

Macomb County

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Briefly

Boy is critical after pool accident

Lenox Township — A 23-month-old boy, Matt Fitzsimons, was listed in critical condition Tuesday at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, one day after he was found floating in a back yard swimming pool on Kuster. Macomb County Sheriff's Department detectives said the pool had been drained, but had about 2 feet of rain water in the deep end.

Students test robot vehicles

Warren — U.S. Army Tank Automotive Armaments Command together with the Oakland University are hosting the Seventh Annual International Ground Robotics Competition from June 5-7 at Oakland University in Rochester. Fifteen university student teams will test their unmanned vehicles on various outdoor courses that stimulate future automated highway systems or battlefield environments.

Residents talk about pollution

St. Clair Shores — Macomb County residents with pollution complaints are invited to the inaugural public hearing of the Macomb Water Quality Board, said board chairman Doug Martz. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the St. Clair Shores municipal building, 11 Mile and Jefferson.

Middle schools

Fire safety house offers tips on getting out alive

Fraser firefighters plan lessons for kids and seniors.

By Larry Davis
The Detroit News

FRASER — Children and seniors can learn how to safely get out of a house fire by practicing in a 32-foot, \$26,000 home-like trailer the city now owns.

The three-room fire safety house has a heated door, a balcony with a fixed ladder and will fill with realistic, but nontoxic smoke. The three-story trailer also has a handicapped ramp and a phone that will allow trainees to practice calling 9-1-1.

"It will allow us to teach children the dangers of home fire," said Fraser Public Safety Lt. John Ellis. "We want to show them what to do in case of a fire, something they can actually use in case there is a need."

The house is the brainchild of Dennis Stevenson, Mike Carnegie and others in the city's Volunteer Firefighter's Association, which raised more than \$14,000 to buy the house. The city put up the rest of the money.

"I'm very proud of it," said Stevenson, who is a former Fraser city councilman. "If it



Photos by Todd McInturf

Jennifer Carnegie, right, joins Fraser volunteer firefighters Mark Bomma and Dennis Stevenson outside the fire safety house. "If it saves a few lives worth it," Stevenson said.