



TRI-COUNTY TIMES
TIM JAGIELO

Rebecca Garnett of Holly sits on the bed in her mobile home where she was assaulted by her husband David last winter. The bed, the floor and her legs bear the scars from the fire he set.

‘I never dreamed I would have a husband light me on fire’

■ Area woman shares horrifying story of being abused by spouse

By Sharon Stone

Rebecca Garnett considers herself lucky to be alive.

Garnett, 56, of Holly could have been killed when her husband, David Garnett, doused her with gasoline and lit her on fire following an argument about her cat and the litter box at 6:56 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 5. He was sentenced May 29 to a maximum of 50 years in prison for the first-degree arson and assault with intent to murder, as reported in the Times on Sunday, June 3.

Still living in her mobile home in Holly with her older cat, Garnett is sharing her story with the hopes of
See ABUSED on 14A

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Butterfly garden will have new steps, lighting

■ Safety features will bring total cost to about \$54,000

By Vera Hogan

Although \$35,000 was approved for the original project, the need for some safety features could bring the cost of Fenton’s downtown “Butterfly Garden,” currently under construction, up to about \$54,000.

According to Michael Hart, assistant city manager and DDA (Downtown Development Authority) director, a few things came up during construction that needed addressing.

“We had steps there that had jagged stones,” Hart said. “It was decided

See BUTTERFLY on 9A



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | HANNAH BALL

Twelve kids under age 13 compete in the doughnut-eating contest, hosted by CRUST - a baking company at Taste in Fenton, Wednesday, Aug. 1. They aren’t allowed to use their hands, and the doughnut can’t fall to the ground.

Big crowds enjoy ‘Taste in Fenton’

By Hannah Ball

Fenton — The 18th annual “Taste in Fenton” on Wednesday, Aug. 1 saw crowds of people in seemingly never-ending lines waiting to get food.

Nineteen local restaurants from Mancino’s to VG’s and more were busy taking tickets and handing out food to hungry people. The Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce hosts the event.

Various businesses and organizations, such as Fenton’s Open Book and

See TASTE on 11A



Looking for a few good bus drivers

■ Fenton transportation finds creative way to solicit applicants

By Vera Hogan

Fenton Area Public Schools transportation administrators have put it right out there — on a

big yellow school bus on Owen Road indicating the need for school bus drivers.

“We, in transportation, have been dealing with driver shortages for at least five years,” said Gayle Matthews, transportation

See BUS DRIVERS on 8A

Fatality rate has doubled since motorcycle helmet law repeal

By Vera Hogan

Was it a mistake for the Michigan Legislature to repeal the motorcycle helmet law in 2012?

The partial repeal, passed in April 2012, allowed Michigan motorcycle riders age 21 or older to legally ride without wearing a helmet if they have

See HELMETS on 6A

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“I visited Fenton for the first time in 12 years and was totally amazed at the transformation. It looks great and the options for restaurants and other things to do is truly impressive. Well done, Fenton officials, well done.”



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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO
Fenton Fire Assistant Chief Charlie Koan, 70, has been with the department for 47 years, and has seen the job, and the community change in that time.

A perspective of change through the eyes of local firefighters

By Tim Jagielo

Firefighters have a unique vantage point of the community. Like police and paramedics, they see people at the worst moments of their lives.

Their job puts them inside, and on top of burning buildings, and slicing up vehicles at crash sites to extract trapped crash victims.

The construction of homes and vehicles has changed over time, as well as the composition of the community.

These local firefighters shared how their job, and how the community, has changed over the decades.

Fenton Fire Department

When Fenton Fire Department Assistant Chief Charlie Koan, 70, started, some firefighters didn't even wear a breathing apparatus.

Koan has been a Fenton firefighter for 47 years, and has seen the changes in the landscape and technology. He said that buildings have changed "drastically" in size.

"A lot more square footage, also the construction has changed," he said. There is more brick and mortar than there is wood, making them less flammable.

There are now more chemicals that

burn along with structures, such as foam, stains and polyurethanes from furniture. Today, firefighters go in wearing air packs as part of their protective "turnout gear."

The gear lets them know when oxygen is getting low, so they can get out and get more air.

Firefighter gear used to be black rubber. "Sometimes you felt you were going to burn up in them," he said. Today, they wear flame-resistant Nomex.

The size of the department has grown from 18 to 35 on-call firefighters. He

See FIREFIGHTERS on 13A

There's lots of summer left in Michigan

Don't let a single second of summer slip through your fingers

By Sally Rummel

Halloween candy and crafts may be filling the store aisles and you're already making your back-to-school to-do list — but that doesn't mean summer is almost over.

In fact, there are still 49 days left before the first day of fall on Sept. 22, and 24 days until school begins on Aug. 28. There's lots of living you can do between now and then, so don't let a single second of summer slip through your fingers.

See SUMMER on 17A



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Come *Heller* high water...

• **3-D-printed** guns? Yeah, that’s what we need as a society. I’ll tell you what: When 3-D printing becomes cheaper (a plastic gun now costs between \$5,000 and \$600,000), this country is in for a world of hurt. We rely on metal detectors to protect our courts, stadiums, airplanes, you name it. It’ll be open season for the loons and terrorists when there’s no metal to detect. Thank you, NRA.

• **As long as** I live, I will never understand — nor abide by — Starbucks’ use of tall, grande and venti for small,



Andrew Heller
FEATURED COLUMNIST

medium and large. I refuse to use their terms on grounds that calling a small a tall is stupid. (I’m a deep thinker.) And I’m against the use of fancy-schmancy or made-up words (venti, for instance, doesn’t make Merriam-Webster) when simple words would do. I wonder what percentage of their customer base is like me. Probably a lot. I suspect they have a company policy against correcting customers on this point because I’ve tried to goad drive-thru clerks into a debate and they never bite.

• **I’m not a** huge beer fan, but I will say Bell’s Two Hearted Ale is the best I’ve ever tasted, although I’m willing to accept challengers. Your submissions welcomed.

• **Don’t you think**, though, that there are too many micro-breweries for the market to support? Seems like a lot of them are bound to die off. Same goes for coffee shops offering specialty blends. How many of those do we need?

• **We’re coming up** on Michigan corn time. There’s none better. Butter and sea salt are my favorite toppings, although Cuban corn (mayo, lime, cayenne and Parmesan) is a close second.

• **I’m starting** to hear people talk about football. Please stop it. Football is a fall activity. Summer doesn’t end until Sept. 21. Stop jumping the season.

• **Oh, hell, I** might as well join in: My fearless Detroit Lions prediction is they’ll sort of, but not quite completely stink, as always. Death. Taxes. Lions.

• **UM coach Jim** Harbaugh seems like a weird (in an amusing way) dude. Did you see the report this week about his belief that he doesn’t eat chicken (or didn’t when he was playing at UM, anyway) because it’s a nervous bird? How do you even respond to that if someone says that to you?

• **Speaking of season-jumping**, I see the stores are already filling up with fall and winter gear. I refuse to shop at stores that do this. I don’t want to buy fall and winter gear in the summer. I want to buy fall and winter gear in the winter, by which time all that will be available is spring and summer stuff. Life is dumb.

• **The U.S. Department** of Agriculture issued a warning last week that salads and wraps from Trader Joe’s, Kroger and Walgreen’s may be contaminated with an intestinal parasite. OK, that’s bad. But if you’re like me you’re much more focused on thinking, “Wait, Walgreen’s has salads?” At least if you get sick on one, you’re in the right place. “I’ll take the salad and this Imodium, please.”

• **There have been** so many food illness outbreaks lately I’m tempted to stop eating altogether. Is there such a thing as an aiotarian? (I’ll try it and let you know how it works out.) The political part of me wonders whether a lack of health inspections has anything to do with the outbreaks. I don’t know about you but food safety should be one area where we stand as one. The more inspections the better.

• **“Very little is** needed to make a happy life; it is all within yourself, in your way of thinking.” — Marcus Aurelius

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I WAS NEVER happy that one couldn't split tickets in primary elections. This year it isn't even a question. Blue, all the way.

■■■

VLADIMIR LENIN, FATHER of the Communist Party said, 'Destroy the family, you destroy the country.' Planned Parenthood, women's liberation, attacks on religion, Sunday shopping, no-fault divorce and the LGBT movement have all contributed to the demise of the family.

■■■

THE MOST READ book in the world is the Bible. You shouldn't die without reading it.

■■■

I SEE THE comments about the parade and think that would make a good article. What is the process to be in the parade? How come there are no marching bands? Does the city seek people out or just first come, first served?

■■■

IN CHICAGO AND San Francisco, they are proposing to hand out monthly stipends of \$500 to \$1,000 a month to low-income families as welfare, food stamps and Medicaid programs are not enough.

■■■

PRESIDENT TRUMP IS a master negotiator and dealmaker whether it is regarding trade in the best interest of America, foreign policy or getting more support for NATO from our allies. After eight years of seeing Obama cave in, capitulate, and throw money at these

problems, Trump is a refreshing change for America first.

■■■

BERNIE SANDERS AND the Democrats have some big ideas all revolving around freebies; free tuition, free Medicare programs and Medicaid programs and job guarantees. Please note that many people do not want to work and free money is no incentive to work.

■■■

I'D LIKE TO say 'kudos' to Fenton for the excellent art fair this past Saturday. Music, the activities, art stand for children and the displays were all very nice and very well coordinated. Thank you.

■■■

WAKE UP RESIDENTS of Tyrone Township. Green cemeteries are not necessarily good cemeteries. The only thing green about them is the money that the owner and township will make on this deal. Concerns about contaminated water should come first? When it is too late?

■■■

THE STREET TALK on tattoos was interesting, but I'd like to offer some facts. One out of every five people under the age of 35 has at least one tattoo. The rate of infections and contaminations are off the charts including hepatitis. Think before you ink is what I would recommend.

■■■

WHEN YOU'RE IN line at the grocery store, mind your own business. Maybe the person using a food card worked all their life and only gets \$800 a month from Social Security. You want to see fraud, go to Flint. Mind your own business.

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Would you live in a 'tiny house?'

Compiled by Tim Jagielo, media editor

streettalk

"Probably not, for what we need. I'm married. We live in a ranch in Warren."

— Mike Levine
Warren

"No, I feel like my house is small enough as it is, at 900 square feet."

— Kennedy Egerton
Fenton

"Yes, if I lived alone, or with my spouse. We are into minimalism. I wouldn't live in one with my kids, it would drive me crazy."

— Kristin Watt
Holly

"No, because I'm too tall. It would have to be a tall, tiny house."

— Mark Roux
Rose Township

"Heck no, because I have a family. It's just not practical for families, or couples. Also, we like to host and entertain guests."

— Sarah McCanney
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Witches Night Out to benefit local firefighters

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Police&Fire report

Hartland township woman killed in motorcycle crash

On Wednesday, Aug. 1, at approximately 3:40 p.m., deputies with the Livingston County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to westbound I-96 and Highland Road in Howell Township for a fatal crash involving a motorcycle. The preliminary investigation has revealed that a 44-year-old Hartland Township man was operating a 1994 Honda Gold Wing with a 46-year-old female passenger, also from Hartland Township. The driver lost control in the rain merging onto westbound I-96 from Highland Road. The motorcycle crossed three lanes of traffic before coming to rest in the median. The driver was transported to the University of Michigan Hospital by Livingston County Ambulance with life threatening injuries while the passenger was pronounced deceased at the scene. The driver and passenger were both wearing helmets at the time of the crash. Alcohol and speed do not appear to be factors in the crash. Personnel from Livingston County Ambulance, Hamburg Township Police, Howell Area Fire Department, and the Michigan State Police assisted deputies at the scene. The freeway remained closed for approximately three hours while deputies investigated. This accident remains under investigation by the Livingston County Sheriff's Office Traffic Safety Bureau.

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passed a motorcycle safety course or have held the motorcycle endorsement on their driver's licenses for at least two years.

During the year after Michigan allowed motorcyclists 21 and older to ride without helmets, the fatality rate among the bareheaded riders was double that of their helmeted counterparts, according to a study released in September 2016 by the University of Michigan and the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

The research covered the 12 months immediately prior to and after April 2012, when Michigan repealed its universal helmet law.

The study examined police-reported motorcycle crash deaths and head-injury data. For that two-year period there were 7,235 reports of riders who crashed in the state. Of those, 1,094 were hospitalized at trauma centers.

Over the two-year period, the number of motorcycle fatalities overall did not increase significantly, but the fatality rate among unhelmeted riders who crashed was 5.4 percent, nearly double the 2.8 percent rate among helmeted riders.

The percentage of trauma patients with head injuries increased 14 percent in the year after repeal. They were 17 percent less likely to suffer concussion-related injuries, but 38 percent more of them incurred skull fractures.

A separate study of one Michigan trauma center published in early 2016 in the Journal of Surgery found the average care given to unhelmeted riders cost about \$28,000, or 32 percent higher than care cost for helmeted riders.

Under the law, those choosing to ride without a helmet must carry at least \$20,000 of accident insurance.

The good news is that 75 percent of motorcyclists 21 or older still choose to wear a helmet.

Cindy Meganck of Lennon said, "I always wear my helmet. Anybody that rides on our bikes will wear a helmet. That is our rule."

Veronica Pheasant of Argentine Township said not wearing a helmet is "like a death sentence. But, freedom of choice, right?" She said she would not allow her son to go helmetless.

Former battalion chief for the Argentine Township Fire Department, Joe Ludwig said, "From a fire/rescue and EMS viewpoint, it's catastrophic not to wear one."

Pat Hogan of Fenton, a retiree from the GM Proving Grounds in Milford, said he hasn't ridden lately, "But I always wear a helmet."

Advocates for repealing the helmet law argued it would boost tourism. If it has, those visiting riders aren't getting injured at a very high rate. Of all motorcycle crashes studied by IIHS and U-M, 95 percent of the bikes were registered in Michigan.

Currently, 19 states and the District of Columbia have laws requiring all motorcyclists to wear a helmet, known as universal helmet laws. Laws requiring only some motorcyclists to wear a helmet are in place in 28 states. There are no motorcycle helmet use laws in three states (Illinois, Iowa and New Hampshire).

Jim Adams, a retired U.S. forester who resides in Oregon, said, "Oregon got its helmet law in 1988 and that applies to passengers as well. I've never encouraged any of the kids to ride. You get used to wearing it and like a seatbelt, you feel a bit naked without it."

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

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IN CALIFORNIA THIS past weekend, an illegal immigrant from Mexico, who had been deported 12 times and now back in California, took a chainsaw to his wife. Surprisingly, she survived. Please keep in mind that these are the people that the Democrats wants to protect.

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WHY DID TRUMP meet with Putin in a closed-door session for two hours? What was discussed and what is he not telling the citizens of the United States?

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THANK YOU TO the people in the white pickup truck with 'I love chickens' sticker in the rear window for paying for my lunch at McDonald's in Holly on Friday, July 13. Thank so much. I'm 77 years old and that was so nice of you. God bless you.

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JUST FOUND OUT there will not be a Ghost Walk this year. This was always a fun night learning about history and stories from the past. It brought 100s of people into town, which is always great to see.

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IF CALLING AN unborn baby a fetus helps you justify your convictions about ending its life, there is no reasoning with you. I would argue contraception, abstinence, adoption, anything but abortion. Life is life upon conception, period.

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JUST READ AN article stating the first sets of Korean War soldier remains may be brought back to the U.S. at the

end of July. So much for your report that they were returned and being tested. Military officials report no remains have been returned since the North Korean summit.

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GOD LOVES YOU all the time. He created you. No mistake, you are special. Best things in life are free. You must appreciate all these things we take for granted — air, water, hands, feet, ears, eyes, nose and mouth. Count your blessings.

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DEMOCRATS THINK OF Trump the same way Republicans think of Obama. Both are stupid and you can't fix stupid.

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GIVE ME A break. Democrats are not opposed to family values, religious freedom, upholding the laws, and believing in the constitution. Not being open minded and spreading lies is what Republicans do best.

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THANK GOODNESS WE can protest about anything we want, including what this country was founded on. Maybe some conservatives will wake up and open their minds and hearts and learn compassion.

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YES, I NEED some more information on how to get rid of my cable. I need internet and TV. How do I pick what is best for me and what channels I like to watch now?

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Police&Fire report

WOMAN STEALS AIR MATTRESS, POWER WASHER IN FENTON

On Sunday, July 22 at 12:40 p.m., Fenton police responded to a retail store on Owen Road to investigate a retail fraud complaint. A loss prevention officer told police they observed a white female push a cart containing \$200 worth of merchandise out of the store, at the lawn and garden exit. The employee requested that the woman stop, however, she did not stop. She tossed an air mattress and power washer into a Chevy Impala and sped away. The license plate information was given to police and it is registered to a 74-year-old Flint woman, which did not match the description of this suspect. Police are attempting to identify the suspect and doubt that the Flint woman is involved.

News briefs

REGISTER NOW FOR SGT. PATRICK J. O'ROURKE 5.5K RUN/WALK AND FAMILY HERO FUN RUN

The third annual Sgt. Patrick J. O'Rourke 5.5K Run/Walk and Family Hero ¼-mile Fun Run will take place Saturday, Aug. 11, starting at Hartland High School. The race begins at 8:55 a.m. with a scenic route through historic downtown Hartland. Part of the course will include the Sgt. Patrick O'Rourke Memorial Highway on a stretch of Old U.S. 23, renamed in O'Rourke's honor after his death on Sept. 9, 2012. Live music will be featured along the route. Awards will be given out at 9:45 a.m., followed by the Fun Run at 10:15 a.m. To pre-register by the Aug. 10 deadline, visit Runsignup.com. Fee is \$35 with a shirt and \$25 without a shirt.

WHAT YOU MISSED *in the* MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following is what you missed in the **Wednesday, July 25, Midweek Edition** of the Tri-County Times. To subscribe and receive both the Sunday Weekend and Wednesday Midweek editions, please call (810) 629-8282

Sheriff seeks leads in hit-and-run

Nearby home security video captures screams of female victim; dog killed by impact.



Local motorcycle club raises \$30,000 for community

Members of the Barons Motorcycle Club of Gaines held its annual Summerfest in Gaines.

Rounds and Owen traffic light should be in place by start of school year

City wants suspected drunk driver's insurance company to pay for replacement.

'Taste in Fenton' is tonight

A complete rundown of 18th annual event featuring 19 eateries, entertainment, 50/50 raffle and more.

New election technology stops split ticket mistakes

Rose Township trains next generation of election inspectors for primary election.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Motorists drive past the school bus parked off Owen Road on Fenton Area Public Schools' property, which displays a "drivers wanted" sign, inviting applicants to be a Fenton bus driver.

BUS DRIVERS

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director. "We have managed to keep things running smoothly here in Fenton because of several other employees within the district that hold a CDL and are willing to help out where they can."

Superintendent Adam Hartley said, "The shortage of drivers has forced us to be creative in how we cover runs, such as using our head mechanic to drive, and how we advertise our open positions."

Years ago, school bus drivers were, for the most part, moms that were looking for a part-time job that was on the same schedule as their children, Matthews said. Now, most families are looking for full time, year round work, with benefits, she said.

"Joe Humpert, our operations director, and I have been talking about ways to advertise for school bus drivers," she said. "We decided a good way to do that would be a sign on an actual bus sitting in a highly traveled area would be best, and it has brought at least 10 calls with interested people. Some of those said they would get back with me, and we have two that are working toward becoming a school bus driver."

Matthews said, "Becoming a school bus driver takes a bit of time. You have to pass a background check, and have a DOT (Department of Transportation) physical. The person has to take a small test to get a 'temporary card' from the Secretary of State so we can get them on the road to train. We have a trainer on site. It takes two to three weeks of training for most people to learn everything needed to

pass a driving/skills test with the State of Michigan. When all this has taken place we go over what a day in the life of a school bus driver looks like.

"I would love to get more people on board that are interested in becoming a bus driver for Fenton schools," she said. "A regular bus driver works around five hours a day during the school year. We also are interested in people that are interested in doing our athletic/field trips." Wages depend on what the driver is doing. Depending on the month, a person could get 10 to 15 hours a week doing trips. This job is great for retired individuals who are looking for part-time work, Matthews said.

"Being a school bus driver is a job that allows a person to also have time to do other things in the day," she said. "You have the middle of the day off, along with all weekends, holidays, and summers. Driving a school bus is a great job for retired people looking for something to do."

Hartley said, "Joe Humpert and Gayle Matthews continue to be creative and work hard to bring in quality people and train them properly to be part of our team here in FAPS. We are fortunate to have the leadership we do in order to weather the storm when it comes to a statewide shortage of drivers. We appreciate all of our bus drivers and what they do for us day in and day out."

Anyone that may be interested can contact Matthews for more information and details at (810) 591-8911.

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BUTTERFLY

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they needed to be replaced. It was a safety issue. We were going to try and utilize the steps that were there for many years, but again, because of safety due to the jagged edges, we weren't comfortable leaving them there."

Another reason the old steps are being replaced is their depth, another safety issue, according to Hart. "You could almost fall down them," he said.

Hart said people have used the old stairs for years for family photos, graduation photos and more. They will still be able to do that, but more safely now. The old jagged steps were off to the side on an angle.

"We had to make sure the steps were the proper distance and height, constructed in a manner that was appropriate," he said. "We also raised the elevation. Again, it was a safety measure."

The new steps were built from the ground up and are embedded in the slope. Each of the 12 steps weighs 860 pounds, Hart said.

With the change in the stairway configuration, a second DDA approval for the \$11,000 cost was required, bringing the new cost of the Butterfly Garden to \$46,000.

"We also have been dealing with issues during construction just like any normal construction project," Hart said. "We have been addressing issues with design and putting it all into place."

An extra couple of thousand dollars will likely be needed to pay for footings for the permanent placement of the butterfly sculpture, which is currently sitting on interlocking patio tiles, according to



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Workers with Jetstream Landscape and Irrigation compress the pavers at the butterfly garden in Fenton on Wednesday, Aug. 1.

Hart. The exact cost of the footings and mounting the sculpture is not yet known.

Permanent footings will be able to tolerate freeze/thaws and the changing of the seasons. "We were going to try and fasten it (sculpture) to the tiles, but we're really trying to make it more durable," he said.

Hart anticipates the Butterfly Garden in what he calls the "pocket park," could be completed by the third or fourth week of this month.

It will take time, too, for whatever plantings are put in to become established, Hart said. He anticipates butterflies becoming attracted to healthy growing flowers as early as 2019. It will likely take

two years for it to really flourish.

"If we have a really rough winter, we might have to replant or refill," he said.

Hart anticipates another additional cost and that is approximately \$6,000 for a lighting package. He is bringing that request to the next DDA meeting.

"One thing we were not contemplating was people out there in the evening," he said.

The project is being very well received and popular.

"If we had lighting, the pocket park could be utilized in the evenings and during concerts in the park," he said.

"We're going to have lighting there in the flower beds, at the sculpture and

stairwells. We're getting a lot of people downtown.

"If we have a lighted pocket park, it becomes a bonus, an extra amenity for the downtown and for Thursday night concerts," he said. "These visitors shop, eat at our restaurants and enjoy free family fun on a beautiful Thursday evening."

BUTTERFLY GARDEN BACKGROUND

The Butterfly Garden project presentation was made to the DDA at its Tuesday, May 15 meeting. The DDA approved the project, which was not to exceed \$35,000. Although the original cost estimate was about \$30,000, additional monies were needed to make sure proper irrigation is put in place. And some special brick edging will be needed to properly maintain the area, said Michael Hart, assistant city manager and DDA director said.

The Butterfly Garden is being placed near the butterfly sculpture on South LeRoy Street, just north of city hall. Gerald and Kay Willey, owners of Fenton Home Furnishings, paid for the butterfly sculpture for last year. They donated \$17,000 so that the city, through the DDA, could acquire the sculpture.

Hart said there are specific flowers and plants that attract butterflies. Fenton's garden could have approximately 12 to 18 species of flowering plants. "We will make a conscious effort to attract butterflies and potentially hummingbirds," he said.

Hart said they are not planning on an enclosure for this garden. Rather there would be flowerbeds all around, with sidewalks so even someone in a wheelchair can have access to the area.

The DDA had set money aside knowing this garden was being planned. Accessibility is important whether people are on foot, using walkers or in wheelchairs. There will be benches for seating as well.

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XEROSTOMIA (DRY MOUTH)

Xerostomia is the technical term for dry mouth. Everyone experiences dry mouth once in a while and occasional dry mouth is considered normal. But if dry mouth is experienced all the time, it can be uncomfortable and can lead to serious health problems. Xerostomia can cause difficulties in tasting, chewing, swallowing and speaking. Dry mouth can be very challenging and frustrating for dentists and their patients. One of the primary functions of saliva is the protection of the teeth from dental decay. Normal saliva is loaded with calcium ions that work to repair, re-mineralize and restore the teeth enamel from the constant attack of plaque bacteria. If the mouth is dry, then there is insufficient saliva, making the teeth much more susceptible to decay. Saliva also helps digest food, prevent infections by controlling bacteria and fungi in the mouth and makes it possible to chew and swallow. Causes of dry mouth include side effects of some medications, disease, cancer treatments and nerve damage. If medications are causing dry mouth, your physician might change your medication or adjust the dosage to help improve saliva production. Sometimes medications can be prescribed that help treat dry mouth in certain disease conditions. Also, artificial saliva can help to improve the symptoms of dry mouth. Remember, if you have dry mouth, you need to be extra careful to keep your teeth healthy through regular, daily careful brushing and flossing in addition to the use of fluoride tooth pastes and mouth rinses. Eating a healthy, non-sugar diet is also vitally important along with visiting your dentist at least twice yearly for check-ups. Your teeth will be glad you did.

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Activation of emergency sirens confuse residents

■ Genesee County 911 investigates unplanned blaring of sirens

By Sharon Stone

If you heard an emergency siren blaring off in the distance Tuesday, July 31, you are not imagining things. Genesee County 911 confirmed that sirens activated at 6:25 p.m. and 11:25 p.m., however, there was no emergency or weather threat.

The sirens were activated by an outside source.

Municipalities across Genesee County, except for Fenton City, are linked to Genesee County 911. The municipalities are responsible for purchasing, installing and maintaining their own emergency sirens and Genesee Central Dispatch has been responsible for sending the control tones to activate those sirens for decades now. Fenton City 911 is responsible for controlling the sirens inside the city.

When Genesee County 911 sends the proper control tones for siren activation this signal is large enough that all sirens under control of County 911 are controlled, said Fred Moses, chief technology officer for the Tri-County Times. They cannot pick groups or areas of sirens to alert/control. They have three

options — Weather Alert, CD ATTACK and Cancel. Those are the only commands they can send and if somebody had accidentally pushed one of those buttons or “hacked” into that system all the sirens would have been controlled. During the events in question, only small pockets of the sirens were activated and as such were

controlled from a separate lower powered signal Moses believes. This is why Tuesday’s activations are under investigation.

Moses believes that someone with an inexpensive hand-held VHF radio sent out the control tones. These alert tones, being the valid tones the sirens are waiting for, triggered as they are supposed to. As the signal was not as powerful, only the sirens in range were triggered.

When asked if this could become a regular problem, Moses said if someone was intent on triggering sirens from a vehicle as they drove down the road, it would be difficult to stop in real time. Federal authorities from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the FBI have great RDF (Radio Direction Finding) systems that can be used to track and identify the offending signals. But in the long-term, upgrading the siren control systems to a more secure digital system would need to happen for this to be permanently stopped. Technology has come a long way in the last few decades for siren control/activation means. And our systems should be upgraded, said Moses.

Moses reminds residents that the National Weather Service does not have the capabilities or authority to activate any particular municipality’s emergency siren. These are controlled by the municipalities themselves.

In the event that a siren is activated, Moses urges residents to seek further information, either by turning on their TV or checking news websites covering their area. Residents can also sign up to receive free emergency notifications via text, email or voice message by going to geneseecounty911.org. “When a siren is activated something is happening and you need to look for more information, it doesn’t always mean a severe weather event is coming” Moses said.

Oakland County’s system is different than Genesee County’s 911 system. Oakland County well over a decade ago upgraded technology that allows isolated sirens to be activated rather than sounding sirens across the entire county. The system also is two-way in the effect that sirens can report back statuses and error conditions to allow for proper maintenance before a siren is needed and could fail.

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Tri-county fundraisers

Spaghetti dinner fundraiser

An all-u-can eat spaghetti dinner with salad, bread and pop to benefit Malvin Walden is planned for Saturday, Aug. 18 at The Barn restaurant in Fenton. Cost is \$20. There will be a private bar and private access to cornhole and volleyball. A silent auction and 50/50 raffle are also planned. Proceeds from this fundraising event will help Walden and his mother with moving costs. Friends have also set up a gofundme.com account “Help the Walden family get justice.”

HOT LINE CONTINUED

YEAH, IT’S NOT that the man is Catholic. It’s the fact that he will probably use his very conservative right-wing Catholic upbringing to influence his judgment. We don’t need that. There’s a separation of church and state.

■■■■ **DON’T BELIEVE THERE** will be a trade war with China, Mexico or Canada. They bought access to our markets with campaign funds, but I don’t believe they’re in a position for a hard line at all. They had everything their own way and they’re going to have to give. Thank God for Donald Trump.

■■■■ **I AGREE WITH** the caller who said ‘To Kill a Mockingbird’ is a very good book. My favorite book is Robert Heinlein’s ‘Stranger in a Strange Land.’ When it was first published they had to cut 150,000 words out of it. After he passed away in 1988, his wife resubmitted it with the original 150,000 words back in and it’s even better yet.

■■■■ **IT’S A FETUS**, not a baby? This ‘fetus’ has its own genetic code from the start and heartbeat around six weeks. Your thought process is disgusting and damaging for society. You’re why Satan smiles.

■■■■ **I’M A PROUD Democrat**, with similar views of more than half the voters in the country, of our world allies, of living past presidents and first ladies and of Hollywood. People who have experienced more of the world, different ethnicities, customs and those with different economic circumstances are more compassionate and understanding.

■■■■ **WHY DID THE White House** eliminate the position of Cyber Security Coordinator on the National Security Council?

■■■■ **U.S. SECRETARY OF State Mike Pompeo** was stood up by North Korean officials at a meeting that was supposed to begin the process of returning Korean War remains. None have been returned, despite the claim they are in Hawaii.

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The pie-eating contest at Taste in Fenton attracts a big crowd. Contestants could not use their hands to eat the pie.



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Fenton Winery and Brewery hosts its annual beer stein-holding contest. Contestants can't let their arm bend or let the water fall from their stein.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | HANNAH BALL

The kids' area at Taste in Fenton features a blow up slide, bounce house, a dunk tank and face painting.

TASTE

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Concerned Over Police Safety (C.O.P.S.), set up booths around the perimeter, engaging the attendees.

The kids' area featured a bounce house, face painting, a big inflatable slide and a dunk tank. Parents took videos and photos of their kids plunging under the water after a successful throw.

CRUST - a baking company drew big crowds for its two competitions — the kids doughnut-eating contest and the pie

eating contest.

In the doughnut-eating contest, the kids raced to finish their doughnut that was tied to a string from a tree. No hands were allowed, and the doughnut could not fall on the ground. Brielle Schone of Fenton won the contest. She said the biggest challenge was not letting the doughnut fall off the string. All 12 kids who participated won free doughnuts from CRUST for a year.

Dan Doan of Brighton won the pie-eating contest and \$500. Contestants had to be the first to finish an entire pie, made by CRUST, without using their hands. Their faces were covered with blueberry pie when the contest ended.

"It was fantastic," Doan said. His son and daughter, who watched him win, both won cherry pie-eating contests in Traverse City. "They were really excited for me to join this. They were really rooting for me to get pulled."

He said the pie was good, but his stomach was then queasy.

Attendees enjoyed live music as they ate and drank. Entertainment was provided by, "Tie-Dyed Giants," a band that plays '50s to contemporary music.

“...the attendance was off the charts compared to what it's been in the past.”

Matt Sherrow
Taste in Fenton chairperson

Fenton Winery & Brewery hosted beer stein-holding competitions to see who could hold a stein of water in the air the longest.

Matt Sherrow, who owns Fenton Winery & Brewery with his wife, Ginny, has been on the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce's Taste In Fenton Committee since 2008. He has been the chairperson since 2014.

Sherrow said the turnout was "phenomenal."

"It's hard to gauge the actual attendance but based on feedback from restaurants and vendors, the attendance was off the charts compared to what it's been in the past," he said, adding that multiple restaurants that are veterans at the event ran out of food.

"It was way more than anyone had ever served," he said. "We were running low on tickets at the end. That's never been an issue."

He doesn't yet know how much money was raised.

Sherrow said the weather, which featured a few sprinkles, likely kept the attendance up because it wasn't too hot with the cloud coverage.

The event is in an "ideal location," right behind the Fenton Community and Cultural Center, he said, which is how they showcase downtown Fenton to the people who travel there for the event.

"Our committee and chamber think it was a great success," he said.

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Dr. Chris Repke, 42, doctor of veterinary medicine, has been a vet for 15 years. He's originally from Alpena, and came to Fenton after working in White Lake for about 12 years. He graduated from Michigan State University in 2003 and now owns Pointe Animal Hospital in Fenton.

Why did you want to be a vet?

It's what I wanted to be from the time I was a little kid. I've always enjoyed animals and as I grew older, it seemed like a fun and interesting job. Amazingly enough, I still feel the same way today.

What's a common mistake people make with their pets?

A common mistake I see people make with their pets is failing to anticipate the costs of owning a pet. From food to treats to bedding to toys to healthcare for them and many other items, the cost of owning even a relatively healthy pet can be substantial. Much more so if they have chronic health issues. Many



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | HANNAH BALL

Dr. Chris Repke, owner of Pointe Animal Hospital, checks on Tigger, a cat brought in on Thursday, Aug. 2.

people fail to plan for this, and are caught off guard by expenses as they arise.

If you could be any animal, which would you choose?

If I could be any animal, I would love to be something like an eagle, where I could fly and see the world with ease.

What do you do in your free time?

For my free time, what little there is, mostly I enjoy spending time with my family, especially my two young sons. I enjoy the beach, hiking, fishing, camping, all our great Michigan outdoor activities.

Tell us about your family.

I love being a dad. My wife and I met about six years ago. We got married three years ago yesterday (Aug. 1), and have two sons, Luke and Ryan. Luke is about a year and half old, and Ryan was born just this Fourth of July.

You went to MSU. Are you big into sports?

I love sports, particularly football, baseball, soccer, and hockey.

Who inspired you as a kid?

As a kid, my biggest inspiration was my dad. As I grew a little older, another big inspiration was Dr. Woolman, the veterinarian in Alpena that I worked for for several summers.

Would you rather read the book or watch the movie?

I would rather read the book, although admittedly, as a father of two young boys and a business owner, sometimes it is easier and faster to watch the movie.

How do you feel about social media?

I think it should be treated like most everything else in your life: everything is OK in moderation. A rule I don't do a very good job of following in many areas myself.

If you had the opportunity to live on another planet, would you?

Probably not. There's too much to do yet on this one.

If you wrote an autobiography, what would you call it?

My autobiography title, that's an interesting one. Maybe "Full speed ahead."

What advice would you give high school and college graduates?

One, work smarter, not harder. Many times in life, an alternative path can get you to your destination much easier than the one you are currently struggling on. Two, and perhaps initially it may seem counter to the first advice, but that is to work hard.

Anything truly worthwhile in life will take effort to accomplish. If it were easy, everyone would do it. And hard work can overcome many other shortcomings you may have.

Third, be self-reliant. Don't depend on others or the government to make your life into what you want it to be. Make it yourself. And last, live life so that when you reach the end, you are absolutely, completely, and

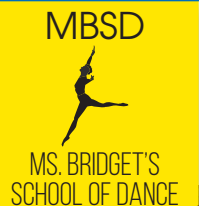
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said the trucks are bigger, heavier and they hold more water.

One thing that hasn't changed is the way the community receives the Fenton Fire Department. "The community has always received the fire department in good eyes. They've always been friendly," he said. "They respect us, and we respect them, also."

Linden Fire Department

Fire Chief Brian Will has been on the job for 25 years in Linden, with six additional years at a different department. He said that new building codes have made buildings safer. "(They have) limited fires and other issues with the older structures," he said.

In Linden, they also see fewer structure fires, and more medical calls, due to their aging residents.

"For the most part, I think the improved technology has been our biggest asset for several areas, of equipment and operation of the department," Will said. He cited imaging technology that helps firefighters find victims through smoke.

He credits the Linden City Council for allowing the department to make purchases of this technology.

One thing that's consistent that he wishes wasn't is the neglect of smoke alarms and batteries. "These are little inexpensive devices that can save lives or property loss as well," he said.

North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA)

Chief Jeremy Lintz has worked for NOCFA for 21 years, 13 of them as the



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Lt. Dustin Lucius (left) and Assistant Chief Charlie Koan work on making shelves at the Fenton Fire Department on Tuesday, July 24.

fire chief.

"There has been a steady decrease in structure fires over the past 20 years that I think can be attributed to stricter building codes and better public education," Lintz said. Like all departments, NOCFA has experienced an increase in medical calls.

Better vehicle technology has decreased vehicle crash injuries over his time.

The biggest change over the past 20 years for Lintz is working

with other fire agencies for mutual aid on calls, which he thinks has been a huge benefit to communities.

He said the same family atmosphere at NOCFA has persisted through his career. "We put our lives in each other's hands

every day. We experience things both horrendous and miraculous. I think all of that creates a unique bond of caring and support."

One problem every department is experiencing is a shallow roster of on-call firefighters. Lintz and Koan both attribute this to the significant training required, whether someone is paid-on-call, or full time.

Initial training includes physical agility training and six months, or 240 hours, of training. After that, maintaining the certifications could take another 20 hours per month. "Remember this person is a volunteer or paid-on-call firefighter so they more than likely have a different primary career that they work full time at, and may have a family that they are raising," he said.

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Jeremy Lintz

North Oakland County Fire Authority chief

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■■■■ **TRUMP'S \$12 BILLION** bailout for farmers, from his tariffs, where is the Tea Party now?

■■■■ **TO THE ABORTION** activist. Perhaps the science class you need is just a lesson in 'real life.' I once believed what you believe now — and I truly regret it. Abortion ruined my life. There is 'nothing more precious' or 'valuable' in life than a newborn baby and its mother.

■■■■ **IF YOUR GOD** of science eases your conscience of killing babies, then by all means use the terminology of fetus instead of baby when in the womb. The Bible declares life begins in the womb (Psalm 139:14-16), so abortion is killing a baby, according to God's word.

■■■■ **TRAVEL ROUTE INFORMATION**, old U.S. 23 north of White Lake Road to Bennett Lake/Jennings Road corner was bad for many years. It all been resurfaced with new black top. Nice job guys, beautiful.

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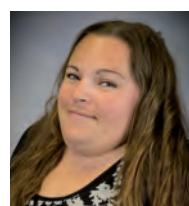
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News briefs

IMMUNIZATIONS OFFERED MONDAY, AUG. 6

The Genesee County Health Department is offering an offsite immunization clinic Monday, Aug. 6, from 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Argentine Early Childcare Center at 8483 W. Silver Lake Rd. Michigan law requires certain vaccines to be administered to school age children. To help you keep your child up to date for school or daycare, the Genesee County Health Department offers offsite clinics throughout Genesee County. Call (810) 237-4588 to schedule your child's immunization appointment.

FREE HEARING AND VISION SCREENING

The Genesee County Health Department is offering free hearing and vision screenings for preschool and kindergarten students ages 3-5 on Monday, Aug. 6 and Tuesday Aug. 7 at the Argentine Early Childcare Center at 8483 W. Silver Lake Rd. Call (810)-591-0320 to make an appointment between 9 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. for either day. Students entering kindergarten in a Michigan public school are required to have their vision screening six months prior to the start of school in September. Michigan House Bill 5094 requires children entering kindergarten present a statement to school officials confirming they have received the Michigan Department of Community Health vision screening.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE 'KING' AND the Hot line writer are so wrong about San Francisco. Has either of them ever been there? I have many times and it's a beautiful area with great weather and recreation. You can't beat the Pacific Ocean and San Francisco Bay.

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TO THE PERSON who knows it is clear Putin has something on our president. You simply do not like our president who, in your mind, is doing nothing for us, right? If you are going to state something at least try to state reality. Fake news is destroying our country as it is.

THE LAKE FENTON United Methodist Church would like to thank Uncle Ray's Dairyland for providing ice cream for vacation bible school.

SO WHEN DO the Argentine police have the right to harass little children out in their own backyard? There has to be something wrong with that.

YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT Putin and Trump have a lot in common. They only care about themselves and their own fortunes.

I'D LIKE TO know how Adolf Hitler made the remark that he did according to a comment on the front of the Times by a Hot-liner. I'd like to know how he made that comment in 1948 when he committed suicide in 1945. How is this possible? Get your facts right before you complain.



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Rebecca Garnett received third-degree burns on her legs, which required skin grafts from her upper thighs. She escaped through the narrow window of her home. There are still burns on the mattress, floors and walls.

ABUSED

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educating young girls and women about domestic abuse so that they won't end up in her position.

Garnett said she and David had been together for 14 years and married for 10. For nearly 20 years, she has worked as a caregiver for special needs adults. She said she loves her job.

Her caregiving role spilled over into her married life as well, since David underwent back surgeries and was home most of the time. She waited on him as she thought she should, as his wife.

About six months before the attack, which was the first physical assault on her, Garnett said she started standing up for herself around David. She said he was never happy with what she did and that he made her feel that she was never good enough.

They argued often about her cat, which he hated, and its litter box. She said she told him that if he didn't like how she was doing things he could do it himself since he was home all day. "He didn't take that well," she said, adding that he told her, "Now you think you're better than me."

Garnett said she implied to David that he could leave if he didn't like things. She owned the trailer and was not going anywhere. He was adamant about not leaving and that he would light it on fire with her inside. "I didn't believe it, but he did," she said.

On Feb. 5, she said he started breaking things in their home and then threw a shadow box containing her father's military flag and photos out their bedroom window. Shattered glass fell in the bedroom.

"He was trying to choke me but I didn't want him to fall since he was disabled," she said. She quickly thought that she'd be in trouble if she knocked him down causing injury to him.

She said David walked outside, into a shed and grabbed a five-gallon container of gasoline. He walked back into their home pouring gasoline on the floor and onto the sweat pants she was wearing.

Using her cellphone, Garnett, trying to stay calm, called a friend and asked if she should call 911 or the fire department. Before she could do anything, she said he threw the phone out the window as well and lit her pants on fire as he walked out the door.

On fire, Garnett said she climbed

through the bedroom window and fell onto the snow. She had cuts on her hands from the broken glass. She rolled around in the snow to put out the fire. "I was lucky it was just my leg," she said. "God was looking out for me."

A neighbor came to her aid and David was arrested. To this day, she cannot wear long pants since they would interfere with the healing of skin grafts she had on her leg.

She missed 10 weeks of work.

Garnett said she was raised by parents who were married for more than 60 years before they died. "I never dreamed I would have a husband light me on fire," she said. "It makes no sense."

She has sought counseling to cope with the situation and is trying to make sense of it all. She said she really thought she could lead their marriage by example. She thought she could fix his controlling be-

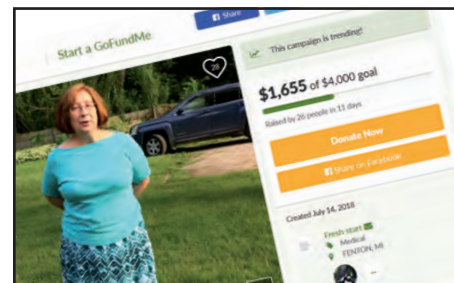
havior if she spoke nicely and quietly. "It didn't work," she said, adding that he was unhappy and depressed.

As she heals, Garnett is considering going to the schools to teach young girls and women not to let this type of behavior become a pattern. "Don't think that a guy can talk to you rudely or grab your arm," she said. "To your parents, you are the most precious thing in the whole wide world. I guess I didn't get that message growing up."

For the rest of her life Garnett will be telling herself, "I'm worth more than that."

SUMMARY

Safe and healing, Rebecca Garnett, 56, of Holly is starting fresh with a new life after her husband, David, attempted to kill her by dousing her with gasoline and lighting her on fire this past February. He was sentenced in May to a maximum of 50 years in prison.



'New life start for burn victim'

Friends of Rebecca Garnett of Holly have started a **gofundme** page to help her move from her fire and smoke damaged mobile home into a one-bedroom apartment. **For details go to www.gofundme.com/new-life-start-for-burn-victim**. According to Garnett's gofundme page, Winglemire Furniture in Holly is donating a bed once she moves into an apartment and Skaff Furniture in Flint Township is donating a recliner.



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HOT LINE CONTINUED

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FOR EIGHT YEARS, Obama gave us a slow economy and stagnant wages. Now we have 4.1 percent growth. The economy is on fire and it's all due to Trump's tax reform and deregulation. He has driven productivity gains, job creation and higher

wages. Remember, not one Democrat voted for this economic turnaround.

HOW COME THE border fence is a single fence? I have worked in several compounds that have a double fence topped with concertina (barbed) wire and have a highly electrically charged center. If that is good enough for Americans, it should be good enough for illegals.

CAN WE PLEASE get a light or roundabout at Torrey and North roads? I'm

sick of waiting years to turn left.

HEY, COLOR ME a fan of a four-way stop at Owen Road and Rounds Drive in Fenton. The stop light is gone for a while due to an accident. Those long lines of cars waiting for the light to change seem to have vanished considerably.

HEY HOLLY TOWNSHIP, as you can see, all the roads around here have been resurfaced. What's your holdup?

REGARDING SPECTRUM, IT'S called lobbying and you will not be given a choice. Keep voting corporate Democrat or Republican.

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Baseball

If you haven't been to a ball game yet, you still have plenty of time to catch a Detroit Tigers game at Comerica Park. Their final home game series will be played Sept. 21-22-23 vs. the Kansas City Royals.

For minor league action, you have your choice of games from the Lansing Lugnuts to the Great Lakes Loons (Midland), Traverse City Beach Bums, West Michigan Whitecaps (near Grand Rapids), Kalamazoo Growlers and in nearby Toledo, the Mud Hens. Play continues throughout August and early September, according to most schedules.

Lions pre-season training camps

To get a jump on the Detroit Lions fall season, you can watch practices open to the public in August at their training facility in Allen Park, including their pre-season opener on Aug. 10. For a full schedule of practices and regular season games, visit DetroitLions.com.

Concerts

August and September continue to be busy outdoor concert months in Michigan. Our state's most well-known concert venue, DTE Energy Music Theater in Clarkston, will be offering top-notch music entertainment until its final concert with Ozzy Osbourne & Stone Sour on Sept. 19.

Watch for other big-name entertainment at Ford Field, Little Caesar's Arena, Freedom Hill Amphitheatre and Meadowbrook Music Festival.

Festivals

Hollygrove is the fictional home of the Michigan Renaissance Festival in Holly, opening Aug. 18 on weekends and Labor Day through Sept. 30.

For more family fun, visit the National Blueberry Festival in South Haven Aug. 9-12; Back to the Bricks Tune-up Parties in Linden on Aug. 8 and in Fenton on Aug. 9; the world's largest one-day automotive cruise, the Woodward Dream Cruise, on Saturday, Aug. 18 in Metro Detroit; the Ann Arbor Blues Festival Aug. 17-18; Arts, Beats & Eats in Royal Oak Aug. 31-Sept. 3.

For a complete list of festivals, visit Michigan.org/fairs-festivals.com.

Seeing the sights

What's on your bucket list for the summer of 2018? If there are places you have wanted to go but haven't been to yet, now's the time to make a plan, hop in the car and do it.

The Detroit Institute of Arts exhibit, "Star Wars and the Power of Costume" is on display in downtown Detroit from now through Sept. 30.

Other reasons to visit Detroit might include a day trip to Belle Isle, a visit to the Eastern Market and Greenfield Village and The Henry Ford museum in nearby Dearborn.

If you love beautiful botanical gardens, plan to spend a day at Dow Gardens in Midland and/or the Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park in Grand Rapids.

Hurley builds a strong foundation for 25 years

Medical Center serves all of Genesee County

By Sally Rummel

From its founding in 1908 by James J. Hurley to today's complex health care environment, Hurley Medical Center in Flint has stayed true to its community roots.

Its goal has always been to offer the residents of Genesee County medical care with exceptional excellence, innovative and leading edge technology, amidst a backdrop of compassion and care.

And they do it all as an entirely self-supporting endeavor without city tax dollars, regardless of a patient's ability to pay.

Since 1993, the Hurley Foundation has supported Hurley's mission, reaching out into the community for donors and volunteers to contribute resources for hospital programs and initiatives.

Many of Hurley Foundation's dollars come from fundraising events, which bring businesses and individuals together for a common cause: the good health of the people of Genesee County.

The Hurley Benefit Ball, the Hurley Trauma Golf Classic and Pink Night Palooza, which benefits Hurley's Breast Cancer Navigator Fund, are just a few of the events you may read about in the news. The funds raised go right back into the community to support patients, medical staff and community education outreach.

"We are always talking to the community, talking to the people," said Mike Burnett, Hurley Foundation president.

One of the newest, most successful programs has been Hurley's Healthy Living Series, produced by the Hurley Medical Center, taking educational messages by doctors and nurses into various communities, neighborhoods, senior centers and schools. They have held several in Fenton this year, including one on the Hurley Bariatric Institute and another on the Hurley Heart Center, with an office in Fenton.

Hurley Medical Center and the Hurley Foundation also have a big heart for children.

As one of only four Children's Miracle Network (CMN) Hospitals in Michigan and one of 170 across the United States and Canada, Hurley Children's Hospital is committed to



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Serendipity Wellness Spa in Linden took part in the benefit for the Hurley Breast Cancer Patient Navigation Program on Thursday, Aug. 2. Here, Karen Personett (left) receives a pedicure from Mary Gaskell. Alisa Craig (right) of Grand Blanc is an administrator for Hurley and took Personett to the event.

the mission of saving children's lives and giving families hope.

Hurley Children's Hospital is recognized as the area's leader in caring for babies and children, with the only Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and the only Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) in the region, as well as a Children's Emergency Department and Center for Maternal Fetal Medicine.

The Foundation hosts three CMN annual events, including the Bowlathon,

Miracle Picnic and dual radiothons with Cumulus Media. This group recently

funded an update at Hurley Children's Hospital that increased the availability of private rooms and created a screening room for children who may have been victims of sexual or physical abuse.

The Foundation's main goal is to support all the work of Hurley Medical Center, whether through

donations of dollars, items or volunteer time. For more information, contact the Foundation office at (810) 262-9667.

"We are always talking to the community, talking to the people."

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TO 'PROUD DEMOCRAT' whose only wage increase came under Democrat administrations, I've had wage increases under both parties. Instead of waiting for government try getting off your butt and earning a raise.



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The LFLF gymnastics team is the No. 3 team in our 2017-18 Tri-County Top 16 Teams list.

Holly girls tennis tops our Top 16 for first time

By David Troppens

It seems every school year the fall sports season dominates, earning the most teams in our Tri-County Top 16.

The 2017-18 school year was no exception. In fact, it may have been the year the fall season did its best.

Of the 16 teams on our list, 10 are from the fall sports season. There's no real reason for this.

All of the sports seasons have plenty of squads. In fact, if the sports staff has counted each season's team total correctly, the fall sports season has the fewest varsity squads in the tri-county area. Yet, each year fall dominance continues.

All that said, our first-place team is not a fall sports team, and while our new top squad is annually in our poll (missing only

once), this is the first time the team has hit the top spot. That means in the 10 years the sports staff has been doing the Tri-County Top 16 Team Poll, we have our seventh new team champion. We won't say who that is yet.

Traditionally, area boys' teams have dominated the top spot, See **TOP 16** on 19A

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Sports Times

Fenton's Carter slugs her way to Softball Player of the Year honors

By David Troppens

At the time Erin Carter wasn't too upset.

The Fenton varsity softball team was playing a May 23 doubleheader at Grand Blanc High School. During the twinbill, the Fenton junior was having one of her typical strong showings. She had five hits in eight at bats and drove in six runs. She even hit one of her seven home runs she had during the team's 31 contests this spring. It was an outstanding day at the plate with one exception — Carter struck out during one of her plate appearances. Unknown to her at the time, it was the only time she struck out during 113 plate appearances all season.

"Of course I do," Carter said when asked if she remembered that one strike out. "I try to think of all the good things but it is hard not to dwell on that one. I think it's funny because I struck out just one time. It was swinging. At that point I had no clue I had not struck out at all, so (Fenton varsity softball coach Ken Brant) was keeping it on the down low. It was rolling in the dirt, I was in my head, I swung and struck out."

That's about the only bad moment Carter had all season. In a sport where batting .400 is considered outstanding, she was spectacular collecting an eye-popping .625

batting average, a .681 on-base percentage and a 1.104 slugging percentage. Already verbally committed to the University of Iowa, Carter collected 11 doubles, seven triples and seven home runs among her 60 hits in 96 at bats in 2018. She drove in 45 runs and walked 14 times.

Her season earned her first-team All-Metro League status and Division 1 Honorable Mention All-State status. It also earned her another honor. She's the 2018 Tri-County Softball Player of the Year, beating out strong seasons by Division 2 First-Team All-State players Kalani Lau (Lake Fenton) and Liz Rakowski (Linden) for the honor.

"I think my confidence grew this year," Carter said. "My other years were decent, but I thought I grew as a person, grew with confidence when I was going to the plate and fielding a ground ball. I believed in myself."

"It's hard to define her season for sure," Brant said. "Those numbers don't even equate to what she brings to our team. Not only is she an unbelievable skill player who can dominate offensively and defensively, but she's just a good-hearted, even-keeled athlete, and she loves to compete."

The Tigers were a young squad in 2018, so the wins weren't as

plentiful as they have been in recent years, but what Carter did was help a young squad get experience and help provide leadership to help the team during their rebuilding season. And she provided the strongest bat of any player in the tri-county area on a daily basis. She went 5-for-8 (.625 batting average) in the team's first doubleheader against Flint Powers and her batting average never dipped below .520 from that point.

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ERIN CARTER

Fenton's Carter is our 2018 Tri-County Softball Player of the Year. She batted .625 with an impressive 1.104 slugging percentage.

All Tri-County Softball Team

Here is a list of the players that made our All Tri-County Softball Team as selected by the sports staff.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR:

Erin Carter, Fenton shortstop

Carter earned Division 1 Honorable Mention All-State honors by batting an eye-popping .625 with seven home runs and 45 RBI.

REST OF FIRST TEAM

Pitchers

Madisen Beesley..... Holly
Taylor Godlewski..... Lake Fenton

Outfielders

Liz Rakowski (D2 All-State)..... Linden
Haley Whittecar..... Lake Fenton
Olivia Tanner..... Lake Fenton
Jordyn Hobson..... Linden

School

Jillian Widner..... Linden

Catcher

Erin Ezell..... Lake Fenton

Ellie Klocek..... Linden

Infielders

Kalani Lau (D2 All-State)..... Lake Fenton

Emma Mossing..... Linden

Lauren Buerkel..... Linden

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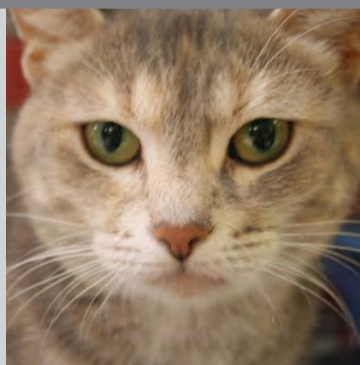


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The Holly varsity girls tennis team finished the season as the 2017-18 Tri-County Top 16 Team's No. 1 squad.

TOP 16

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earning seven of them. However, that number won't become No. 8 as we'll have our third girl's No. 1 squad.

Enough of the trivia, let's get to the final six teams. Numbers seven through 16 were published in previous publications.

No. 6 - Fenton boys cross country: The fifth cross country team to be listed in our poll is our highest ranking harrier squad. The Fenton boys were No. 5 last year, and slipped just one notch to No. 6.

The Tigers won the Metro League by taking second in the first jamboree but then winning the final two, beating out area rival (and fellow top 16 entry) Linden for the championship.

During the postseason, the Tigers qualified for the Division 1 state meet by taking third in what was a demanding regional field. Once at the state meet, they took a so-so 19th place at Michigan International Speedway. Linden's boys finished seventh at the state meet. What gives? Fenton beat the Eagles during the regular season and Division 2 is an easier state task than No. 1. If we took both teams' state times, Fenton would've beat Linden in a dual. This was a tough call, and one others could easily gone the other way and post Linden higher, but the sports staff sided with the Tigers this time.

No. 5 - Fenton girls swimming and diving: Here's a team that's been in our poll nine of the 10 seasons. Last school year's No. 12 team jumped an impressive seven notches into our top five this year.

The Tigers have won at least a piece of every Metro League title ever, and earned the 2017 one by going undefeated and crushing the entire Metro field at the league meet.

But as most know, the competition level isn't very high in swim for the Metro League, so the Tigers have to impress us by what they do at the state meet. The Tigers were solid, taking 18th out of 50 teams that had representation at the D2 state meet. Taylor Shegos placed second for diving and the squad had all three relays score team points.

This was a mighty talented team, but most of the squad should be coming back this fall. Maybe the Tigers can contend for No. 1 next year? We'll find out soon.

No. 4 - Fenton volleyball: The Tigers are one of just two teams to make our poll each of the 10 seasons we've produced it. After finishing No. 2 a year ago, Fenton had another outstanding season by dominating the Metro League with an undefeated championship season.

The Tigers also had another strong postseason run. A year ago Fenton advanced to the state semifinal round. Last

fall the squad won the district championship and advanced to the regional championship match before losing to Midland. The Tigers just keep plugging along.

No. 3 - LFLF gymnastics: Wow, what a debut to the Tri-County Top 16 Poll! The co-op squad that has gymnasts from each of the four tri-county schools captured a league title, a team regional championship and became the area's top winter team as well. Once at the state meet, the squad placed 10th with Brook Hutchings earning All-State honors in all four events and in the all-around.

The winter squads better be prepared. They have a new sheriff in town.

No. 2 - Fenton girls golf: The entire top five of this poll are girls teams, and the Fenton lady golfers had a pretty strong case to be No. 1, after earning the top spot in our 2017 fall poll.

The Fenton golfers put together a strong regular season and a pretty dominating postseason as well. That's something very few teams did last year in the tri-county area.

The Tigers dominated the regular season by winning all of their Metro duals and won both Metro meets by an average of 40 strokes.

In the postseason, the Tigers were regional runner-ups, earning Fenton a spot at the state tournament. Once there, the Tigers had a strong showing, taking 10th place.

The girls made a nice jump. They were No. 7 in last year's poll.

No. 1 - Holly girls tennis: This decision was an easy no-brainer. Traditionally one of the area's top teams for the last 30 seasons, the Bronchos put together one of their finest seasons in school history this spring.

The Bronchos crushed the Metro League, not only winning every match in dual and tournament play, but Holly did so by never losing a single set to any opponent. Now that's complete domination.

When the postseason started, the Bronchos made the regional foes look pretty silly as well, winning every single flight (and every single set once again) en route to one of the easiest regional championships Holly tennis has ever experienced.

The magic continued right through the D2 state meet, as Holly took fifth at the state meet and had Nicole Johnson win the squad's first ever state flight championship when she won at No. 2 singles.

Simply stated, the Holly varsity girls tennis team was the most dominant team of the 2017-18 school year by large amount.

Linden Warriors program growing, squad competes at World Series

By David Troppens

About four years ago, Jamie Widner had an idea.

The idea was to create a Linden travel softball program to help generate interest in the sport within the community.

During that first year, the Linden Warriors had just two teams. Now the program has squads at four different age groups and is holding tryouts for its fourth season next spring.

The program also did something else. The team qualified for the NSA Class B World Series held in Hobart, Indiana recently, finishing the tournament with a respectable 2-3 record.

"We did well there," Widner said. "We played some really tough teams and I'm pretty sure all of the girls had

a lot of fun.

"It was a great event. It was our first time doing it. We started our club with two teams and now we are getting ready to start our fourth year. We grew to five teams this year and we'll probably add another one and have six teams this year."

The squad earned a 9-3 win against Michiana Repetition and a 6-5 victory against the Prestige (Illinois). In the 6-5 win, Sophia Helm hit a two-out, two-run single in the bottom of the fourth earning the team the lead for good. Helm ended the game with three hits and three RBI, while Aubrey Wy-more had two hits.

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The U10 Linden Warriors competed at the NSA Class B World Series recently, finishing with a 2-3 record at the tournament.

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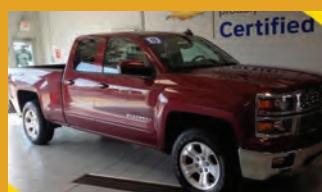
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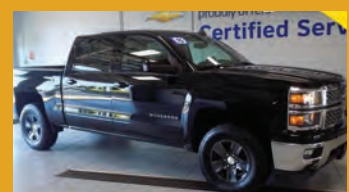
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