

How will the Equifax breach affect you?

■What you can do to protect your personal data

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If you're one of the 143 million Americans affected by the Equifax data breach, you're probably very angry, and little confused. The data collection company was hacked between May 13 and July 30 this year, giving up millions of Social Security numbers and other personal information.

But data breaches are here to stay, experts explain, whether we like it or not. Here are simple steps to find out if you are among the nearly 50 percent of U.S. citizens whose information was stolen, and here's what you should do from now on:

1. Find out if you've even been compromised.

You can learn if your data was hacked at Equifax's website, equifaxsecurity2017.com.

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Breaches are becoming the norm. Most recently, 143 million Americans were affected by a data breach at Equifax. Read these tips on what you should be doing to protect your personal information.





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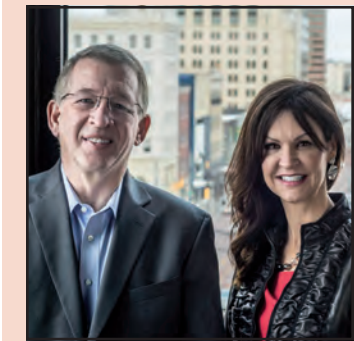
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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO
Phil and Jocelyn Hagerman have commissioned an artist to create a community sculpture that commemorates the city's history.

Artwork unveiling celebrates Fenton history

■Hagerman family gifting special mystery sculpture to community

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History and art are coming together in a unique event on Oct. 5 in Fenton, and the public is invited to see it all unveil before their eyes.

Phil and Jocelyn Hagerman will present a one-of-a-kind sculpture to the city of Fenton

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CRUST — More than just a baking company. This week, CRUST opened its newly renovated restaurant, which added 8,500 square feet to the facility. The menu is expanded, and includes a full bar. This is the latest evolution of the restaurant group that started in August 1997 with what is now The Laundry. Co-owners (from left) are Mike Green, Mark Hamel, Marybeth Brennan and Chad Brennan.

September's heat affecting fall colors

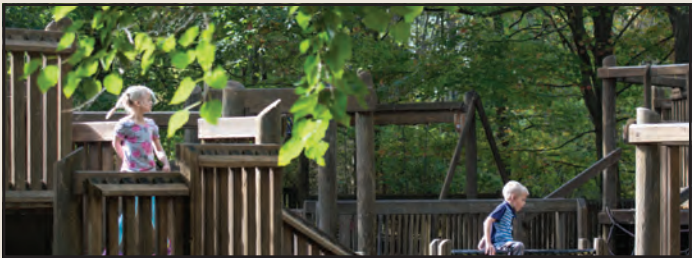
■Autumn leaf show may peak more slowly and with less vibrancy this year

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Last week, it really didn't feel like fall yet. That's how most people in the tri-county area felt during the month of September, which recorded some of

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Children play at the Eagles Wooden Park in Linden, flanked by green leaves in mid-September.



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“Have any of the NFL owners reminded their players that they are employees, not hired celebrities. When will one of these millionaires take a stand by stating, ‘as your employer and owner of this team get it straight, on my team we stand for the national anthem before every game. Period.’”

“In case you think the NFL idiocy has nothing to do with the culture wars, note that the same people defending these NFL hypocrites are the same ones who mocked Tim Tebow for kneeling to pray when he was on the field. Want to kneel at an NFL game? You'll find me beside Mr. Tebow.”

“Let me get this straight. Millions of families are homeless due to the hurricanes, and Americans are galvanized by the juvenile antics of prima donna athletes and their NFL masters? Ask yourself this: If my home was gone and my family was hungry, would I give a \$#!+? Didn't think so.”

COMMENT OF THE WEEK

“Why is Trump's own party not behind him? Ask yourself this: If an outsider with no prior political experience can come in and fix messes that career politicians have been promising to fix for 30 years, how does that make them look? They can't, and won't, allow that to happen.”

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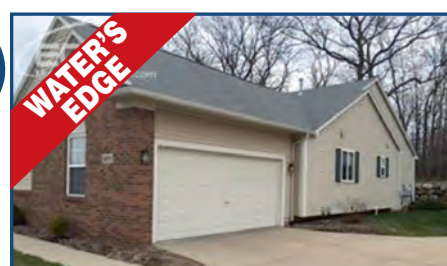
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Lake Fenton elementary music instructor Rachel Solgat leads a fifth-grade class through building a song, piece by piece, at Torrey Hill Intermediate School on Thursday, Sept. 21. She keeps time as students play cowbells and hand drums.

A different sound of music

■ Lake Fenton music teacher incorporates drums and ukuleles into curriculum

By Hannah Ball

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One Lake Fenton teacher is showing her students about different parts of the world through drums and ukuleles.

Rachel Solgat, a Lake Fenton music teacher, has lived her student's musical education by writing grants. She received two grants through the Meemic Foundation. The first \$500 grant was approved two years ago, and allowed Solgat to buy three African drums. The second grant, which was approved last year, awarded Solgat \$1,000 to buy ukuleles.

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Students in third, fourth and fifth grade learn to play the African drums. The drums are large, coming up to an adult waist. As students get older, they learn rhythms that are more complex.

"They're a tool that we're using to enhance the curriculum that we have," Solgat said. "The kids love it. It's nice because you're not doing the same thing every day."

She also received a \$500 grant from the Lake Fenton Foundation and was able to buy two more drums. With concert

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While some students play drums, others play ukuleles, learning two chords and a simple strumming pattern.



Plans for an Emagine movie complex in Hartland Township are now moving forward with construction set for this fall and a tentative opening date in Spring 2018.

Emagine that...

■ Construction scheduled this fall for Emagine Entertainment complex at U.S. 23 and M-59

By Sally Rummel

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The proposed Emagine movie theater in Hartland Township, just 13 miles from Fenton, is back on and getting closer to becoming a reality.

This nine-screen entertainment venue will be at Hartland Towne Square at U.S. 23 and M-59. The 55,000-square-foot theater will also include an IMAX-style screen, which the company called an "EMAX experience," and will serve beer, wine and cocktails.

Designs were amended from its original plan for 64,000 square feet and 11 theaters, according to a story in the Livingston Daily Press & Argus. The fate of this development had been up in the air after county officials blocked the company from getting a seven-year tax abatement.

In order to move the project forward, Emagine Entertainment tightened its plans and built a smaller complex, and shopping plaza developers Ramco-Gersenson agreed

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“It will take a week or so for final approval, then we’ll have a pre-construction meeting. They’ll start construction after that.”

Troy Langer

Hartland Township planning director



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#randomthoughts

• **Twitter is doubling** the number of characters for tweets from 140 to 280. So if you thought President Trump's tweets couldn't be any more nuts, guess again.

• **I think it's** a mistake. Most people can't be interesting with 140 characters. What makes anyone think they'll be more interesting with double the space to be dull? Brevity is the soul of all wit. And most writing. They should drop it to 70 if anything. (This paragraph, not including the parenthetical, was 253 characters, in case you were wondering. See how long and flabby that was? I could have dropped the entire second sentence.)



Andrew Heller
FEATURED COLUMNIST

• **If Twitter is** looking for improvements, I'd start with getting rid of hashtags. Too many tweets are becoming nothing but gibberish strings of hyperlinks, which at least serve a purpose,

and hashtags, which seldom do.

• **Lions fans are** in their annual trance. "They're 2-1, and they'd be 3-0 if not for the refs. This is our year, woool!" No, it's not. What Lions fans always forget is they're the Lions. Clouds are clouds. Cows are cows. The Lions are the Lions. And as such, they will implode at some point. And then all will be right with the universe.

• **France is considering** a law to make cat-calling a crime. Wait. You can hear half the men in France thinking: "Wait, so women DON'T like that?"

• **The CEO of Equifax**, which exposed half the nation's private information to hackers, is retiring with a golden parachute worth \$90 million. Of course he is. Ready yet to sign my petition calling for his private information – Social Security number, birthdate, bank account numbers and online passwords – to be printed on billboards coast to coast until the end of his days? I thought so.

• **So, quick question:** All you righties upset at NFL players who kneel, did you drop them from your fantasy

team yet? Did you watch the games last weekend? Will you watch them this weekend? And how about college – I'll bet a lot of those guys believe as the pros do and would kneel if they could. You gonna stop living and dying by them, too? Bet not.

• **And why is** it disrespectful to kneel during the national anthem but OK to wear a flag T-shirt? Or wear a flag patch on your jeans? Or lick a flag stamp? One man's symbol of patriotism is another man's fashion statement, I guess.

• **Louisville fired its** legendary basketball coach over a bribery scandal. No one is surprised, which should tell you a lot. Fans overlook how dirty top college football and basketball programs can be because to acknowledge it would ruin the fun. My solution: Colleges should universally drop both sports, keeping all the rest, which haven't been tainted to the degree football and basketball have. Then the pros create a development league where young players can develop and make money instead of being exploited.

• **Saudi Arabia is** finally giving women the right to drive, but only on Wednesdays. But why Wednesday? Why aren't any of the news stories saying why?

• **"Change your life** today. Don't gamble on the future, act now, without delay." — Simone de Beauvoir

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I JUST WANT to thank the King for having a column. It's nice to have someone who really has morals and cares about what's going on in our country and sees it and is willing to print it. You put it out there for people to read and think about.

TODAY, WE HAVE a new, brave American hero and that is Alejandro Villanueva who, instead of staying in the locker room with the Pittsburgh kneelers, stood with his hand across his chest during the anthem. He has made the vets of this country very proud.

JUST ANOTHER 'I don't care' health plan. Rest in peace.

THE TRUMPCARE BILL is not a complete failure. If passed, it will be a good example of nonpartisan legislation and the GOP will own it forever.

WHY DO YOU think the Republicans want to destroy your healthcare? Is it because they're in bed with the insurance companies maybe?

I BELIEVE IN the first amendment and the right to express yourself, but that doesn't give you the right to yell 'fire' in a crowded theater. Keep our flag and anthem sacred.

ITOOK CIVICS. I know how our government works. I know to vote and I voted in every election. I know about science and I

know about some medications. Don't be insulting.

IMPEACH THE MOST divisive and immature president we've ever had. Impeach Donald Trump.

JUST WATCHED MY last NFL game on TV. After witnessing on ESPN over 200 NFL players doing their version of a national anthem protest, am exercising my right to make a choice also. I choose to no longer support pro football, not with one dime nor a minute of my viewing time. Hope every other fan does the same.

THE PRESIDENT'S TWITTER response to players taking a knee during the national anthem was certainly the expression of an opinion. Perhaps if we just put a picture of God on the jumbotron, everyone who took a knee would be showing respect.

WHILE WATCHING THE news, I see eight NFL coaches standing while the anthem was sung. Not one had their hand over their heart, which I think is great I never do it. I'm not that proud. I see about 20 percent of people with their hand over their heart at sporting events, most don't.

A 9-YEAR-OLD girl was killed in a church in Tennessee this past weekend by a black man. Where are all the protests? Should all of America take to the knee regarding the high rate of black murders this year and violent black crime?

I STAND WITH President Trump who is trying make America great again. He is all about love of country and patriotism. I feel bad he has to fight the socialists, the anarchists, and those who would disrespect our country, our flag, our military, and our fallen soldiers

THIS YEAR I'M giving the NFL a grade of a D to represent disrespect for our flag. They have disrespected our country and those who have died for it. They are a disgrace to America and organized sports like the NFL.

ELIMINATE THE FIRST amendment and the flag, they are useless.

IT'S CRAZY HOW so many people on the right are in a tizzy for athletes kneeling during the national anthem. It's to protest police brutality and racism in the country, it's not about disrespecting veterans at all. What do you think would be an alternative, acceptable form of protest if simply kneeling isn't?

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What are your thoughts on NFL players taking a knee during the national anthem?

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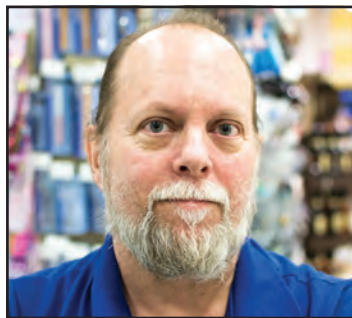
"If they were to do it before, and stand for the anthem, I think it would remedy the situation. Then nobody would think they're disrespecting the flag."

— **Vickie Glass**
Fenton



"I'm not against them protesting at all, but not during the national anthem. I would suggest they start outside the arena. They've got to get together and agree on what they're really protesting about."

— **Rich Davis**, Fenton



"I don't feel they are disrespecting the flag or the anthem. They are making a statement. That's what this country's about — free speech."

— **Chris Worden**
Rose Township



"I'm all for it; I agree with them. Anytime, anyplace is the right time to stand up for equality."

— **Bethany Jacob**
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"I agree they have the right to do it. I think it's the wrong time and place to do it."

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Who owns the Argentine dam?

■ Road Commission has maintained the dam since the 1920s; upkeep costs debated

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Who's in charge of the Argentine Township dam?

The Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC) and Argentine Township have been debating this for months. The dam is located in Argentine Township under Silver Lake Road, near the township hall and fire department.

John Daly, director of the GCRC, said an agreement was made in the 1920s between the county, township, a milling company, and an electrical company. The agreement states that the GCRC is responsible for maintaining the dam, which it does. However, there's been debate over who actually owns the dam, and who should be responsible for what.

"It's (the agreement) not designed to be looked at in today's environment so a lot of things are unclear," Daly said. "When you talk about responsibility or ownership, it's not clear."

Argentine Township Supervisor Brian Saad said, "It's always been the responsibility of the county to maintain the roadway and structure of the dam."

Saad said a plaque was built on the dam in the 1920s that states that Argentine Township gave the dam to the county. Now, the



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The Argentine Township dam, and an agreement made in the 1920s, is spurring debates between the township and the Genesee County Road Commission.

sidewalls on either side of the dam need repairs, Saad said, and that should be the responsibility of the county. From what

he understands from the GCRC, if they're going to do repairs or enhancements, the county thinks the township should contribute.

Daly said the GCRC is responsible for Silver Lake Road, which runs over the dam, but if residents want a sidewalk over the dam,

that would be the township's responsibility.

"The township would have to pay for a walkway over dam," Daly said, adding that the GCRC is considering putting up a hurricane fence to keep people from falling over the edge.

Saad said the township doesn't want just a fence put up because it will look shabby,

and it's not the safest option.

"We have people hammering the county to make sure we get the best outcome to make sure that it looks nice and that it's safe," Saad said.

The township is also questioning the metal guardrails. Saad said they create more of a hazard because people are forced to move around them.

"There's no requirement from MDOT (Michigan Department of Transportation) to have them on the dam. We kind of want them removed," he said.

Daly said the GCRC honors the agreement to maintain the dam. They have spent over \$70,000 on the structure in the past five years.

One interesting thing, Daly said, is that the county cannot find any other intervening documents pertaining to ownership or maintenance of the dam besides the 1920s agreement.

"It's really bizarre," he said.

In the 17 years Daly has worked there, he has not seen any other documentation, and the debate with the township of who owns the dam has been ongoing for 15 years. Lack of proper documentation has spurred disagreements.

"Everyone has continued their own interpretations that fit their convenience. The road commission is a part of that," he said.

About eight years ago, Daly wrote a letter to the township saying he believes the township is responsible for the heavy maintenance.

"I do believe the road commission has some responsibility but I do not believe we have complete responsibility," Daly said.

Argentine Township's lawyer, David

Lattie, has sent a few letters to the county regarding the dam's ownership. Approximately four months ago, Daly asked a lawyer to look at the agreement to determine who owns the dam, and the responsibilities of the parties involved. He hopes to have an answer in early December.

Things between the county and township are staying civil.

"We have a good working relationship," with the county, Saad said. "I respect Mr. Daly a lot... It's something we can't relent on."

Is the Argentine Township dam "critical?"

John Daly, director of the Genesee County Road Commission, said the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) published a list of critical dams every year. He said some of the media take "critical" to mean "in poor condition," but it doesn't have to do with maintenance at all.

"It has to do with what's downstream of that dam. What would be the impact if it flooded?" he said.

In this case, the DNR is using the term "critical" to describe dams in areas that could be jeopardized if the dam flooded. Because the water flows from Lobdell Lake into the Shiawassee River, many houses along the water would be affected if the river flooded. "With the Argentine dam, it will always be a critical dam regardless of what's put into because of what's been allowed to be developed downstream," he said.

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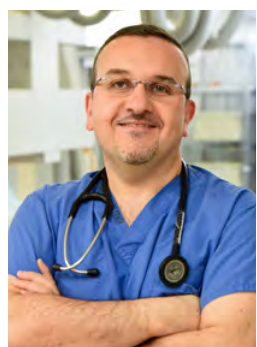
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The secret life of traffic lights

■ Owen Road configuration one of the most complex in county

By Tim Jagielo

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Fenton — If you drive the speed limit down the busy Owen Road corridor, you might make it through the seven lights in less than three minutes.

Bonnie Wood, traffic engineering manager at the Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC) can't recall a busier, more compact corridor, with lights less than 300 feet from each other.

The GCRC is in charge of programming and maintaining traffic signals for the 17 townships, including Fenton Township.

While cities and villages plan their own traffic lights, the road commission maintains the traffic lights. The GCRC maintains approximately 300 intersections in the county, including Fenton and Linden.

The Road Commission of Oakland County maintains Holly's traffic lights.

A computer controls each intersection and the installed program runs the light. Ideally, programs are revisited every few years and tweaked based on traffic patterns.

Each intersection's controller box is attached to a utility pole, or a metal cabinet at the intersection. Owen Road for example has several separately designed intersections that are synchronized with a radio signal between Jennings Road and Adelaide Street.

The lights are designed to run at 80-second cycles, and a little longer during peak traffic.

"It's a mathematical relationship," said Wood. The signals all have the same cycle length, and work in concert. Most are powered from the grid, while some throughout the county are solar powered.

Many intersections are "traffic adaptive," meaning the intersection will adjust the program based on current traffic conditions. For example, if you stop at an intersection, the light will change to let you move on.

Your vehicle might be detected by camera or a magnetic detector. The intersection at Owen Road and the Target shopping area is detected by a magnetic device in the pavement.

In the busier corridors, left turn lights are traffic adaptive. Cars waiting behind the white "stop" bar trigger the system.



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There are seven traffic lights on the busy Owen Road corridor in Fenton.

"If you're waiting for the light, don't cross the stop bar; the detection doesn't know you're there anymore," said Wood. "Wait for your signal behind a stop bar. That's what it's there for."

She said the intersections have to be revisited every three years to keep the programs up to date. "If that's not done, things can get a little out of whack."

Peter LaMourie is lead transportation

engineer for Progressive AE in Grand Rapids. He handles traffic engineering for the city of Fenton, along with Swartz Creek and Northville Township. He will continually tweak the traffic lights on Silver Lake and Owen roads, and he'll have to tweak Poplar Street once the construction is done.

Recently he reviewed the traffic impact study submitted for the development on Owen Road at the former Pizza Hut and Big Boy sites, which may lead to additional or adjusted lights for the new businesses that locate there.

Some intersections don't have traffic lights, such as North and Torrey roads in Fenton. La Mourie said that an intersection must satisfy stringent tests to warrant a light.

The good news is that the North and Torrey roads intersection will be studied to see if it warrants a traffic light. "It's a matter of concern for (city council). It's definitely on their radar and has been for a couple of years."

Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Dan Czarnecki said this is the next priority after Poplar Street is completed.

“Wait for your signal behind a stop bar, that’s what it’s there for.”

Bonnie Wood
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Stink bugs are back

■ Cooler temps force Brown Marmorated Stink Bug to seek refuge in our homes

By Hannah Ball

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While many creepy crawlers become scarce with the colder weather, one bug will stick around through fall — the stink bug.

These bugs are called the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug. Don't be surprised to find them in your home or in your garage. These bugs mean you no harm, according to Michigan State University's Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program.

While they're native to Asia and invasive to Michigan, they're becoming increasingly common in the Lower Peninsula. According to IPM, they have been reported in 46 Michigan counties.

They can be identified by their shield-shaped bodies with a beige/brown color, dark splotches, and yellow and brown legs. They're known for damaging fruit and vegetable crops.

While their namesake may suggest otherwise, the bugs usually will not "stink" unless they are stepped on. They may also let off a defensive stench when they feel like they're being attacked.

These bugs invade homes this time of year to hibernate, according to IPM. They

will leave the house in the spring, if they can find their way out, to look for plants to eat and a place to lay their eggs. The stink bugs will not nest, lay eggs, or feed on anything in the house.

"These are plant-feeding insects with straw-like mouthparts for drinking plant juices — they are harmless to humans and pets," according to IPM.

The organization has some tips on what to do if you see one of these stink bugs in your home.

1. **Don't panic, they are harmless.**

2. **Locate any gaps** in window air conditioners or in window screens. Block those off. Stink bugs use them for easy access.

3. **Sweep the stink bug** into a bucket and fill it with a few inches of soapy water to drown and then dispose of them. The soap prevents them from escaping.

4. **The IPM is asking** people to report how many they've seen at certain locations. Go to the Midwest Invasive Species Information Network at misin.msu.edu. Another option is to email Julianna Wilson at jkwilson@msu.edu.

If you think you found a stink bug, and want to find out if it is this invasive species, you can place it in a dry box with tissue paper or in white vinegar and send it to: Howard Russell, Diagnostic Services, 578 Wilson Rd., Room 116, East Lansing, MI 48824.



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Construction crews work on the curb and the base for the new Poplar Street approach, which will include a new sidewalk, traffic light location and green space.

Poplar Street reconstruction project is moving along

■ November completion date is still anticipated

By Vera Hogan

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The Poplar Street reconstruction project is moving right along, but with a couple of minor delays.

According to Dan Czarnecki, director of Public Works for the city of Fenton, "The contractor has already installed most of the curb and some driveways.

"There were new storm sewers installed, a gas line was relocated, a water main valve was installed and a hydrant was relocated," he said. "The new street construction and alignment at Silver Lake Road has been completed. Once the street is completed the contractor will finish up the restoration work."

The plan for Thursday, Sept. 28 was to finish the concrete work on sidewalks, curbs and driveways. On Friday, Sept. 29 and Saturday, Sept. 30, the plan was to fine grade the gravel. On Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 2 and 3, contractors plan to place the asphalt base course, and will be leveling the course toward the end of the week.

"We are still working out the schedule for the top course of asphalt," Czarnecki said. "All of this is weather dependant."

Because the project involves working near the railroad tracks, there is a need to

work with CN Railroad, he said.

"The project was slowed a bit as the contractor waited for assistance from the railroad for the necessary flagmen required for safety by the railroad," Czarnecki said. "This has now been scheduled which will allow the contractor to work on the portions of the project adjacent to the railroad tracks, including the paving portion of the project."

Czarnecki said the installation of the new traffic signals at Poplar and Silver Lake Road is still on hold as they wait for the poles necessary for the signal installation.

"The supplier has indicated these poles are a specialty item and have a tentative delivery date of early November," he said. "In the meantime we are looking at relocating the existing signal to the new roadway temporarily until the new poles are here and can be installed. There are still details to work out to complete this move."

The contractor on the project, which began on Aug. 14, is Champagne & Marx Excavating. They were awarded their bid of \$646,600 and the city is receiving \$522,500 in federal/state funds. The city is required to pay \$124,100 plus engineering costs.

The city's engineering firm will be paid \$77,500 for its services.

A November completion date is still anticipated, according to Czarnecki.

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‘Every second counts, plan two ways out’

■Area fire departments host open houses in October

By Hannah Ball

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Local fire departments are preparing for their annual open houses as a way to meet the community and educate the public about fire safety.

The first of the season is Argentine Township Fire Department’s open house this Sunday, Oct. 1, from 12 to 4 p.m.

Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff said the first week in October is National Fire Prevention Week in Canada and the U.S.

“The national campaign has a slogan each year. This year it is ‘Every second counts. Plan two ways out,’” he said. “We feel it is very important to make as much contact with our residents as we can to educate them on the dangers of fire.”

All events are free.

ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP

Sunday, Oct. 1, from 12 to 4 p.m. at the fire department, 9048 Silver Lake Rd.

Argentine Township Fire Chief Matt Lafferty said the Michigan Masons will be present to provide information on the Child ID program. The program encourages parents to create packages consisting of DNA, material for tracking dogs to smell, a flash drive containing child’s medical information, digital fingerprints, and other important details, and photos and video of the child if a child goes missing.

The open house will feature a smoke house and extrication demonstrations every hour.

“Every family has to pre plan in case there is an incident inside your home. Do you have more than one way out? Where are you going to meet? A lot meet at the mailbox,” Lafferty said.

Another big push this year with the campaign is urging people to keep their doors shut at night.

“There’s been a lot of documentation and lots of pictures shown on social media showing the effects of fires inside of a home and how you can minimize your risk just by keeping your doors shut at night,” he said. “It will prevent the fire from spreading as rapidly. Heat won’t be able to transfer.”

NORTH OAKLAND COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY (NOCFA)

Saturday, Oct. 7, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the fire station, 280 W. Rose Center Rd.

At the NOCFA open house, people can

see a live demonstration of how sprinklers can help contain fires.

“The big push is home sprinklers right now,” said Scott Blaska, Lt./fire prevention officer at NOCFA. Firefighters will start and put out a fire twice, once around 1:30 p.m. and then around 3:30 p.m. The smokehouse will be filled with smoke, and firefighters will teach kids what to do and how to climb down from a ladder.

Attendees can expect to see a Superior AirMed Helicopter, which lands at 2 p.m., and a jaws of life demonstration. Kids can enjoy games, prizes, giveaways, meeting Sparky the Fire Dog, and exploring the inside of a fire truck.

Firefighters will educate people about smoke detectors, fire extinguisher use, and other fire safety methods.

FENTON TOWNSHIP

Sunday, Oct. 8, from 11 to 3 p.m. at the 5120 Owen Rd. station

The Fenton Township Fire Department open house will feature tours of the station, fire trucks, ambulances and police

cars, as well as a fire truck slide/bounce house. Kids can enter a raffle to win a ride to school in a fire truck, and attendees can watch a jaws of life demonstration.

Kids can learn how to spray a hose, go through a smoke house maze, and learn how to check for blood pressure. There will be a concession trailer with free hot dogs, cotton candy, snow cones, nachos and pretzels.

CITY OF FENTON

Saturday, Oct. 14, from 12 to 3 p.m. at the Fenton Fire Department, 205 E.

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The Fenton Fire Department open house will have a bounce house, firefighter games, demonstrations and kids can meet the firefighters and explore the trucks. STAT EMS and the University of Michigan Safe Kids Worldwide program will also be on site. Attendees can support the department by buying food from the bake sale.

LINDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Saturday, Oct 14, 10-2 p.m. at the fire hall, 132 E Broad St.

In the city of Linden, Fire Chief Brian Will said they’re going to have kids activities like bounce houses, as well as fire prevention material. They’ll show an informational video focusing on the theme “plan two ways out” to help educate kids and parents about fire safety and the importance of planning.

“Every family has to pre plan in case there is an incident inside your home. Do you have more than one way out? Where are you going to meet? A lot meet at the mailbox,” Lafferty said.

Matt Lafferty
Argentine Township fire chief

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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OPEN LETTER TO all NFL players. You have no right to protest at a sporting event which fans have paid to attend. You are flagrantly off sides, pun intended. Sports entertainment is the wrong venue and an unacceptable forum for your political and social protests. Do it on your own time and with your dime — not mine. Chicago, the murder capital of the U.S., would be a good place to start.

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CHICAGO MAYOR EMMANUEL was giving a talk this week on climate change

but he failed to address the facts that there are over 500 homicides in Chicago this year, 800 carjackings, four assassinations, gangs are killing each other, \$20 million embezzlement of his staff and 448 cops have left the force this year.

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BACK WHEN I was in school and you messed up, you got a swat from the principal. After one of those swats you’d think twice about acting up again. Nowadays, if a principal gave a kid a swat, he would lose his job and go to prison. No wonder our kids are out of control.

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Police&Fire report

'STRANGER DANGER' SITUATIONS REPORTED

The Livingston County Sheriff's Office is investigating a suspicious incident that occurred on Wednesday, Sept. 27, at approximately 2:55 p.m. in the Hidden Creek Subdivision in Oceola Township. A Howell student reported that she was exiting the bus when an unknown white Dodge minivan, occupied by an African-American female attempted to make contact with the student. The student ran into her residence and alerted her mother who contacted 911 to report the incident. Anyone with any information about this incident is encouraged to contact the Livingston County Detective Bureau at (517) 540-7959. A similar complaint was filed in Grand Blanc. The Grand Blanc schools superintendent sent a letter to parents explaining that a high school student was walking on Grand Blanc Road on Sept. 26 when she was approached by a man in a white vehicle. The man reportedly stopped and repeatedly asked the student if she wanted a ride. The student did not talk to the driver and quickly left the scene to get help.

OBJECTS THROWN AT VEHICLE

On Friday, Sept. 22, the Genesee County Sheriff's Office received a malicious destruction of property complaint, which occurred in the 13000 block of Haddon Street in Fenton Township. The victims' vehicle was hit by objects thrown from an unknown vehicle, which fled the scene. The case remains under investigation.

HEROIN OVERDOSE

The Genesee County Sheriff's Office responded to a heroin overdose in the 13000 block of River Rock Pass in Fenton Township on Sept. 23. Deputies arrived on scene and administered Narcan. The victim was transported to the hospital for medical treatment.

EMBEZZLEMENT IN FENTON TOWNSHIP

On Sept. 27, the Genesee County Sheriff's Office received an embezzlement complaint from a resident in the 3000 block of Thompson Road in Fenton Township. A loss prevention representative reported an employee had been stealing money for approximately five months. This incident is currently under investigation.

DOMESTIC ASSAULT

The Genesee County Sheriff's Office received a domestic assault complaint from a resident in the 11000 block of Audubon Drive in Fenton Township on Sept. 24. The victim reported getting into an argument with his son who refused to leave. This incident remains under investigation.

HIT AND RUN

Deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office responded to a hit and run incident at U.S. 23 and Thompson Road in Fenton Township on Sept. 27. The victim's vehicle was sideswiped by a white Impala, which continued north on U.S. 23. The case remains under investigation.

COINS STOLEN FROM VEHICLE

On Sept. 27, the Genesee County Sheriff's Office took a larceny from auto complaint from a resident in the 16000 block of Silverwood in Fenton Township. The victim reported that approximately \$50 in coins had been taken from her vehicle sometime between 1:30 and 10 a.m. This incident remains under investigation.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I SEE BLACK privilege is in full force, calling the president a white supremacist and nothing happens to them. We have an announcer from ESPN who does this and nothing happens to her.

NFL RATINGS HAVE dropped again. Empty seats in the stadiums. Owners don't really care because the added money is still there, but how long is that going to be before the advertisers quit paying the big bucks?

WHETHER IT'S CATASTROPHIC medical care or regular medical insurance, I'm afraid we're never going to see true reform until the insurance companies are totally out of the picture. That's the medical care I want.

WHY AREN'T PEOPLE being fired and being charged with hate crimes for calling our president a White Supremacist? Anybody that was white and called Obama the N-word would have been fired. Dual standards.

IT MAKES ME sick to hear Hollywood snobs, sports celebrities and the mainstream media about how bad our country is. As a Vietnam veteran I am disgusted by your disgraceful attacks on our nation, its history and its elected leaders. Do every American a favor and leave. You and your anti-American agenda are the problem, not the solution.

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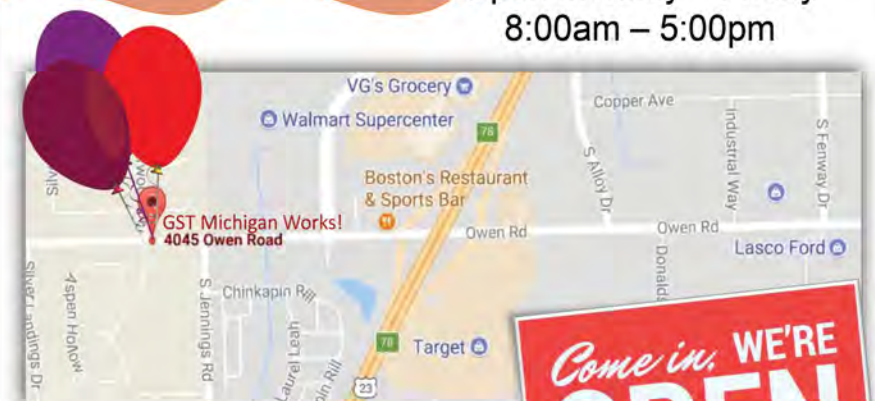
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WHAT YOU MISSED in the MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following is what you missed in the **Wednesday, Sept. 27, Midweek Times**. To subscribe and receive both the Sunday Weekend and Wednesday Midweek editions, please call (810) 629-8282

DDA and LDFA pay \$450,000 back to city general fund

The Fenton City Council has approved revenue sharing agreements that will reimburse the general fund for essential services provided in DDA and LDFA districts.

Fenton man going on trial for crash that killed five people

Matthew Carrier will face trial in Livingston County Circuit Court. He is facing 19 felonies connected to a car crash that killed five people and injured three others on May 9.



Fenton Legionnaires' investigation continues

Nursing home residents remain on bottled water and restricted showering after one resident was diagnosed with what is believed to be Legionnaires' Disease.

Fenton woman is second in world to achieve martial arts honor

By Vera Hogan

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By day, Judith "Judy" Romines of Fenton works as a controller for a commercial construction company in Brighton. Once she gets out of work, though, it's an entirely different world.

On Aug. 26, Romines was inducted into the Korean Martial Arts Masters Hall of Fame. The ceremony took place in Sault Ste. Marie, Canada. She was inducted with a select few that hail from not only the United States, but Mexico, Germany, Ireland, Switzerland, Canada, England, South Korea, France and more.

Romines is the second female ever to have achieved this honor. "I am the first at Grand Master rank," she said. "The first woman was a 5th-degree black belt who is very active in tournaments and was inducted in the 'Competitor' category. I was the first woman inducted in the '35-plus years in Martial Arts' category."

Romines, 55, grew up in Livonia and has lived in Fenton for the past 20 years.

"I started training in the martial arts at the age of 20," she said. "I am currently an 8th dan (8th-degree black belt Grand Master) in Tang Soo Do, which is a Korean Martial Art.

"I started in Tang Soo Do after going to watch my younger sister who had been training for a while, test for her first belt," she said. "I was impressed with the martial arts I saw but actually more impressed with the instructor. He was a great looking 5th-degree Master Instructor who really seemed to know his stuff. Did I mention he was really cute? We have been married for the last 32 years.

"When we are in class or a martial art

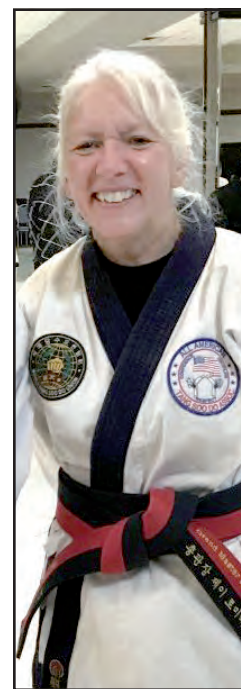


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Grand Master Judith Romines was inducted into the Korean Martial Arts Masters Hall of Fame in Sault Ste. Marie, Canada on Aug. 26. Her husband of 32 years, Senior Grand Master Michael Romines, stands by her side.

setting my husband, Michael or Senior Grand Master Romines as he is addressed in class, is my instructor and continues to inspire me to keep learning and growing in the martial arts.

"Martial arts gives back to your mind, body and soul as much as you're willing to put into it," Romines said. "If you only go to class once a week and just go through the motions without any effort to really learn and improve, it won't do much for you. If on the other hand you give it 100-percent effort, and practice between classes it can be life changing. It has been a great benefit to me, making me much more confident and disciplined in all other aspects of my life."



Romines said it also keeps her physically active, in class and between classes. As an instructor, she said she tries to do all the things she asks her students to do so she must keep as active as possible.

Romines said martial artists should be able to protect themselves and others if needed. "But they certainly should not go

out to the bar to do some butt-kicking on the weekends," Romines said. "It's a martial arts instructor's duty to instill the difference between defense and offense, and make students understand the responsibilities that come with the skills they acquire in class.

"Martial arts isn't for everyone," Romines said. "I do believe martial arts can be for anyone who wants it badly enough. We all have specific talents and abilities. Some people can naturally kick high, others may understand strategy or philosophy or others may have great patience to teach. So, anyone can be a martial artist if they are willing to work for it and find the right martial art style for them."

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2. Always use secure passwords, on all online shopping accounts.

This is like eating your vegetables: You know you should do it, but you'd rather not.

Every site you use should have a different password, and it shouldn't be easy to guess, according to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). Use a password generator such as LastPass or Dashlane to create and save all online passwords.

3. Understand how to freeze your credit, but don't do it quite yet.

If securing your passwords seems too difficult, then freezing your credit or even setting up a fraud alert to protect against the chance of identity theft will definitely give you a headache.

Setting up a fraud alert only requires calling one of the credit agencies, but you must make copies of and mail in important documents to put it in place, according to the FTC.

Freezing your credit means dealing with customer service agents at all three credit bureaus — Equifax, TransUnion and Experian — and keeping track of a unique pin number that you're going to need anytime you want to open a new account or move to a new apartment.

Make sure you fully understand how it works, before you start the process. The FTC provides a simple explanation.

4. Monitor your money regularly — even if you haven't been compromised.

You can use mint.com to quickly check all your financial accounts once per day.

If you have been compromised, this becomes even more essential. You can monitor your credit for free with a service like CreditKarma by selecting to be notified when a new account is opened under "Communications and Monitoring" in the profile settings. Equifax is also offering free credit monitoring.

5. Optimize your money management and credit usage.

A breach like this is a good reminder to check your credit score, pull your credit report, and review the way you're currently managing your money, according to the FTC. There may be things you can do to improve your credit score, fix any errors on your credit report, and optimize your current collection of credit cards.

Since data breaches are likely our new normal, you should do what should always be done: Stay on top of your money, and fix any issues as soon as you can, experts agree.

Source: Businessinsider.com

SCULPTURE

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in a public unveiling on Thursday, Oct. 5 at 6 p.m. Community members can join city leaders on the front lawn of the Fenton Community & Cultural Center to receive this gift.

A champagne reception, from 5 to 6 p.m. is being presented by the city of Fenton Arts & Cultural Commission. Tickets are priced at \$100 each and are available at the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce office. All proceeds will benefit children's art programming through the city of Fenton Arts & Cultural Commission.

The Hagermans commissioned artist Oleg Kedria, and Ben Cassell, owner of the Fine Arts Sculpture Centre in Clarkston, to create this significant piece of art.

"We wanted to celebrate our hometown and began looking at its past," Phil said. "This gift is to celebrate history while making history for Fenton. We're excited to reveal this for Fenton residents and the state of Michigan."

The sculpture has been in the making for two years, putting the Hagermans in close touch with the Fenton Historical Society and A.J. Phillips Museum to research the history of Fenton's origins. Meanwhile, the artist and craftsmanship of the bronze piece brought those details to life.

"The process from taking an idea to clay is quite remarkable," Jocelyn said. "It's been an exciting journey and I look forward to revealing this special piece to our community."

Preparations are now being made for the placement of the sculpture at the community center. Residents will notice screening around the sculpture location.

"The Fenton Community & Cultural Center is the heart of our downtown and seemed the perfect place to highlight our history and to install a world-class sculpture," said Fenton Mayor Sue Osborn. "We cannot thank Phil and Jocelyn Hagerman enough for their generous contribution to the city."



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This barrier was erected on Thursday, Sept. 28 to conceal the new sculpture, which will be dedicated and revealed next week.



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Mitchell Farms owner Glen Mitchell showcases pre-picked pumpkins on Wednesday, Sept. 27. The recent heat has caused him to delay picking pumpkins on certain days.

AUTUMN

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the hottest days on record, scorching yards, pets and school kids who went back to the classroom.

While that heat wave appears to be behind us, you may notice that autumn, which officially began on Sept. 22, hasn't kept up with the calendar.

How will the recent heat affect Michigan's fall color show?

According to J.R. Kirtek, chief meteorologist for ABC-TV12, the hot weather may affect the vibrancy of color that usually blankets our state this month. "It may make the color change less vibrant due to some water stress," Kirtek said.

Fall color forecasts indicate that the northern parts of the state are at peak now and the state as a whole will be at peak color the first week of October. However, other reports indicate that northern Lower Michigan won't peak until next week.

You may have a few weeks to enjoy fall color throughout the third and fourth weeks of October, according to the Fall Color Blog, which continues to update the progress of fall color in Michigan.

The hot days of early autumn has also taken its toll on the sale of pumpkins and visits to many fall attractions.

"It has affected the number of people coming by to see us," said Glen Mitchell of Mitchell Farms in Holly. "We stopped picking our pumpkins daily, when it was really hot, because we felt they'd hold up better on the vines."

Mitchell adds that he's got a good crop this year on his five-acre field of pumpkins. "Some are pick-your-own, while about an acre is for school kids who visit," he said.

While Michigan has been suffering from heat, many of our western states have been buried under cold and snow. "As the cold air plunges from Canada into the western U.S., it pushes the Jetstream way to the south in that part of the country," Kirtek said. When that happens, the Jetstream responds by turning sharply to the north. This allows very warm air to surge northward in the eastern half of the country."

Kirtek added that this weather pattern is quite common. "If the western U.S. is unusually cold, the eastern U.S. is probably quite warm, and vice versa."

So what does all this mean for Michigan this coming winter? According to Kirtek, the latest 90-day outlook for December through February shows equal chances of below and above or near normal temperatures.

"For precipitation, the outlook shows a 40 percent chance of above-average, a 33 percent chance of near-normal and a 27 percent chance of below-average totals," said Kirtek.

"Personally, all I will say right now is that we will probably have more of a winter than we have had the past two years. We're still waiting to see how the current season ends over the Pacific Ocean. It looks like we may have a La Niña event organizing for our upcoming winter. For us, La Niñas typically mean colder winters."

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donations, she was able to buy six more that will arrive soon.

"They look forward to it, they really like it," she said. The students do a lot of improvising and make up their own beat after hearing someone else play the drum. The kids used the drums in a spring concert last school year and the parents told Solgat they really liked them.

Solgat chooses songs and other percussion instruments from the Caribbean and Africa to complement the drums.

"It's good for them to learn about all the different traditional music from other cultures," she said. When it comes to the ukuleles, the students pick them up "pretty fast," she said.

Solgat said it's a great transitional instrument for the guitar, even though that instrument has six strings. Students will tell her they picked up a guitar and find songs online to play.

"It's been helping students continue their music in a way. They can self teach," she said.

She starts the students on the ukuleles at the very end of fourth grade, and then it's the first lesson in fifth grade. They learn proper hand positions and strumming techniques, along with how to read the music.

The grant for the ukuleles amounted to \$1,000, which allowed Solgat to buy 35 ukuleles. "They're not as expensive. I got them on sale, I was really excited," she said. "They last a really long time and the kids do a great job taking care of them."

At first, she was worried about how it would sound to hear students playing an instrument they've never played before, but it was still a nice sound to listen to. Solgat also said the kids have enjoyed that she learned how to play the ukulele with them.

"The feeling of musicianship is really strong in fifth grade because we're playing together," she said.

News briefs

Transfiguration Lutheran Church hosts nursing home ministry workshop Oct. 7

Half of the 1.5 million people who reside in U.S. nursing homes rarely receive visits, and one local church is out to change that. "Declaring Nursing Homes a Mission Field" is a half-day workshop on Saturday, Oct. 7 at Transfiguration Lutheran Church, Fenton. Led by Rev. Mark Fisher, the 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. workshop will be a highly interactive event that will give you the tools to start such a ministry in your own church. Lunch will be included, as well as a copy of the guide book Transfiguration Lutheran Church has prepared, "Pathways of Compassion: A Nursing Home Visitation Ministry," based on this local church's own nursing home experience. Currently, a ministry team with more than 15 members visits 50-plus nursing home residents each month. To register, reply to b.fisher@semisynod.com by Wednesday, Oct. 4. Transfiguration Lutheran Church is at 14176 N. Fenton Rd.



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Music instructor Rachel Solgat demonstrates proper technique to students on how to play a hand drum.

News briefs

GST MICHIGAN WORKS! HOSTS OPENING DAY CELEBRATION ON MONDAY, OCT. 2 IN FENTON

GST Michigan Works! is announcing the grand opening of a new service center at 4045 Owen Rd. in Fenton. The service center is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to serve the needs of employers and individuals looking for the next step in their career. The agency will host an **Opening Day Celebration on Monday, Oct. 2**. Visitors may stop in anytime during business hours to explore available services. GST offers programs designed to assist employers in finding skilled workers and job seekers prepare for, find and retain employment. An official **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** will also take place on **Thursday, Nov. 9 at 12 p.m.** To learn more about GST Michigan Works! visit www.gstmworks.org.

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By Hannah Ball

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Denise Graves, 61, grew up in Swartz Creek and has lived in Michigan her entire life. She moved to Argentine Township 15 years ago, after living in Grand Blanc Township. Graves has 12 grandchildren and one great grandchild, and has been active in the Michigan political scene for years. She is married to State Rep. Joe Graves.

How long have you been clerk?

Nine years in November. I'm responsible for all the elections, I do the minutes every month. I attend all the board meetings, the special meetings. I have to authorize payments. I also do all the accounting, all of the money on paper.

I'm responsible for a lot of the records on filing, including police and fire records. I oversee the office, hire and train election workers, keep in touch with different chiefs. I have to register voters.

What interesting things have you done in your career?

I've been to national conventions and I've served on the platform committee. They decide what platform the presidential candidate is going to run on. There are only two from Michigan, a man and a woman. That was a great experience. I've been a precinct delegate, the most local involvement you can have. They're the eyes and ears of the neighborhood, a pulse of the neighborhood. I was the chair of the Republican Party in Genesee County from 2003 to 2008. I've met governors, congressmen, a lot of people.

Of those people, who stood out?

George H. W. Bush. I met his son, too. He was a very humble man, very kind.

EMAGINE

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to cover some of the site improvement costs.

Tower Construction is serving as general contractor for the construction project for Emagine Entertainment, which recently submitted plans for approval to Hartland Township.

"Our engineers have reviewed them and they have to make changes," said Troy Langer, Hartland Township planning director. "Comments went out to them last Friday (Sept. 15). It will take a week or so for final approval, then we'll have a pre-construction meeting. They'll start construction after that."

The theater complex is slated to open in the spring of 2018.



"I've been to national conventions and I've served on the platform committee. They decide what platform the presidential candidate is going to run on."

Denise Graves
Argentine Township clerk

He came across as very loving. We got a picture with him. We've met him several times.

What's it like being married to a Michigan representative?

It's a very busy schedule. I just try to help by taking take of everything at home. The phone is always ringing. Joe is really involved, whether we're in a restaurant, whether we are buying groceries, it doesn't matter, people know him and he enjoys that very much.

This'll be his last term. I'm really proud of the work that he does. It takes a person with very thick skin to do that job. He's a very humble person, he will never toot his own horn.

If you could have dinner with anyone, who would it be?

That may be Billy Graham because he's about 100 years old. When he was on (TV), it was a big deal. My mother would have it on. I just loved his voice. I loved to listen to him.

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Denise Graves has been the Argentine Township clerk for nine years.

What's your favorite comfort food?

Pizza. Everybody loves pizza.

What are you reading right now?

I read a lot of Christian books through my church. I'm reading a study on Gideon by Priscilla Shirer. It's

really good. I read a lot of historical books, like by Bill O'Reilly. Uplifting, positive message books.

What church do you attend?

Flint Central Church of the Nazarene. I was involved with the Convoy of Hope. I do local mission work whenever I can. We have gone to the food bank and helped sort food. I'll be teaching a Dave Ramsey class. It's basically about getting out of debt.

Tell me about your family.

Together, Joe and I have two daughters and two sons. We have 12 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Our oldest grandson just became a pharmacist. Our youngest grandson is turning 6 and our great granddaughter will be turning 1 the day before Halloween. I'm always going to a birthday party. I'm always buying birthday gifts and Christmas gifts.

What do you do in your free time?

We go to a lot of Little League games and stuff like that. That keeps us very busy. I like to tour places. I'm always looking to learn. Joe and I like to travel. We have a lot of family in Florida.

We like boating and water activities. We love to spend time with our neighbors. We go on walks with them. We always meet local people. I don't know how much exercise we get because every few houses we stop and talk to people. **What's something people don't know about you?**

I love to go to garage sales because I like to restore things. I like to take anything and make it better. What they see as junk I might see as very valuable, useful. When you have that much family, there always someone that needs something.

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Lady Tigers capture second straight Metro League jamboree win

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The defending Metro League girls cross country champion Fenton Tigers apparently like being on top of the standings.

The Tigers improved their status as the favorites to defend their Metro title this fall by capturing first place in the second Metro jamboree of the season held at Flushing Valley Golf Club on Wednesday.

Holly's Andrea Ruiz The Tigers, who won the first jamboree with 50

points, won the second with just 41 points. Flushing took second with 58 points while Linden and Holly finished in a third-place tie with 75 points each.

"This was a big one for us. It was a potential trap meet if they didn't come out focused, because there were so many improvements from the other teams in the field," Fenton varsity girls cross country coach Jesse Anderson said. "I think it speaks to the quality of the coaching in this league that there is a very deep top 20 to 30 girls out there, especially compared to past years. I am very proud that our girls went out there and raced just as hard

as their first win, and were even able to nab fewer points than that first meet."

Fenton's Alexa Keiser continued her league domination, winning the race in school record time of 18:07.04. She finished the first Metro jamboree in 18:35.51, about 43 seconds ahead of the rest of the field. Holly's Andrea Ruiz continued to be Keiser's toughest competition, taking second in 18:22, about 15 seconds behind Keiser.

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Fenton boys even up standings

■ Tigers take first in second Metro jamboree

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The Fenton-Linden rivalry runs deep in every sport.

In boys cross country, the rivalry may add another exciting chapter this fall.

The Fenton boys responded to finishing second to the Linden Eagles in the first jamboree by taking first in the second jamboree on Wednesday, tying the two rivals atop the Metro League with one more event remaining on the Metro schedule.

Fenton won the meet with 30 points while Linden finished with 47. Holly made it a tri-county top three by placing third with 87 points. Flushing was a dis-

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Fenton's Nolan Day (left) and Mitchell Chabot (center) compete against Linden's Nick McDonald during the first Metro League jamboree.



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Fenton's varsity girls golf team captured the squad's third straight Metro League championship by winning the Metro League Meet on Wednesday.

Lady Tigers capture Metro League crown in record fashion

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When the Metro League girls golf season started the Fenton Tigers had an outstanding start to any outsider that looked at the results.

After all, the Tigers won the preseason tournament by 39 strokes and were not that far off of the school record for team score.

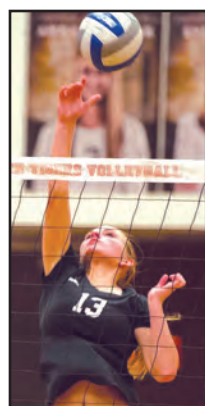
But Fenton varsity girls golf coach Kurt Herbstreit didn't seem all that excited at the time.

"We had a good day but we were disappointed with the

way we shot," Herbstreit said. "It was nice to shoot a 345, but we know we could've done better."

Herbstreit was right. The Tigers capped a perfect Metro League season by winning the postseason tournament with a school-record score of 333, leading the Tigers to the team's third straight Metro League championship crown. Linden and Holly tied for fourth place at the meet, each shooting 398 team scores.

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Fenton volleyball remains perfect in league

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The Fenton varsity volleyball team lost five seniors who earned some sort of All-League honors from last year's 2016's squad that went to the state semifinals.

Expecting a little bit of a rebuilding season could've been a fair expectation. But with the Fenton volleyball program, the word rebuilding isn't in the varsity team's vocabulary. The Tigers would rather win more

league crowns with a new cast of players.

And that's what the Tigers have set themselves up to do. The Tigers are the only remaining undefeated league squad after defeating the Clio Mustangs by a 25-13, 25-13, 25-22 score.

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Fenton's Erin Carter attacks a ball during a recent contest.

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Blue Devils fall to Goodrich, 2-0

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Lake Fenton — The Lake Fenton varsity boys soccer team's quest for a Genesee Area Conference regular season championship fell a little short on Tuesday.

Competing in a contest for the GAC title against rival Goodrich, the Blue Devils were unable to generate much of an offense all game long. The Martians held possession for most of the contest and eventually cracked Lake Fenton's defense, scoring two second-half goals, giving Goodrich the 2-0 victory. The loss meant the Blue Devils' quest for the GAC championship fell short.

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Lake Fenton's defense was under constant pressure against the Goodrich Martians, resulting in a 2-0 Genesee Area Conference loss on Tuesday.

Holly drops first Metro contest, hosts Fenton Tuesday

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It's been a long time since the Holly varsity volleyball team could consider the squad Metro League contenders.

But going into Tuesday night's match with Flushing, that's exactly what the Bronchos were — league contenders. So, learning how to compete in such pivotal matches will be crucial to the rest of the season.

Despite playing many competitive games against Flushing, the visiting Bronchos fell short against the Raiders, losing a 26-24, 25-18, 24-26, 25-19 verdict.

Holly varsity volleyball coach Deena Maher said it Tuesday was a learning experience for her Bronchos.

"Our program is learning how to deal with pressure," Maher said. "This is a fairly new concept for us, as there hasn't been much of an expectation for this program in the past. Against Flushing the pressure got the best of us. We played timid, afraid of making a mistake, which resulted in a loss."

The Bronchos' defense was paced by Victoria Karakuc, who had 20 digs, while Katie LaClair had 17 digs. Maddie Meszler led the offense with 21 assists with Jesse Hepner leading the squad with 12 kills. Taylor McAninch provided nine kills.

Flushing's offense ended up being too strong. Maddie Morrison was one of three Raiders to record double-digit kills, providing 14. Lindsey Luff had 11 while Sutton Bate provided 10 kills.

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The Holly varsity boys tennis team won six of eight flight championships at the Metro League meet, leading the Bronchos to the Metro League title.

Holly wins 25th title in 26 seasons, wins Metro meet

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Here are three signs of fall — falling leaves, pumpkin-tasting everything and Holly collecting another Metro League varsity boys tennis championship.

The Bronchos, winners of 25 of the last 26 Metro League championships, won another on Tuesday, earning six flight championships at the Flint Metro League Tournament. This meet was one of the closer ones in recent history, as the Bronchos found themselves collect 20 team points, five better than second-place Flushing. Fenton finished third with 11.5 points, collecting two flight champions in the process. The title was Fenton's sixth straight, and, of

course, the fourth straight for senior and team captain Andrew Spak.

"It's kind of crazy to think about it. I remember the first one like it was just yesterday," Spak said. "It goes to show how prepared we are and how dedicated we are as a team. It's a great feeling."

"We definitely had some question marks at the beginning of the year. We had a few things that we didn't plan on but we had a lot of freshmen and a lot of kids that played on the JV last year step up. I think we worked a little harder and we earned it. We got better as the year went on."

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tant fourth with 115 points in the nine-team field.

"I was really pleased with how every runner stepped up, to a man," Fenton varsity boys cross country coach Jesse Anderson said. "Getting our senior captain Sam Deardorff back for this one was huge, but every other guy stepped up too, and several improved multiple spots from the last jamboree. In a year where each place of that top 15 is super important, that was huge for us."

"These guys race so hard, and I love the culture they are developing through that. It's getting noticeable throughout the whole group of 38 guys."

Deardorff's return to the lineup was huge. As with the first jamboree, Linden's Tyler Buchanan (16:11.79) won the event, and two Eagles finished in the top four.

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From left, Linden's Skyler Zieske, Fenton's Peter Kennings and Holly's Jose Vivanco run during the first Metro League jamboree. All three played key roles in their team's success on Wednesday at the second jamboree.

PREP REPORT

VOLLEYBALL

► **Linden def. Kearsley 25-21, 25-16, 25-13:** The Eagles (2-3 in the Metro and 12-12-4 overall) cruised by Kearsley, winning the Metro contest in three straight sets. Alli Conly led the Eagles with nine kills, five digs and three aces. Maddie Nelson had three kills and a block. Cayla Turner had seven assists, five aces and four digs while Lauren Buerkel had eight assists and three aces. Defensively, Avery

Whitten and Avery Koan had six digs each.

BOYS SOCCER

► **Linden 3, Oxford 2:** The Eagles (13-1-2) jumped to a 3-0 lead in the first half and held on to earn the victory in the second half. Zane Arnold scored two goals while Rya Gillespie had a goal and an assist. Julian Shier had an assist. Ian Downarowicz earned the victory in net.

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