprehensions concerning the pipeline, even if they won't come to the town hall," Graves said. Those unable to attend the town hall may contact Graves by calling him toll-free at (866) 989-5151 or via email at JosephGraves@house.mi.gov. The high school is located at 6161 E. Holly Road in Holly.

Plan to name popular Hawaiian beach after Obama is a wash-out

(Reuters) - A Honolulu City Council proposal to name a popular Oahu beach after the first Hawaii-born U.S. president, Barack Obama, has been withdrawn after the plan met with little enthusiasm from the public, its sponsors said on Tuesday.

Council Chair Ernest Martin and co-sponsor Stanley Chang introduced a resolution last week to honor the commander-in-chief by renaming Sandy Beach Park as President Barack Obama Sandy Beach Park.

Located near Hanauma Bay on the east end of Oahu, the beach is known for a large shore break that makes it a favorite among body surfers, including, sponsors say, the president.

Obama is known to have body surfed at Sandy Beach while he was growing up, and has ridden the waves there while on vacation since being elected to the White House.

But according to a statement Martin issued on Tuesday, "public reaction to the proposal has been mixed."

"Most of the comments have raised the issue of historical and cultural sensitivity, and a number of alternatives have been suggested by the public," the statement said, adding that the two sponsors have agreed to remove the

resolution from the council's agenda.

Reaction among beachgoers seemed sharply divided.

"Maybe he did grow up here, but as a local, I've been surfing here for 10 years easy, and I don't think it's fair," Kanaloa Kane, a resident of the nearby community of Waimanalo, told local TV station KHON2.

But another frequent Sandy Beach visitor, Beth Amann, was quoted as saying that naming the park for Obama would "keep things more picked up" and bring "better maintenance."

Martin suggested that given Obama's strong support of Honolulu's rail transit project, a better idea might be to name one of the stations after him.

"I'm confident that as this process moves along, the entire community will

weigh in with other ideas for Honolulu to properly honor its hometown president," he wrote.

The City Council, whose jurisdiction covers the entire island of Oahu, has previously approved funding for a plaque to be placed at or near Sandy Beach commemorating Obama's fondness for bodysurfing there, said Mark Segami, a spokesman for Martin.

(Reporting by Steve Gorman in Los Angeles; Editing by Eric Walsh)

**HOT LINE** CONTINUED

IT'S INTERESTING THAT with the nearly 50-percent divorce rate in the institution of marriage, the likes of Foster Childs are stupid enough to believe that two same sex people who love and are committed to each other are going to change the institution of marriage. It seems to me if you are divorced you already changed the institution of marriage, or maybe there is no longer an institution of marriage. Grow up and leave others alone.

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Robert Reigle takes photos of participants of the King and Queen Assembly Wednesday at Lake Fenton High School, including his daughter Lucy.

Lake Fenton High School celebrates a decade

► Most still refer to it as ‘the new high school’

By Yvonne Stegall
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It has been 10 years since Lake Fenton Community Schools built its new \$30-million high school, which was completed in August 2004. The \$30 million dollar bond campaign included the new high school, the new athletic complex and renovations to the old high school.

Julie Williams, assistant superintendent at Lake Fenton, said via email, “The project came in approximately \$1 million under budget. Those dollars were added to funds we had set aside to renovate the old high school, which is now Lake Fenton Middle School.”

It’s easy to look back at something once it’s done and see what you could have done differently. For Williams, there are a few things she would have preferred having designed differently. “It is like designing a home, once you live in it for a while you find things you would do differently.”

Many of the current school employees weren’t around 10 years ago, like superintendent Wayne Wright. However, those who were enjoyed the building’s entirely new furnishings, technology and equipment.

Williams said that the biggest changes that have happened since the new high school opened were the need to move a few classrooms around to create additional space. “Our student population in the high school has grown from approximately 400 students when the

Years other area school buildings were built

Fenton Area Public Schools	
Fenton High School	1969
Andrew G. Schmidt Middle School.....	2000
Ellen Street Campus (Fenton Intermediate)	1938
North Road Elementary	1956
State Road Elementary	1957
Tomek Eastern Elementary	1959

Holly Area Schools	
Holly High School	1999
Holly Middle School (originally the high school)	1958

building opened, to nearly 640 students today,” she said.

One of the things that Williams enjoys most about the new school is the auditorium. “The building has a beautiful auditorium that seats more than 600 people. The old high school did not have an auditorium, so this was a great addition for us.” She added, “In 2005, we opened the new athletic facility which is located behind the school.”

Many people in the community still refer to Lake Fenton High School’s building as the ‘new school.’ Williams said, “Our community is extremely proud of our ‘new school.’ We were in desperate need of a new school and our community came together to support that endeavor.” She added, “When you look at the age of high schools around the county and the state, 10 years old is new.”

“It is like designing a home, once you live in it for a while you find things you would do differently.”

Julie Williams
Lake Fenton assistant superintendent

RAM
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being struck by a passing vehicle.

Fulton said a resident in the 10000 block of Silver Lake Road owns a small horse farm and he offered to let the ram stay in one of his pens until its owner was found. While Wilburn and Haddon tried to lasso the ram with a rope, Fulton kept traffic at bay. He said it must have been a comical sight as people in passing vehicles took photos and videos.

The group was able to get the ram into a pen at the horse farm, but after it

agitated one of the horses, it was moved into another pen. Things settled down after more than an hour.

A woman with Blue Ridge Farms in Livingston County offered to keep the ram at her place until the owner is located. Fulton said folks in the Argentine area know each other and what animals they own and those they spoke with were baffled as to where the animal came from.

If anyone has information about this ram, they are asked to call the Argentine Township Police Department at (810) 735-5317.

Turkey Brigade prepares to feed needy

► Karate students, volunteers collect items for complete Thanksgiving dinner

The annual Turkey Brigade program will be providing approximately 40 needy families in the community complete Thanksgiving dinners.

“The Turkey Brigade is an opportunity for staff, students, families and friends of Fenton Karate to support our community as well as being an important part of our comprehensive curriculum,” said Master Anthony Husted, owner of Fenton Karate. “We want our students, especially the children, to experience selfless service to others. It is a lesson that may ensure

continued community support from our students when they are adults.”

Throughout October and November, karate students and volunteers have donated food items and participated in a Kick-a-thon to raise money for this worthy endeavor.

The students will help to package the dinners and then deliver them personally to families or the organizations they work with. They are obtaining names of families from social service organizations.

Each dinner includes a whole turkey—complete with aluminum roasting pan, stuffing, cranberry sauce, gravy, corn, green beans, potatoes, bread and homemade baked goods.



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Michigan has new laws for picking up road kill

► Opossum for dinner tonight — maybe?

By Yvonne Stegall

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As of Sept. 28, road kill became fair game for pickup by anyone who is inclined to pick up dead animals alongside the road. What started out as 'Booher's Bill' in July is now an actual law on the books that makes it easier for anyone, licensed or not, to pick up road kill.

The bill amends Part 401 (Wildlife Conservation) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA) to allow an individual to possess game killed because of a motor vehicle collision. It grants the vehicle driver first priority to take possession of killed wildlife.

For deer, the bill requires an individual who takes possession to obtain a salvage tag, by notifying the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) or a local law enforcement agency via telephone or

website, or when reporting the accident to 9-1-1 in case of a collision with vehicle or personal damage.

For small game, the bill requires an individual who takes possession of small game to prepare a written record and show it to a law enforcement officer upon request. The record must include the date, time and location of possession, the

type of game, whether or not a salvage tag will be requested (which isn't needed for small game), the individual's name, date of birth, mailing address, telephone number, driver's license number, and intended purpose.

Originally, you needed a small game license to pick up small game, and needed to wait for a police officer or Department of Natural Resources (DNR) officer to show up with

a salvage tag for deer. This new law makes it quicker and easier to claim road kill.

Dean Molnar, assistant chief to DNR Law Enforcement Division (LED), said that the DNR has been enlisted to make sure the new laws are being followed, but that the original intent was to make it easier for citizens to be able to salvage deer without waiting for the permit. It also will work to help keep roads cleaner.

Nevertheless, why would you want road kill?

There are many uses for road kill, not the least of which being for human consumption (see road kill stew recipe in the sidebar). Taxidermists use road kill for practice, trappers use road kill for bait, and there are many other uses.

"Anytime salvaging game from the road, make sure it's fresh," suggested Molnar. This is especially important if the game is being picked up to use for human consumption. Even cold weather is not a



Repurposed Road Kill Stew

INGREDIENTS

- 1 lb. fresh road kill (raccoon, opossum, squirrel, rabbit, etc.)
- 12 fluid ounces beef stock or 12 fluid ounces vegetable broth or 12 fluid ounces vegetable stock
- 4 fluid ounces low-sodium tomato sauce or 4 fluid ounces V8 vegetable juice
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1½ cups onions, chopped
- 1½ cups carrots, diced
- 2 cups potatoes, diced
- Worcestershire sauce, to taste
- Seasoning (pepper, garlic and other spices and/or herbs)

DIRECTIONS

Place in Crockpot in the morning, on low, and it will be ready by dinnertime.

Source: food.com

guarantee of freshness if you don't know whether it's a fresh kill or not.

There are laws as to certain animals that cannot be claimed, such as migratory birds, without special licensing. There are also laws pertaining to the proper disposal of dead wildlife. The Michigan DNR is in charge of keeping track of this new law, and can be contacted for more information on proper disposal and what wildlife can and cannot be collected.

CRASH

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when he struck the car in which Mariah Bailey-Collins, 35, of Mt. Morris was a passenger. Her husband, Bryan, who was driving, and her 11-year-old son, who was in the backseat, were seriously injured. Parker sustained minor injuries.

Parker was also ordered to pay restitution for medical bills and funeral expenses, as determined.

Parker's defense attorney Michael Manley said the courtroom was packed and it was "as emotionally charged of a courtroom as I've seen in a long time. Everyone was devastated. Here you have a young man whose life and career were altered because of a mistake."

Manley said the judge almost postponed the sentencing so that the other

“The results of drinking and driving are so enormous and society has said that it cannot be tolerated. There's a price to pay for taking a life.”

Michael Manley

Zachary Parker's defense attorney

kids Parker was drinking with, as well as the clerk of the liquor store that sold the liquor, could be present to see the effects of drinking and driving. The judge nearly sent deputies out to round up the other individuals. However, the sentencing went on as scheduled. "It

was very emotionally charged," said Manley. "You could hear a lot of people crying from both sides.

"He didn't wake up that morning and say he was going to kill someone. The results of drinking and driving are so enormous and society has said that it cannot be tolerated. There's a price to pay for taking a life."

Manley added that Parker's letter to the victim's family was sincere, heartfelt and remorseful. "It meant a lot to the victim's family," he said.

With the sentence of 5-15 years, Manley said Parker must serve the minimum of five years, but he will be credited with the 219 days he has already served in the county jail. When his five years are up, the parole board will decide if he will be released. Manley expects Parker to be released at that time.

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Q Who did the Tigers play during the 1984 postseason?

A This should be an easy one. They beat the Kansas City Royals in the ALCS and the San Diego Padres in the World Series.

GIRLS REGIONAL GOLF RESULTS

No area teams qualified for the Division 2 state meet at the Edgewood Country Club, but Linden's Hannah Joslin did as an individual.

She placed 10th overall, and second among those individuals not on a state-qualifying team, earning her the individual nod. Joslin shot a 92.

Holly missed qualifying for the state meet by one placing, earning fourth as a team with a score of 400. Amanda Pucher led the Bronchos with a 94, while Jenna Pepper and Chelsea Bowles shot 99s. Madison Brack capped the team's scoring with a 108.

Fenton placed fifth with a 404. Molly Gundry shot a 98, while Keegan Miller carded a 100 to pace the Tigers. Rachel Shegos shot a 102, while Madi Shegos shot a 104.

Linden placed eighth with a 422 team score. After Joslin's 94, Sydney Bond shot a 104 and Makena Baldwin shot a 109. Ashley Robinson carded a 118.

The Division 2 state finals will be played at East Lansing's Forest Akers West Golf Course in East Lansing on Friday and Saturday.

Eagles, Blue Devils face off to prepare for districts

►Fifth-ranked Linden defeats Lake Fenton, 6-0

By David Troppens

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Linden — It's apparent when it comes to scheduling non-league opponents, Lake Fenton varsity boys soccer coach Michael Korhonen will play anyone.

He's proven it over the last couple of weeks by scheduling the state-ranked Linden Eagles not once, but twice.

The two teams played the second of those competitions on Tuesday, one day after the Eagles won the outright Metro League title, with Linden capturing a 6-0 victory against the Blue Devils.

Lake Fenton rebounded to beat Lakeville 8-0 on Thursday, while Linden defeated Carman Ainsworth 5-2.

As expected, the Eagles dominated most of the possession against Lake Fenton. After all, Linden is ranked fifth in Division 2 and has been ranked at the top spot in previous weeks. However, the

Blue Devils did pose as much fight possible during the competition and held themselves up reasonably well under the circumstances.

"I think it's all about pride," Lake Fenton senior Raied Jawhari said. "That first half wasn't pretty but when we came out that second half we settled down and we started competing with them. They scored just one or two goals in the second half, and one was a PK. I think we played better in the second half."

Jawhari's statement is probably true. The game started about 30 minutes late due to a rain storm, but when it started the Eagles were on fire.

Lake Fenton (8-8-1 overall) was able to hold the Eagles scoreless and to just four shots during the first nine minutes, but then Linden took over. Freshman Julian Shier scored the team's first goal off an assist from David Fowler with 30:27 left in the opening half. The goal sort of opened the floodgates



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Linden's Marcos Toledano (left) tries to dribble with the ball while Lake Fenton's Jared Carter attempts a tackle.

for Linden as the Eagles scored two more goals in just over five minutes.

Tyler Ziccardi provided the second off an assist by Kevin Wright with 26:52 remaining in

the opening half. Then, just 1:37 later, Kevin Wright scored the first of his three goals. This one came on a cross and rebound shot with Shier earning the assist.

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Tigers looking to stay unbeaten vs. winless Holly

►On-line subscribers can find results in through Friday email updates

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One team was trying to remain undefeated and get one step closer to earning at least a share of its fourth straight Metro crown. The other was still searching for its first win.

But regardless of their records, whenever Fenton and Holly face off in varsity football, there's a lot of passion on the field.

The Tigers (4-0, 6-0) entered Fri-

day night's game at Fenton High School as the considerable favorites against the Bronchos (0-4, 0-6).

The Linden Eagles (3-1, 4-2) still remain in the Metro hunt for at least a co-title. They hosted the Kearsley Hornets for their homecoming contest on Friday night. Linden needed a victory to help keep their playoff and their league title hopes alive.

Lake Fenton (2-2, 2-4) faced a rival for its homecoming game on Friday, Goodrich. The Blue Devils needed to defeat the Martians to maintain any chance of a winning record in 2014.

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Ross Ebert (front) and the Fenton Tigers played the Holly Bronchos on Friday night.



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Fenton programs compete, have fun during Volley For A Cure match

By David Troppens

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There's braggin' rights involved.

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And, finally, a good cause is involved.

The Fenton volleyball and boys soccer programs held their Fifth-Annual Volley For A Cure volleyball match on Wednesday. The girls swept every match on Tuesday, upping their record to 29-1 throughout the years. However, the boys were victorious in one respect. For the first time ever, the boys raised more money than the girls. The \$3,778 raised is donated to breast cancer and this year's money will be donated in Becky Cubr's name. Cubr is the mother of one of Fenton's soccer players and also is a fan of Fenton athletics. She can be seen taking photos at many Fenton athletic events. She also took photos of the event.

The soccer team surprised Cubr on Tuesday by donning shirts that said "We Support Cubr" who is still fighting her battle with breast cancer.

"It was so incredibly touching and I am so humbled that the proceeds will be donated in my honor," Cubr said. "We are so fortunate to be a part of the Fenton soccer team and this fabulous

community who have supported and embraced our family every step of treatment. The outpouring of concern has been unbelievable."

Cubr was diagnosed in December. At first her mammogram suggested she was cancer-free. It was her follow-up conversation concerning her own body that helped get the proper diagnosis.

"If I hadn't told the technician that something felt different, I would have gone another year without treatment," Cubr said. "Yes, it's scary to find a lump, but it's much scarier to find it so late. ... (Cancer) touches everyone. And fundraisers like Volley For A Cure are absolutely vital in helping all of us have successful treatments in saving lives. I am really proud of the amazing student-athletes in the Fenton volleyball and soccer programs for hosting such an important event and having so much fun doing it."

"It is one of the highlights of both program's seasons," Fenton soccer coach Matt Sullivan said. "The boys love dressing up like volleyball players and the girls love crushing the boys. There were many marks left on the boys from the girls' kills."

This was the first time first-year varsity volleyball coach Jerry Eisinger was involved in the event.

"It was fun. The boys in spandex doesn't make for a great spectator sport, but it was interesting," Eisinger said. "Everyone had fun and we got some money for a good cause, so it was a really nice thing."



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Fenton soccer players Jack Kennings (left) and Tim Geib attempt to attack a ball during the Fifth-Annual Volley For A Cure match between Fenton soccer and volleyball players.

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Tigers continue winning ways in Metro, defeat Clio Mustangs

By David Troppens

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Carly Granger is a pretty tough person.

She broke her nose during a collision with a teammate during a recent match, and it looked like the injury could keep her out of the lineup.

But it hasn't. And she's still playing well.

Granger had a team-high 12 kills in the Fenton varsity volleyball team's 25-8, 25-14, 25-18 Metro League victory against the Clio Mustangs on Tuesday.

"There's no question she's been our best offensive weapon this year," Fenton coach Jerry Eisinger said.

"We almost lost Carly last weekend with a broken nose at the Mt. Morris tournament. We were not sure if she would play at all, but she's playing through the pain and playing extremely well."

The win keeps the Tigers (4-0, 24-10-3) in a tie for first place with the Flushing Raiders in the Metro League.

The Tigers dominated Clio from the start of the first set and always controlled the match. However, in the third set Eisinger said the intensity did waver a bit, making the third set a closer score than the first two.

Kelsie Fischer quarterbacked the offense by providing 27 assists. She also had five digs and three aces. Jessie Eastman followed with six kills.

Fenton returns to Metro action on Tuesday at Holly.

Lake Fenton vs. Durand, Beecher

The Blue Devils (1-3, 6-17) defeated

Beecher 25-23, 25-18, 25-15 and lost to Durand 25-14, 25-14, 25-11 on Tuesday.

"We continue to struggle with generating points. Tuesday was no different, unfortunately," Lake Fenton coach Angie DelMorone said. "Durand came at us offensively, but we put up a good block (seven blocks) and dug well enough to take over 70 swings at the ball. We did not terminate the ball. Beecher was a similar match. We made fewer mistakes than they did, so we won. We still had over 70 swings but could not terminate without errors."

"The players know what they have to do to generate points, which is a good thing. We will continue to play tough teams that will prepare us for the rest of the season. We are playing better than last year, but as one of our players put it, 'that is not good enough.'"

Rhiley Cole led the offense with 12 kills. She also had seven blocks. Kylie Bethke had five kills.

Brandon def. Linden

25-18, 29-27, 21-25, 25-20

The Eagles were paced by Breyanna Turnipseed who led the team with 14 kills, while Megan Kinney had 13. Megan Klavitter led the defense with 32 digs, while Katie Guillian had 22 digs.

Flushing def.

Holly 25-9, 25-13, 25-11

The Bronchos were unable to keep up with the first-place Raiders, as Carson Rutherford led Flushing with 18 kills.

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The Blue Devils kept it at 3-0 until there was 13:22 left in the game. That's when Wright scored the second of his goals off an assist Austin Lapham. Linden enjoyed a 15-5 shot edge in the opening half, but only one of those five Blue Devils' shots were on target.

"I'm happy with how the guys are playing," Linden coach Kevin Fiebernitz said. "It was fun to sit and watch them knock the ball around tonight."

In the second half, the Blue Devils looked a bit stronger. Linden scored just twice in the second half. The first came on a corner kick rebound shot by Wright, with 32:44 remaining. But after that, the Eagles scored just one more goal. It was provided when Linden keeper Andrew Coppler came out of the net to take a penalty kick. He scored it like he's been taking PKs all his life.

But Lake Fenton had a few nice chances themselves during the second half. The first good chance came on a 25-yard shot by Jared Smith. It was saved by Coppler. The second really good chance came in the final minute of the game by Nick Gorelick. However, this time James Howard made the save, assuring the shutout. Howard and Coppler combined to make four saves in the contest.

Lake Fenton keeper Andrew Aragon did what he could to keep the Blue Devils competitive. He faced 17 shots on target and saved 11 of them. Linden provided 26 shots overall.

The Blue Devils were coming off a weekend where they played well in the Genesee Area Conference tournament. Lake Fenton took third in the event, earning 1-0 victories against Montrose in their first game and Corunna in the third-place game. In between, the Blue Devils played Goodrich to a 0-0 draw during regulation, but lost in the ninth round of penalty kicks. Lake Fenton finished the league season in fourth place.

"We didn't allow a goal and only took third place," Lake Fenton coach Michael Korhonen said. "The kids played really well."

For the most part, Jawhari is proud of his team's season.

"Throughout the season there have been games we could've been better, but there have been others where we have out-performed and have contended against good teams," Jawhari said. "That's how it needs to be every night. But I think we've played hard."

"We had a rough patch of the season where we had seven games in 15 days and that kind of beat us up," Korhonen said. "But we are starting to get back to playing decent soccer the last two weeks or so."

The Blue Devils hope the two Linden contests (Lake Fenton lost the first meeting 6-0 as well) will help them prepare for a district game against Powers on Monday.

"We need to play harder and get ready for this district game," Jawhari said.

Fiebernitz also used the game to work on some new formations.

"In the second half of the Fenton game we were playing a 4-5-1 and we are going to finish this week off with a 4-5-1," Fiebernitz said. "We will be getting into some real tough games where we can play one forward and go to a five-midfield set. I thought the guys moved the ball around and I'm happy about that. We got some good shots, some good opportunities and were able to strategically move pieces around."

Soccer teams preparing for district action

By David Troppens

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The leaves changing color is a sure sign that mid-October has come to the tri-county area.

Another good sign of mid-October being here is the start of district soccer competition.

All four tri-county area boys soccer teams will begin district action on Monday.

Nobody will have a tougher opening-round foe than Lake Fenton does.

The Blue Devils are hosting a Division 3 district, but will open the tournament at 4:30 p.m. against the third-ranked team in the state, the Flint Powers Catholic Chargers.

The Blue Devils (8-8-1) understand they are up for a tough contest, and have prepared by playing the Linden Eagles.

"We knew (Linden) would be a tough opponent to play against because they are all talented players," Korhonen said. "Tonight was about us learning for districts and making sure how to defend and learn from our mistakes. We made a few of them today and we'll work on learning from them so we can be prepared for Powers."

The Blue Devils have faced the Chargers once this season, losing to Powers by a 5-1 margin on Aug. 22.

If Lake Fenton posts the upset, the Blue Devils will face either Williamston or Perry in the semifinals on Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. The title game in the Lake Fenton dis-

trict will be Friday at 4:30 p.m.

Linden is hosting a Division 2 district, and all local eyes will be on a potential third game this season between the Linden Eagles (16-2-1) and the Fenton Tigers (7-10-2). If both are able to win their first two games, the tri-county rivals would face off in a district championship game for the second straight season. However, they need to get to that game first by earning two victories.

The Eagles will enter the tourney as the favorites to advance for a second straight season. Linden opens at home against Metro foes Clio at 6 p.m. on Monday. The winner of that game will play Flint Northwestern or Flint Southwestern in the semifinals on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

"We are trying to take it one game at a time, one goal at a time and make it to the district finals," Linden senior Ben Thronton said.

Fenton's road to the finals could be a bit tougher. It begins with a road contest on Monday at 6 p.m. against Fowlerville. The winner of that game will play Owosso on Wednesday at 5:30 at Linden High School.

"The boys cannot wait to start fresh in the state tournament," Fenton coach Matt Sullivan said. "We know we have to play our best to advance to each round. Fowlerville and Owosso will both be tough games. We have to play very aggressive and stay focused on making the easy plays."



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Linden's Kevin Wright (middle) tries to get by Lake Fenton defenders Elijah Bourdeau (left) and Jacob Newblatt in Linden's 6-0 victory Tuesday night.

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The Holly Bronchos will play in a different Division 2 district. They travel to the Auburn Hills Avondale district and face the tourney hosts in Monday's opening round at 7 p.m. If the Bronchos win on Monday, they'll play in the semifinals at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday against either Brandon or Orchard Lake St. Mary's. The winner of that semifinal will play in Friday's district title game at 6 p.m.

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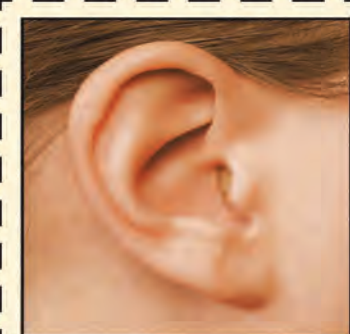
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CANDIDATES

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Linden Mayor David Lossing, who is up for reelection this year, stopped by for a brief visit. He spoke to the audience via the podium prior to heading out for another engagement.

Candidates in attendance were Ken Horn (for State Senate, district 32), David Robertson (for State Senate, district 14), Bobbie Walton (for State Senate, district 14), Joseph Graves (House of Representatives incumbent, district 51) and Ken Thomas (House of Representatives, district 51).

The five candidates were asked about themselves, and what qualifies them for the position for which they are running. Some answers were as simple as what their background in politics, or elsewhere, were, while some included involvement outside politics.

Thomas said he was concerned about drugs and keeping them out of the area, which is why he works so closely with the youth through programs like the Boy Scouts.

When asked about the economy, the candidates had varied answers. Robert-

son talked about his work with ending government shutdowns, significant reforms in government and Medicare reform.

Horn pointed out the changes that have been happening since Gov. Rick Snyder came into office; seeing people move back to Michigan for work, personal income rising and home values rising.

“I am the most conservative Democrat.”

Ken Thomas
Running for House of Representatives, district 51

The most interesting question of the evening was about one issue the candidate disagreed with on his or her own party's stance.

Thomas said, “I am the most conservative Democrat. I am pro-life and pro-gun rights.”

Both Graves and Robertson opposed the pension tax increase.

Walton spoke about a conflict of interest in funding.

Horn said he is against common core, and said, “Teachers spend more time reporting what they are teaching instead of teaching. We need to stop the madness.”

Malissa Bossardet, a Fenton mom who is running for the Fenton Board of Education, finished off the event by introducing herself and why she wants to be on the school board.

BLAZE

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Through mutual aid, fire departments from Fenton City, and townships of Fenton, Deerfield and Hartland responded. Also responding was Livingston County EMS. No one was injured, including the horses kept there.

Due to the long and narrow driveway from the rural country road, the large fire trucks had trouble squeezing through in their efforts to get close to the house.

Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff said while firefighters battled the blaze, the North Oakland County Fire Authority was on standby to cover Fenton's fire station. Winds of 22 miles per hour, with

gusts up to 35 miles per hour, did not help with their attempts, he said. Neither did the fact that the home was roughly 1,500 from the road.

Two vehicles in the garage were destroyed and a camper stored near the home was damaged. The fire chief said it was fortunate that no people or animals on the property were injured. Fenton firefighters cleared the scene Wednesday evening about 8 p.m. It briefly rekindled Thursday morning and firefighters returned in response.

Cairnduff said the fire remains under investigation, however, due to the home being nearly destroyed, the cause will likely be deemed undetermined.

Editor Sharon Stone contributed to this story.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE KING CITES a 72-percent marriage avoidance in blacks or single parents in blacks. Perhaps he needs to look at the lopsidedness of incarceration rates and see what's having a factor on that instead of just a disregard for marriage. It's one way to sit and spew racial bias from your mouth and another to really consider the factors and meaning and reasons behind it.

GOOD JOB TO the buffoons running this city that tore the trees down. Reminds me of the '70s. Let's just tear it all down.

I JUST WANT to live somewhere where progress is looked at as a good thing, not an attack on the people in the area.

YOU PEOPLE CAN say whatever you want to about Rick Snyder. But before he

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LAST WEEK I noticed that between Beach and Poplar streets the railroad weed killer went way into people's property lines killing a lot of trees and foliage in its path. If you live near there you should check it out.

POOR OLD JOE Biden doesn't know the difference between 161 and 161,000. But at least his heart is in the right place like all Democrats, at least he cares. Good thing he didn't spell potato wrong or he'd never be left alone.

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Brenda Hawkes is shown with dance partner Donald Westphal in promotional materials for Dancing with the Survivors.

Dancing with the Survivors

► Fenton's Brenda Hawkes hits the dance floor for breast cancer

By Sally Rummel

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Dancing to the beat of "Stayin' Alive" probably means more to Fenton resident Brenda Hawkes than it did to the Bee Gees, who originally recorded the song.

Hawkes "hustled" to the cast of Glee's rendition of the '70s song on Oct. 2 at Dancing with the Survivors, a breast cancer fundraising event held in Novi. Her dancing partner was Donald Westphal, formerly an instructor at Chasse Ballroom and Latin Dance Studio in Fenton.

"I'm not a dancer," said Hawkes, a breast cancer survivor since her diagnosis in 2006. "But I found that dancing gives you an opportunity to focus on something besides cancer. It also lets you be feminine. I got to pick out my own song, which seemed very appropriate."

Sponsored by The Pink Fund and Fred Astaire Franchised Dance Studio-Bloomfield Hills, this dancing fundraiser was held in 16 venues in 12 states, with all monies raised used to support local women and men in treatment for breast cancer.

Hawkes, 54, wore a custom-designed gown, which she is able to have as a keepsake of the event. As the model for all the

promotional materials, Hawkes enjoyed wearing a costume loaned out by TV's Dancing with the Stars that had been worn by actress/dancer Cloris Leachman on the show.

To prepare for the dance, all the dancers were given eight free dance classes at the Fred Astaire Studio, and participated in dress rehearsals prior to the event. "Our obligation was to do fundraising and create more awareness for breast cancer," said Hawkes.

Hawkes' employer, Diplomat Pharmacy, not only gave her the time off to dance, but also supported the event as a sponsor and marketing partner. She serves as Patient Advocacy Manager for Diplomat, building programs to support cancer patients' use of medications.

Hawkes was diagnosed with Stage 3B, triple negative breast cancer in 2006, which spread to her lymph nodes, leading to a mastectomy, chemotherapy and radiation. With nine total surgeries related to the cancer, recovery was long and hard. "It was a lot to go through," said Hawkes. Her husband, Dave, also had his own cancer journey with a diagnosis of a rare form of colon cancer in 2002.

She admitted that dancing in front of so many people at Dancing with the Survivors was a bit scary. "You're in front of people, exposing yourself. At the same time, it's a gift. I've learned to like my body again. Dancing is allowing me to feel really alive again."

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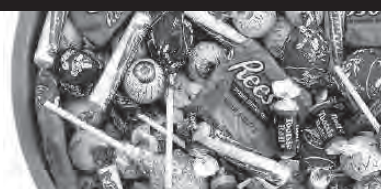


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Meet Yvonne Stegall

- Writer
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By Sally Rummel

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Yvonne Stegall, 39, is the newest member of the Times editorial staff, covering the beat of Fenton Township and Linden government and stories of interest in the tri-county area. She and her husband, Kevin, live in Fenton Township with their dog, Gunner, a greyhound-labrador mix. She also has a step-daughter, Devon, 19.

What is your biggest passion in life?

Writing is definitely my first love. I started writing poetry when I was in first-grade, and I still use poetry today when writing my children's books. I've had 14 years of experience as a freelance writer, so writing for the Times is a perfect job for me. Everything I do creatively always comes out in writing.

You write children's books? Yes, I have three available right now, that are self-published. They're available on Amazon. I also do my own illustrations for the books. I'm a very creative, artistic type of person, but my artwork is more geared toward kids. I'm not a detail type of artist. **What about your other interests?** I'm very interested in nutrition, especially as it relates to a person's mind, body and spirit. I've studied life-coaching and I know how important nutrition is. Now that I know I'm sensitive to gluten and eat a gluten-free diet, I'm especially interested in gluten-free living, GMOs, etc. I



"I've coined myself 'an eternal learner.' I like doing research for stories I know nothing about, and learning something in the process."

Yvonne Stegall
Tri-County Times
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What's the food you can't live without?

Cheese, definitely cheese. I love any kind.

I hear you are a dog lover.

Ever since my sister took a course in animal care and started working for an animal trainer and breeder, I became interested, too. I've worked at a vet's office and a boarding kennel. I love dogs, especially the size like Gunner that you can play and rough-house with a bit.

How are you liking your new job?

I love it. It combines everything I enjoy in my life. It's also helped me get to know my new community. We just moved here in July, and it has helped get me out of my comfort zone. When I was freelance writing at home, I became used to being by myself all the time. Now, I'm out and about meeting people.

What's your favorite time of the year?

Right now. My favorite month is October. My favorite season is autumn and my favorite holiday is Halloween. If it could be Halloween every day of the year, I'd really be happy!

If you like Halloween so much, do you believe in ghosts? I do believe in the spirit world. I believe the house I grew up in was actually haunted. I'm a Christian,

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TIM JAGIELO

Yvonne Stegall's work is published each week in the Times, but she also has self-published three children's books on her own.

but having had the experiences I've had has made me more open-minded to things.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

Still writing. I'm hoping someday to use the books I've written to promote literacy — another thing I'm passionate about.

What is something about you that most people don't know? I went to modeling school in my late teens and early 20s, and did some runway modeling for competition and retail stores.



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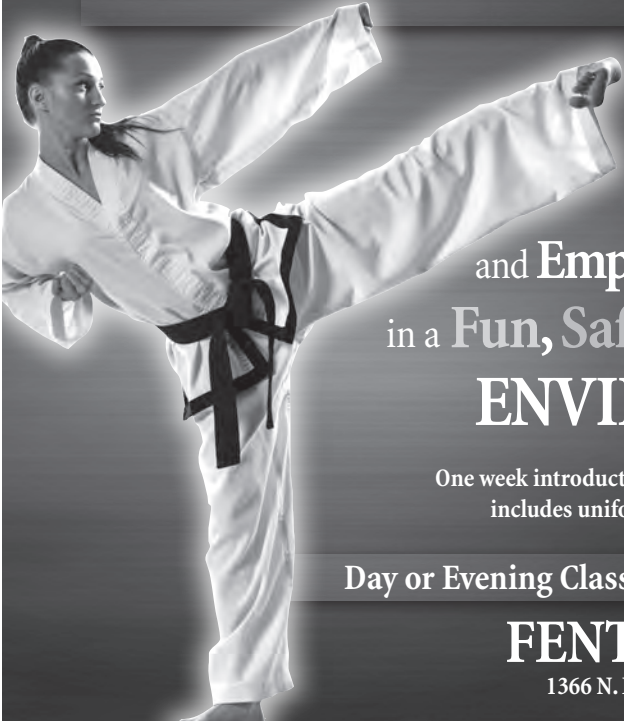
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Tues - Fri: 7:00am - 6pm
Saturday: 8am - 2pm • Sunday: CLOSED



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