Raising special-needs son teaches mom patience, understanding, love

By Tim Jagielo

When Barb O’Reilly’s first son Bryan was born, the doctor told her to let him go. She was told to go home and try to have another child. Bryan was described as a “failure to thrive” baby, in 1981.

He was born atiny 4 pounds, with a rare condition she described as “Deletion of the first chromosome.” He was so small he wore cabbage patch doll clothing. His hips and knees were dislocated at birth. He underwent surgeries to connect his joints, and See MOM on 21A

Higher education

“I’m game, I’ll give it a whirl,” said John Wentworth of ReMax Platinum, before taking to the air above North Road Elementary School in Flint Friday morning. He admitted he was afraid of heights, but still enjoyed the brief flight, in which he was selected to partake after he won a contest early this year. After the flight, students watched a presentation on how hot air balloons work.

CPL holders now carry Tasers by law.

Proposed bills in the Michigan Senate are aiming to broaden CPL zones, including schools, churches and bars.

By William Axford

Concealed pistol license (CPL) holders can now carry a Taser as a nonlethal form of self-protection.

Tasers are used to administer an electric shock through two prongs that disrupt a person’s control over their body. Tasers are developed by the Arizona based company TASER International, Inc. Prior to Gov. Rick Snyder signing the legislation, a mower was killed while using his vehicle to separate the sails on a boat. The incident was determined to be a “shooting.”

Tasers now legal for CPL holders

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Bryan Page, 30, signs “I love you,” in American Sign Language with mom Barb O’Reilly on Wednesday. Bryan is a special-needs son who requires almost constant care.

What now?

Administrators mull options after voters reject $9.6 million millage request

By Sharon Stone

Fenton — A $9.6 million millage proposal requested by Fenton Area Public Schools was rejected by voters on Tuesday, May 8 by a vote of 1,110 to 921 for a difference of 189 votes. Election results are unofficial at this time.

According to the Genessee County Clerk, there are 16,175 registered voters in the Fenton school district and voter turnout was 12.56 percent.

The school district was hoping to upgrade its outdated technology, aging bus fleet, address parking safety issues and upgrade security systems at all buildings with funds generated through the proposed 10-year millage. See MILLAGE on 11A

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Tasers now legal for CPL holders

Second suspect found murdered in Flint

By Sharon Stone

A 23-year-old Flint man has been charged in connection with a home invasion and shooting in Fenton Township, which occurred on April 14.

Genesee County Sheriff Robert Pickell said David Eddie Collins, of Flint, was arrested in Flint and remains lodged at the Genesee County Jail on $350,000 cash bond. The sheriff said deputies responded to a home in the 13000 block of Linden Road at about 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 14 to investigate a report of “shots fired” and a robbery. A 23-year-old, See ARREST on 8A
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**Mom-to-Mom sales popping up all over**

> Trend is boon for parents looking to buy or sell

**By Ryan Tackabury**

Whether you find your house cluttered with kid’s clothes that haven’t fit in years, or looking to find a cheap way to fill out your child’s wardrobe, Mom-to-Mom sales may be the solution you are looking for.

“They are like a big garage sale for baby and children’s clothes and items,” said Meghan Balint, Recreation, Enrichment and Event Programmer of Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation, which recently put on a Mom-to-Mom sale.

The advantage of Mom-to-Mom sales is they target a more focused audience, providing a big selection of items, news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

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**Levi’s**

While it’s true that a majority of their products are made overseas, Levi’s features a line of “Made in the USA” clothing. Consumers pay a hefty price for Levi’s clothing that is still made state side, as some of the jeans and jackets cost more than $100.

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**American-made CLOTHING**

**By William Axford** • axford@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792

Once a source of pride and patriotism, the label, “Made in America” on clothing has become harder to find in recent years. Buying clothing made in the USA can be good for the consumer’s conscience as the money for the clothing is used for American workers and goods.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) defines Made in USA as products that are, “all or virtually all,” made within the country. By definition, “all” or “virtually all,” means that all significant parts and processing that go into production must be of U.S. origin.

**L.L. Bean**

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**American-made IN AMERICA**

**WHAT DOES IT MEAN?**

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) defines made in America products as, “all significant parts, processing and labor that go into the product must be of U.S. origin.” According to FTC officials, there’s no law that requires manufacturers and marketers of most products to disclose U.S. content. In fact, except for automobiles and textile and wool products, it’s a manufacturer or advertiser’s choice to say whether a product is domestic. But those who choose to make the claim must adhere to the “all or virtually all” standard.

(Source: FTC.gov)
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What do you love most about your mother?

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Michael Griggs

“She’s nice and she cooks the best food ever — pasta, usually pizza, and salad.”

John Griggs

“Because she’s always there for me and my sister when we need her.”

Kayley Gallagher

“That she’s always there when I need her, so that if my brother and I need anything she takes care of it.”

Kirsten Hyde
Former Lake Fenton superintendent dies

Haddon remembered as leader, for nursery

By William Axford

Russell Haddon will be receiving a lifetime achievement award this Saturday from the Lake Fenton Community School Foundation, posthumously. Haddon, 97, of Fenton died Tuesday, May 8.

Tom Hufton, vice president of Fentru Financial Partners at The State Bank said the dinner on Saturday evening will go on as planned.

“I had the opportunity to see Russ on Tuesday and present the award to him,” said Hufton. “He was sleeping but I read it to him and his son, Lance. His son informed me the next day that Russ had passed away roughly 30 minutes after I left. Just glad I had that opportunity to see him again.”

Haddon was the first superintendent for Lake Fenton Community Schools and held that position for 16 years. He also served as superintendent for Holly Area Schools for 12 years.

Haddon was born Nov. 12, 1914 in Detroit. He graduated from Fenton High School in 1932, serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After his service, Haddon received his bachelor’s degree from Eastern Michigan University and his master’s degree in education from the University of Michigan.

Haddon is also one of the founding members of the Fenton Village Players since 1939 and directed “Hugo in Hurry” the same year. His $250,000 pledge toward a theater in memory of his late wife, Sibyl, spearheaded the development of the Fenton Area Cultural Center.

After retiring from education, Haddon established the Russ Haddon Nursery, selling Christmas trees to local families for more than 50 years. The 80-acre farm is placed in the Nature Conservancy.

Haddon is survived by sons Harold (Beverly) of Denver, CO and Lance (Carol Putnam) of Carnation, WA, grandsons Matthew and Blair and great grandchildren Kai, Ian and Natalie of Portland, OR, and by his beloved companion, Nancy Mason of Linden, MI.

A memorial celebrating Haddon’s life will be held at a later date to be announced. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Nature Conservancy or the Fenton Village Players.

Cruise on in for fun, food, prizes

Car show set for May 17

By Sharon Stone

 Vic Canever Chevrolet of Fenton is hosting a handful of car shows this summer and the first one is set for Thursday, May 17, from 3 to 8 p.m.

The dealership is located at 3000 Owen Road in Fenton.

Car enthusiasts are encouraged to cruise on in with their hot rod, antique automobile, classic or muscle car to this fun event. Folks can “come as you are” in order to enjoy the vehicles on display and take part in on-site contests for prizes including free car washes, oil changes and a chance to take the all-new Chevy Volt home for a weekend.

Vic Canever will provide free hot dogs, popcorn and soft drinks for participants as they enjoy music and live radio remotes with 103.9 FM The Fox.

Mark your calendar — in addition to this car show in May, future car shows are scheduled for Thursday, June 21 and Thursday, July 19. Vic Canever is also participating in the upcoming Back to the Bricks Tune Up Party on Aug. 9 in Fenton.

LEGAL NOTICE

BUDGET HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Holly Academy, a public school academy, is currently establishing its budget for the school year 2012-2013. A final public hearing will take place on Wednesday, May 23, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. before adoption at the May regularly scheduled meeting. The hearing will take place at 820 Academy Rd., Holly, MI. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the above address weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

A public school academies lack the statutory authority to levy any type of property tax, no property tax millage rate will be proposed or discussed to support this proposed budget.

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Buster Winebrenner of Holly presents his alternative budget deficit reduction plan at the regular meeting on Tuesday.

Citizen offers plan to save police jobs

Village manager says proposal not viable
By Tim Jagielo
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Holly — Out-of-the-box thinking prompted retired Holly police officer Buster Winebrenner to submit his own version of the budget at the regular Holly Village meeting on Tuesday.

To make up a $126,000 shortfall in the general fund, the Holly Village council had proposed possible cuts to the village police department as a last option. The cuts included reducing two sergeants’ positions to part-time, and laying off a full-time officer.

Winebrenner’s budget hinges on the idea of shared sacrifice amongst village administration and police. “This deficit is not a police department problem,” said Winebrenner. During public comment time, he presented his “Budget Reduction Plan.” He was given additional time at the podium to finish going over the four-page document.

Through across the board salary concessions and retirement contribution reductions, Winebrenner reported that $122,907.99 could be saved without laying anyone off.

Though the village council and manager Jerry Walker said they would consider the information and use it at the next budget workshop, the cuts Winebrenner presented aren’t viable, according to Walker.

The problem is that the deficit is in the general fund; but many of the salaries for the police and village administration are paid through other means, like the water/sewer fund, and their reductions wouldn’t add to the general fund. “A lot of these funds are split out of other accounts,” said Walker.

Walker said the viable cuts used in the way Winebrenner proposed amounted to about $13,000, should officers forgo their scheduled raises.

Police Chief Elena Danishevskaya said the police union, and officers are open to salary freezes or reductions. All of this will be discussed at the May 15 budget session at the Holly Village council chambers, at 6 p.m.

“I’m willing to do whatever it takes to save officers, I’m sure council is too,” said the chief. “We’re all working together at that one.”

Several residents spoke during public comment in support of the police, and village president Jeff Miller reminded the crowd that there are “no sacred cows,” meaning anything is open to cuts.

“I would like this to be an honest and truthful budget we can all live with,” said Miller.

GET INVOLVED
See how the budget process works in the village of Holly, during an open work session, on May 15, at 6 p.m. in the council chambers. A work session is just a discussion, and does not include motions or public comment.
Linden middle school students caught with pot

School locked down, six suspended

By Sharon Stone sstone@cttimes.com (810) 433-6765

Six Linden Middle School students were suspended Wednesday after school officials determined they had been in possession of marijuana while at school.

Superintendent Ed Kolelo said Principal Julie Brown learned that there might be marijuana in the school around lunchtime. She immediately put the school, which houses sixth- through eighth-grade students, in lock-down mode in order for an investigation to take place.

Several students were called down to the principal’s office and after speaking with them, six students were found to have been in possession of marijuana during the day. Following school policy, those six students were suspended.

Parents of the six suspended students were notified of the situation. Kolelo said the principal notified the Argentine Township Police Department of the incident on Thursday.

Kolelo said searches are done randomly at the middle school and high school using police K-9 units. He said there might be more searches planned for the near future.

Summary

Six students from Linden Middle School were suspended Wednesday. A school investigation led administrators to believe they were in possession of marijuana while at school. Argentine Township police were notified.

By Sharon Stone

HOT LINE CONTINUED

SO HOW MANY of you stodgy conservatives out there are riled up now that our damed socialist president has openly endorsed gay marriage? By the way, the Republic In Party is a joke.

TO THE PERSON who is so bitter about the Linden basketball program — not a starter in high school? Grow up, move on, and take a stand on something that matters... if you call smide comments in the Hot line taking a stand. Thanks for your years of service Coach Hopkins.

THE DDA IS willing to give $400,000 to a brewing company; yet, doesn’t plan to help fund upgrades to the public library? Seems kind of weird that the DDA wouldn’t see the value in improving the old building that houses the library.

I JUST WANT to say thank you to the kind man walking through St John’s cemetery on Tuesday afternoon. I was kneeling at my mother’s gravesite sobbing. You said to me ‘God bless you’ as you walked by. It was very kind to say.

IT WOULD BE great if teachers were hired on two-year terms. Those that receive high opinions from fellow staff, parents and students, as well as produce highly educated pupils don’t need to worry — they will have job security. Those that don’t will be job hunting. Educate our children!

Tri-county fundraisers

Brad Stone Summer Classic — June 23

Jeff and Sharon Stone invite the community to attend and/or sponsor the 12th annual Brad Stone Summer Classic charity golf outing on Saturday, June 23 at Fenton Farms Golf Club on Torrey Road. The outing is held in memory of their son, Brad, who died from complications of an asthma attack at the age of 12 in 2000. He had just finished the sixth grade in the Lake Fenton school district. Proceeds from the outing go toward college scholarships for graduating seniors at Lake Fenton High School and youth members of the Eastern Michigan Hockey Association. Including $15,000 in scholarships being awarded this spring, the Stones have given out $17,800 in their son’s memory. To register your golf team, visit the “12th annual Brad Stone Summer Classic” page on Facebook or call the Stones at (810) 387-3819. Teams are $380 or $65 per golfer. Cart and other sponsorships are also available. In addition to breakfast, lunch at the turn and buffet dinner, golfers will also have a chance to win tons of prizes and each will receive a custom-designed golf hat to commemorate the event.
MOM-TO-MOM  
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of merchandise to browse through to find the right outfit for your kids. “Kids grow out of clothes so easily, it’s nice to get used clothing in good condition,” Baltine said.

While Mom-to-Mom sales are a great place to buy low priced outfits, the sales are not always limited to just clothing. Toys and items like cribs, rockers, changing tables, and more can also be found at low prices, exchanging hands from one parent to another.

The sales are often put together as fundraisers by organizations such as churches. Those who have children’s items to get rid of can pay a small fee to rent out a booth or table to sell their goods. It is not unusual for the sales to have 30 to 50 people renting booths to sell off their excess belongings.

Mom-to-Mom sales are not anything new – though they have been growing in popularity in recent years. Their popularity has spurred competition between the Mom-to-Mom sales, making it difficult for them to stand out amongst each other.

Because of this popularity, finding a Mom-to-Mom sale is not difficult, and they are often advertised in newspapers such as the Times and even online. Websites like www.Mom2Momlist.com are resources for finding sales near you, as well as a way to find advice for making the most of your sale.

For those who are savvy sellers or careful shoppers, Mom-to-Mom sales provide an opportunity for both extra earnings and important savings.

Making Sales

At a Mom-to-Mom sale, there are many different people trying to sell their surplus of children’s items, providing for a lot of competition. For vendors, the goal is to leave empty handed and with a full wallet – and there are a few things you can do to make that happen.

• Be mindful of what type of clothes you are selling, and when you are selling them. You are more likely to find a buyer for summer clothes in June than in December.

• Price items competitively. Many people will be pricing their items to sell, and buyers will be looking for cheap deals.

• Come to the sale prepared. Make sure you have enough space to display what you are selling and you have all of your items marked with an easy to see price tag.

ARREST  
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old resident, Robert Johnson, who had been sleeping prior to the break-in, was shot during the incident.

Pickell said Johnson told responding officers that he went to sleep in his upstairs bedroom around 8 p.m. that night. Later on, he was awakened suddenly and saw a tall, large man, identified later as Collins, wearing a bandana across his face and standing in his room. Johnson said Collins struck him in the head with a pistol.

A second intruder, a shorter, heavy-set man covering his face with a shirt also was standing in his bedroom.

Johnson told investigators that Collins demanded money that was in a shoebox. Collins allegedly took money from Johnson’s pants pockets, which were on the floor. Johnson said that Collins told him he had three seconds to give him rest of the money.

“He (Johnson) begged for his life. He told them there was no more money,” said Pickell.

Collins allegedly shot Johnson in his leg. After the shot, Johnson’s cellphone rang and he answered it so that the caller would hear what was happening, said Pickell. Collins searched for more money while the second suspect urged Collins to kill Johnson.

Johnson told detectives that he wrestled a pistol from the second suspect and shot Collins in the chest area. “He thinks he hit him in the chest,” said Pickell. Both suspects fled out the front door and Johnson fired again, thinking that he struck Collins in the back.

Detectives learned that Collins went to an area hospital on April 17 for treatment of a gunshot wound to his wrist. Collins had told medical staff that he had been shot on April 9.

Pickell said the second suspect, identified as Kaileen Stubbs, has since been murdered in Flint. Flint police found Stubbs, shot to death in a truck in the parking lot of Shiloh Commons apartment complex in Flint on April 16.

Collins has been charged with one count of armed robbery, which carries a life sentence or any number of years; one count of first-degree home invasion, which is a 20-year felony and/or $5,000 fine and one count of felony firearms, which carries a two-year mandatory sentence.

According to the Michigan Department of Corrections, Collins is on probation from a 2011 larceny conviction out of Genesee County. His preliminary exam is scheduled for May 16.

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**Empty Bowls**

On Thursday, May 3, Fenton Area Public Schools held its Art Show, Empty Bowls and Ice Cream Social Event at Andrew G. Schmidt Middle School. Many talented artists, friends and family attended to see their art on display and for sharing their bowls. Proceeds from the fundraiser benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry and St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, which services the poor in the Fenton area.

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**Holly Heritage Farm Plow Day**

On Saturday, May 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Yesteryears Tractor Club will be plowing six acres of the field north of the old Hawley farmhouses between 13409 and 13465 North Holly Road, during the fifth annual Holly Heritage Farm Plow Day. The field will be planted with corn, pumpkins and sunflowers and harvested during the fall “Hollyween” celebration. Activities include a cross-cut and chain saw competition, rope making, hit and miss engines used for grinding, cranking, belt sale. Don Simon’s artifact display and musical entertainment. One of the farmhouses will be open to view. A local beekeeper will have a demonstration hive for viewing. The Friends of Holly Heritage Farm is trying to develop the property into a working museum to reflect what farm life was like in the past. For further information, call (248) 634-1758 or (248) 634-8691.

**Open auditions for ‘Into the Woods’**

The Fenton Village Players announce open auditions for roles in the Broadway Musical hit “Into the Woods.” Remember those fairy tales we grew up with, Cinderella, Rapunzel, Jack in the Beanstalk? This musical is about what happens after the “happy ending” — the rest of the story — this show gives us the answers. FVP needs to cast a wide range of ages, however, they do not want to confuse this with children’s fairy tales so they will audition ages 14 and up with preference given to 16 and up. Bring a photo of yourself. Please prepare for the music audition by bringing 32 bars from an upbeat show tune or ballad. If you want accompaniment bring your own sheet music in the key you want to sing. You can also sing a capella (no CD’S please). Audition Dates: May 22 and 23 at 6:30 p.m. Call backs: May 24 at 6:30 p.m. Place: Fenton Village Playhouse on Torey Road in Fenton. Show Dates: July 19-22, 26-29. For more information, call (810) 750-7700 or go to www.fentonvillageplayers.org.

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**Friends of Holly Heritage Farm**

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Had the millage been approved by voters, it would have been the first tax increase since 1998, when voters approved a $44 million bond to build AGS Middle School and to purchase buses. The school district would have made two draws from the bond to alleviate the transportation and computer needs.

Prior to the election, Superintendent Timothy Jalkanen said overall, the school district is in good shape, however, upgrades were deemed necessary. Jalkanen and Doug Busch, executive director of personnel and finance, have been concerned about the ability to meet the needs of the district and students if the bond were to fail.

After hearing the unofficial election results Tuesday evening, Jalkanen said he was disappointed with the way things turned out.

“We are disappointed in the results of the bond election,” said Jalkanen.

“We are in the process of gathering information to better understand why the proposal did not pass. Unfortunately, we will not be able to begin updating technology for students and staff and make improvements in other areas this summer as was planned if the proposal had been approved.”

Facebook comments

Dozens of posts were made by residents upset by the results on the Times’ Facebook page. Many were disappointed, in disbelief or saddened and one said they became sick to their stomach when they heard the results.

One parent in the school district commented on the Times Facebook page, “Not investing in our children’s needs is not investing in this community. So sad that short sighted took the place of common sense.”

Another resident wrote, “Can the ‘no’ voters suggest how we move forward with technology, transportation, parking, security, etc? Maybe everyone needs to start offering suggestions for cost savings so these things can still start being updated.

Our company asked for cost savings suggestions, a ton were received, and a lot of them were put into effect, surely even preventing layoffs.”

Another wrote, “I will gladly give $10 a month from my paycheck to not have to deal with the chaos of the loop at State Road Elementary.”

Thinking outside the box is more productive than depending upon property owners to raise their taxes.”

AMERICAN-MADE
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Here are some made in America brands you may not have been aware of.

Dickies – A clothing line started by two cousins in 1922. Dickies used tough twill fabric to create clothing for factory workers and farmers.

Today, Dickies continues to create clothing out of tougher material at an affordable price.

Brook’s Leather – Made both here in Massachusetts, Brook’s Leather is a manufacturer of leather jackets and motorcycle apparel.

Brooks Brothers – The complete opposite of Brook’s Leather, Brook’s Brothers is an American company known for hand-stitched suits. Brooks Brothers has a long history of dressing presidents, including Abraham Lincoln and John F. Kennedy.

New Balance – Finding shoes made in America may be tougher than finding pants or shirts made in this country. New Balance is a Boston, Mass. based shoe company that predominately creates athletic shoes.

Red Wing – We may instantly think of our beloved hockey team when we hear Red Wing but did you know it’s also the name of a Minnesota shoe brand? Red Wing Shoes are renowned for their high-quality work boots.

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The lift station on Briarwood Lane in Fenton covers nearly the entire easement in front of a home. The pump stands more than 6-foot tall.

 Unsightly sewer pump being addressed

▶ Estimated $65,000 to put pumping unit underground

By Ryan Tackabury
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Fenton — On Briarwood Lane, a 6-foot tall sewer pump station imposes itself in front of a resident’s yard, and the Fenton City Council has looked into what it can do about it.

Dan Czernecki, director of the Department of Public Works, City Manager Lynn Markland and Councilwoman Pat Lockwood met with the residents of the home to discuss the three options available in managing the pump station.

Those options include reducing the station in size, moving the station underground, or relocating the pump station somewhere else on resident’s side of the property.

The Lum-Budrys, who have dealt with the pump station for two years, were amiable to putting the pump station underground.

A protruding structure roughly a foot tall would still remain, which would be painted to help blend in with its surroundings. Landscape work would be done in addition to help hide the structure.

Moving the pump station underground would cost the city an estimated $65,000. The plan would move the existing electrical control panel into a new underground concrete chamber between the sidewalk and the road.

At a work session discussing the issue, Councilwoman Pat Lockwood said she was concerned that the lift station has affected the property values of nearby houses.

Councilwoman Cheryl King was unhappy that the pump station was originally constructed the way it was. “I know I approved this, so I am guilty of approving this without really getting the concept, how large this would be,” she said. “I really hope we learned something by this.”

Councilman Les Bland said that the size of the lift station surprised many people after it was built.

“Until the first panel was put in, I don’t think any of us realized they were that big,” he said.

The issue will return to the city council for a vote on Monday. If approved, construction is expected to begin in September.

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Les Bland
Fenton City
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Rynearson, Harding, Rapson, Seger in 2012 Hall of Fame

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The Fenton High School Alumni Association (FHSSA) Operating Board announced the latest inductees to the FHSSA Hall of Fame. The Board will present the awards at the FHS Alumni Reunion Banquet on Aug. 18, at the St. John Activity Center.

The four honorees are:

Kenneth G. Harding

A noted gentleman of science and music, dedicated to his family and community, Ken Harding was born in England in 1912. He graduated Valedictorian of his FHS class in 1929 and in 1939 earned a bachelor of science in Chemical Engineering at the University of Michigan. He was a high-ranking executive at Dow Chemical until he retired after nearly 40 years. Until his death at age 97, Harding was a world-class painter, photographer, pianist and organist, supporter of the arts via the Midland Symphony Orchestra and Midland Center for the Arts.

Harding highlights
• Was a lifelong activist with the Salvation Army.
• Was chair of the Midland Symphony Orchestra Society.
• Initiated Matrix Midland in 1978 – now a year around event.
• Co-authored the book “Appreciating the Nine Five.”

Calvin T. Rapson

A FHS graduate in 1963, Cal Rapson was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from Michigan State University in 2008. He is widely recognized as a forceful advocate for social justice; strongly instrumental in effectively building coalitions that advance communities.

Flint-based UAW Vice President Rapson retired in 2010. “As I look back, I’m proud I had the honor of representing all of these autoworkers. There’s nothing I would rather have done,” said Rapson.

Rapson highlights
• In 2008 was elected to the supervisory board of Adam Opel AG.
• Was instrumental in implementing a two-year certificate program in Modern Labor Concepts offered by the MSU School of Labor and Industrial Relations.
• Steadfastly worked with the administrations of MSU, Lansing Community College and Mott Community College in promoting better relationships between labor and academia.

Janice E. Rynearson

“A great lady” was the Tri-County Times’ tribute on the passing of writer Jan Rynearson, from the FHS class of 1951. A superb journalist, she was one of the staunchest pillars of the Fenton community over the past five decades, as well as a significant published contributor regionally and statewide.

Rynearson highlights
• For more than 50 years she carved out an illustrious career with The Detroit News, Toledo Blade, Farm Journal, Faith Magazine, Fenton Independent, Tri-County Times (30 years) and the Durand Express. In broadcast, she was the News Editor for Station WFEN.
• Was the driving force of influential committees that make Fenton special, including the Fenton Beautification Commission, president of Zeta Child Study Club, officer of Fenton Dibbleville Quorums, Fenton F.W.F. Auxiliary, Flint Writers Club, Junior Achievement Board of Greater Fenton and the Fenton High School Alumni Association.
• Quoting Jan, “That’s the story, for now.”

Know in Fenton as a man who lives his work every day, Ken Seger is known as a fortunate and talented individual. A writer (with his wife Donna) dedicated to the historical preservation of his hometown; he graduated from FHS in 1954. He left Fenton to serve in the United States Air Force from 1955 – 1958. An artist, performing at local venues, Seger is a member of the Michigan Blues Society. He served on the board of the Flint Public Library and the Flint Symphony Society. He is a member of the Metropolitan Flint Symphony Orchestra. A co-chair in 2012 Hall of Fame celebration, he was awarded the Gold Medal of Honor for his contributions to the Flint Symphony Society.

Seger highlights
• And his wife were grand marshals for the 2011 Freedom Festival Parade.
• Served on the nominating committee for the Fenton Sports Hall of Fame.
• Active with the FHS Alumni Association.
• Authored the 1998 publication, “Fenton Once Over Lightly.”

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Fenton tennis is the new queen of the court

Tigers break Holly’s 29-year streak, capture Metro League championship by one point

By David Troppens
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Holly — Kendall Stephens has been on a team that came close to ending the Holly girls varsity tennis team’s 29-year championship run.

Just last spring, the Tigers came within two points of beating Holly at the Metro League meet, setting for second. And less than a week before Tuesday’s Metro League meet, the Tigers had a 4-1 lead in a dual with Holly before eventually succumbing to a 4-4 tie.

But on Tuesday, at Holly’s Bill McDaniel Tennis Center, Stephens and her teammates finally broke the streak.

The Fenton Tigers captured the 2012 Metro League championship by edging out Holly by one point at the Metro League tournament.

Fenton won three singles flights and had all but one of its flights make it to the finals, capturing 58 points. Holly, which won five flight championships but had only six flights in title matches, ended with 57 points.

Stephens, who was part of all the recent near-misses, was glad to see a miss become a hit.

“That was probably the best thing that has happened this season. It’s a great memory,” Stephens said. “It’s my last season and to go out like this is a great accomplishment as a team. It shows how far we’ve come as a team. We actually got to claim a title by ourselves. It’s a huge accomplishment.”

The last time the Tigers shared a league crown was in 1995 with, of course, Holly. The same was the case in 1985 and 1988.

“We’ve been dreaming about this forever,” said Fenton’s No. 1 singles champion Madison Ballard. “We tied them before and now we finally won. We finally did it. We finally broke that 29-year streak. We’re all super excited. We just want to go home and have fun because we are so happy about it.”

The first critical match won between the two teams came at No. 2 singles when Stephens defeated Holly’s Misty Gerecke 6-1, 6-0 in an opening round match. That gave the Tigers the inside track. And while Holly kept challenging, as the Bronchos did in the dual, to get back even See QUEEN on 19A

Bronchos earn five flight titles, but take second in at meet

By David Troppens
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Holly — Brennan Brown was in a good mood.

His team had won five flight championships, and had probably performed better at the Flint Metro League tennis meet against Fenton than it did about a week earlier in a 4-4 dual tie against the Tigers.

Overall, it was a pretty good day. But there was one exception. For the first time in 30 seasons, the Holly Bronchos were leaving the Metro League meet without the championship. The Fenton Tigers broke Holly’s incredible 29-year championship streak on Tuesday, winning the Metro League meet, consequently taking the league championship. But, Brown didn’t let the loss deter what has always been the message See BRONCHOS on 19A

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**Tigers play near-perfect, sweep Clio**

By David Troppens
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Fenton — Sammi Cowger knew she didn’t break her nose when she slid into a Clio infielder while trying to steal second base in the Tigers’ doubleheader sweep against the Mustangs.

After all, she knows what that feels like after a day of horseshoe when she was 12. “(Ex-Fenton quarterback) Houston Shaw did it,” Cowger said. “We were playing baseball. We were joking. I jumped on his back, and he tried to swing to get me off his back. His elbow swung and hit the back of my nose.”

So while it got a little bloody, Cowger was no worse for wear and continued to play after cleaning the blood.

Lately that bloody nose is about all that’s gone wrong for the Fenton Tigers.

The Tigers won their seventh and eighth straight games, sweeping Clio on Thursday, winning the opening game 11-1 and the second game 5-0.

The Tigers (6-2, 17-7) played outstandingly well defensively, making just one error. Offensively, the Tigers collected 22 hits and, on the basepaths they stole 15 bases. Finally, on the mound; Cowger tossed a three-hitter while striking out five in the first contest, which lasted just six innings.

In the second game, younger sister Ellie Cowger tossed a four-hitter, striking out three.

The win streak came after a run where the Tigers lost four straight, albeit to very strong teams.

“Our attitudes have changed,” Sammi Cowger said. “We are really positive. We had a long team talk about what we needed to do and what we could do to help each other. From our players to our coaches, everyone is much more positive and playing for each other instead of just playing to win.”

In the first game, the Tigers scored two runs in the first inning and never trailed. Cowger went 4-for-4 with a two RBI-singles and a triple. She scored three runs and stole two bases. Meanwhile, Regina Sickierski had a two-run single in the Tigers’ three-run third and another one in the sixth, effectively ending the game with the mercy rule.

Marina Cleis had three hits, including a two-run double during the Tigers’ four-run fourth.

In the nightcap, Fenton led just 2-0 until a three-run fifth.

During that stanza, Sierra Hollis reached on an error and scored on Sarah Halstead’s single. Halstead scored on Ellie Cowger’s single, and then went to second on Emma Brant’s single. She then performed a delay steal of third and scored on an error on the throw to third.

Earlier in the game, Cowger opened the game with a single and scored on Brant’s infield single in the first inning. In the fourth, Brant started the inning with another single, stole second and third and scored on Sammi Cowger’s RBI-ground out.

In both games the defense was outstanding. Outfielders Hollis and Halstead made several fine running catches. The infield played near flawless.

“I love being able to know no matter how hard they hit a ball, they are going to catch it,” Cowger said. “We have a crazy fast outfield. They did awesome. And on the infield too, they made some great plays. It makes you confident for the whole team.”

“I was really proud of them,” Fenton coach Rick Bescoe said. “We certainly enjoyed ourselves. When we had our struggles, we had to search deep to figure out where we need to be. I think we found that peace within the team. Moving forward is what I think we are going to see from the team. I think this is what we are going to see the rest of the year.”

Fenton travels to Lapeer East on Monday.
Linden soccer plays well, but falls to West, 1-0

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Linden — A loss is never the most wanted result in a sporting event. But sometimes it’s acceptable when progress is shown.

And for the Linden varsity girls soccer team, that was certainly the case against state-ranked Lapeer West. The Eagles played West evenly for most of the contest, and lost what was a pretty solid 1-0 defeat to the Panthers. It marked the first Metro League contest that anyone has really competed with West in a full contest this season.

“The girls competed,” Linden coach Kevin Fiebertnitz said. “We are on a mission of improving and getting better at the end of the season. We are still not done moving kids around, but we are seeing encouraging signs. Our younger kids are getting better, which in turn allows us to be a little more versatile and more able to move some things around.

“I thought the girls competed pretty well. There’s no doubt Lapeer West is a very good team. They are very quick and athletic. In the first half we had a little issue trying to stretch the field and get in on them a little bit. But in the second half, I thought I saw a little bit of that.”

Both teams had about the same number of scoring chances, but neither had a ton in the sometimes rainy and sometimes sunny weather conditions.

West’s only goal came with 17:07 left when Sarah Clinton took a shot that was headed to the high near corner. With an arm extended, the ball got beyond Linden keeper Lexi Downes for the game’s only goal.

After that, West, who entered the game averaging nearly five goals a game against Metro foes, was held in check by the Eagles’ young defensive line and Downes.

The defense, with the help of an agressive Downes in some cases, cleared a lot of balls that had potential to be dangerous and kept its shape well when West did have possession. Downes made some pretty strong saves as well when needed.

“The back line did great,” Fiebertnitz said. “(Ex-Linden player and current Michigan State player) Mary-Kathryn (Fiebernitz) came in yesterday and focused on the shape of the back. We usually don’t play a flat back four, but we played one today. All in all I thought the shape in the back did well. The second half we had three freshmen and a senior in the back and they did well.”

Linden had some decent scoring chances. With 19:45 left in the first half, Jessie Magalski hit the crossbar near one of the posts on a reasonably long shot. Then, with 2:36 left in the half, Kelsey Brecht had a semi-break. But when she was about ready to get a shot off, the West keeper collected the ball.

In the second half, an 18-yard shot by Magalski was saved during the third minute. And then with 26:50 left, Rebecca McDonald had a shot saved as well.

Fiebertnitz was encouraged.

“I like the direction we are going,” Fiebertnitz said. “We hit a little rough spot when we had a couple of kids down. We have some young players learning on the job and they have done a great job. As I have always said, the future is bright here. We got a lot of things going on here.”

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Linden’s Jessie Magalski (left) fights for the ball in the Eagles’ 1-0 loss to West.

In the nightcap, Blake Ordway got the complete game win, allowing eight hits and striking out five. McNeely had three hits.

Mt. Morris 1-4, Lake Fenton 0-3: Brad Oldenburg struck out five batters and tossed a complete five inning game in the opener, but Mt. Morris earned the win 1-0. Neil Allor had two hits and scored a run.

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BRONCHOS
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“One thing we’ve always maintained is that playing together as a team is, by far, more important than any number of championships of any kind,” Brown said.

“And today, for example, I am confident we did that. Holly has never been about numbers. The numbers are a by-product of playing together as a team and being there for each other on and off the court. The numbers have a way of happening and you look up, read and think, ‘Wow, it’s been 29 years.’ But when you go through the grueling schedule we do, it’s always been about each other and not the numbers. Today, for example, we got better.”

Senior Audrey Crimmins agrees with her coach.

“We really achieved becoming a team today,” Crimmins said. “There was a lot of learning different personalities and stuff this year. Today showed that we all came together, and I’m so proud of all the girls. We really became a team today.

“I don’t think it has anything to do with the streak. It’s just a number. Our goal is to become a family, and it has nothing to do with the numbers. At the end of the day, it feels good to be together with my team.”

Holly captured five of the eight titles, including a sweep of all doubles flights. Crimmins teamed with Victoria Skubik to defeat Fenton’s Emily McIntosh and Lilly Dubois for the No. 1 doubles title, 6-3, 6-4, while Felicia Doolin and Tabitha Steigerwald (No. 2 doubles) defeated Fenton’s Kelsey Kidd and Josie Foguth 6-3, 6-2 in their title match. Leah Motler and Carley Postma (No. 3) defeated Fenton’s Alisson Peters and Ashley Howe 7-5, 6-1 for their title, while Abby Chatfield and Melanie Hawkes (No. 4) beat Brandon’s Sophia Prædel and Megan Pfarrer 6-1, 6-0 in their final.

The Bronchos’ sole singles champion was Natalie Clink (No. 3), who beat Fenton’s Maggie Poole 6-3, 6-1. Meanwhile, Bri Rodrigues was a runner-up at No. 1 singles.

Alex Wright (No. 4) placed third, while Misy Gerecke, who was given a tough placement in the brackets, placed fifth at No. 2 singles.

The Bronchos did what they always do, move on and look forward to regionals.

“We won five of eight flights so, of course, I’m excited about regionals,” Crimmins said.

Fenton’s varsity girls tennis team broke Holly’s 29-year run as Flint Metro League champions, winning the Metro League Meet on Tuesday, as well as the overall season championship.

QUEEN
Continued from Page 16A with Fenton, the Tigers never really lost their lead.

“We took the loss kind of hard because we thought we would win,” said Stephens, who forgot for a second that the dual ended in a tie and not a loss. “But in practice we kept using it to motivate us. When we came out here this time we thought, ‘All right, we want to win. We don’t want to tie.’ Everyone came out and played really well.”

Ballard, who remains undefeated for the season, cruised to her title, winning her first two matches by 6-0, 6-0 scores. She lost the first game in the finals to Holly’s Bri Rodriguez, but then cruised to a 6-1, 6-1 victory after that.

“It feels great because I’m a freshman, and I’m 14,” Ballard said about her title.

“It feels really good because my sister went to Fenton and played (No. 1 singles in 2004) as a freshman. So I am happy I was able to take over after her.”

Stephens (No. 2 singles) won both of her first two matches by 6-1, 6-0 scores, and then defeated Brandon’s Dani Richards 6-0, 6-5 for her flight title. Meanwhile, Fenton’s Justine Hanson (No. 4) finished the final Tiger flight title, defeating LaPeer East’s Mary Morrison 6-1, 6-1 in the finals.

Making it to the finals, but finishing second were: Maggie Poole (No. 3 singles), Emily McIntosh and Lilly Dubois (No. 1 doubles), Kelsey Kidd and Josie Foguth (No. 2 doubles), and Alisson Peters and Ashley Howe (No. 3 doubles). Kaytlyn Praedel and Kelly Chospki (No. 4 doubles) took third place.

Hard work was the key this season.

“I think playing all year round, and the fact that all the girls motivate each other was the key,” Stephens said.

“We encourage each other. We are always telling each other to step up during practice and stuff. We knew that it wasn’t going to be an easy match or be handed to us. All the girls on the team wanted it just as much, and that’s what got us the win today.”

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**TASERS**

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signing the legislation last week, police officers were the only entities who could lawfully use Tasers.

Michigan joins 44 other states that have made Tasers legal to carry. Taser International Inc. said on its website that Taser electronic control devices are not considered firearms and are legal to carry in most states without permits.

Other possible CPL developments

Tasers may only be the first step to broadening CPL laws in Michigan. Under Senate Bill 59, CPL holders will have the ability to bring concealed firearms into pistol free zones such as schools, churches, arenas and hospitals.

The bill was originally introduced by State Sen. Mike Green (R-Mayville) in January 2011 and has undergone revisions. The bill has passed through the Senate committee and will soon be voted upon by the Senate. Current Michigan law allows CPL holders to open carry firearms in pistol free zones.

The proposed bill would also dissolve the 83 county gun boards in Michigan. Instead, CPL’s would be approved by sheriffs and processed by county clerks. Applicants will have to complete more hours of training before receiving a CPL. A CPL must be issued or denied within 45 days after an applicant has filed for the permit.

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**Mothers and memories**

Mother’s Day moves most of us into long-range memory mode. Childhood events come to mind, racing then through the years with stops at pleasant places and learning times with our mothers. The fortunate among us can phone or visit the leading lady in this movie of memories. Others can cherish the past and look forward to a future meeting in a place where death never separates and life lasts forever.

My mother was born in 1903 in the house on the farm her family had owned since before the Civil War. She weighed only 3 pounds and without the aid of an incubator or other small baby saver used in hospitals today, she survived and outlived all the members of her immediate family, as well as many younger nieces and nephews.

When she was 3 years old, mother’s mother died, so she was raised by her father and grandmother who were able to instill in her the ability to always look for the best in people and in all she would face in life.

If you like to gossip, you wouldn’t have enjoyed spending time with my mother. She was an expert at changing the subject when the faults of others came up in conversation.

During the juiciest part of your slander, she’d likely walk to a window and say, ‘Isn’t it a beautiful day?”

I once told Pauline that in all the years of our marriage, I had never heard mother say one negative word about her. ‘What’s to say?’ she replied, laughingly.

Mother would have enjoyed that; consistently choosing laughter over complaining, convinced she didn’t have time to waste looking on the dark side of things.

‘Life’s too short!’ she would say.

Maybe that attitude is one of the reasons she lived nearly a century.

Faith played a major role in mother’s life and in her goals for her children. When I was interviewed for membership by the board of the country church we attended, the oldest deacon said, ‘I want you to remember that your mother brought you to Sunday School when the weather was too bad for men to get here.’

Psalm 27:1 is the first Bible verse I remember hearing my mother quote: ‘The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?’ This faith builder and many like it in her well worn Bible enabled her to trust instead of tremble when in the most difficult of circumstances.

Mother’s Day should also activate more recent memories; those acts of kindness and qualities of character seen in mothers who are still with us. And each husband ought to seize this season to remember the loving acts provided to him by his wife, the mother of his children.

The writer of the Biblical book of Proverbs describes what he calls a virtuous wife, saying, ‘Her worth is far above rubies’ (Proverbs 31:10). Listing then her many responsibilities and accomplishments, he concludes that her husband and children should be careful to show their appreciation for all she is and does: ‘Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her’ (Proverbs 31:28).

While in her early teens, my wife made a vow to never do or say anything that would hurt her mother, a good vow for all to make today and keep through all their years.

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Barb O’Reilly, of Linden, has raised her special needs son, Bryan, who requires nearly constant supervision and care, for 30 years. She said it has taught her patience, and an awareness of people with special needs.

Bryan’s condition affects him physically, and mentally. Essentially, O’Reilly has a child with dislocated hips and knees. Barb O’Reilly holds a leg cast Bryan had way to put it back on,” she said.

Darryl Douglas, professor of psychology of the University of Michigan-Flint said many issues could result from Bryan’s condition. “It’s unlikely the child would have lived,” he said.

Douglas said severe problems with learning, cognition, and physical abnormalities come with deletion of the first chromosome. He said it could lead to other issues like neuro-blastoma, a cancer that can occur anywhere in the body.

“If he’s still living at home, then that says amazing things about his mother,” he said. “These kinds of conditions, and types of problems associated are very difficult to deal with.” He said that people like Bryan are normally placed in a group home setting.

Around the house, O’Reilly is a doting mother. She treats him as one would a loveable 6-year-old, with tickles and cheek-pinchers.

At age 30, Bryan has far surpassed life expectancy expectations. He stands about 4 feet tall, weighing in around 70 pounds. He won’t shake your hand, but readily gives high-fives. He likes watching movies, and will jam along to music by himself. He loves Teddy Ruxpin dolls, and has at least six of them. “In fact its условно he figures out a figure out a way to put it back on,” she said.

When O’Reilly woke him on Wednesday from a nap, he shuffled like a drowsy teen to the fridge to get some milk. O’Reilly said he understands more than he can communicate. He uses American Sign Language (ASL) to communicate basic needs, but also uses it to joke with his mom.

She said people are drawn to him wherever they go, describing his infectious personality as “happy,” she said. “He’s just sweet.”

Bryan amazes his mother every day, with what he seems to be aware of, like the location of his favorite food at the grocery store, or the route to his grandmother’s.

Though Bryan is endearing, he requires the care given to a toddler for his entire life. “Very simple life, but he’s a responsibility,” she said. O’Reilly takes him everywhere with her.

She cleans homes for extra money, and often Bryan is there, watching TV as she works. She must fully care for him, and shave his face, as he is an adult. From a distance he might look more like an 8-year-old. In some ways, he cognitively is much younger than that.

Bryan grew slowly and he graduated from school at the maximum age of 26, from a special school in Flushing. When asked what she sacrificed, O’Reilly said that in a sense, she had given up her life to be Bryan’s mom. “Taking care of him is a full-time job,” she said. “I think I had him for a reason,” she said. Many years ago, she went from saying “Why me?” to “Why not me?” “I think we’re both getting something for it.” That thing is unconditional love in both directions. To her, the frustrating days are over.

She has learned patience, empathy, an awareness of others, especially those with special needs. “It just gives you insight into life,” she said. “If you’re not loving other things, you’re not living.”

Because of her experience, O’Reilly campaigns against describing special needs children as “retarded,” or using the word flippantly. “To us they’re not retarded, they’re just special,” she said.

O’Reilly had Bryan at 26, and son Evan at 36. Evan grew up around Bryan, and has learned the same traits of patience and understanding from his brother, but he grew up a normal healthy boy. “Both experiences were heartwarming, to be honest with you,” she said.

To O’Reilly, Evan’s growth was incredibly quick and accelerated compared to Bryan.

With Bryan, every little achievement mattered. “When a special needs child does something, it just blows your mind,” she said. “You just gotta encourage him, and love him.” It took longer for Bryan to walk, but O’Reilly was told he never would.

She was married for the first five years of his life, until she was divorced. Bryan’s father is still a part of his life when he can, she said.

Several years later, she married her current husband Denny. At the time she had Bryan and 2-year-old son Evan.

“Bryan is the kindest, not a mean bone in her body,” said Denny. “She’s probably the kindest person I have ever met in my life.”

Denny said her temperament, patience, and a positive attitude make her a great mom. He said he has learned patience from her, as well.

“All child, whether normal or challenged or special child, they would be very happy to have Barbie as their mom,” he said. He added, joking, “one glass of red wine helps.”

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- MOMS CLUB MEETS MAY 15
MOMS Club of Linden/Fenton invites all stay-at-home moms from Linden, Fenton and Holly to join them for their monthly meeting. May 15 at 9:30 a.m. We will meet at a wooden park off Walmart Street in Linden. Our purpose is to bring together moms for friendship and support. We offer playgroups, moms’ night out, community service projects and much more. For more information, e-mail momsclubof@yahoo.com.

Ivah Curle celebrates 100th birthday
Ivah Curle of Holly celebrated her 100th birthday recently. Curle was born on April 25, 1912 in Concord, MI. The birthday celebration took place at Holly Presbyterian Church where a family member’s open house was also held at that time. Curle is one of five living generations in the family, four of which were able to attend the celebration. Her great-granddaughter, Elana Balkin, traveled from Israel to attend her great-grandmother’s birthday celebration. Curle has one child, a daughter, Marilyn Hope of Holly, and three grandchildren. She was a teacher for Holly Schools for more than 40 years and then went on to teach in Grayling, after which she and her late husband, Bill Curle retired and moved back to Holly. Ivah’s father also lived to be over 100.

Wards celebrate 65th wedding anniversary
Jay and Bonnie Ward of Linden celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on May 10. Jay Ward and the former Bonnie Parks were married on May 10, 1947 at his parents’ home in Byron. Ward served in the US Marine Corps during World War II. He has been a long-time, self-employed dairy farmer. He graduated from Byron High School. His wife is a graduate of Milford High School and has been a self-employed dairy farmer’s wife. The couple’s three children are Lonnie (Patricia) Ward of Linden, Vicki (James) Hoover of Linden, and Steven Ward of Linden. They have nine grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Social News

Five generations Geiger family
Five generations represented here are (sitting) great-grandmother Wally Warsaw, (standing from left) great-grandparents Christina and Norman Schroeder, grandmother Eva Geiger, and mother Britny Geiger, who is holding Winonna Lynn Geiger, born April 1.
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Local women share how they love, learn and grow with each other

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Families come in all shapes and sizes, and on the second Sunday in May we take time to appreciate all of the hard work put in by mothers. In honor of Mother’s Day, three families describe their familial bonds between mother and daughter, and what their relationships means to them.

**Missy Taylor and daughter Addy**

What do you like to do with each other?
Missy: The thing I like to do most with Addy is go for a walk, hold hands and talk. Since she was little, she has always been the best hand holder! I’m lucky she is 10 years old and will still hold my hand in public.

Addy: We like to go to the movies or play board games. Our favorite is Connect 4 and I usually win!

What is something you have learned from one another?
Missy: I have learned so much from my daughter, but the most important is to listen when she is speaking. This is such a great lesson that can be applied to many adult situations as well!

Addy: We have the same personalities. My mom was different than me when she was a kid because she says I have a lot more courage than she did at my age.

How are both of you alike and different?
Missy: We are both very sensitive and emotional creatures! She has been willing to try things as a child that I wouldn’t have dreamed of doing! Most impressive is that she has been on stage with the Children’s Theater Kompany for three productions in the last year and a half.

Addy: We have the same personalities. My mom was different than me when she was a kid because she says I have a lot more courage than she did at my age.

What is your Mother’s Day message to each other?
Missy: You are the most creative, gentle and kind girl that God has ever created! I am humbled to be your Mom.

Addy: My mom is the best because she is beautiful and I love her so much!
Sharon Stone and daughter Laura and mother Barbara Rich ey
What do you like to do with each other?
Barbara: We spend time together on family holidays and our golf outing.
Sharon: When time allows, I enjoy just relaxing at home over a casual meal and then sitting around the dining room table to catch up on everything. Shopping together or watching college sports in our house is always big.
Laura: One of my favorite things to do with my mom is just hang out with her in the evening and watch our favorite TV shows with a glass of wine. We don’t have to do much to enjoy each other’s company.
What is something you have learned from one another?
Barbara: How to be strong willed with family, a sense of humor, and a love to be around friends.
Sharon: From my mom, I’ve learned to always try to do my best, regardless of what I’m doing. My mom taught me how to cook and sew. From my daughter, I’ve learned patience. Sometimes you have to pick your battles wisely. I’ve learned to trust her values and decisions.
Laura: My mom has taught me to be strong and independent. She has always told me that I can do whatever I want in life as long as I try.
How are both of you alike and different?
Barbara: Sharon is outspoken and I’m reserved.
Sharon: Oftentimes people say I resemble my mom and my daughter. I don’t see it, but figure it must be true. My mom tends to be more reserved. She is an incredible mother. I really do, she is fantastic mother. I really do, she is absolutely amazing.
Penny: I think she is the world’s most incredible mother.
What is something you have learned from one another?
Penny: She’s taller, and more beautiful, and so much younger than me.
Laura: She has an ability to talk to her kids and understand what they are saying and communicate better than I ever could.
Amanda: We cook a lot. We took cooking classes together. We took finance classes together.
How are both of you alike and different?
Penny: She’s taller, and more beautiful, and so much younger than me.
Laura: My mom and I are both known to your mother/daughter?
Sharon: We have vacationed together for years and years. We have vacationed together for years and years.
Laura: We are going on a cruise this summer. We both love to travel.
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Television mothers gone bad

Bree Van De Camp, Desperate Housewives
Ever thought having Martha Stewart as your mom would be a blast? Think again. Bree Van De Camp’s perfectionist attitude in the kitchen borders on anil. She is obsessed with appearances and political correctness, traits that have alienated her kids.

Jules Cobb, Cougar Town
All mothers love their sons, but Jules takes it to a disturbing level, watching her teenage son sleep and smothering him with so much love that it will be a miracle if he doesn’t turn into Norman Bates.

Kate Gosselin, Jon and Kate Plus 8
The most famous mom in America today unfortunately is also one of the most unpopular. Criticized for allegedly exploiting her kids on their canceled reality show Jon and Kate Plus 8, Kate Gosselin has since moved on to other TV endeavors, such as Dancing with the Stars, where she gained even more detractors with her supposedly abrasive and diva attitude.

Estelle Costanza, Seinfeld
Estelle is the textbook mother from hell: obnoxious and overbearing, perennially screeching at son George and hubby Frank, but the Costanzas are one funny bunch while they go at it. Their dysfunction is our joy.

Peg Bundy, Married with Children
Any mom who flaunts her love for animal prints, sex and attention isn’t cut out to be a good homemaker. That’s why it’s no surprise that Peg Bundy made this list. But she’s not just a bad mother, she’s also a bad wife who loves to spend her husband’s money on everything from expensive dresses to useless junk.

Evelyn Harper, Two and a Half Men
What’s worse than a horrible mother? One who thinks she’s actually a good mother. Charlie and Alan’s conceited, promiscuous and uppity mother outwardly dotes on her sons and grandson but rarely lives up to that illusion.

WORST CELEBRITY MOTHERS

Nancy Aniston
This mom granted an interview about her daughter to a tabloid television show to capitalize on her daughter’s fame. But when Jennifer got angry and cut all ties with her mother then Nancy wrote a book called “From Mother and Daughter to Friends: A Memoir”. The book was all about how to cope with estrangement from an adult child.

Dina Lohan
Dina is freeloeading off her own daughter. The now famous Dina Lohan, actress Lindsay Lohan’s mother, is trying to cash in on Lindsay’s fame and she has succeeded – she now has her own reality show! She even showed up at her own daughter’s birthday party with a whole camera crew – just to make a few extra bucks off her beloved offspring.

Kim Basinger
Actress Kim Basinger used her own daughter to get back at her ex husband, Alec Baldwin. In order to hurt her ex, Kim Basinger allegedly leaked a nasty voicemail to the media. This proves that she doesn’t care at all about her 11-year-old daughter’s feelings. The tape was played all over the world and all that Kim really accomplished was humiliating her own daughter.

Jaid Barrymore
Drew Barrymore’s mom (who is probably most famous for posing for Playboy) showed her daughter how to party when she was just a kid. It is said that Jaid took Drew to Studio 54 almost before the child could walk. Drew was drinking at the age of nine and was snorting cocaine at 13. It is a miracle that the girl turned out so great.
Aaron Byczynski
17-year-old junior
Fenton High School
My family: Parents, Tom and Tina, and a little brother, Ryan.

“Stay positive and things will come your way.”

What sports and leisure activities do you enjoy?
I play drums and I am in the marching band.

My dream car is: a 1979 Pontiac Trans Am. It’s one of the first sports cars I ever came to like.

My all-time favorite movie is: ‘Breakfast Club’. It describes a teenager’s life and I like John Hughes.

My earliest memory is: Me riding my bike in a constant circle in a parking lot by my old house.

If you could have one superpower, what would it be?
I’d go with flight. Everyone wants to fly, it’s a dream of all humans.

I always: try to stay positive.
I never: judge a book by its cover.
If you could make one rule everyone has to follow, what would it be?
Obey the rules of a normal life. I think we all have a sense of what’s right and wrong.

Is there an event in your life you would like a ‘do-over’ for?
I’d go back and not rear-end that lady with my car.

If you could travel back in time to witness one event, what would it be?
I’d go back to see one of the Beatles’ first concerts. I do like ‘Hello, Goodbye.’

If you had to walk through downtown all day wearing a sign, what would it say?
‘Use your blinker!’ That’s a pet peeve of mine.

What is an upcoming event you are looking forward to?
Performing in the Fenton Community Orchestra next week. I’m going to be playing the timpani.

Front row seats and backstage passes. Who are you seeing?

What has been the best day in your life so far?
The day I got out of my immobilizer. I had surgery on a shoulder and I was in it for eight weeks.

What are your plans after graduation?
I plan to audition for the Spartan marching band and major in Music Education.

How are you preparing for college?
Taking the classes I need, doing extracurricular stuff, and practicing music as much as I can.

My parting advice for a better world is:
Go with the flow.

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The Gatsby Grind

New shop offers ‘coffee house’ experience

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There may be a coffee shop on many street corners in Fenton, but The Gatsby Grind on LeRoy Street is the only coffee house. “I want The Gatsby Grind to be the living room of Fenton,” said owner Fady Elias, who designed every inch of his coffee house to be a welcoming haven for leisure and business. “People can come in and enjoy a relaxing meal or snack with free Wi-Fi access, and they can even pick up a musical instrument to play, or enjoy live music on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.”

What also sets The Gatsby Grind apart from other cafes is its unique theme of the Gatsby-era of the 1920s. “I love this decade,” said Elias. “I can relate to the Gatsby-era of the 1920s. “I love this. Much of the decor of the cafe relates to this decade, including artistic touches added by his wife, Rachelle, an artist and native of the Lake Fenton area.

Open since March 1, The Gatsby Grind specializes in espresso-based coffees, from mochas and lattes to cappuccinos. The coffeehouse also serves Turkish Coffee and French Press coffees, as well as fresh smoothies made out of freshly cut fruit, and fresh vegetable juices.

A pastry case is filled with delectable pastries from Kathy’s Patisserie and Dale’s Cheesecakes, both well-known local bakers. A small luncheon menu reflects Elias’s Lebanese heritage, including main dish “pies” made from meats, cheese, chicken or spinach, sandwiches, salads, including fattoush, grape leaves and hummus. Fresh fruit is always on the menu. “My place is open for you,” said Elias, who is eager to return the hospitality that he feels has been heaped upon him and his family, which now includes two young children, since arriving to Fenton in 2007. A private conference room seats up to 14 and is available for business meetings, conferences, etc.

The Gatsby Grind is located at 14330 North Fenton Rd., near the Tri-City Trade Post. Hours are 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, closed Sunday. For more details, call (810) 433-2209.

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To your good health

Dear Dr. Donohue: What is the difference between dementia and Alzheimer’s disease? Are they the same? — M.J.

Answer: “Dementia” is an encompassing word that includes many different conditions. These conditions have some similar features that indicate an impairment or loss of important mental functions. The inability to retain new information, getting lost in familiar surroundings, difficulty choosing the proper words to express oneself, trouble doing simple arithmetic like adding and subtracting, the failure to recognize close relatives and friends, and showing poor judgment like dressing for winter in the middle of summer are signs of dementia.

Alzheimer’s disease, Pick’s disease, vascular dementia (dementia due to many small strokes), dementia with Lewy bodies and frontotemporal dementia are but a few of the dementia illnesses. Each of these illnesses has special features that set it apart from the other dementing conditions.

Alzheimer’s disease is the most common kind of dementia. People often use “dementia” when they mean “Alzheimer’s disease.” It’s best to give the exact name for the illness that is causing mental deterioration.

Dear Dr. Donohue: What has happened to the appendix? I never hear about appendicitis anymore. Has the operation gone out of fashion? Or is there something else that I should know about it? — R.P.

Answer: The appendix is still where it always has been, dangling down from the first part of the colon on the lower right side. Long thought not to have any purpose, it does appear to add to immune defenses and seems to produce products useful for the development of the fetus. We do well without it, though.

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Dear Dr. Donohue: I recently began hearing reports about something called “bobcat fever,” which affects cats. What is it, and how can I keep my cat safe? — Darlene G., Kansas City, Mo.

Answer: Bobcat fever is spread through bites from infected ticks. A tick first bites and sucks blood from an already-infected cat, drops off then bites and infects another cat.

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How can you keep your cat safe? Keep it indoors. If your cat must be outdoors, make sure it is treated for fleas and ticks or wears a flea/tick collar.

If your cat shows signs of illness — sluggishness and/or refusal to eat — or if you discover a tick on its fur or skin, contact your veterinarian immediately.

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Q&A

Bobcat fever is cat killer

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A: Bobcat fever, scientifically known as “cytauxzo- onis,” is a serious illness that has spread across the United States in recent years. It affects cats -- not only domesticated cats, but wildcats and even tigers -- and has a high mortality rate. It does not affect dogs.

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Ingredients

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- 1/4 c. rice wine vinegar
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- 1/2 avocado
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Dear Amy: I don’t mean to lead guys on -- it just happens! I have a friend who thinks I’m in love with him. I was nice to him and listened to his issues about his health, his wife and work. I may have talked a little sexy, but I never meant a word of it. Now I can’t turn on my computer without seeing a message from him. I don’t want to hurt his feelings, but I do want him to back off. I’m a bad girl, I guess, so maybe in a way I am cheating on my husband, but am I supposed to change?

— Dumbfounded

Dear Dumbfounded: One way to change is to make a choice to start behaving like a grown-up in a marriage and to start seeing the effect your actions have on other people (this man’s wife and your husband, for instance). You can only do this if you stop thinking you are so damned adorable.

Dear Amy: There is an employee in our office who is pumping breast milk. There have been complaints from clients and employees alike, but she contends that “it’s natural” and says that everyone should just “get over it.” We have tried closing her door, but she always opens it. It is very unprofessional and irritating to all of us that she doesn’t see how dumb this is.

— Got Milk?

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THE PRAYER to the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Never been known to fail). Oh most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, blessed mother of the son of God, Immaculate Virgin. Assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the sea, help me and show me you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth. I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity. (Your make your request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3 times). Holy Mother place this prayer in your hands. (3 times). Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. Publish it, it will be granted to you. In loving gratitude. TEG

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON
SALE OF REAL PROPERTY BY SEALED BID

The Charter Township of Fenton invites interested parties to submit sealed bids for the purchase of the following described real estate:

Parcel Number: 06-11-529-081
Property Address: 12257 Jackson Street (Dalhart Drive)
Legal Description: Lots 8, 9 & 10, Block M, Long Lake Cabin Sites and part of the vacated right-of-way of Davis Drive
Property Width: 105 feet
Property Depth: Varies between approximately 110 and 140 feet due to irregular shore line
Total Land Area: Approximately 11,000 square feet
Zoning District: R-3, Single Family Residential

General Description
This property, which is located at the end of Dalhart Drive, has approximately 105 feet of frontage on Little Long Lake. The land has rather steep slopes and includes a small house in very dilapidated condition. The property is offered for sale and will be sold “As Is” and “Where Is” without representation, warranty or guaranty as to quantity, quality, title, character, condition, size or kind, or that the same is in condition or fit to be used for the purpose for which intended, and no claim for any allowance or deduction upon such grounds will be considered after bid opening.

The Charter Township of Fenton reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Sealed bids must be submitted to and be on file with the Charter Township of Fenton no later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 28, 2012.

Aerial photographs of the property are available on Fenton Township’s website at www.fentontownship.org.

Inquiries should be directed to:
Thomas Broecker, Operations Manager
Charter Township of Fenton
12060 Mantawauka Drive
Fenton, MI 48430-8817
(810) 629-1537
tbroecker@fentontownship.org
FENTON - 2 FAMILY Dresser, tools, gardening stuff, household items, much more. Thursday-Saturday, May 17-19th, 9-6p.m., 826 Southwood Dr., Elmwood Sub, off North Rd. (more families in subdivision may participate).

FENTON - 916 East Caroline, May 17th-19th, 8-5p.m. Three family, furniture, household, dishes, clothing, etc.

FENTON-BIG SALE. Something for everyone. 10-4p.m. near Slate Rd. School, May 17-19th, 12074 Parkin Lane.

FENTON-PINEAPPLES Sub sale. May 18th-19th, 9-4p.m., Owen Rd., 1 mile west of US-23. Baby, toys, housewares, furniture, wood working tools.

FENTON - TABLESAW, work benches, furniture, drill press, power/hand tools, school bell, household, barnbeam mantles such as more. May 17-19th, 9-6p.m., 216 Hillview, off Adelaide.

FENTON-HUGE garage sale. 1 day only! Antiques, furniture, tools and household items. Saturday, May 18th, 9-4p.m., 12225 Great Oaks Dr., Center Rd. to Mabley Hill, south to Great Oaks.

FENTON MAY 17-19th, 9-5p.m., 2504 Golden Shores Ct., off Torrey Rd. Clothes, toys, record albums, Mantle, much more. May 17-19th, 9-5p.m., 15063 Restwood Dr.

FENTON MUDY TWP- garage sale. May 17th-19th, 9-4p.m., 12074 Parkin Lane.

HOLLY-17201 Hickory Ridge, Multi-family, May 17th-19th, 9-5p.m. Boys/girls clothes, toys, DISKOL, books, household, kitchen cabinets, lighting fixtures, car parts, tools, mower.

HOLLY APPELLACHIAN MOUNTAINS benefit sale. May 17th-20th, 9-6p.m. Used furniture only. We have lots of really nice pieces including some antiques. 6440 E. Holly Rd.

HOLLY- FRIDAY/SATURDAY, May 18th-19th, 9-4p.m. 839 and 946 Holly Bush Dr. Collectibles, sport cards, tools, table saw, drill press, hatch cover table, movie DVD’s, memorabilia and much more priced to sell.

HOLLY- 17201 Hickory, 9-12p.m. May 18th-19th, 9-6p.m. Baby, toys, housewares, wood working tools.

HOLLY- 906-493-5381. www.tctimes.com

FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK
ROBERT E. KRUG
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
PRIVATE ROAD MAINTENANCE SERVICES

The Charter Township of Fenton invites qualified contractors to submit sealed proposals for the maintenance of private roads in Fenton Township that are maintained under a special assessment district.

Proposals must be made on the Proposal Form provided by Fenton Township. Additional copies of the proposal forms are available at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430, and online at www.fentontownship.org.

Sealed proposals must be submitted to, and be on file with the Township on or before 2:00 p.m., Thursday June 21, 2012. Any questions should be directed to:

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

At their meeting of May 7, 2012 the Fenton Township Board adopted the following ordinances:

1. Ordinance No. 746, a Zoning Ordinance amendment to revise language related to restaurants with outdoor seating and live entertainment.

2. Ordinance No. 747, a Zoning Ordinance amendment to regulate the use of outdoor speakers.

Complete copies of the adopted ordinances may be obtained at the office of the Fenton Township Clerk, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430. The ordinances are also available on Fenton Township’s website at www.fentontownship.org.

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FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK
On May 9th, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed the first National Mother's Day Proclamation. The second Sunday in May was to be observed as “a public expression of...love and reverence for the mothers of our country.”

In 1986, President Reagan said “A Jewish saying sums it up: 'God could not be everywhere—so He created mothers.'”

To all the mothers out there who sacrifice each and every day to make our world a better place...

Have a wonderful Mother’s Day!
OVER $200 MILLION IN REAL ESTATE SOLD!

3234 N. SEYMOUR RD • FLUSHING
Horse Farm with 20 Acres
Custom 4,000 sq. ft., 4 bedroom, 4.5 bath brick home with finished lower level. Huge extra garage and pole building. 2 pastures and horse barn is impeccable. Home & property have been perfectly maintained. $655,000
Call Shane Adams, 810-577-1700

529 MISTY MORNING DR • FLUSHING
Beautifully Remodeled
Custom throughout 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath, fire lit Living & Family Rooms. Full finished basement has bath, Theatre, Rec. and exercise rooms. Too much to list, MUST SEE!!
$329,900
Call Shane Adams, 810-577-1700

3205 MISTY MORNING DR • FLUSHING
Custom Remodeled Ranch
On one acre. 4 bedrooms, 2-5 baths. Granite kitchen, fire lit great room. Full basement, partially finished with family room, rec room, 4th bedroom.
$239,900
Call Shane Adams, 810-577-1700

10211 DUFFIELD RD • GAINES
Panoramic Setting on 28 Acres
Totally renovated farmhouse in 2001 with a new addition in 2005. New cherry kitchen w/island. Huge 30x43 garage. This home is must see for only $199,900
Call Shane Adams, 810-577-1700

486 CRYSTAL BROOK DR • FENTON
Convenient City Living
1250 sq. ft. 2 bath condo, hardwood floors, fire lit finished basement, Master w/jetted tub, new kitchen, fresh paint. Subject to short sale.
$89,900
Call Coleen DeMoss, 810-625-7886

20187 TIPSCO LAKE RD • HOLLY
Quiet Setting
Located on 22 acres of land. Updated 2 bedroom, 1 bath home with sun room and deck. Country feel with woods & ponds yet, close to downtown Holly.
$249,900
Call Shane Adams, 810-577-1700

10180 DUFFIELD • GAINES
Private back yard and deck
4 bedroom, 3 bath, open floor plan ranch. Cathedral ceilings, fire lit living room, large kitchen. Finished lower level has daylight windows, family room, rec room. Spotless, move in condition. $124,900
Call Shane Adams, 810-577-1700

9351 N. IRISH • MT. MORRIS
Heated In-Ground Pool
Beautiful 3 bedroom, 3 bath home on almost 9 acres. Full finished basement with rec. room, 1st Floor Master bedroom, attached 2 car garage with a workshop, fire lit family room, wonderful deck & patio.
$299,900
Call Shane Adams, 810-577-1700

2320 RADCLIFFE • FLINT
Close to everything
Wonderful 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home in Woodcroft Estates. Firelit formal living room, full finished basement w/large laundry & workshop. Beautifully landscaped, 16x32 in-ground pool.
$114,900
Call Shane Adams, 810-577-1700

1358 HIDDEN WOOD • GRAND BLANC
Beautiful View
Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home, Fire lit great room, first floor master suite with walk-in closet and ceramic bath. The deck off of the kitchen has a view of the pond and nature area. Great location.
$199,900
Call Shane Adams, 810-577-1700

10180 DUFFIELD • GAINES
Split Level Ranch w/Large Kitchen
3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Finished basement offers additional living space w/family and rec. room, master suite with walk-in, open floor plan and fresh paint with beautiful new landscaping.
$119,900
Call Shane Adams, 810-577-1700

529 ANDOVER WOODS • FENTON
Private back yard and deck
4 bedroom, 3 bath, open floor plan ranch. Cathedral ceilings, fire lit living room, large kitchen. Finished lower level has daylight windows, family room, rec room. Spotless, move in condition. $124,900
Call Shane Adams, 810-577-1700

1392 Eden Gardens Dr.
PENDING IN 11 DAYS

731 E. River Road
PENDING IN 11 DAYS

10406 Farrand Road
PENDING IN 7 DAYS

7510 Windwood Beach Dr.
PENDING IN 10 DAYS

4349 Island View
SOLD FOR $1,350,000

12464 Hogan Road
SOLD FOR $259,900

13275 Lakeshore
LISTED & SOLD IN 8 DAYS

8130 Creekwood Lane
SOLD FOR $390,000

2674 Timber Lane
PENDING

www.shaneadams.com