

Two Silver Lake Road areas receive 'F' grade

■ Traffic study reveals 20,000 vehicles pass through Fenton each day

By Hannah Ball

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Four traffic points on the Silver Lake Corridor received a failing grade from Progressive AE.

The road study was completed and presented at the Fenton City Council work session Monday, July 2.

Progressive AE rated the intersections from an "A" to an "F" based on techniques outlined in the Highway Capacity Manual, published by the Transportation Research Board. Pete LaMourie, lead transportation engineer from
See 'F' GRADE on 20A

“It's pretty clear that the complaints the city has been getting are fairly well founded when you have all those people going through. It must mean the economy is doing well.”

Pete LaMourie

Progressive AE lead transportation engineer



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Suspected drunk driver destroys traffic pole

■ Rounds Drive at Shiawassee Avenue now a temporary four-way stop

By Sharon Stone

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The intersection of Rounds Drive and Shiawassee Avenue has temporary stop signs after a suspected drunk driver lost control of his SUV and destroyed the large black traffic pole and light early Sunday morning.

Lt. Jeff Cross of the Fenton Police Department said police responded to the intersection at 3:15 a.m., July 1, on a report of a crash.

A 24-year-old Sterling Heights man was traveling eastbound on Owen Road/Shiawassee Avenue in his SUV. The road curves at the light and the driver drove straight into the pole.

See TRAFFIC POLE on 20A

Happy birthday, America!



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Thousands attend the 28th Fenton Freedom Festival parade and line the streets to watch the floats and cars decked out in red, white and blue in honor of Independence Day. Many local businesses, sports clubs and more tossed candy, T-shirts and water to spectators as they watched in the 95-degree heat. **See more photos at tctimes.com.**

The Fourth of July a real scorcher

■ Heat, alcohol factors in incidents during holiday festivities

By Sharon Stone

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There was no questioning a heat advisory that was in effect for the Fourth of July in the Fenton area. Temperatures in the

See SCORCHER on 21A



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The party point in the south end of Lake Fenton had fewer partygoers this year, partly because of the extreme heat and the fact that the Fourth of July fell on a Wednesday. One 20-year-old male reportedly passed out in the afternoon.

Animal control breaks ground for renovations

■ Housing and care will improve with \$8-million project

By Hannah Ball

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On Thursday, June 28, the Genesee County Board of Commissioners awarded an \$8-million contract to
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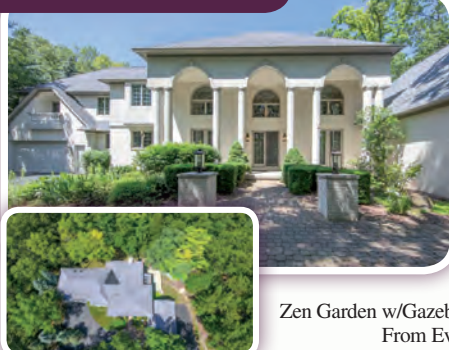
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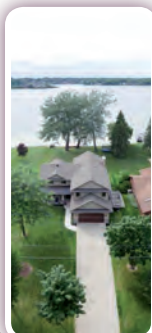


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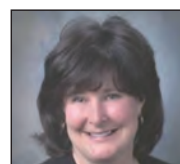
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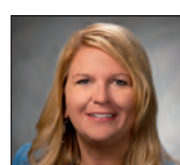
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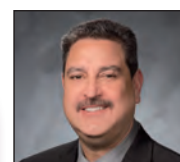
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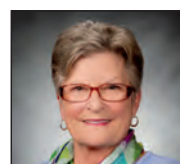
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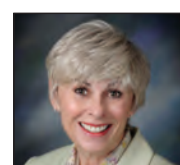
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Do you remember these 'oldie but goodie' restaurants?

Frank's Tavern...

Amazing fish n' chips, frog legs and more

By Vera Hogan

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It was just a little hole in the wall. When guests stepped onto the floor into the dining area, it dipped a little like you were walking slightly downhill. It didn't matter though, you "got in" and were ready to enjoy some of the best seafood around.

Frank's Tavern was the place to be, especially on Friday and Saturday night.

Located on Eastview Drive in Fenton Township, the remains of what has been described as "one of the most celebrated restaurants in the tri-county area" was demolished in May of 2014, four years after it was shut down.

Established in the early 1930s, Frank's Tavern was originally managed by Frank Vosburgh and his wife Bessie. The restaurant served fish straight from Lake Ponemah and originally accommodated 75 people. Reservations were not taken and it became so popular on the weekends that a line formed outside of the tavern.

The tavern exchanged hands in the 1940s, first to Max and Ruth Burdick



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Long-time Frank's Tavern employees Rachel Hitchcock (right) and Jessica Begley bought the eatery from Steve Fessler in 2005. The restaurant closed its doors in 2010.

in 1943.

Their son, Al Burdick, said in a 2005 Times article that in March of 1945 a great snowstorm of approximately 20 inches closed everything, including the restaurant. A month later, there was a great deal of flooding.

"We bought all of our fish from Donlan's Fish Market in Flint," said Burdick.

"Perch was the best, followed by haddock. People loved the fish and chips. Frog legs and shrimp were on the menu and so was smelt, in season."

During World War II, lard and grease were rationed, so the Burdicks had to purchase rendered fat from local farmers to use for fish frying.

See **FRANK'S TAVERN** on 17A

'Wander Inn' to the 'Pink Poodle'...

It's hard to imagine what the city of Fenton, especially the downtown, was like back in the days before Urban Renewal in the mid-1970s. So many businesses, especially restaurants have come and gone since then. While more and more great eateries are coming to the city of Fenton, here are a few that we won't soon forget:

In the 1930-40s, the **Pig and Whistle** was a restaurant at the corner of South Leroy Street and West Shiawassee Avenue, where Sweet Variations was located for 34 years until moving in 2016.

Hamburger Inn at 521 N. Leroy St. was first owned by Ed and Hilda Giles. (Ed's brother and sister-in-law, Bill and

Vi Giles, started Giles Restaurant in downtown Fenton in May of 1946.) In 1944, Hamburger Inn was sold to Steve Bayne. It was operated by Belle Foley in 1951. It was sold to the Blackburns in 1963 and became The Pearl Diner. The Blackburns later moved their business to South Long Lake Road. They closed for good after a fire in June of 2007.

See **RESTAURANTS** on 17A



PHOTO: MO DOGGIE'S FACEBOOK

MoDoggie's Bar & Grill was owned and operated by Michael DeMoss for 21 years before closing in 2013. MoDoggie's was known as a place to go for wings and live music.

Other Fenton area favorites that have come and gone

The following are just a few of the more than 100 Fenton area long-time favorites that have closed within the last two decades.

A&W Root Beer was located at the point at North Road and N. LeRoy Street, next to Moy Kong. In its heyday, there were parking spots with speakers on posts where people could order their meal and have it delivered outside by a carhop.

Across Town Café was where Beale St. Smokehouse BBQ is now located. Some of the best breakfasts in town were enjoyed here.

Andrico's Family Restaurant, where Boston's is now located was a long-time family owned restaurant. Before Boston's, it was occupied by O'Malley's Galley, which is still in business in Ortonville.

Big Boy, located on the west side of Fenton Owen Road was one of the last to close after decades in business. The building, along with Pizza Hut nearby, were razed last year to make way for a new strip mall, which is nearing completion.

See **FENTON FAVORITES** on 17A

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Come *Heller* high water...

Relax, America. It's OK to talk to your neighbors again. I have proof that we are not as hopelessly and irretrievably different from one another as our recent political differences would suggest.

What is this proof?
 "Michigan roads suck."
 That's one of the indisputable comments that came pouring in this past week from readers all over the state when I asked for things that unite us rather than divide us.

Another was this from Workingdad:
 "We can all agree that the 2018 Detroit Tigers would require an intervention from God in order to (make) the playoffs."

I actually disagree with this one. I don't even think God could fix this wretched bunch. But you see what I'm getting at. We human beings may have different political and religious views, but we are 90 percent alike on just about everything else, and I think it's high time we started remembering that.

It's safe to say most of us agree on:
 "Homemade food on a picnic in the park." — Barb N.

"Garden tomatoes in August. Good car mechanics. A five-year all-clear cancer report." — Suze.

"Kindness. We all want some kindness. Give a little, you get back a lot." — Jean.

"Sleeping on sheets dried in the sun, that first cup of coffee in the morning, running out of school on the last day, paying off a loan." — Shelley C.

"Watching our children grow into successful adults and marry great spouses that give us beautiful grandchildren." — Jim P.

"Family eating dinner together at the table at every opportunity." — Allen P.

"Marvin Gaye's music, Van Morrison's, Ella Fitzgerald's ... and brownies." — Tom.

"Beach fires, and fall colors in da

Yoop. And puppies." — John M.

"The laughter of a baby." — Beth R.
 "If you wish to persuade people, the worst way to do it is by attacking them and calling them names." — Gary F.

"The feeling you get listening to a child sing. And hot buttered popcorn." — Sue S.

"Mid-day naps, family couch cuddles." — Catherine T.

"Good neighbors." — Jennifer M.

"Hugs." — Julie P.

"Ice cream, a good book and great music." — James W.

"A good night's sleep, a good doctor's report, an A on a paper or exam, a call from your son or daughter, holding hands, a cool breeze on a warm day, a finished project, comfortable shoes, a kiss, a surprising check, finding something that was missing." — Susan H.

"A sunrise that brings the promise of a possible new day." — Dale R.

"A quiet trail through the woods. The sound of singing birds in the morning. Friends." — Dennis W.

"Pineapple chunks, soaked in coconut rum. Jumping in the lake after running down the dock. I'm 50-plus years old and I still love that feeling!" — Lisa W.

"The first time someone cuts the grass and there's a baseball game on the radio (think Ernie)" — Lynn F.

"A deep laugh that makes you cry." — Laura B.

I'll add a final one myself: Most of us agree on the wonderfulness of the Beatles. And the Beatles said, "All you need is love."

OK, and maybe a little perspective. After all, only a few things divide us. But millions unite us.

Let's try to keep that in mind moving forward, shall we?

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Andrew Heller

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THE LIBERAL LEFT promotes running people out of restaurants if they don't agree with you, but God forbid you refuse to bake a cake for them and they want to shut down your business. Democrat liberals are at the height of hypocrisy.

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JOE GRAVES AND Dave Robertson never failed to tow the party line and follow orders. Joe even supported Common Core Principles before parties.

CONGRATULATIONS TO 28-year-old progressive Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez for her victory over 10-term Democratic congressman Joe Crowley.

APPRECIATE ALL THE work that goes into the Fenton parade. Here's a few comments from spectators to improve the experience: 'get rid of the politicians,' 'where the heck are the school bands?' 'We have so many talented musical groups, why aren't they in the parade?' Loud horns and sirens alone do not a parade make.

YOU KNOW WHAT needs to stop? You

taking everything Trump says as fact. Where are the alleged 200 sets of remains sent back from North Korea? I find your blind adoration disturbing.

WITH ALL THE city 'development' comes the clearing of forested lots. We are destroying nature's habitats for a diverse group of creatures. The least you could do is leave some feed and some shelter so the animals don't starve.

WHAT IS GOING on in Linden? If council spent as much time on solutions to our roads and the mill building, as they do finding fault with what residents do on their own private property, we would all be better for it.

OUR THOUGHTS AND prayers go out to the Walden family. Both Babe and Fuzzy were icons in our town.

TREY GOWDY'S 'FINISH it the hell up' was quite interesting. He was the one in charge of the Benghazi investigation lasting two-and-a-half years, which yielded nothing.

CIVILITY STARTS AT the top. 'Rough him up, I'll pay for your defense.' Such hypocrisy.

I LIKE ANDREW Heller and enjoy his column. Foster Childs upsets me greatly. In last 50 years, I only liked one column. It was on baseball.

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"What new restaurants would you like to see in Fenton?"

Cassie Sprague
 Fenton Township



"What activities around Fenton involve the arts?"

Maxine Moore
 Madison County, Tennessee



"Why do you think people are in such a rush?"

Jim Plastow
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"What's your favorite thing to do in the summer?"

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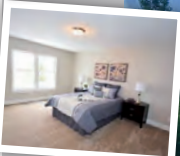
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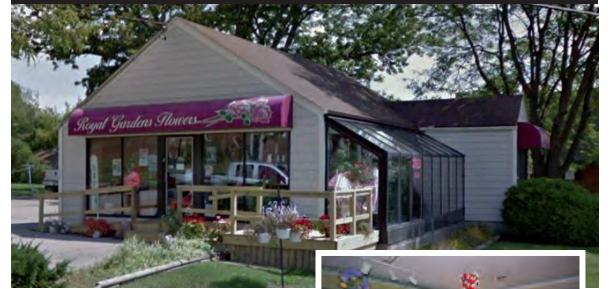
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'Should I have seen this coming?'

■ Local family talks about what it's like to be survivors of a recent suicide death

By Vera Hogan

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Being the surviving family members or friends of someone who has taken their own life is likely one of the worst experiences they will ever have to face.

Why? Should I have seen this coming?

Could I have done something to prevent this? These are all questions survivors ask themselves, sometimes for years after the death of their friend or loved one. Sometimes the answer is obvious and at other times, no one will ever know.

In the city of Fenton, four people have committed suicide already this year, said Police Chief Jason Slater. In 2017, there were five, and in 2016, three.

Alan Wilson of Fenton Township lost his son, Bill Wilson, to suicide on Tuesday, June 26. He said he really never saw this coming — at least not suicide. Alan said Bill, as his grandmother used to say, marched to the beat of his own drummer.

"He just did what he wanted to do when

he wanted to do it," Alan said. "This has left a huge hole in my heart that will be there forever."

Alan was only 5 years old when he lost his father. He served in Vietnam and went through everything that "goes with that." He said he also suffers from PTSD. Alan said before he took his own life, his son sent a text that said he didn't want to be a burden to his dad or his brother.

Bill's brother Theron, who is two years younger, said he was "100 percent shocked" over his brother's suicide. "I did not see this coming."

“Look to the person on your left and look to the person on your right. Tell people every day that you love them. You just never know.”

Theron Wilson
Bill Wilson's brother

What keeps going through his mind, Theron said, is "Everybody always tells you that you can't blame yourself and you can't dwell on the 'what ifs.' It's amazing what kind of demons lie in someone, and friends and family have no clue. That's the scary part."

Theron said he spoke at his brother's memorial service and told everyone, "Look to the person on your left and look to

the person on your right. Tell people every day that you love them. You just never know."

"Bill was the person that laughed a little bit louder and longer than everyone else," Theron said. "It's absolutely amazing that he was like this and no one knew he was going through something." Theron said he believes counseling would be very useful for people going through this. "I think you have to find the person you can relate to, someone feel comfortable talking to," he said. "The number one medicine is talking, be up front, be open. Communication is huge."

"The overwhelming support we have received from the community has made it a little easier after the initial blow," Theron said. "But obviously people have to get back to their own lives. The quiet is a new transition. We're going on day by day and don't know what tomorrow is going to bring."

Bill and Theron's mother, Venita Johnson, lives up north in Cheboygan. Theron said she is doing okay. Even though she and her son were 300 miles apart, they could still see each other every day via Face Time.

One thing Theron has done to help keep his brother's memory alive is starting a fund in his name through the Michigan Association for Suicide Prevention. "What I want is for the funds to be spent on people that don't have insurance or good enough insurance to cover therapies," Theron said. "One reason people don't seek help is because they can't afford it."

The website to donate is www.my-masp.org. There those who wish to give can get a donation form they can complete and either mail a check to a physical address, or donate online. There is a place on that form to designate to the cause of Bill Wilson. The site contains other helpful information for survivors and those contemplating suicide.

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By the numbers

According to a new study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), suicide is now the fourth leading cause of death in white males, ages 35-44.

In Michigan, 1,364 people committed suicide in 2016, a 40-percent increase of the 974 who took their own lives in 1999. Overall, there has been a 33-percent increase in suicides in Michigan from 1999 through 2016.

Of all the suicides during that span of years, 51 percent were performed using firearms, 25 percent by suffocation, 18 percent by overdose and 6 percent by other means. Of those who committed suicide from 1999-2016, 54 percent did not have known or reported mental health illness, according to the CDC.

Locally, there have been 900 suicides in Genesee County from 1999-2016. That represents a suicide rate of 11.6 per 100,000 people. Of those suicides, 68 percent were by males, and 51 percent were done with firearms.

In Livingston County during the same span of years, 378 people committed suicide, representing a suicide rate of 11.9 per 100,000 people. Of those, 75 percent were by males, and 52 percent using firearms.

In Oakland County, from 1999-2016, 2,398 people committed suicide, representing a suicide rate of 11 per 100,000 people. Of those, 68 percent were by males, and 44 percent who used firearms.

What to do when someone is suicidal

When someone you know appears suicidal, you might not know what to do. Learn the warning signs, what questions to ask and how to get help.

When someone says he or she is thinking about suicide, or says things that sound as if the person is considering suicide, it can be very upsetting. You may not be sure what to do to help, whether you should take talk of suicide seriously, or if your intervention might make the situation worse. Taking action is always the best choice. According to the Mayo Clinic, here's what to do.

Start by asking questions

The first step is to find out whether the person is in danger of acting on suicidal feelings. Be sensitive, but ask direct questions, such as:

- How are you coping with what's been happening in your life?
- Do you ever feel like just giving up?
- Are you thinking about dying?
- Are you thinking about hurting yourself?
- Are you thinking about suicide?
- Have you ever thought about suicide before, or tried to harm yourself before?
- Have you thought about how or when you'd do it?
- Do you have access to weapons or things that can be used as weapons to harm yourself?

See **SUICIDE** on 21A

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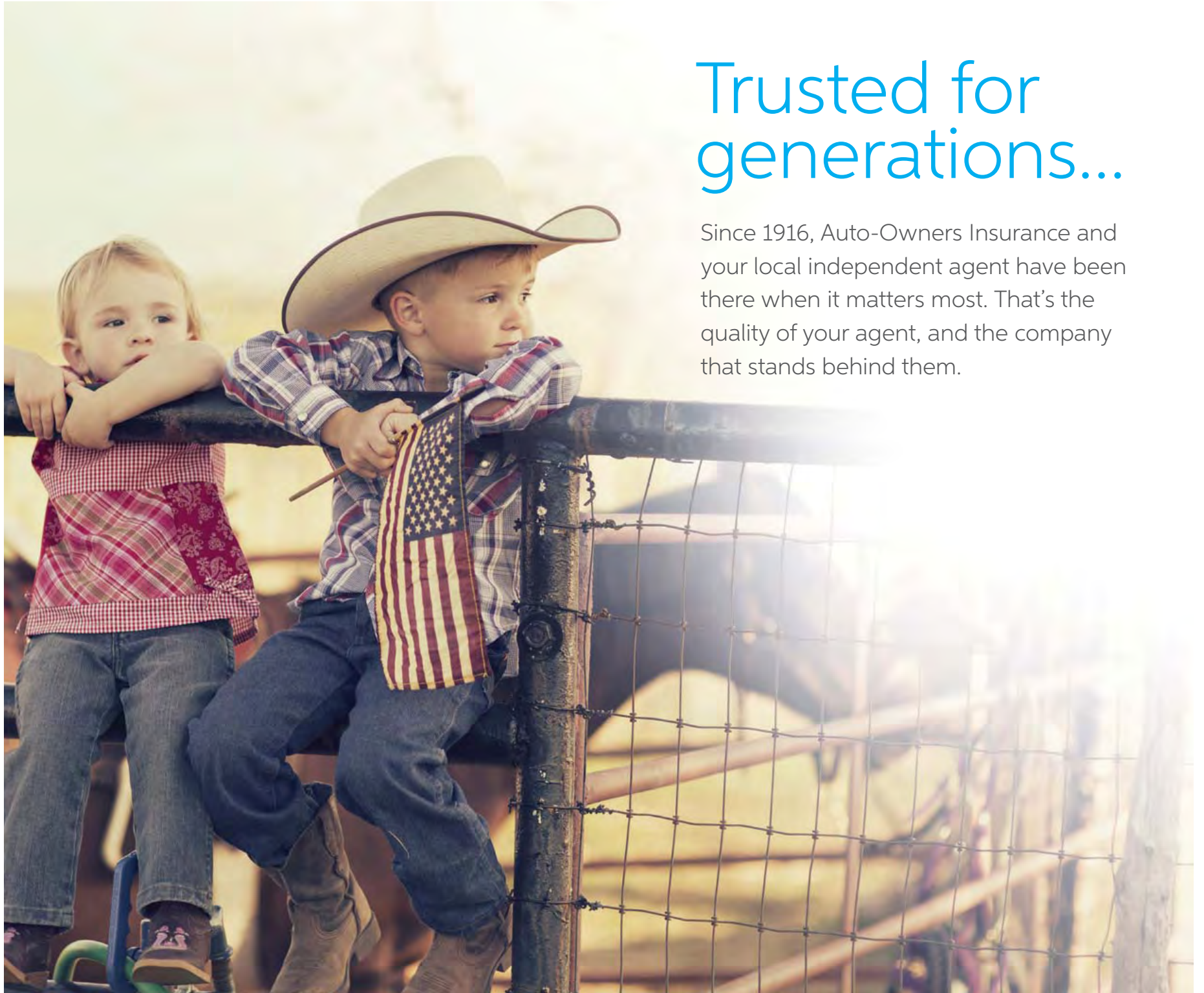
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Cameron Zoll, 15, stands next to Smitty's Exit 80 Sunoco owner Doug Smith. Smith said many people come in just to see Cameron.

'I want to be the boss!'

■ Teen with Down Syndrome thrives at his weekend job at Smitty's Exit 80 in Fenton

By Sally Rummel

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Cameron "Cam" Zoll, 15, is way ahead many of other teens his age.

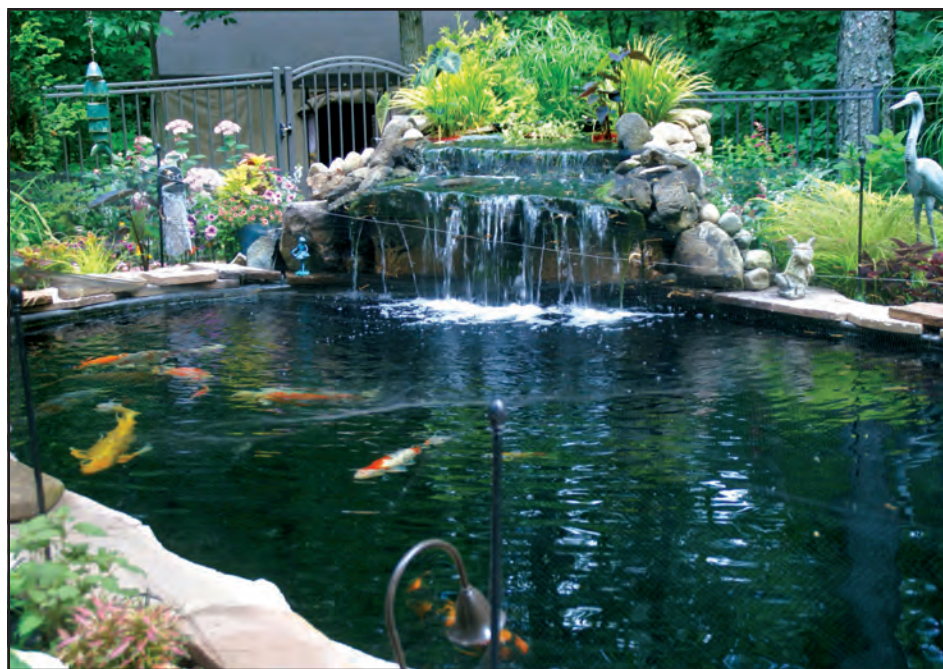
He has a job.

Working at Smitty's Exit 80 Sunoco gas station in Fenton, Cam is saving money for an upcoming Disney family vacation with his parents, Bob and Aimee Zoll of Fenton, and hopes to get his own apartment someday.

What makes Cam unique in the workplace is that he has Down syndrome, a genetic disorder that causes developmental and intellectual delays, according to the National Down Syndrome Society.

But he's also way ahead of many people, with a work ethic that just won't quit and a zest for life that makes him a joy for others to be around. He might have gotten at least part of his work ethic from his parents. Both work at Gerych's Distinctive Flowers & Gifts in special events.

See **BOSS** on 14A



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED PHOTO

On Sunday, July 15, eight gardens will be featured as part of the 21st annual Fenton Open Gate Garden Club tour.

Spotlight is on Fenton-area gardens

■ Fenton Open Gate Garden Club tour set for Sunday, July 15

By Sally Rummel

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Whether you're a gardener yourself or a person who enjoys the beauty of a well-tended garden, mark your calendar for the 2018 Summer Garden Tour on Sunday, July 15, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., sponsored by the Fenton Open Gate Garden Club.

Eight gardens in Fenton and surrounding areas will be featured in this 21st annual event.

"Each garden is a work of art," said Janice Cooley, co-chair of the tour with Paul Stedman. Highlights this year will include serene woodland acres, a magnificent koi pond, a "rescued" farm property, color-filled lake properties, charming fairy gardens and unique plant varieties.

Homeowners will be on hand to answer questions and a master gardener table will be at one of the gardens. Maps and garden

guides will be available and many of the plants will be labeled at each garden.

"Gardeners and nature lovers alike will enjoy spending the day strolling through these lovely creations, absorbing their beauty and taking away an idea or two," said Cooley.

In addition, visitors will enjoy refreshments at one of the gardens, plus merchant discounts. A lucky raffle winner will also win a beautiful garden bench.

Advance sale tickets for \$8 (children 12 and under free) are available from Open Gate Garden Club members and Gerych's Distinctive Flowers & Gifts, Heavenly Scent Herb Farm and Sweet Variations in Fenton; Holly Township Library; Bordine's Nursery and The Weed Lady, both in Grand Blanc.

On the day of the tour, tickets may be purchased for \$10 each at the A.J. Phillips Museum in Fenton. Proceeds will benefit

the Open Gate Garden Club speaker series and donations to community projects.

For more information, visit their website: opengategardenclubgardentour.com

“Gardeners and nature lovers alike will enjoy spending the day strolling through these lovely creations, absorbing their beauty and taking away an idea or two.”

Janice Cooley

Summer Garden Tour co-chair

HOT LINE CONTINUED

IF EVERYONE ON Lake Fenton did as these water hogs do with their swim platforms and swim area buoys marking their territory 100 feet off shore and then never using them, no one would enjoy the lake. Quit being so selfish.

THIS MIGHT BE a good time for all those rich Democrats, who are so concerned about the abused immigrant children, to open up all the homes they own to house them until they can be properly vetted.

WELL HERE IT is the weekend before the Fourth of July and I'm glad that there's police presence on Lake Ponemah, but all they're doing is riding around. There are people driving reckless, going the wrong way and the marine patrol never stopped anybody. Come on you guys, do your job.

SOUTH CAROLINA SHOULD be

thanked for ending slavery by starting the Civil War, though the cost was excessive. If the American Civil War had not occurred, when would slavery have ended?

WHEN ONE OF our local 'leaders' grants scholarships based on nepotism and political party beliefs it makes me sad to say that I am from Fenton.

HOLLY'S DPW LEAVES the air conditioning running in their building all weekend when no one is working, leaving the taxpayers to foot the bill.

CAN YOU JUST go ahead and change the name of the Hot lines to 'The Uninformed Baby Boomer Whining Corner?'

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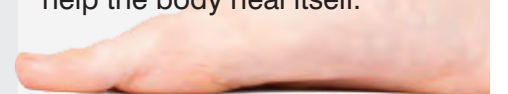
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What do Times staffers do in their free time?

■ Complex costume-building and professional filmmaking videos a blend of talent

By Tim Jagielo
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Some people might think that “cosplay” is a little weird.

It is the donning of a costume of a popular comic book character, usually at a convention where other people also are wearing cosplay.

Cosplay examples include famous superheroes, and characters from video games or movies. A generic figure like a knight or cat or pirate doesn't count.

In Staff Reporter Hannah Ball's case, her costume is an anime character with complex lighted armor with moving wings. Anime is a style of film and television animation aimed at adults as well as children.

Some people buy their cos-

tumes. Others, like Ball, design and build their own based on drawings alone. Then they show them off at conventions (usually shortened to ‘cons’) and compete for prizes and bragging rights.

She used foam, PVC pipe, fabric, shapeable plastic, spray paint and a lot of glue to make her costume last year, and this is just one of several she has made and wore to conventions.

OK, so that's Ball.

I'm personally also a documentary filmmaker. I've made documentaries about the Libyan revolution, life in rural Appalachia and have a documentary currently in the works about native (Ojibwe) communities fighting to renew their culture and language.

During her cosplay project from 2017, I thought it would make an interesting visual project for a documentary as well.

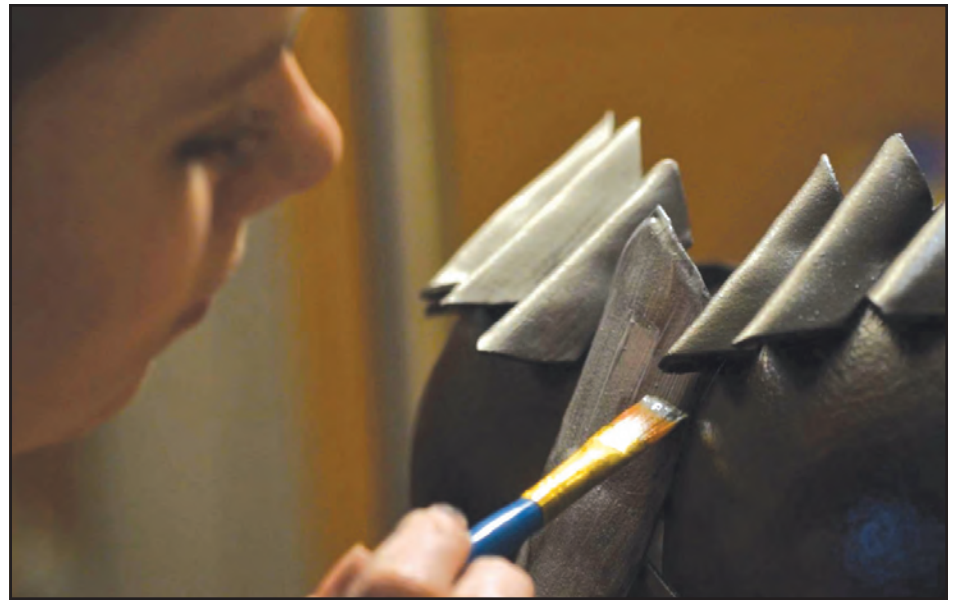
So between March 30 and



Hannah Ball



Tim Jagielo



VIDEO STILL BY TIM JAGIELO

Hannah Ball, staff reporter, paints the chest armor for her Erza Scarlet cosplay this past April. **Watch the video at tctimes.com.**

May 15, I shot footage of her painstaking work, often late into the night, including the setbacks and challenges that come with creating something with no rules or guides.

The result is a funny, colorful documentary series about a busy person's challenging hobby, and a little bit of our working relationship. It's called “Hannah's Wings: Countdown to the Con.”

Ball provides the commentary, (some language/parental guidance suggested). I shot and edited the videos, and composed the music.

We've released the first episode and

will be sharing it online this weekend.

If you'd like to learn a little bit more about the people behind the bylines (especially Ball) check out the accompanying video online at tctimes.com and visit hannahswings2018.tumblr.com.

Go to tctimes.com to watch the first episode of the documentary series about Staff Reporter Hannah Ball titled, “Hannah's Wings: Countdown to the Con,” by Media Editor Tim Jagielo

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LET'S TALK ABOUT Trump's big tax break that did nothing for his working man base. The reality show king has pulled the wool over our eyes.

■■■
GOOD LEFTIST TWIST on Bernanke being the brains behind quantitative easing. Obama was its biggest supporter traveling all over the world taking credit for its success. Do you seriously think Bernanke had free rein to do whatever he wanted without Obama's blessing? That's the real lie.

■■■
GASOLINE PRICES ARE rising since Trump's decision to withdraw from the Iran deal. I'm sure the Koch brothers are thrilled at their return on investment from their donation to the Trump campaign.

■■■
ECONOMIES, LIKE OCEANLINERS, both take a long time to change directions. During his first year in office, Trump benefited from Obama's stimulus package. But now his terrible tax plan and awful foreign relations are just starting to affect us.

■■■
WOW, SALLY RUMMEL has to be one of the hardest working people in town. It was a fabulous Times issue, loaded with all sorts of information.

■■■
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Hartley makes the grade in two-year evaluation

■ Fenton superintendent rated 'highly effective'

By Vera Hogan

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The results are in and in looks like Fenton Area Public Schools Superintendent Adam Hartley is "a keeper."

Hartley began his duties as what he calls the district's "lead learner" on July 1, 2016.

The Board of Education met in executive session May 7 for the purpose of finalizing Hartley's evaluation. The school board took action on the final evaluation at the June 25 meeting, approving the evaluation rating of "highly effective" in a vote of 4-0. Three board members were absent from the meeting.

Board President Keith Reynolds facilitated the discussion and compiled the ratings from each board member. He said the Board achieved consensus on all six components of Hartley's evaluation.

"This combined with student growth data resulted in his highly effective rating," he said. "We all agree he is doing a great job."

The final evaluation showed the following ratings:

- Visionary Leadership — highly effective
 - Policy and Governance — effective
 - Instructional Leadership — highly effective
 - Community and Community Relations — highly effective
 - Organizational Management — highly effective
 - Professional and Ethics — highly effective
 - Student Growth — highly effective
- His overall rating is "highly effective."



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Adam Hartley has achieved a "highly effective" performance rating from the Fenton Board of Education. He is going on his third school year with the district.

"I appreciate the school board and their attention to detail when it comes to celebrating my strengths and identifying my areas of improvement," Hartley said. "A highly effective rating reflects the hard work our team has done and the collective work we do as a school district. This rating also means I have a lot of work ahead as we strive for excellence each and every day."

Among the things Hartley has successfully achieved since coming to Fenton is create an effective newsletter — #WeAreFenton — which he distributes to district stakeholders after every Board of Education meeting. His newsletters can be seen at fentonschools.org under the "Superintendent" heading.

Truck hauling pasta runs red light, hits car

■ Fenton police and fire respond to crash on Owen Road at Donaldson Drive

By Sharon Stone

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Fenton — A box style truck hauling pasta drove through a red light on eastbound Owen Road at Donaldson Drive and struck a passenger vehicle that was accelerating from northbound Donaldson Drive attempting to head westbound on Owen Road.

This crash occurred at 7:55 a.m. on Friday, July 6.

The passenger vehicle veered into the ditch and caught fire. The occupants were a man and his young son.

The box truck tipped over leaking diesel fuel and oil. Both vehicles were not drivable and were towed from the scene.

There were no injuries, said Lt. Jeff



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | HANNAH BALL

The driver of this commercial truck ran a red light on Owen Road, striking a passenger car at 7:55 a.m., Friday, July 6. The truck tipped over and the car veered into the ditch. There were no injuries.

Cross of the Fenton Police Department. Crews were on site for more than two hours to clean the crash site.

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By Tim Jagielo
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Fenton Twp. — At 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 3, travelers stream into the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) rest area on northbound U.S. 23, walking past the brightly colored flowerbeds.

Some pause to look at the “you are here” map on the wall, or conservation and tourist information. Most walk over the tiled floor depicting the Great Lakes in vibrant blue.

Fenton’s rest area number 624 is one of 78 in the state of Michigan run by MDOT. Rest areas are approximately an hour apart and are found on all major highways. The next rest area heading north is in Clio.

Jocelyn Hall of the MDOT Office of Communications said rest areas are part of the overall MDOT budget. The cost to run each location varies, and some are larger welcome centers with staffing late into the night during the summer.



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The MSU-Extension donates volunteer time as part of the master gardener program.

“Maintaining safe and clean rest areas are part of our ongoing mission to support tourism in Michigan,” Hall said.

Rest areas include parking for semi-trailers, RVs and passenger cars. The grounds are good for people and dogs alike to get out and stretch their legs.

See **REST AREAS** on 18A



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Kim Verhelle holds a card she just completed with braille in her Shiawassee Shores home Friday, June 29. Verhelle and her friend, Melanie Hein, make these “tactile cards” that are for sale locally.

‘Say It With Dots’ uses braille for greeting cards

■ Local women, one who is legally blind, produce cards for visually-impaired and those who may be interested in braille

By Sally Rummel
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Kim Verhelle, 61, of Shiawassee Shores in Linden, is legally blind and unable to read greeting cards she receives for special occasions.

Her friend, Melanie Hein, who had been active in sight programs through the Fenton Lions Club, had an idea she thought would help not only Verhelle, but other people with vision problems.

They’re also fun for anyone to give or receive, including kids who like to decode

the braille

“We got started last fall making our own greeting cards, ‘Say It With Dots,’ using braille,” Verhelle said. The duo designs cards for all seasons and reasons, with Hein printing card stock designs on the computer, and Verhelle adding braille “dots” on the front of the card and inside.

“Say It With Dots” are currently on sale for \$5 at Fenton’s Open Book and at the Leader Dogs for the Blind gift shop in Rochester Hills.

The cards will also be displayed and sold at the Fenton Art Walk on Saturday, July 14 in downtown Fenton. “I’m going to bring my braille writer and we’ll make bookmarks for kids there,” Verhelle said.

Camp your way to an adventurous summer

■ State parks, local campgrounds make it easy to 'get away from it all' this summer

By Sally Rummel

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Campfires, s'mores and getting closer to nature are just a few of the reasons many people love to go camping.

It's a leisure activity that's growing in popularity. Nearly 40 million Americans camp at least once a year, according to a national report by Kampgrounds of America (KOA), and almost a third of campers go into the woods three or more times a year.

Why do people love to camp? Camping is one of the most affordable options for traveling, especially if your goal is to visit many national or state parks. You can be close to nature from the moment you wake up until you "bed down" for the night.

Camping is proven to have an impact on reducing stress and improving physical health, if you don't down too many s'mores, that is.

There are so many ways to enjoy camping in its many different forms, from backpacking to rustic camping, RVing and "glamping."

Glamping" is a style of camping with more amenities than traditional camping, including resort-style features. There are several in Michigan, including Mount Bohemia on Lake Lac La Belle in the Upper Peninsula, Camp Buttercup, 10 miles west of Ann Arbor in Dexter and Wild Cherry Point in the Traverse City area.

Six out of 10 campers stay in tents, while one in five use an RV and one in four stay in cabins. If you're a tent camper, there's a good chance you're a young camper in your 20s or 30s, because older campers tend to stay in RVs or campers, according to KOA.

Camping accommodations vary from tents to yurts (portable, circular dwelling covered in felt or fabric), cabins, trailers, teepees and even your car.

Car camping is becoming a trend in making camping an easy, more convenient experience. It's one to enjoy the outdoors without a lot of pre-planning. You can haul your favorite "creature comforts" with you, and pitch your tent right next to your car, or even attached to your car.

You don't have to go far to enjoy camping. In fact, 59 percent of campers stay within 100 miles of home, according to KOA. Forty-two percent stay at national, state and municipal campgrounds and 25 percent stay at private campgrounds.

"I've (car) camped at Seven Lakes, my favorite park," said Laura Legant of Holly. "My car tent is perfect for when I just want to get away, but for the family, we have a larger trailer tent. This summer, my family is camping as we travel to Nova Scotia."

Today's younger campers lean toward more active recreation while camping, compared to older campers. Mountain



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On Monday, July 2, campers are set up at the Seven Lakes State Park campground in Holly Township.

biking, hiking, running and adventure sports are just a few of the activities sought by youthful campers. Both hiking and fishing cross all generations, while sightseeing and visiting historical locations are activities enjoyed by older campers.

While fishing remains a popular leisure activity, hiking now outranks fishing as the prime camping outdoor experience.

There are many state parks in Michigan that provide camping and lodging opportunities. You can click on "Recreation Search" at Michigan.gov to find the perfect campground for your needs. You'll learn all about the amenities available at different parks, including trails, family friendly events, beaches, boat launches and more.

The majority of campsites require reservations, which can be made six months in advance. To make camping reservations, visit Midnrrreservations.com or call 1-800-44PARKS. Vehicle entry into all state parks, recreation areas and state forest campgrounds require a Recreation Passport, available for purchase with your driver's license registration. The passport also can be obtained at the state park campground, but at a higher cost.

Popular Michigan campgrounds:

- Tahquamenon Falls State Park in Newberry in the U.P.
- South Higgins Lake State Park in Roscommon
- Porcupine Mountains State Park in Ontonagon in the U.P.
- Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore in Munising in the U.P.
- Wilderness State Park on Carp Lake in northwest Lower Peninsula
- Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in Empire in northwest Lower Peninsula
- Lakeport State Park on Lake Huron in St. Clair County
- Ludington State Park in Ludington
- Huron-Manistee National Forest in northwest Lower Peninsula
- Sleepy Hollow State Park in Laingsburg in east central Michigan

Source: Michigan.gov

Local campgrounds:

- Holly KOA
- Holly Recreation Area-McGinnis Lake Campground
- Groveland Oaks County Park
- Seven Lakes State Park Campground
- YMCA Camp Copneconic

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FENTON TOWNSHIP MAN CHARGED WITH STEALING CREDIT CARD

Genesee County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the 14000 block of Eastview Drive in Fenton Township on June 9 for a fraud complaint. Cory Herrick, 30, was arrested for fraud and transported to the Genesee County Jail. He was arraigned June 24 on two counts of stealing a financial transaction device (credit card). A probable cause conference is scheduled for July 5.

DOMESTIC ASSAULT ON ELEANOR DRIVE

Genesee County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the 4000 block of Eleanor Drive in Fenton Township on June 9 to investigate a domestic assault and battery complaint. The incident remains under investigation.

LARCENY COMPLAINT

On June 17, Genesee County deputies were dispatched to the 16000 block of Hi Land Trail in Fenton Township for a larceny complaint. The incident remains under investigation.

MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

On June 18, deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to the 400 block of North Towne Commons for a malicious destruction of property complaint.

TEEN ARRESTED FOR POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA

On June 21, Genesee County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the 14000 block of Moffett Drive in Fenton Township for a domestic assault and battery complaint. An 18-year-old female was arrested for possession of marijuana and transported to the Genesee County Jail.



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By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

ZOOM WHITENING

The number one requested dental service is teeth whitening. Whitening can have a dramatic impact on your smile. Teeth become discolored by different staining processes. External staining is caused by environmental conditions; smoking, coffee, tea, etc. Internal staining is changes in the intrinsic color of the teeth. Internal staining is often natural. And as we grow older our teeth often become darker; a natural part of the aging process. All of these teeth darkening conditions can be treated and improved with the teeth whitening process. There are basically three different types of teeth whitening methods. The first type is "over-the-counter" whitening kits that can be purchased at your local pharmacy. The second type is professionally supervised home whitening which is provided by your dentist. The third type is in-office whitening done in the dental chair by your dentist and staff. All methods have varying degrees of effectiveness and cost and all three use the same basic chemistry which is some varying form of hydrogen peroxide. The fastest and most dramatic results are achieved through in-office ZOOM whitening where the entire whitening process is completed in a single visit in about an hour. The number one chief complaint by those who have gone through the whitening process is tooth sensitivity both during and after the process is completed. I am happy to report that with advancements in product formulations and chemistry, tooth sensitivity with teeth whitening is not nearly the issue it once was.

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RENOVATIONS

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Sorensen Gross Construction to renovate the Genesee County Animal Control (GCAC) building.

The announcement was made during a special board meeting at GCAC. The press release states, "This expansion and renovation is the direct result of the generous residents of Genesee County who voted for an animal control millage in the fall of 2014."



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO
Genesee County Animal Control Director Paul Wallace stands before the facility, which will soon be dramatically expanded and improved.

GCAC Director Paul Wallace said Sorensen Gross has a long history of successful large-scale municipal and private projects and that they expect this project to be a success.

"We've been working on this for a couple years. From the first design concept to hiring CHMP as our architect and an animal shelter specialist called the Tevis Group out of Kansas, with consultation from Department of Agriculture and a whole lot of others," he said. "And now the real work begins."

He expects construction work to begin later this month.

Wallace said he's excited for the animals to have modern, comfortable housing. The dog kennels, which are currently 4- by 4-feet, will be 4- by 10-feet, with the addition of more outdoor space for the dogs to play. The cats will get upgraded cat condos. Two more buildings will be added to the complex.

Wallace said their doctor will have an updated operating/treatment facility, and they will install equipment that helps with the "distinctive aromas that are endemic to a large number of animals."

BOSS

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"That kid is amazing," said Doug "Smitty" Smith, who hired Cam two months ago to work every Sunday morning, from 9 a.m. to noon. "He makes everyone smile when they come in."

Zoll family members have been customers at Exit 80 for years and have gotten to know Smith personally.

"Cam told me he wanted a job and said, 'I'm going to work for Doug,'" said Bob. "When I mentioned it to Doug, he didn't hesitate at all."

Cam takes his role seriously at work and gets up early on Sunday morning to get there well in advance of his 9 a.m. shift. "He's always telling me, 'Mom, c'mon, let's go, I need to make money,'" Aimee said.

**“That kid
is amazing.
He makes
everyone smile
when they
come in.”**

Doug “Smitty” Smith
Smitty's Exit 80 in Fenton
owner

Some of his responsibilities at his job include clearing the gas pumps, handling bait, stocking the pop cooler, loading ice into cars for customers and helping older people carry their purchases. While he's at work, he is mentored by Buddy, a coworker who helps him move from one task to another.

"There's a lot he can do," Smith said.

"He comes in confident, like a ball of fire."

Smitty's customers have taken a liking to this smiling, happy young man, too. "We have customers who come in just to see him," Smith said. "When he first got the job, one girl brought him balloons and breakfast. Another guy always buys a pop for him to take home."

The Zolls have seen a lot of positive changes in their son, too. "He's getting more responsible and independent," Bob said. "As soon as he gets his paycheck, he puts it in the bank to save his money. Right now, he's saving money for Florida, and someday he says he'd like to have a Jeep and an apartment."

Hearing Cam talk like this not only gives him goals to work toward, it also gives his parents hope for the future. This fall, he'll be a sophomore at Lake Fenton High School. When asked what he'd like to do someday for a career, he doesn't hesitate for a second, saying, "I want to be the boss!"



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELLO
Cameron Zoll, 15, wears a vest while working on his shift at the gas station.

"Not to mention a design that all but eliminates cross-contamination between all these critters, (and) the added safety to staff and volunteers that currently have to lift said critters into second-tier cages. It's going to be a modern, 21st century shelter that is animal-welfare centered. Pretty exciting stuff," he said. "It's what all those folks voted for when we voted for this millage."

GCAC went through an "extensive" reorganization of policies and protocols in 2015 to evaluate the facility and design work starting in the spring of 2016, according to the press release.

A few companies submitted bids for the project and were reviewed by a selection committee, who interviewed the three finalists.

"We took our time so that we could do it right," said Mark Young, chairman of the Genesee County Board of Commissioners.

"Rather than rushing into something and then looking back and wishing we had added this or moved that, we wanted the process to be right," Young said. "We are so excited to finally reach this day."

HOT LINE CONTINUED

IT'S COMICAL TO see a granola eater now become concerned about pain in worms.

■■■■
I PREDICT THE Linden Council and mayor will soon be discussing and passing ordinances that outlaw dandelions in a property owner's 'front or side yard.'

■■■■
RESPONSE TO THE person, house value \$320,000; who stated Linden residents who own metal framed storage tents should just get garages. Linden homes average \$140,000. Linden City Council members own homes valued at \$220,000 to \$320,000. The City Council is not in touch with most Linden residents.

■■■■
YOU'RE NEVER ALONE. If you lost your mother and father, you will always have your Heavenly Father to pray for whatever bothers you. He's all powerful and He'll help you.

■■■■
A SOCIALIST REPRESENTATIVE in New York won the Primary. Her name is Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez As a socialist, she wants open borders and wants the United States to accept all immigrants. This is the new Democratic Party, which is becoming more and more socialistic as we approach the elections.

■■■■
THIS IS IN response to the Sunday, July 1 Hot line on the front page. Yes, there were six valedictorians at Lake Fenton, who all had 4.0 grade points for four years and deserved to be included. Maybe the Fenton parents should move their kids over to Lake Fenton and see what happens.

■■■■
THROUGH MAY OF 2018, ICE has captured and arrested over 5,000 criminal illegal immigrants in the state of New York alone. Many of these were violent gang members have committed murders, rape and are involved in illegal drugs. These are the people that the Democrats want to protect.

■■■■
TO THE HOT-LINER who thinks the so-called new immigrants would be happy working it at the new market in Flint. They are not immigrants. They are trying to enter this country illegally, which makes them criminals, therefore they could not work there or anywhere else.

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Motorists must move over for tow trucks, too

■ An average of 55 to 60 tow truck drivers in U.S. are killed each year while doing their jobs

By Vera Hogan

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Despite Michigan's "move over" law, tow truck drivers are still in danger when it comes to motorists not paying attention.

In May, a 42-year-old man named Nader Chehadi was trying to tow a vehicle when he was struck and killed on east-bound I-94 near State Street in Ann Arbor.

It is a common and preventable occurrence. According to the International Towing Recovery Museum in Tennessee, across the U.S., an average of between 55 and 60 tow truck drivers are killed each year while performing their duties. The International Towing and Recovery Hall of Fame and Museum is a support group funding funeral expenses for those killed.

Michigan's "move-over" law requires

drivers traveling on multi-lane roadways to, when practical, merge away from a vehicle working on the side of the highway to provide an empty travel lane of safety for the worker. This includes tow truck drivers.

According to michiganautolaw.com, if you violate the law, punishment can result in a misdemeanor, a fine of up to \$500 and/or up to 90 days in jail.

If you violate the law and cause injury to a police officer, firefighter, or other emergency response personnel such as a tow truck driver in the immediate area of the stationary authorized emergency vehicle, you can be found guilty of a felony punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or imprisonment of up to two years.

If you cause death to a first responder, you can be found guilty of a felony punishable by a fine of up to \$7,500 and/or imprisonment for up to 15 years.

Read about the challenges of being a tow truck driver with this story at tctimes.com.



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Michigan's "move over-law" applies to motorists when they encounter anyone providing assistance on the road, including tow truck drivers.

Road service plan brings repair help

By Sally Rummel

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What do you do when your car starts making a funny noise at 8:30 p.m. on a trip 100 miles from home?

Whom do you call, how do you get assistance to keep your family safe — and how much will it all cost?

If you have a roadside assistance plan included with your car insurance, it's usually easy to solve your problem. Many full coverage auto insurance policies include roadside assistance for less than \$20 per year. That provides a number to call to summon a tow truck, get your doors unlocked or flat tire changed, have your car battery recharged or even receive an emergency can of gasoline if you've run out.

However, roadside assistance often isn't available with limited auto policies, if you no longer have collision coverage on older cars. But, multiple companies offer motor clubs and roadside service separately — often for as little as \$1 per week.

Depending on your travel needs, roadside assistance plans can provide peace of mind and greater safety, according to Consumer Reports magazine. Such plans often come with a new car or certified-used vehicle purchase, lasting the duration of your warranty, the magazine reports. Extended warranties you purchase often will include them, also.

If you have more than one car, you may need a full-service roadside assistance plan, such as those offered by Allstate, AAA, National General Motor Club and Better World Club, according to Consumer Reports. If you have multiple drivers in your family, the Good Sam Roadside Assistance program can cover the spouse and kids.

If you drive a lot and travel far from home, choose a plan with the most generous towing allowance and trip-interruption benefits, Consumer Reports advises. Most plans have multiple levels and options, depending on your needs. Some credit cards and cell phone plans even include roadside assistance, so read your agreements carefully — or ask if car aid is included.

The independent website QuoteWizard.com reviewed more than 30 auto insurance programs, finding you can pay as little as \$5 for an add-on package to more than \$100 annually for deluxe plans. Many programs now provide an app that lets you summon help instantly, after you've registered with them.

Most plans allow you to use roadside assistance up to four times per year included in the base price, while an extra charge may be added for more claims or to have your car towed longer distances than outlined in your plan.

Check with your auto insurer about adding roadside assistance to your existing insurance policy, for the best price, experts say. And, ask family members and friends for recommendations to keep your vehicle rolling along and giving you peace of mind.

Top 5 roadside assistance plans — each has multiple add-ons and choices

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FENTON FAVORITES
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Blackburn's Subs was a favorite spot among locals for decades. Loyal customers can still imagine walking in the front door to the wonderful smell of onions and green peppers on the grill. It was located on South Long Lake Road, across from Lake Fenton.

The Flame was for years a favorite family dining spot. People of all ages enjoyed breakfast, lunch and dinner in this restaurant that later became The Classic Restaurant, then Great Lakes Family Restaurant. It is now Cancun Restaurant, which has quickly become a local favorite for fine Mexican cuisine.

Hardee's of Fenton — if you were a teenager in town you spent a lot of time at Hardees, where amazing burgers, fries and shakes were always on the menu. It was located on the Silver Lake Road site where Tim Horton's now stands.

Heritage House was another family favorite restaurant for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Many Fenton clubs and civic groups held their meetings here. It was Luigi's Pizza for a time, and recently opened as Goki Goki Korean BBQ.

Leroy's Gourmet Burgers was located at the corner of Silver Lake Road and N. LeRoy Street, where the brand new Horizon Building now stands. This burger joint was unique in that customers were invited to build their own burger with 45 different toppings and sauces. The business was short-lived through no fault of the owners; a year-long road construction project cut off their supply of customers.

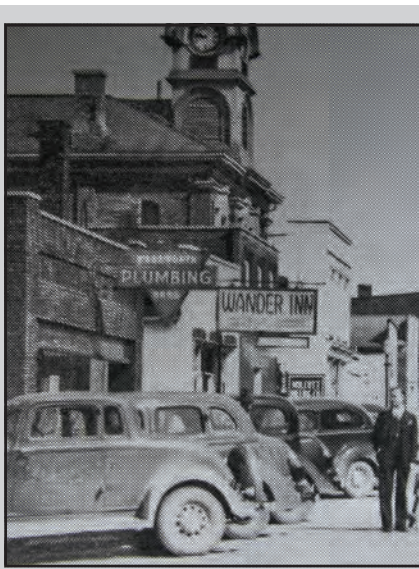
MoDoggie's was the place to go on the weekends to hear a great local band, dance, have a few drinks and just hang out with friends. The location on Torrey Road at North Road is now another popular restaurant and bar called The Barn.

Richard's Roadhouse saw its share of hungry diners over the years. After they left, it became Jimmy G's Roadhouse, another favorite for many years. It has been Sagebrush Cantina, on the north side of Fenton, for many years and is a favorite among those craving Mexican food.

CATCH OF THE WEEK



On June 28, **John Underwood**, 6, of Fenton Township caught this 20.5-inch largemouth bass on Lake Iroquois.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO
The Wander Inn was torn down in 1937 to make way for what is now called the Fenton Community & Cultural Center.

RESTAURANTS
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Wander Inn was owned by Harry and Martha McGregor and was located at 146 S. Leroy St. in the Wolcott Mill Building, which was torn down in 1937 to make way for what is now called the Fenton Community & Cultural Center.

From 1929 to 1933, Lowell and Hazel Merrill owned **Merrill's Lunch** at 121 N. Leroy St. Then it became Hoskin's Restaurant with chicken dinners listed at 50 cents.

Hole in the Wall was Hazel Merrill's coffee shop, located next to Pellett's Department Store from 1937 to 1942.

Hoskins Restaurant at 121 N. Leroy St. was sold to Hazel Kirby in 1945. In 1969, it was sold to Robert Meade, who also ran the Pink Poodle.

The Pink Poodle, at 401 S. Leroy St. where the engineering firm Stantec is now, was operated by Robert Meade and open 24 hours a day. He also operated Hoskins Restaurant in downtown Fenton in the 1960s.

Star Restaurant at 121 N. Leroy St. was run by Andy Brown in the '70s. Fish and chips were advertised, all you can eat for \$1.29.

Then there was **F & M Inn** in the late '40s, early '50s, which was operated by the McKinleys on the site of Moy Kong Express at 911 N. Leroy St. Giles Restaurant moved to the F & M in May of 1956.

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BREAK-IN ON ROLSTON ROAD
On June 21, Genesee County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the 4000 block of East Rolston Road in Fenton Township for a breaking and entering complaint. The incident remains under investigation.

FRANKS TAVERN
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In the winter, ice fisherman frequented the tavern. According to Burdick, it was a local hangout. People would come in to play cards. He learned to play pinochle there when he was only 8 years old.

In 1946, Marge Nichols of Fenton took over the operation of Frank's and the Burdicks moved into town.

Nichols, who owned the business for 37 years, introduced fresh baked bread and her famous pies. Through the years, more seafood was added to the menu, as well as meat and pasta entrees, but it was fish and chips that remained a favored item.

Nichols sold the restaurant to Steve Fessler in 1983. In 2005, employees Rachel Hitchcock and Jessica Begley bought it from Fessler and ran it until it closed in May of 2010.



Correction
In the article, "Property owners battling Holly Hills expansion plan," published on Sunday, July 1, it was reported to the Times that manufactured home residents pay \$36 a month for taxes. They pay \$36 a year, or \$3 per month.



PHOTO: FESSLESAUCES.COM
Frank's Tavern, a favorite seafood restaurant along Lake Ponemah for decades, was closed for good in 2010, and torn down in 2014.

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More and more Americans raising chickens

■ Nationwide program rents chickens, coops and accessories for one year

By Hannah Ball

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Rose Twp. — Have you ever wondered what it's like to keep backyard chickens?

With Rent-the-Chicken, a nationwide program, you can experience what it's like to keep these animals without the long-term commitment.

Susan and Steve Griffiths of Rose Township participate in the program that allows people to keep a few chickens for a summer to see if they like the experience. They keep around 100 chickens, roosters and half a dozen Nigerian Dwarf goats on their homestead property.

"We believe this is the perfect program to start with chickens," Susan said.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | HANNAH BALL

Susan Griffiths of Rose Township feeds her Barred Plymouth Rock chickens Monday, July 2. She's participating in Rent-The-Chicken, and will rent out some of her animals to families who want to experience what it's like to raise chickens.

They provide everything — the chickens, the coop, food, and more. However, they're waiting to rent the chickens out until they have enough that can lay bigger eggs.

"I do have many interested parties, I just don't have birds that are old enough to do it yet," she said.

It all started when the Griffiths learned about the Barred Plymouth Rock chicken, a breed with white and brown coloring. Susan obtained her first chickens from a farm in North Carolina.

"I have a passion for preserving this particular bloodline of the Barred Plymouth Rock," she said. "I like to educate people on this."

Many people spend thousands on equipment and buying the animals, and then realize they don't want to actually keep chickens.

"There's a chicken for everyone. That's what I love about this program. It's hard to do research and then get facts and the

truth," she said, "If it's spontaneous and you don't know what you're doing, you don't realize you're going to be spending hundreds if not thousands of dollars just on taking care of the chicks."

Recently, Griffiths has seen a push for backyard chickens and a heavier agriculture push in communities. She said the chickens are very relaxing to watch. The couple will often sit on their porch and watch the animals as they put themselves to bed.

"I'm just hoping that I can be of help to educate everybody in this area. We don't have to fight over this," she said.

She mentioned the two cases in Fenton Township in which residents have been cited for unlawfully keeping chickens, and how there needs to be more understanding on the side of residents and elected officials.

Even though her birds aren't quite old enough to be rented yet, she will rent the chickens out if someone is "really interested. The price will be adjusted. I'm willing to work with the renters and start teaching them."

The smallest package comes with two birds, a coop, food, and a "how to" book starting at \$450. Participants can always call the Griffiths with questions while they rent the chickens. Interested parties can go to rentthechicken.com. The chicken owners differ depending on the renter's location.

“There’s a chicken for everyone. That’s what I love about this program.”

Susan Griffiths
Rose Township resident

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REST AREAS

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Often a rest area is sponsored by a volunteer group to take care of a certain aspect of the maintenance. For example, the local rest stop is sponsored by the Michigan State University Extension Master Gardener Volunteer program.

MDOT covers the material costs of the flowers, and the MSU volunteers donate their time.

The result is a colorful group of flowerbeds that don't exist at other rest areas in Michigan.

Other states handle rest areas differently. While Michigan's facilities are clean and maintained, turnpike service areas in Ohio are practically small shopping malls with multiple fast-food options and gift shops. The Great Lakes service area south of Cleveland has fuel, and Burger King, Panera Bread, Starbucks and other restaurants.

Becky Williams commented on a Times Facebook post about out-of-state rest areas. "The West Virginia rest stops are amazing," she wrote. She said there is local museum information, and the rest areas are clean and well maintained. She added though, that these stops are along a toll road. "That amount sure adds up," she said.

Two people commented that they like the MDOT rest area in Clare County. "I like the tourist information and the amazing flowers and iron work outside," commented Tammy Schultz Chinn.

Others said that they would prefer the Michigan facilities to be cleaner and updated.

Business briefs

Vic Canever Chevrolet welcomes Mike Yankee

Vic Canever Chevrolet has announced the hire of Mike Yankee, a 42-year veteran to the automotive industry. Yankee has worked his way through the ranks from porter and office personnel, to service department and sales manager at another local dealership, and is looking forward to serving both existing and new customers at Vic Canever Chevrolet. Yankee is a Lake Fenton High School graduate, member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and resides in Grand Blanc with his wife Pat. He has two children and one grandson. He enjoys golf and basketball, and spending time with his grandson. To learn more about Yankee and the dealership, go to www.canever.com or call (810) 629-3350.



Mike Yankee

News briefs

Monday is last day to register

In order to vote in the Aug. 7 primary election, citizens must be registered to vote by Monday, July 9.

If registering by mail, the voter registration form must be postmarked by July 9; there is no online registration in Michigan. Visit your local municipal office before the close of business to register in person.

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By Sally Rummel

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Ina Golden, 66, of Rose Township, is an active volunteer in the Holly area while continuing to put her nursing skills to use as an elder care coordinator. She's a sought-after speaker and presenter, as a U.S. Navy veteran and founding member of the Holly Area Veterans Resource Center. She's also very involved in Holly's Downtown Development Authority Main Street Team and has been a member of the Friends of Holly Township Library for many years.

Golden has been married to James for 44 years and is the mother of two daughters, Karen Greulich of Murrayville, Georgia and Katy Hughes of Holly. She is a grandmother to Cooper, 13, Olivia, 12 and Connor, 11. **You recently received an award as "Veteran of the Month" from the Holly Moose Lodge. What's your background as a veteran?**

I have a heart for veterans because I am one. My father passed away when I was 16 and our family was very poor. I was able to attend Oakland University for two years, then the money ran out.

My grandfather and uncle were Navy veterans; I wanted to further my education and serve. I joined the Navy in 1973 and became a Hospital Corpsman at age 20. I met my husband in the Navy; he was stationed on a destroyer at the Submarine Base in New London, Connecticut. I was honorably discharged in 1975 as a Third



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Ina Golden
Rose Township resident

Class Petty Officer, E-4. **What do you do today to help veterans?**

I'm secretary of the Holly Area Veterans Resource Center, a very active group. In the past, we've held three Vietnam Veteran Pinnings and a number of outreach programs. Our Scott Dudek Memorial Library at the veterans' center, with more than 2,000 military books, will have its grand opening July 25.

I just finished a Memory Care Kit with the librarian, Karen Healy, to help the family of a veteran with dementia. We've included several books to help with caregiving, plus military picture books that will hopefully help bring back memories of this veteran's time in service. Every veteran has a story or two to tell.

On June 23, I was honored to be a speaker at the Great Lakes National Cemetery for their Vietnam veterans' pinning ceremony. It was a great event; the new Holly School superintendent spoke, too. He's the son of a veteran.

You're also a nurse. How are you using your skills as a registered nurse now?

I work for Mannor Law Group in Grand Blanc as an elder law coordinator. I serve as an advocate for patients and help oversee the coordination of a loved one's health and long-term care. I'm the only R.N. in Michigan who does what I do.

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In addition to her volunteer work with veterans and the Holly community, Ina Golden works as a registered nurse.

What other causes move you to action?

The young, the old, preserving the environment and Main Street DDA in the village of Holly. I'm co-chair of 'Read and Feed,' a summer reading program that encourages kids to love to read, sponsored by First Presbyterian Church and St. Jude's Episcopal Church, both in Fenton. I make calls

and visits to my friends who are 'getting up there in age.' I help teach nursing home staff about medication safety and rehab staff about delirium — an acutely disturbed state of mind because of illness or injury. I pick up trash along a three-mile stretch of road in my area; I'm interested in clean water and avoiding hazardous wastes and pesticides that can contaminate it.

What's the most meaningful award you've ever received?

I earned 'Employee of the Year' from the Flint Osteopathic Hospital in 1988. It completely overwhelmed me. In my career as an R.N., I've worked in pediatrics, ER, education, quality improvement, research, legal nurse consultant, and was a CPR & First Aid trainer for the Genesee Intermediate School District.

What do you do in your spare time?

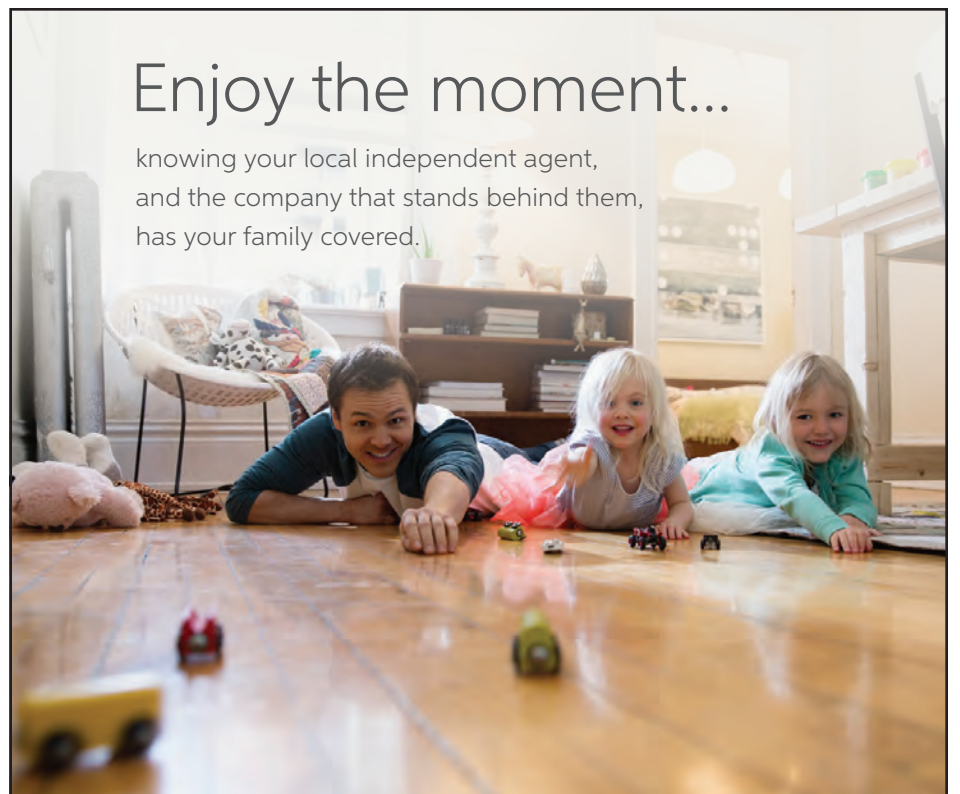
I like to read, knit, sew, garden, can produce, kayak, bike, walk and travel. I like to take the grandchildren on trips, most recently to the International Wolf Center in Ely, Minnesota.

What is something about you most people probably don't know?

This is quirky — I drove a 1947 Farmall H Tractor across the Mackinac Bridge in 2009. It took about four hours and 45 minutes because the photographer was on the other side of the bridge and once an old farmer would stop for the picture, it was hard to get the tractor started again. It was very scary to be sitting up high on top of the tractor with no protection. The bridge needs higher guard rails. My husband restores and collects old tractors and belongs to the Yesteryears Antique Tractor Club, which participates in parades and fairs.

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'F' GRADE**Continued from Front Page**

Progressive AE, presented the study to the council Monday.

The movement of the two U.S. 23 entrance/exit ramps at Silver Lake Road nearest the Elections store operates at a level of service (LoS) of F.

The eastbound traffic movement on Silver Lake Road at LeRoy Street operates at a LoS of E, and the eastbound left-turn movement on Silver Lake Road at LeRoy Street operates at a LoS of E.

The study encompassed all major intersections along Silver Lake Road from Silver Parkway to LeRoy Street, and six signalized intersections and one unsignalized location. Progressive AE recorded turning movements at peak rush hours from 7 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. from the

approximate 20,000 drivers who passed through on a daily basis.

The study states, "The city of Fenton and its surrounding communities are experiencing significant growth, along with the related increases in traffic, particularly during peak hours. As one of the key arterials in the city, Silver Lake Road has been burdened with much of the traffic increase and appears to be approaching its capacity during those peak periods, especially in the sub-area just east of U.S. 23."

In order to improve the **U.S. 23 northbound intersection**, Progressive AE suggests adding a traffic light. This would have to be approved by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). Additional suggestions include extending the two-lane northbound off-ramp cross

section from 75 feet to 200 feet, and convert the eastbound right-turn lane to a through/right lane.

Suggestions for the **U.S. 23 southbound ramps** include extending the westbound left-turn lane by 200 feet and extending the right turn lane from 50 feet to 200 feet. Progressive AE wrote that to turn left onto **Silver Parkway**, the westbound left-turn lanes on Silver Lake Road should be extended by approximately 100 feet.

LaMourie said the worst intersection is at **Fenway Drive**.

"We need to revise the cycle length and timing of the light on Fenway to make it operate better," he said. It's also suggested to convert the eastbound right-turn lane on Silver Lake Road heading to Fenway into a through/right lane.

At **Poplar Street**, LaMourie said the pavement markings on Silver Lake Road should provide a second eastbound through lane until approximately 500 feet east of the intersection.

For the **LeRoy/Silver Lake roads intersection**, LaMourie said the only improvement is to fix the signal light timing.

Suggested improvements for the whole **Silver Lake Road corridor** include converting all signals to 80-second cycle length, optimizing signal offsets and individual intersection phasing and timing. "Once all intersections are on the same cycle length, it's easy to model the progression going through. It can be more efficient," he said.

LaMourie said the most surprising factor was that 20,000 drivers go through the area every day.

"It's pretty clear that the complaints the city has been getting are fairly well founded when you have all those people going through. It must mean the economy is doing well," he said.

Future problems

The study also projected future problems into 2028 with an annual population growth of 1.6 percent. More intersections are expected to downgrade, Silver Parkway, the U.S. 23 southbound ramps, all movements with the U.S. 23 northbound ramps, Fenway Drive, Poplar Street, and LeRoy Street.

"Perhaps the most significant result of those noted above is the eastbound through movement on Silver Lake Road at Fenway Drive," the study states. "Further, the growing traffic volumes will make the projected queues on the U.S. 23 northbound off-ramp even more extensive and lasting most of the entire afternoon peak hour if a signal is not installed."

Lynn Markland, Fenton City manager, said they are worried about future projections, but the study will help the city make changes before more issues arise. Before the meeting, they had already contacted the Genesee County Road Commission to tell them the city would request changes to timing of the traffic lights along the corridor.

"We will also take a close look at the lane changes that were recommended in the study. These are minor costs that can quickly be implemented," he said.

Markland said they will be contacting MDOT to request its input and assistance in funding to make some of these changes. "Specifically we will be talking to them about a traffic signal at the U.S. 23 northbound ramps. That intersection is a part of the problem and they should be a part of the solution," he said.

SUMMARY

■ Without improvements, the traffic on Silver Lake Road in Fenton is expected to worsen.



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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR
SPECIAL LAND USE REVIEW**

THURSDAY, July 26, 2018

Notice is hereby given that the City of Fenton Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on Thursday, July 26, 2018, for the purpose of considering a special land use request to allow a bar (tavern) in the building at 108 S. Leroy Street, Tax ID #53-36-506-026. The property is zoned CBD, Central Business District, where bars and taverns are permitted by special land uses within the District.

The public hearing will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers, 301 South Leroy Street. The purpose of the public hearing is to describe the proposed special land use request and receive public comment on the proposal. All interested parties are welcome to attend and present their comments.

A copy of the special land use request is available for public inspection at the City of Fenton offices, 301 South Leroy Street, during regular business hours. Written comments concerning the special land use may be submitted at the above address prior to the hearing and will be made part of the official record. All minutes of meetings are available at the City Clerk's office.

Comments and questions may be directed to the City of Fenton Zoning and Building Administrator, Michael Reilly, at 810-629-2261.

PLEASE CONTACT THE FENTON CITY CLERK'S OFFICE IF ANY ACCOMMODATIONS ARE NEEDED DUE TO A DISABILITY.



GOOGLE STREET VIEW

The intersection of Rounds Drive and Shiawassee Avenue is temporarily a four-way stop after a suspected drunk driver crashed into the large black traffic pole.

TRAFFIC POLE
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Prior to police arrival, the man fled on foot. Based on evidence in the SUV, police determined that the driver was injured in the crash.

A K-9 unit from Grand Blanc police responded and located the driver in the Whisperwood condominium neighborhood. The man sustained a fractured arm and an ambulance transported him to an area hospital.

Suspecting he had been drinking, police obtained a search warrant for a blood draw at the hospital. Police are awaiting results of the blood test for possible charges.

The Genesee County Road Commission responded and will be installing a temporary traffic light while a new

specialty pole is ordered.

Fenton's Department of Public Works (DPW) also responded to the site to remove the debris. DPW Director Dan Czarnecki said the pole and installation will cost approximately \$12,000 to \$15,000, provided all goes well with the installation. "One problem at the moment is the lead time for getting the steel to manufacture the pole is 20-plus weeks," Czarnecki said. "They do not have any of these poles/mast arms/signals in stock. They are a specialty item."

The city has installed stop signs for the entire intersection. Next week the DPW will start looking at the installation of a temporary pole/signal. "We will get a temp pole/signal installed as quickly as possible," Czarnecki said.

SCORCHER

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mid-90s forced everyone to rethink their Independence Day festivities just to stay cool.

Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff said, “We were actually pretty quiet on the 4th. We did have a handful of incidents during the parade due to the high heat. Our fire units in the parade and STAT EMS were able to handle all of them without incident.”

Cairnduff added that the city had extra resources in place due to the congestion of traffic and limited access due to the parade, but everything went smoothly.

“The incidents were all attributed to the high temperatures,” Cairnduff said, adding that the fire department did not respond to any incidents related to Wednesday night’s fireworks.

Leading into the holiday week, the Genesee County Sheriff’s Office Marine Patrol responded to a multiple boat crash on Lake Fenton near the 13000 block of Haddon Street just after midnight on July 1. Four people were transported to Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township for treatment of minor injuries.

Fenton Township Fire Chief Ryan Volz said his crew was able to pull the damaged pontoons to shore.

Genesee County Undersheriff Chris Swanson said the at-fault driver of one pontoon had two passengers onboard, both of Fenton. He said the at-fault driver, 41, rear-ended another pontoon, which was idling close to the no-wake zone. It then struck a boat outside the no-wake zone. The second pontoon had four passengers from Burton and Holly. All were adults.

The at-fault driver was intoxicated and lodged at the Genesee County Jail for operating a watercraft while intoxicated. The crash remains under investigation.

Volz said firefighters did respond to the party point at the south end of Lake Fenton in the early afternoon of Wednesday, July 4 for a 20-year-old male that had passed out. Volz said based on his observances from past years, the party point was less attended this year, partly because of the extreme heat and the fact that the Fourth of July fell on a Wednesday.

With milder, sunny weather predicted for this weekend, Volz does expect to see more parties and alcohol-related incidents. He said the fire department is fully staffed with five divers and a full crew and gear. “We’re ready,” Volz said.

SUICIDE

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Asking about suicidal thoughts or feelings won’t push someone into doing something self-destructive, according to the Mayo Clinic. In fact, offering an opportunity to talk about feelings may reduce the risk of acting on suicidal feelings.

Look for warning signs. You can’t always tell when a loved one or friend is considering suicide. But here are some common signs:

- Talking about suicide — for example, making statements such as “I’m going to kill myself,” “I wish I were dead” or “I wish I hadn’t been born”
- Getting the means to take your own life, such as buying a gun or stockpiling pills
- Withdrawing from social contact and wanting to be left alone
- Having mood swings, such as being emotionally high one day and deeply discouraged the next
- Being preoccupied with death, dying or violence
- Feeling trapped or hopeless about a situation
- Increasing use of alcohol or drugs
- Changing normal routine, including eating or sleeping patterns
- Doing risky or self-destructive things, such as using drugs or driving recklessly
- Giving away belongings or getting affairs in order when there is no other logical explanation for doing this
- Saying goodbye to people as if they won’t be seen again
- Developing personality changes or being severely anxious or agitated, particularly when experiencing some of the warning signs listed above

If someone has attempted suicide:

- Don’t leave the person alone.
- Call 911 or your local emergency number right away. Or, if you think you can do so safely, take the person to the nearest hospital emergency room yourself.

- Try to find out if he or she is under the influence of alcohol or drugs or may have taken an overdose.
- Tell a family member or friend right away what’s going on.
- If a friend or loved one talks or behaves in a way that makes you believe he or she might attempt suicide, don’t try to handle the situation alone:

Get help from a trained professional as quickly as possible. The person may need to be hospitalized until the suicidal crisis has passed.

Encourage the person to call a suicide hotline number. In the U.S., call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-TALK (800-273-8255) to reach a trained counselor. Use that same number and press “1” to reach the Veterans Crisis Line.

Helping survivors of suicide

If you know someone who has lost a loved one to suicide, there are many things you can do. In addition, by

about what we think. Well expressed Hot lines often are enlightening as well as true.

IF YOU LIVE on Lake Fenton, you shouldn’t be collecting welfare. Quit scamming the system. I’m going to turn you in.

I JUST CHECKED Obama’s approval rating by year, and it says a lot about his failures to the American people. Just after he was elected, he was at 63 percent, but at his leaving, he was at 41 percent.

reaching out, you also help take stigma out of the equation.

Don’t be afraid to acknowledge the death. Extend your condolences, express your feelings of sorrow. Make sure you use the loved one’s name. Many who have lost someone to suicide have a broken heart and really need your empathy, compassion and understanding to heal.

Ask the survivor if and how you can help. Though they may not be ready to accept help, asking signifies that you are there — not avoiding or distancing during this tragic event. The notion of being there if needed is extremely comforting for survivors.

Encourage openness. Be accepting of however survivors need to express their feelings. It may be with silence, with sadness or even anger.

Be patient. Don’t set a time limit for a survivor’s grief. Complicated grief can take years to process. Moreover, don’t limit a survivor’s need to share and repeat stories, conversations or wishes. Repetition is a key factor in grief recovery.

Listen. Be a compassionate listener. This means don’t look to fix things. The greatest gift you can give someone you care about who has survived a suicide loss is your time, reassurance and love.

Sources: Psychologytoday.com; mayoclinic.org

Request for Proposals to Purchase Property in the City of Fenton, Michigan

Introduction

The City of Fenton is accepting Bids for twenty-two (22) vacant lots in the “Fenton Commons Development.” The addresses are as follows: 101, 102, 103, 104, 301, 302, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 701, 702, 901, 902, 903, 904, 804, 803, 802, and 801 Fenton Commons. Bids submitted are to be for the package of parcels on an aggregate basis. Additionally, the Bid must be in a sealed envelope labeled identifying the “Fenton Commons Development”, for which the Bid is submitted.

Market Area

The City of Fenton is located in the southeast corner of Genesee County Michigan. The City is bound by Holly Township (Oakland County) to the east, Fenton Township (Genesee County) to the north and west, and Tyrone Township (Livingston County) to the south and is ideally situated within a 30 minute drive of several large cities, including Flint, Brighton, Ann Arbor and the northwest suburbs of Detroit. Fenton has the potential to draw from an extremely large population base over 700,000 people within a 30 minute drive.

The Properties

The City has acquired these properties through the tax forfeiture process. The City seeks to sell these properties for development into residential housing.

Zoning

The property is currently in a multiple-family residential district, medium-high density (MHR) and is planned for multiple-family development.

Infrastructure and Access

Required utilities, water and sanitary sewer system are available and on site.

No Representations/ “As Is”

The City makes no representations as to the title, condition of the properties, environmental considerations, or installed utilities. The properties are sold “As Is”.

Rejection of Proposals

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities, and negotiate individually with any or all bidders, in order to develop a purchase agreement as deemed in the best interest of the City.

The following tentative schedule will apply to submission, receipt, evaluation, and acceptance of bids. The City reserves the right to change this schedule as it determines to be in the best interest of the City.

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| July 8, 2018: | Publication of request for bids |
| August 1, 2018: | 5:00 pm deadline for bid submission |
| August 2, 2018: | Bid opening and evaluation of bids |
| August 6, 2018: | City Council awards selected bid(s) |

Due Date

To be considered, sealed responses to this RFP must be received at the City Clerk’s Office, 301 South Leroy Street, Fenton, MI. 48430, on or before 5:00 pm on August 1, 2018. The City Clerk’s Office is open Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Persons mailing proposals should allow adequate delivery time to assure timely receipt of their proposals. Sealed envelopes containing proposals must be clearly marked on the outside with the Bidder’s name and the name of the RFP the bidder is responding to.

All bids must remain valid and available for acceptance by the City for at least thirty (30) days past the submission deadline.

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TO THE HOT-LINER who doesn’t like political commentary. We should all be thankful that the Times provides a forum for people to have a voice. None of the politicians care

Tri-county area represented at youth lacrosse World Series

■ *Linden's Luck, three other Hartland residents played in elite tourney*

By David Troppens

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Mitchel Luck is only 13, but he's already played in the World Series.

Luck, a Linden resident, was on the Michigan Warriors Elite lacrosse team that represented the Midwest region at

the World Series of Youth Lacrosse from July 1 to 4 in Denver, Colorado. The team finished with a 3-3 mark, missing out on making the elimination brackets. Those making the elimination brackets had a chance to compete in the title game, which was presented on ESPN2. The event was for players 13 and younger.

"It's the best tournament in the world," Luck said. "The best teams from all around the world compete in it. There's nothing in the world like this."

The squad qualified for the tournament earlier in the year during a regional held in Chicago. While there, the squad earned its spot.

"We came in second in the qualifier and we earned our spot," said Luck, who will be going into the eighth grade at Linden Middle School. "My goal is to just go for the experience and to win. We hope to win."

The squad also included three Hartland residents. **See World series on 23A**

David's Dabblings

Some thoughts about sports and others not dealing with sports at all



Our niece clara and her running debut

I will take at least half of the blame for this story.

I know everyone is wondering what the heck I'm talking about, so let me explain at the beginning.

My wife's sister, Linda, and her husband, David, had their first child a little over two years ago, and during last holiday season I started planting the seeds of getting her parents to allow Clara to run her first Wednesday Night Race at the Park this summer. At first, the comments didn't seem to go terribly far. But then I got my wife Anna (who runs) on board. Whenever Anna saw Clara, they'd run around the house and Clara would have a blast. Anna would mention the race and how Clara would eventually go racing during the summer.

Well, on June 27th, her first race date finally came. Clara was told she was going to run a race at Linden County Park. And up until about 4 p.m. that was the plan. But the constant rains over the previous 24 hours proved too much, and her parents called saying they were going to cancel due to the bad weather.

I was bummed. Anna was bummed. But at the same time we understood their decision. However, apparently there was one girl who didn't understand — Clara! She was ready for this race all day, and she made sure her parents heard about it to the point where they had to reconsider. Bad weather wasn't an issue — Clara was going to race.

We were excited. We couldn't wait to help her run with all of the other kids as she ran her first race. I was

See dabblings on 23A

Firecracker 5K has its own special twist

■ *Running on parade route gives runners fan support during run*

By David Troppens

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Fenton — Rochester Hills residents Kyle Johnson and Austin Remick were looking for a race to compete in during Independence Day this year.

Johnson came up with a plan.

"One of my teammates ran (the Fenton Firecracker 5K) last year and he said it was cool, so I figured there would be decent people here, so I figured let's do it," Johnson said.

It ended up being a pretty smart decision. Johnson, 18, was the overall winner of the Fenton Firecracker 5K Run on Wednesday, finishing the race in 17:08.3. Remick came and had a pretty good day as well. He finished second in 17:15.4. The two friends ran the race loop around downtown Fenton mainly together, until Johnson stretched the lead and earned the victory. Remick was pretty pumped to do a race as well.

"This guy (Johnson) texted me and said 'Hey, let's do a 5K,'" Remick said. "I was in the mood for a race so I said, 'Okay, let's do it.'"

Both runners were teammates at Rochester High School. Remick graduated this year, and finished 12th at the Division 1 state cross country meet with a time of 15:40.3. Johnson graduated in 2016 and is now running at Pepperdine University. He finished with a time of



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Wednesday's Firecracker 5K Run had more than 400 runners with most competing in the 5K event. (Above) Runners prepare to reach downtown Fenton. (Far left) Kyle Johnson (left) won while Austin Remick was second. (Immediate left) Patriotic outfits were worn by many runners.

32:41.6 at the NCAA West Regional in what was a 10K event.

"We were here just to get out there and run," Johnson said.

"We wanted to go 1-2," Remick said. "It was nice seeing all of the American

flags."

The rest of the top-five male finishers were: Fenton's Hunter Wheeler in third in 19:04.1, Linden's Remington Stapp in fourth in 19:09.2, and Fenton's Nathan

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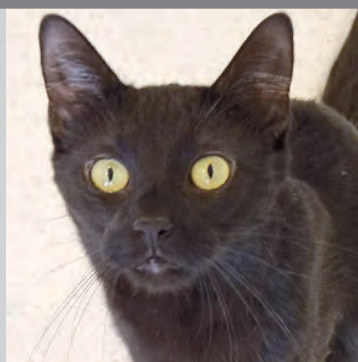


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Four Bronchos earn All-State honors

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It seems with every season, the Holly varsity girls tennis team breaks a few more records.

The squad made a little more history again recently when four members were named to the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association (MD-SteCA) First-Team All-State squad.

Those players were No. 1 singles player Taylor Barrett, No. 2 singles player Nicole Johnson and doubles players Maika Hogarth and Ruby Barrett. The most Holly has ever had earn First-Team All-State status in the past was three. They had three in 2016 with Taylor Barrett, Sydney Renehan and Megan McReynolds earning those spots. In 2017, five earned some sort of All-State status, but only Barrett earned First-Team honors. Makenzi Sells, Johnson, Megan Lesperance and Ruby Barrett earned honorable mention status.

“Even though you can look at those situations as individual achievements, for me, it’s still a team accomplishment,” Holly varsity girls tennis coach Will Sophiea said. “Obviously, Taylor Barrett is one of the best players in the state. ... Some of the other girls probably



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Taylor Barrett was one of four Holly varsity girls tennis players to earn First-Team All-State honors this spring. The others were Nicole Johnson, Maika Hogarth and Ruby Barrett.

don’t get the opportunity to be named to the First-Team All-State team if they are playing No. 1 singles. So the fact they earned it makes it an incredible individual achievement, but the fact they work together to make each other successful makes it a team success, and the program should be proud of this news.”

Barrett finished the season with a 26-9 record at No. 1 singles and was the No. 1 seed at the state tournament, losing in a semifinal match. Johnson capped her career by posting a 30-5 mark, making her the second-winningest player in

Holly tennis history with a 107-38 career record. She capped her career with her ultimate goal — winning a state tournament flight. She was the No. 2 doubles champion, beating Birmingham Seaholm’s Sofia Gryzenia 6-4, 6-4 in the title match.

Hogarth was 27-10, playing at No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 doubles, while Ruby Barrett was 23-8, primarily playing at No. 1 doubles. The two played together at No. 1 doubles for a good chunk of the season, going 16-4.

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pumped. Anna was pumped. Heck, the entire family was pumped. Including parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins, Clara had a fan base of at least nine people at the event. And Clara was decked out looking as professional as a 2-year-old could.

However, there was just one problem. When we got to the races, the rain had damped the spirit of the other families that bring their kids weekly to the event. None of the kids showed. So that meant Clara had to run her first official race all by herself. But, gosh, was it fun. We ran with her and while running her lap, she laughed most of the way. She had a sweatshirt with extra-long sleeves on, and she let them fly back and forth in the wind. She was well behaved as well. Unlike her uncle David, she didn’t purposely run into any additional puddles.

But while Clara ran the race by herself, I don’t think it’s a moment any of us will ever forget. She had so much fun. She had a large family group cheering her on and she had all the volunteers and adult runners cheering her as well. And guess what? Her time of 5:20 in the 400-meter run earned her first place. She had braved the elements and earned her first ribbon.

I’m certain Clara will run future Wednesday races at Linden County Park. I bet there’s even a reasonable chance she’ll run one day for her high school. She’ll probably end up playing other sports as well. But one thing is clear. No matter what she may accomplish the rest of her ‘athletic career’ none of us will ever forget when that career started. It began on June 27 during a rain-drenched day in which she ran the race all by herself. And it ended up being the perfect start.

World series

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land residents — infielder Joey Mattord, defender Jack Sergeant, mid-fielder Even Busby and Luck. Luck is an attacker.

The team went 2-1 during the first day of the tournament, losing to Evolve 9-6, but then beat Saltwater

9-8 and Shore to Shore 7-5. During the second day the squad went 1-2. The team beat Tri-State (NJ) 6-3 handily, but lost to Big 5 (Philadelphia) 7-3. The squad lost a heartbreaker to MadDog Lacrosse 9-8 in overtime.

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The first-place woman at the Fenton Firecracker 5K race Wednesday was Lori Taylor (far right). Two other runners in the photo are Hunter Wheeler (1170) and Remington Stapp (486).

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Katic in fifth in 19:20.3. All of the second through fifth runners were teenagers with Katic being as young as 13.

The overall female winner was Grand Blanc’s Lori Taylor. She finished seventh overall in 19:25.9, beating the second-place woman, Grand Blanc’s Kennedy Kuhlmann, who finished in 21:27.8. She was 12th overall. The rest of the top five women were: Grand Blanc’s Emerson Baker in third (23:09.3), Fenton’s Amanda

Thomas in fourth (23:25.0) and Fenton’s Rachel Warby in fifth (23:36.6). All five women in the top five finished in the top 25 overall.

When it comes to participants, the Fenton Firecracker 5K race isn’t the largest annually in the tri-county area.

However, the race is held prior to Fenton’s annual Fourth of July parade, giving the event its own has its niche in the tri-county running landscape — it has the largest crowd.

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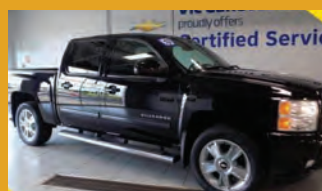
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