Not enough to go ‘a round’

National ammo shortage prompting gun enthusiasts to stock up
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Fenton — It’s 7 a.m. and there’s a small crowd at the Walmart sports counter already. Five men are waiting for their chance to buy ammunition, as it is usually delivered Wednesday night, and goes on sale Thursday morning. “It’s hit and miss,” said one man identified as Harold, who arrived around 6:30 a.m. The clerk said that last week, there were around 30 who showed up for ammunition. This morning, like most gun enthusiasts are experiencing, there was not enough for everyone. This situation is repeating across the country and in the news, with Associated Press (AP) reports of the Department of Homeland Security
See AMMO on 22A

Two years after the year-long fowl ordinance debate...

Just three chickens reside in city limits
By Ryan Tackabury
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Everyone remembers the ongoing saga of the chickens that occurred last year — it never seemed to end. The city was split into two camps, those in favor of allowing the feathered friends into the city as backyard pets, and those staunchly against it.

See CHICKENS on 10A

Pedaling for St. Jude’s

Sophia Williams, 3, of Tyrone Township pedals around the Fenton Early Childhood Development Center on Thursday for the annual Trike-a-thon. The event raises money for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, and it expected to raise at least $6,000 with 200 children participating.

Sign ordinance enforcement tightening

Regulations seek uniformity — with touch of uniqueness
By William Axford
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It finally feels like spring here in the tri-county area. Chirping birds, buzzing insects and flowers blooming all reaffirm that warmer days are ahead. There are signs everywhere — literally. “You’ll see people put signs out in their yards on Friday and pick them up Monday morning, knowing sign enforcers won’t be around,” said Gordon Wallace, who creates signs at Sign-O-Rama in Flint. “Businesses have been taking advantage of the situation.” When it comes to sign ordinances, Wallace, of Linden, has worked with multiple businesses within numerous municipalities. According to Wallace, sign ordinances have existed for years but haven’t been heavily enforced until
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Phil Atiken is facing similar charges in Genesee County Circuit Court after he was arrested for shooting out the windows at the Laundry restaurant in downtown Fenton in December 2012. On April 29, he pleaded no contest to the Fenton charges and he will be sentenced on May 20. Police said that Atiken was a former employee of both businesses.

**PROGRAM WOULD FORCE TESTING FOR ONE YEAR IN THREE COUNTIES**

Welfare recipients suspected of drug use could be drug tested under legislation approved this week by the Michigan House, according to state Rep. Joseph Graves (R-Argentine Township).

House Bill 4118 sets up a one-year pilot program for welfare drug testing in three counties across the state, to be determined by Department of Human Services. After the first year, DHS would report its findings about the program to the Legislature.

“Welfare dollars should not support anyone’s drug habit and this common-sense legislation makes sure that is no longer possible,” said Graves. “If an individual chooses to use their welfare dollars irresponsibly and illegally, they should be removed from the program and this legislation allows DHS to do so.”

Under the legislation, first time offenders would be referred to a regional substance abuse coordinating agency for treatment. Recipients who follow the treatment program would continue to receive benefits, while those refusing treatment would lose their welfare benefits.

The bill, which was introduced by Jeff Farrington (R-Utica) also specifies that individuals who test positive must pay for the cost of the drug test. HB 4118 now goes to the Senate for consideration.
Time to change the rules

The terrorists have a new business model, one that I predicted in a column a couple of years ago.

In a nutshell, I wrote that future terrorist acts would be perpetrated by assimilated American Muslims who lived here all or most of their life. Muslim individuals who either have immigrated here legally, or have become citizens, will be quietly recruited by radical Muslims and coerced and trained to carry out more terrorist attacks on innocent Americans. Sound familiar?

Of course, we are all safe here in small towns like Fenton, Holly and Linden, right?

Actually no. I believe that the next attack will occur precisely in somewhere like Fenton, Holly or Linden. Why? Well for the simple and strategic tactic of instilling fear in all Americans, just those in large, high-profile target cities. Factor in that small towns have less sophisticated law enforcement, no municipal security cameras and a compliant and trusting populace, and you have the perfect environment for a terrorist attack.

But, that works both ways. If the new prototype of terrorists will be coming from within our own assimilated ranks, they will have friends, relatives and associates who are aware of their radical leanings.

These friends and family need to report their suspicions to the proper authorities. Even though the younger brother in Boston had bragged throughout his high school that he knew how to make a bomb, not one student found that suspicious enough to report it to anyone.

But, I digress. Consider the fact that multiple schoolmates failed to reach out to authorities even when they recognized the two suspects in surveillance photos on TV. Even more shocking, several students are accused of lying to officials and obstructing justice when questioned by authorities. These students chose to protect the terrorists over their country. You can attribute most of these traitorous actions to the politically correct culture of ‘don’t judge’ perpetrated by the left.

One of the terrorist’s strongest recruiting tactics is painting a picture that extols the worldwide fame that awaits these ‘martyrs.’ We can easily nullify that by passing special terrorism laws that, under the weight of overwhelming evidence, keeps apprehended terrorists anonymous forever. No name, no fame.

It’s way past time to take the politically correct gloves off — to fight fire with fire. Going forward, acts of terrorism will have their own special rules and they won’t be pretty.

If that offends you, I urge you to go to a photo of 8-year-old Martin Richard who was killed in the explosion at the Boston Marathon as he waited to give his father a hug at the finish line. Or his mother who has permanent brain damage. Or his sister, who lost her leg.

Their crime? They were Americans.

It’s time to change the rules.

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Who’s the oldest person you know?

“My grandparents. They both have gray hair and they go to bed really early.”
— Karli Fuesse Mr. Taylor

“My grandpa. He has a mustache and wakes up early to take me to school.”
— Nathan Domic Mrs. Doyle

“My papa. He has gray hair and waves at me with his foot.”
— Estella Hufn Mrs. Ureche

“Pauline, she’s my grandma’s friend. She doesn’t do a whole lot, she has glasses and watches TV.”
— Zander Shonafelt Mrs. Hayes

“My papa. I can tell he’s old because he forgets stuff and his head is bald on top.”
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Street talk

Second-graders at West Shore Elementary School

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OBAMA AND HILLARY Clinton policies failed to provide extra protection for our Ambassador in Benghazi causing American citizens’ deaths. The cover-up began and continues today. Obama lied. Clinton lied. CIA and FBI agents were warned against talking. Why? For politics! This isn’t the American Way.

HOW SAFE DO you feel with a president who embraces the Muslim religion to the point that he refuses to call the random murder of Americans with IEDs by Muslim terrorists terrorism?

I READ THAT DDA Director Schmidt said he only wants businesses that will be residents who do nothing, yet criticize the work they are doing. There will always be residents who do nothing, yet criticize the work they are doing. Keep up the good work Mr. Schmidt and all the members of the DDA who so generously donate their time.

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LET’S HOPE THE DDA ignores the negative comments in the last column. Projects such as the Cornerstone project. Projects such as this are being done or in the making all over our country.

— Zander Shanafelt

FACTS — 2009, 32.3 million on food stamps — now 47.7 million, a 15.4 million increase or 48 percent increase — largest ever growth and number of people on food stamps. Food stamp growth is 10 times that of job creation.

I HOPE THE DDA ignores the negative people in Fenton and continues the great work they are doing. There will always be residents who do nothing, yet criticize those who do. Keep up the good work Mr. Schmidt and all the members of the DDA who so generously donate their time.

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The TCTimes Face-
Veterinarian Stephen Molle sits with his 1-year-old Oorang Airedale Lexi. Molle developed joint medicine for cats and dogs with arthritis and other ailments.

Shark cartilage could fix your dog or cat’s aching joints

Local vet develops promising medicine

By William Axford

One of the ocean’s most powerful predators is helping cats and dogs with joint pain.

Dr. Stephen Molle, a traveling veterinarian in Holly, has developed medication for pets that helps rebuild tissue. Molle said he was inspired to create his own medication when his dog Kea was diagnosed with bi-lateral hip dysplasia and had to have her hip replaced. When Molle tried to find medication to improve Kea’s other hip, he was frustrated by the lack of comprehensive medication on the market.

“I couldn’t find the product I was looking for, so I contacted a compound pharmacist in Colorado and came up with what I believe is the world’s most complete arthritis medicine,” Molle said.

Molle’s medicine — Dr. Molle’s Joint Rebound — includes MSM, tart cherry juice, hyaluronic acid, Vitamin C and other joint health ingredients.

But the main component to Molle’s medicine is shark cartilage, which the veterinarian said is vital to his concoction.

“Shark cartilage stimulates flexibility and a quickening of fluids inside the joints,” Molle said. “It makes new cartilage in the joints.”

While it may sound like voodoo, Molle said he’s had great success with his product. The veterinarian said his medicine has been therapeutic for both cats and dogs that may experience joint pain due to diseases, genetics, infections and a host of other reasons.

The medicine itself normally takes four to six weeks to become effective and comes in powder form. The afflicted cat or dog is given the medicine twice a day for the first six weeks and then once a day, depending on the need.

Molle’s experience was a major factor in creating comprehensive medication. A graduate of Michigan State University, Molle has been working as a veterinarian since 1974. In the span of his career, Molle has worked in numerous clinics and has performed relief work, in addition to publishing his research.

One jar of Dr. Molle’s Joint Medicine costs $39.99 and can be ordered online at jointrebound.com. Molle can also be reached at (248) 634-8828.

“I’ve had absolutely fantastic results with it. I had no idea that it would go over so well,” Molle said.

The medicine is also available at Maher’s Feed in Holly and Highland Feed.
Make money from a YouTube video?

One million views will net you over $3,000

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If you’re like most Americans who are addicted to the Internet, you’ve probably already seen videos of The Harlem Shake, Gangnam Style and Grumpy Cat (and every other cat online, for that matter). What you might not know is that YouTube — the world’s most popular video sharing website — will payout to people who create videos that drive traffic to their website.

For one view, YouTube pays $0.0033. For 1,000 views, the pay goes up to $3; 100,000 views will earn you $330 and 1 million views will generate $3,300. The only catch, however, is that YouTube only starts paying after the first million views and if the uploader is a partner with the website.

With one billion unique users visiting YouTube every month, getting a few million hits isn’t impossible, if you have the right video. Kevin Nalty, a marketing professional who has created videos for major companies, told Bottom Line/Personal magazine that the secret to a good YouTube video is keeping it short and having surprising moments.

“Don’t imitate videos that already are popular — copycat content tends to be ignored,” Nalty said in the article. “Include a clever or exciting moment at the very end of the video, too, when possible. Viewers decide whether to share YouTube videos with friends immediately after watching them, so that final impression is crucial.”

In addition to getting people to watch your video, YouTube also features advertisers who will pay to be on certain videos. For each 1,000 views on a video, an advertiser will pay $6.33 to have its ad played before the video, according to Businessweek.

So what videos will grab the most eyes? Music artist Psy had the most views last year for his Gangnam Style video. Felix Baumgartner’s 128,000-foot jump, Carly Rae Jepsen’s ‘Call Me Maybe’ and a TNT commercial featuring a dramatic shootout in a quiet town square were also some of the most popular videos last year. So dancing, music, practical jokes and death-defying stunts are videos that viewers crave.

“Videos featuring babies or animals doing cute or funny things can attract lots of views,” Nalty said.

Village to net $14,000 a year with new upstairs tenant

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Holly — Village office neighbors Real Barre and CSM will be leasing the space above the village offices after a unanimous vote at the last village council meeting.

The space is currently used for storage, and for Downtown Development Authority Director (DDA) Hope Ponsart. President Jason Hughes said Ponsart will be moving downstairs and the storage will remain.

The village will lease the space for administrative offices housing up to 15 employees, for $1,200 per month, or around $14,000 per year. “I view it as a pretty good move for the council,” said Hughes. This is good news, considering the budget woes that each municipality is facing, especially cities and villages. Hughes said it costs about $3,000 in utilities each month to run the village offices.

Aside from money savings, Village Manager Jerry Walker also mentioned the added benefits of the employees shopping and eating downtown after work.

“I’m glad we’re putting some use to that,” said Council Member Ryan Bladzik. “I was really excited to hear that it was looking at four to 15 jobs.”

Walker said it would take seven to 10 business days to complete the language of the lease, and start the move-in process.

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Arbor Day Essay Contest has winners
Jetstream Landscape & Irrigation announced this year’s Arbor Day Essay Contest Winners — Hannah Erpeiding of Holy Family Elementary School, Martaya Mitchell of McGrath Elementary in Grand Blanc, Cali Rohr of State Road Elementary in Fenton, Justin Miller of St. John School in Fenton and Emma Lurvey of Central Elementary School in Linden. At each Arbor Day assembly, the winner was presented with an award certificate and a 6-7-foot tree.

Pre-planning Continued from Page 3A
While it’s not a legally binding document, it is morally and ethically binding for families who respect the wishes of their loved ones. “Most people want to do the right thing,” said Lind. “Unfortunately, they don’t always know what those wishes are. That’s when having them written down eliminates 100 percent of the problem.”

Both Marshall and Lind have their own personal stories about the pain of not having a family member’s funeral pre-planned. “This is the very last job I would have ever expected to have in my lifetime,” said Marshall. “A funeral home is a very unexpected situation.”

She’s passionate now about pre-planning. “Every facet of funeral pre-planning is designed to protect the individuals themselves and those they care about the most,” said Marshall. “It is the greatest gift you can ever give someone, and it doesn’t have to cost you anything.”

Pre-planning a funeral can have two parts to it: all the details of the service (travel, burial, the service itself), and the financial end of the funeral. “Everyone thinks that pre-planning is all about the money,” said Lind. “I’m here to tell you that the importance of a Final Wishes Organizer has nothing to do with money. When we’re talking about pre-planning, we do tell people that it makes sense to pre-pay your funeral, but that is secondary to having your wishes known and written down.”

They both agree, however, that pre-paying for a funeral is also financially smart, because the funeral price is guaranteed for the future in today’s dollars. “It’s an irrefutable asset, meaning that it doesn’t count as an asset in Medicaid or Social Security Disability cases,” said Marshall. “It’s also transferable to any other funeral home.”

But the financial part of the funeral is secondary to these women, who want the world to know that funeral planning doesn’t have to be something you dread.

“Instead of putting the ‘fun’ in funeral planning when it’s done in advance, not when it is done ‘at need,’” said Lind. “It gives us a chance to get to know each other as people, from the music you like to the shared experiences we all have. We even laugh a lot, because as people, we all have so much in common.”

“Death isn’t a matter of IF,” said Marshall. “It’s a matter of WHEN. You can simplify the whole process for the people you care about the most.”
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School district installs $16,000 worth of new security cameras

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Holly — The Holly Board of Education and Superintendent Kent Barnes agree — it’s a dangerous world when school districts discuss contracting extra police to offer security for out-lying school buildings.

Ultimately the board decided to table the idea, but not before discussing contracting the Holly Police Department to cover out-of-village schools for $20 an hour.

Rose Pioneer is in Rose Township, and Davison Elementary School is in Davison. Rose Pioneer is covered by the Michigan State Police who are now stationed in Flint, and Davison Elementary is covered by the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office.

The response time for either is more than seven minutes.

Superintendent Kent Barnes mentioned that the cost of $3,200 per month for a security guard was not budgeted for, though recent tragedies “give credence” to the idea of sharing a village police officer between the two buildings.

The board ultimately agreed to revisit the idea in July.

HAS did recently install a new camera system for about $16,000. At the entrance to each school building is a high resolution security camera with keypad. Once the system is operating, visitors will have to be “buzzed” in, via a staff member.

Technology Officer Matt Mello said that Holly police will have an Internet feed of the cameras.

CHICKENS

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After more than six months of debate back and forth and input from the city’s planning commission, an ordinance was eventually drafted that allowed would-be chicken owners to find a hen to call their own — up to three hens, in fact.

The ordinance was approved by the city council with a divided vote. While those who stood pro-chicken were successful in getting the animals into the city, they were less successful in getting the number of chickens per household that they requested, which was six.

The ordinance amendment that was passed allows for a household to have up to three chickens, and requires them to be kept in an enclosed chicken coop kept in the backyard. The coop must be at least 4-square-feet per chicken, and must be kept clean, dry, and odor-free. Applying for a permit costs $25.

So far, two people have applied for chickens in Fenton, and one person has been approved. Of the two, one has yet to request inspection of the chicken coop, one of the steps in approving the application.

The other permit belongs to Malissa Bossardet, the woman who first brought the chicken issue to the city council.

“It was a long process,” Bossardet said. “There was a lot of give or take on both sides. In the end I didn’t get everything I wanted, I wanted to get a few more chickens. Three is not quite enough for the size of my family.”

Bossardet uses the eggs laid from the chickens to feed her family in the morning, which she said was the main reason she wanted chickens.

“There is a huge trend toward growing your own food,” she said. “I think people really want to have more control over their food, knowing where it’s coming from, and if it’s safe.”

Overall, Bossardet said that she believes the amended chicken ordinance has been a positive move for the city, bringing a whole new element to Fenton.

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Dispatch debate packs work session

Arguments, facts and figures at budget meeting

By Tim Jagielo

Holly — The Village Council is currently considering using the Oakland County Communications Bureau, the emergency responder dispatch center which is run by the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office cutting the village dispatch to 12 hours.

According to Village Manager Jerry Walker, the two employees they are considering cutting costs around $70,000 each with salary and benefits, not including overtime. Oakland County dispatch services would cost $43,000. Walker said the village would save around $100,000 using the dispatch center from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. It would cost $113,000 for 24-hour service.

There is one opening at the county’s dispatch center, for which one village employee could apply. The idea is that costs came from the goal of saving $50,000 every year for the village’s fund balance, which is not possible this coming fiscal year with the current budget.

This topic has been discussed at previous budget sessions, but it dominated the Tuesday night work session.

The bulk of the meeting brought a presentation from the sheriff’s office, a packed crowd and a lot of questions answered by Chief Communications Mel Maier of the sheriff’s office. For the most part, Maier did his job of selling the virtues of the county dispatch services with a power point presentation, and cracking jokes. He highlighted common response time and ongoing training the dispatchers received, along with the technology infrastructure they use.

Maier discussed how the dozens of other municipalities that have benefited from county dispatch, in many cases hiring on dispatchers from those municipalities.

The communications bureau handles emergency 911 calls, 10-digit emergency calls, and also non-emergency calls with around 15 people on staff during the day.

The Village of Holly does have a shared services agreement with Groveland Township. Both municipalities share the dispatch center along with the fire department, EMS and Fire Chief Steve McGee.

McGee said the village going with this option wouldn’t make a financial difference for Groveland Township. He has been a part of the Oakland County Communications Bureau, and said “both centers do a wonderful job.”

Another angle was brought up by Interim Police Chief Sgt. Michael Story. He mentioned that his dispatchers handle a certain amount of administrative work, which should the council lay them off, would have to be compensated for. “You have to be ready to adjust to that,” he said, adding that his department will follow the will of the council and do their best with it.

Council Member George Kluss said the presentation gave them a lot to think about, and hopefully dispelled rumors – like a police car driving from Pontiac to answer a call.

Aside from regular questions and discussion about the county dispatch, a pointed argument occurred between Council Member Jackie Campbell and Walker. She asked Walker how he could justify a planned 2-percent wage increase for department employees, while employees could be laid off. “I wish I could give all of you a raise,” said Campbell, but added that’s not possible today.

Walker deflected, and denied he had made statements about the raise at an earlier meeting. He told Campbell it was improper to discuss the topic, as it was part of ongoing union negotiations. “You are out of line,” said Walker, who said a 2-percent wage was not being discussed.

Arguments aside, Campbell said the presentation did not put her in favor of the Oakland County option. She still has too many unanswered questions about its affect on the Holly community.
HOT LINE CONTINUED

IT’S INTERESTING THAT anti-gun liberals believe that choice is bad when it comes to choosing a type of weapon to defend the lives my children but believe that choice is good when it comes to killing unborn babies. ■ ■ ■

IN BENGHAZI, AMERICAN officials were left unprotected. When attacked on 09/11/2012, they weren’t sent assistance. Government released false story. Victims story was covered-up. Investigators have been denied pertinent documents. Government officials lied under oath. Witnesses have been denied ability to testify on record without reprisal. Liberty and justice for all? ■ ■ ■

HERE IS WHAT scripture has to say about your National Day of Prayer: Matthew 6:5 'And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others.' ■ ■ ■

ABOUT BOSTON BOMBERS. Eric Holder promised to punish for Muslim retaliation but didn’t state bombers were Islamists. Obama policy prohibits linking Islam to any terrorists. This ‘see no evil’ approach creates a dilemma. How do you warn against vigilante attacks on Muslims without admitting that Muslims did the bombing? ■ ■ ■

I FIGURED OUT why Republicans are constantly nit-picking Obama. It’s because his administration is remarkably free of scandals. There are nothing like the Iran-Contra Affair, Jack Abramoff, missing weapons of mass destruction, Clarence Thomas, Oliver North or Abscam scandals to focus their attention on. ■ ■ ■

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Same hairdresser for over 50 years?

▶ Her hair-dos have changed but her stylist hasn’t

By Sally Rummel

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The year was 1962 and the Beatles had just released their first record, “Love Me Do.” Americans laughed their troubles away watching “The Beverly Hillbillies” and “The Dick Van Dyke Show,” while hairstyles mimicked the sleek pillbox bob styles of First Lady Jackie Kennedy and the “beehives” of singers Dusty Springfield and Aretha Franklin.

That year also marked the beginning of a 51-year relationship between Lake Shannon businesswoman Sylvia Cole and her hairdresser, George Carlson — back in the day when beehive hairdos and cat’s eye glasses were all the rage. Only Cole and one other client, Mimi Beckwith, share a unique history with Carlson as clients he has styled since the beginning of his career in 1962.

“We were trendsetters back then,” said Carlson. “I remember a style that went from beehives to bobs and now a short ‘do to fit her lifestyle.”

“I was fresh out of Joan Clare) beauty school back then,” said Carlson. “I graduated from Fenton Beauty School, and then followed me along my career at different places, including my own, most recently George’s Hair Fashions, which closed in 2005.”

Like any long-standing relationship, the one between Cole and Carlson has persevered amidst deaths in both families, illnesses, accidents, surgeries and other life calamities. It has also shared many happy moments of laughter and memories.

“I’ve gone to him every week of my life since 1962, except when I was in Florida, until my car accident in 2006,” said Cole. “I don’t remember a thing about hitting a tree, breaking 19 bones and being hospitalized for two years and four months. I do remember when I was at home and that George came to the house to style my hair, bringing a professional dryer with him.”

Wheelchair-bound since the accident, Cole now gets lifted into a van by her son, Harold, her full-time caregiver, for the trip into town for her twice-monthly hair appointment. It’s a bit more of an ordeal than it used to be, but it’s still social and a bystander can see the special bond between the two. “She’s been a wonderful customer,” said Carlson, who says he has kept his clientele over the years by being nice to his customers and always putting their needs first.

“I’ve aged along with my clients,” he admits. Both agree that they’ve slowed down a bit. Cole since her glory days at Lake Shannon co-developed with her husband, her own career as a crime reporter, then a real estate broker. “Now I’m just known as the ‘Great Grandma’ of Lake Shannon,” she quips. Carlson has also slowed down since his days owning his own shops, first La Villager then George’s Hair Fashions. “Now I’m keeping my clientele to about 40 or 50,” he said.

But thanks to Carlson, she always knows that her hair looks good, and will even look good upon her passing. “It’s in my will that George will do my final hair style,” she said.

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Sylvia Cole’s hair is put in curlers by hair dresser George Carlson on Monday.

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“The Happy” George Carlson of Flint washes the hair of Sylvia Cole, 78, accompanied by son Harold at A Time For You salon in Fenton. Cole has been coming to Carlson for 50 years.

Golf

Cortney Gwaltney, MSK, and Nicole Russo, associate, MSK, work at Retreat Salon & Skin Spa.
Municipalities explain how they get water from the ground to your faucet

By Times editorial staff
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If you have a well in your yard, you already know where your drinking water comes from. But, if you don’t draw your water from a private or community well — where does it come from?

The Flint area has been buying its water from Detroit for many years, but Flint officials recently voted to try another source projected to cost less money — Port Huron.

The Times editorial staff checked with local municipalities to see if Flint’s decision will have any impact on their areas and to explain how drinking water makes it from a water source to your family’s home.

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**Fenton City**

Steven Guy, the director of Fenton’s water plant said Fenton City draws water from four groundwater wells that are piped to the treatment plant. This water is drawn from a local aquifer. Once at the treatment plant, the water is processed the same as a conventional treatment plant that also performs softening.

“What happens is the groundwater is pumped to the treatment plant by pumps in each of the wells to the top of the plant head tank where it flows through trays of plastic balls spreading the water out so air can contact it,” said Guy.

Guy added that when air contacts the water the iron that is dissolved becomes insoluble and falls out of solution. The water flows from the head tank into the bottom of the clarifier where the two main treatment additives, lime and caustic soda, are added. The additives cause the water to:

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**A** Furry Cide

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**David’s DABLINGS**

**Ex-NBA Champion**

Chicago Bulls and Los Angeles Lakers head coach has joined the Piston’s team to find a new head coach. If there ever was a sign that Joe Dumars should be the new coach, then why is he here?

**Area ACES**

Dieter Horstkotte

Horstkotte, 68, became the Tri-county area’s first golfer to record an ace at Fenton Farms, carding it at the par-3 138-yard 12th hole. He used a three-wood to record his ace on April 29, and it was the 68-year-old’s first hole-in-one of his 44-year golf career.

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**SPLIT RESULTS FOR DEVILS**

Boys track wins, girls track loses in recent meet.

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**LF soccer remains perfect, beats Dryden**

By Jordan Clinnie
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Lake Fenton — It didn’t take the full 80 minutes for Lake Fenton girls soccer to secure the Genesee Area Conference victory against Dryden on Thursday.

With just over 35 minutes left in the second half, the Blue Devils scored their eighth goal, giving them the 8-0 mercy-rule win.

But even with the easy win, the game was valuable.

“We were able to get some other players on the field,” Blue Devils coach Lenny Glasstetter said. “We got to work on our passing game.”

He added that no matter the level of difficulty in the opponent, “you have to play as a team.”

One player who echoed Glasstetter’s statements was junior forward Jordan Newman, who scored three goals in the victory.

“It feels good,” she said. “We played good as a team. It helps us possess more, get our touches down. (The competition) will pick up more when we get to GAC finals.”

Newman also said the 8-0 victory could be beneficial or work against them.

“We could get used to that style of play and then suddenly face something different, or we could get overconfident. I’m pretty sure everyone has level heads.”

For Glasstetter, he said the team needs to find their focus on their own for the next game after such a big win.

“They’ve got to prepare themselves mentally.”

It was actually Dryden, however, with the first opportunity of the game. Five minutes in, Lake Fenton’s goalkeeper, sophomore Melissa Eggleston, had to lay out for a save off her hands from a shot by Dryden. After that though, it was all Blue Devils.

Ten minutes in, Newman scored her first goal as she broke away from the defense with incredible acceleration, outdueling the Dryden goalkeeper to find the back of the net.

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**Home squad splits games with Ramblers**

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LakeFenton’s Melissa Eggleston (standing) tries to get to a ball before Perry’s keeper did.

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Lake Fenton’s Kim Roe (left) tries to slide into second base before Fenton’s Marina Cleis can tag her out at second base.

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Lake Fenton

Lake Fenton swept the meet on Tuesday, including the 1,600 relay, the 800 relay, the 400 relay, the 300 hurdles, the long jump (18-4 1/4) and the 300 hurdles (42.7) and the 200 (23.9). He also teamed with Mitchell Bollinger, Austin Frank and Brad Wilson to win the 800 relay (1:39.3).

The depth that Doyle wants to see on display at invitational performances well in relays. The squad won all four relay events. The 3,200 relay started the sweep. The team of Sawyer Scott, Chase Hanson, Neil Allor and Caleb Fletcher won (9:00.6). Also winning were the 400 relay team of Matt Hornmer, Frank, Wilson and Bollinger (46.3); and the 1,600 relay team of Hornmer, Allor, Bollinger (3:44.6). Three others won individual events. They were Nick VanDusen in the shot put (39-4 1/2), Tim Synmons in the 110 hurdles (16.7) and Homer in the 100 (11.1).

Lake Fenton girls vs. Goodrich & LakeVille

The Lake Fenton girls faced two of the stronger teams in the GAC Red, losing to LakeVille 93-40 and to Goodrich 98-33. Megan Sommers was the only Blue Devil to win an event overall among the three teams. She won the shot put with a throw of 27-feet-11.

Against LakeVille, the Blue Devils had three other first-place performers. Sommers beat LakeVille in the 100 hurdles (19.3) and the 300 hurdles (57.3). Sammie Hettler won the pole vault (6-6). Sophia Sahouri also won the 400 against Goodrich (1:08).
Blue Devils’ baseball split DH with Perry Ramblers

By David Troppens
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Lake Fenton — Lake Fenton’s bats ar-

rived early in their baseball doubleheader against Perry Thursday.

Unfortunately, their defense struggled all
day long.

The Blue Devils’ offense scored at least a
run in each of the first five innings of the first
game of the twinbill against Perry, resulting in a
10-8 victory. However, in the nightcap, the
offense wasn’t as powerful and the defense
committed five errors helping the Ramblers
earn a 9-6 victory in the nightcap.

“We came out and hit the ball well,” Lake
Fenton coach Brad LaRouwe said. “We still
didn’t field it as well as we should, but we are
starting to make the routine plays.”

In the opener, first-finning singles by
Neil Allor, Cody Alexander and Jeff Heller result-
te in two Blue Devil runs. The scoring output
was doubled in the second. Lake Fenton got
walks to Tyler Begley and Allor, with singles by
Stryker DeGuzayer and Heller mixed in, helping score four runs.

The offense never stopped. Singles by
Begley, Allor and Robbie Alexander plated

Lake Fenton’s Tyler Smith slides safely into home plate during the Blue Devils’

committed offense wasn’t as powerful and the defense

results only two seniors.

Juniors Kruger and Kitzman, two rookies for head

Was present when Newman was bot-
tached to the captain to give her a three-goal

Some problems. I settled down though.

The Bronchos’ Victoria Skubik defeat-
ed Allison Peters 6-0, 6-1 in number two
singles and Alex Knight defeated Fenton’s

sophomore midfielder Alyssa Kruger
decided to get in on the action too, as she was present when Newman was bot-
tached by the Dryden defense as they

served around her. She gave a

hard kick that the keeper wasn’t able to

merely slow down, and it rolled in be-

hind them to go too long. Once she found

volleys were sometimes just a bit off the

mark with seemingly too much power be-

hind them to go too long. Once she found

her rhythm, she kept a steady pace to seal

her victory.

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Haley Cimmins, two rookies for head
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Tiger alumni enjoy a hockey tourney together

Once a Fenton Tiger, always a Fenton Tiger. That seems to be the theme when it comes to Fenton hockey. For the third straight year a group of Fenton alumni hockey players competed in an alumni tournament. Teams from eight other Genesee County schools competed, with the Fenton team eventually losing in the semifinals to Powers 6-1. During pool play they defeated Davison, Swartz Creek and Carman-Ainsworth, and lost to Grand Blanc. This year marked the first year the Fenton alumni group advanced to the semifinals. According to Gordon Barnes, the average age of the Fenton team is about 40.

“We’re not a bunch of spring chickens,” Barnes said.

Others on the team included John Barnes, Matt Brauze, Kyle Chapple, Paul Houston, Matt Krasnak, Rob Lee, Mike Mermuys, Todd Petty, Randy Rockman, Nick Ross, Tim Ross, Jack Thornton, Brian Walker and Jeff Wood.

DEVLTS

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another run in the third inning, and another two were scored in the fourth. The runs were plated with singles by Tyler Donnelly and Begley. The Blue Devils led 9-4. However, that’s when Perry started making a run. The Ramblers scored three runs in the fifth, all scoring with two out, cutting the margin to 9-7. The Devils collected an insurance run in the bottom of the fifth with an RBI-double by Donnelly, and it was almost needed. Perry cut the lead to 10-8 with a single run in the sixth, but would come no closer. Starting pitcher Cody Alexander shut down Perry in order in the top of the seventh, earning the win.

The Blue Devils’ offense continued to produce early in the second game. An RBI-single by Begley in the second inning and a sacrifice fly by Robbie Alexander was followed by an RBI-single by Cody Alexander in the third inning. The Blue Devils led 3-0. However, that’s when the Blue Devils’ offense stalled a bit and also when Perry started taking advantage of Lake Fenton mistakes. Perry scored two runs in the third and then two more in the fourth inning without the aid of a hit. In the third inning, the Blue Devils committed three errors and walked a batter resulting in two runs scored. In the fourth, two hit batters, two walks and a wild pitch aided Perry’s two-run stanza. Perry led 4-3 and never trailed again.

The Ramblers added three runs in the sixth on two hits, a walk and an error and two more in the seventh on two hits, a walk, a wild pitch and a passed ball. Lake Fenton trailed 9-3.

The Blue Devils put together a threat in the bottom of the seventh. Joe Boughtner singled and Jarod Smith walked. Allor loaded the bases with a single and none out. Robbie Alexander hit a single, driving in one run and getting another in on an error, cutting the gap to 9-5 with still no out. However, three straight outs, allowed another run to score but ended the game.

Four of the Fenton graduates and hockey team alumni who played on the Fenton hockey squad in a recent tourney were (from left) Mike Mermuys, John Barnes, Gordie Barnes and Jack Thornton.
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SIGNS
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Recent years. The sign maker attributes the increased parameters for signs to businesses and people who consistently create and place their own signs, without consulting zoning officials.

But while Wallace sees sign enforcement as positive, “dealing with different, unique ordinances for each municipality can be a bit of a struggle.” Historical or commercial districts, lighting, size and placement are all factors addressed in most ordinances, dictating what features businesses can include in their signs.

In the Village of Holly for example, neon signs are allowed however, they cannot be blinking, flashing, moving, revolving or changing in intensity. For a business to have a neon sign in the City of Fenton, it cannot have flashing lights or red, yellow and green illumination. Such details could be a major factor as to where an entrepreneur wants to open up a business.

“We have a pretty comprehensive signing ordinance. Over the years, the village has worked with consultants as far as planning,” said Holly Village Manager Jerry Walker. “Our historic district has also worked with the State of Michigan Preservation Office and the Oakland County Main Street Program for best signage practices.

For Walker, sign ordinances should keep the appearance of a municipality uniformed but still have enough flexibility to be unique for each business.

“No question, proper signage for a business is crucial in order to attract customers,” Walker said. Exceptions, known as ‘variances,’ can be made for businesses and entities that wish to erect signs that are outside of what sign ordinances allow. Having a variance approved includes appearing before various boards, including the historical committee and the zoning board of appeals. Businesses like The Calvary United Methodist Church in Holly Township and Calabria Village in Linden have been successful in obtaining variances from zoning board officials.

“It would be nice if sign ordinances were a little more uniformed. Townships do get hurt a little bit by sign ordinances,” Wallace said.

If it were up to Wallace, sign ordinances would consider the square footage of the building. Bigger buildings could have bigger signage. Other factors Wallace would address would be visibility, especially from a road. If a business can be seen from the west and the east for example, Wallace doesn’t see a reason why the business should only be restricted to one sign.

“Every business is not cookie-cutter. However, I do feel for those trying to write up a sign ordinance because it’s not always so black and white,” Wallace said.

For Walker, variances are generally approved to those seeking signs that don’t exactly fit the ordinance.

“As long as a business person has a reasonable explanation for why they need the sign, the board considers it,” Walker said.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE CELL PHONE for the poor program was started under the George Bush administration. For more information, see snopes.com.

IF THE LINES at the Secretary of State office on Hill Road are too long, go to the West Oakland County office in Milford (on Milford Road, north of M59). I’ve been there three times in the last year and have never waited more than 20 minutes.

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How did you come to Fenton? I was born in Indiana and came here in 1930. I went to middle school in Flint and came to Fenton High School after. My dad bought this house, the one I live in, in 1936. When we bought it, it was the only one on Swanee Beach. It was back in the Depression, so a lot of families would build the basements of their homes and live in that until they had enough money to build the rest of the house.

What was Fenton High School like in the ‘30s? Great. I played baseball and football. I was all-county for football my junior and senior year. We had our school paper, the Tiger Tail. We would publish gossipy articles and school news in it. I wrote a column for it one time about the big band music — Benny Goodman and all that. It got so popular that a couple other high schools printed it in their newspapers as well. I’m proud of that. We had weekly dances at the school and everyone had a band. Not with guitars, but with saxophones and trumpets, like the Big Band music. One time I borrowed a saxophone from a friend and played that. I never learned to swing dance because I was always playing. I was the Class of ’41. I met my wife when she was a freshman and I was a sophomore. But I didn’t pay any attention at first. I remember at Mickey’s Dairy, she was working for 10 cents an hour carhopping. I remember telling my guys, “I’m going to go after her, she’s the one for me.” We’ve been married for 64 years.

Downtown we had Kelly’s ice cream with 5-cent cokes and a jukebox. We had pinball, too — there were some wonderful people. High school football was the game in town. The girls were all pretty. I went to MSU after high school.

How did you become Grand Marshal for the Fourth of July Parade? I’m quite pleased about that. I was nominated by friends and family that wrote in a letter for me. I had the VFW’s support.

What was your involvement with the military? I was a Marine. I love those guys, they’re such nice people. I was in the Korean War and I helped to work on naval missiles at the California test center. Our work there led to modern missile guidance systems, we laid the groundwork for the missiles they use over in Afghanistan. I’m proud of that. It really amounted to something.

How did you get into writing and becoming an author? At age 80, I became an author. I wrote ‘But That’s Another Story,’ because I wanted my great-grandchildren to know what life was like for myself and Marie. We have a son out in South Carolina and a daughter in California and I wanted to share those memories with all of my family. So, when I started writing, all the books in the library were about the 1800s and Dibbleville. Myself and Bob Dery, my friend, reminisced about all the stories we had and said we ought to write them down. After Bob died, I figured I needed to go ahead and write it. So, my autobiography and the other books were born. I sell my books for $15 and give $5 to the museum. The books cost $10.80 to make. Every time I sell a book, I lose 80 cents — I’m not in it for the money. I like writing about the Fenton locals I used to know.

If you could do anything over in your 89 years of life, would you? I suppose. But not really.

Life is like an array of doors and you have to pick one. Once you go through it, it closes and you can’t go back. But then you’re in another room full of doors and you have to keep moving. You very rarely get a chance to go through the same door again. Sometimes I would ask Marie, ‘How many people in Fenton have gone to the Eiffel Tower? St. Petersburg? Taken a bus from West to East Berlin? Eaten fondue on the streets of Switzerland? My favorite song goes like this: ‘Life is what you make it, if you can take it, it’s worth a try.'
AMMO
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planning to buy 1.6 billion rounds for training purposes, and fears of impinged second amendment rights prompting buyers to stock up.
This increased demand translates to 50 percent more revenue for businesses like Williams Gun Sight Co. in Davison Township.
Chief Operating Officer Dan Compeau said ammo production is up, but the demand is simply too high. A shipment that used to sell in a month, now sells out in a day. Even a larger shipment of 36,000 rounds on a pallet sells quickly. More staff has been hired to handle the extra demand and interest in guns, which he said began the first of the year, with the Newtown, Conn. tragedy renewing the gun control debate.
He said adults in their 20s and 30s are also seeing target shooting as an inexpensive activity. This booming interest means more guns being purchased and therefore, more ammo.
“From the consumer standpoint it (ammunition) is hard to get,” said Compeau. “The ammo is coming through, there’s just been so many new shooters, the demand is way up there and the manufacturer is not prepared for it.”
Because .22 long-rifle bullets are less expensive, they’re a huge seller at $4.95 for a box of 50. It’s between $15 and $17 for a box of 9 mm rounds. Prices tend to go up 2 to 5 percent a few times per year, and some sellers are gouging their customers with higher prices. Anything bigger than a .38 caliber is very hard to find.
Compeau said that the prices are slightly higher from the manufacturer because buying incentives are gone, which makes sense in a market with so much demand. He said they try to spread the ammo around by placing limits on how many boxes one person can buy.
Sometimes getting ammo at the counter is luck, and sometimes it just takes cooperation. At Walmart, the group split up three boxes of 9 mm rounds instead of one person buying all of them. Thursday’s haul was only four boxes of 9 mm, some .22 rounds and .44 magnnum rounds.
A Fenton man named John took home two years ago they stocked up three boxes of 9 mm rounds instead of one person buying all of them. Thursday’s haul was only four boxes of 9 mm, some .22 rounds and .44 magnnum rounds.
A Fenton man named John took home a box of .30-06 for deer hunting. Compeau suggests hunters start buying their ammo now.
Law enforcement agencies have to buy its ammo on the market like everyone else. The Argentine Township Police Department looked to a dealer in Owosso for its training rounds. Two years ago they stocked up with a thousand rounds of “duty” ammo, .40 caliber bullets they carry on the job, but not to the range.
Range instructor officer Ryan Wilson said his police department has enough — but only because of a little foresight, and some restraint at the range. “We used to do a little extra shooting, now we use only the ammo we need to get the job done,” he said.
CPL (Conceal Pistol License) instructor Brett Selby reloads his spent casings for classes, and recommends students shoot with whatever caliber they can in the mean time — even if it means practicing their trigger pull with an air-soft gun.
The general view is that the shortage of ammo is a self-inflicted wound. “I don’t buy the government conspiracy thing, I think we did it to ourselves,” said Selby. “Don’t play into the frenzy. Kick back for a little bit, let it subside, it’s just a funk we’re in right now.”

POLICE
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covered that someone had attempted to break into the business through the door on the south side of the building. The door was damaged and off the hinges. Police believe the attempt occurred between 12:15 and 4 a.m. that morning. It appeared the door had been struck with a pry instrument several times.
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By Tim Jagielo

Holly — Families haul in coolers, kids and equipment as pint-sized aluminum bats clang, and kids in baseball gear scramble to catch grounders in the dust and grass.

It’s an ideal day for baseball — breezy, warm and sunny. Through June, most nights at baseball fields across the tri-county area will come alive with the activities of Little League.

The Karl Richter Campus (KRC) has several practices going simultaneously, from the majors division down to tee-ball. Little League teams are divided up by age, in two-year increments that start with tee-ball at age 4, advancing to coach pitch, and then through minors, majors, juniors and seniors. Each group is more skilled than the previous.

Teams within a division compete against each other, and against neighboring school districts. Linden, Lake Fen- ton, Fenton, Holly and Hartland schools have leagues that compete internally and against one another.

Fenton Little League President Kevin Johnson said it costs $85 per year to compete and the jerseys are usually sponsored by a local business. In Fenton Little League, there are about 575 players, and it takes many volunteers to run the organizations.

At the tee-ball level, kids are just learning the basics of the game. On Tuesday, Holly Little League Coach Jason VanSickle teaches squirming 6-year-olds how to run the baseline, which is smaller than the different divisions, and certainly the professional leagues.

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There were seven years in which it was impossible to have a Triple Crown winner.

Winning a Triple Crown is a tough enough task, but there were years when it was simply impossible. In 1890, the Belmont and the Preakness were held on the same day, while in 1917 and 1922 the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness coincided on the calendar. The Preakness was not run between 1891 and 1893, while the Belmont was cancelled in 1911 and 1912 after New York State passed anti-gambling laws that failed to exempt horse racing. (While horse racing was suspended at Belmont Park, the Wright Brothers brought airplane races to the track for a 10-day event in October 1910. The highlight was a race to the Statue of Liberty, which drew a crowd of 150,000 to watch the start and finish.)

TRIPLE CROWN
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Not an easy ride

Being a jockey doesn’t come with a great benefits package, either. All jockeys are self-employed, so they’re responsible for their own business expenses, such as agent fees, travel costs, equipment, and some of the highest health insurance premiums in professional sports. They also can’t own the horses they ride, or pick the colors they wear. Instead, jockeys use the registered patterns that belong to whoever hired them.

Of course, there are some pluses. While most riders make $35,000 to $45,000 a year, the best earn upwards of $2 million in prize money. In horse racing, making weight is no joke. To compete in the Kentucky Derby, a jockey plus his equipment can only weigh 126 lbs. That means most weigh less than 118 lbs.

Strange but true

Deceased jockey wins race

Frank Hayes is the only deceased jockey to ever win a race. In 1923, the stable hand somehow convinced one of the owners to let him ride at Belmont Park. To everyone’s amazement, he and the horse, Sweet Kiss, won. Unfortunately, Hayes didn’t live to see it. He died mid-race from a heart attack, though his body somehow stayed upright through the finish. Hayes’ victory was just as bittersweet for his horse. Sweet Kiss had to endure the nickname “Sweet Kiss of Death” for the rest of his life.
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Surf web, read email, get directions with Google Glass(es)

By Ryan Tackabury
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“From what I’ve seen so far I think it’s fantastic. I think one of the problems they are going to run into is it’s very different from what people are used to,” said Mike Oliver, owner of Hometown Computers.

Different is right — as there is not anything that can prepare the user for the unique way of interfacing with technology that is provided by Google Glass. There is no keyboard, mouse, or even a touch screen — the device responds to your voice. It’s like iPhone’s Siri feature, except you wear it on your face.

Saying the phrase “OK, glass, record a video” will prompt the device to start recording everything you see from a first person perspective. Saying “OK, glass, say hello in Spanish” will prompt the device to display the translation on your glasses, while also helpfully chirping “Hola” aloud should you not know how to pronounce it.

“We’re getting into that Star Trek era where we are talking to the computer,” Oliver said. “In the sense that you can capture something while you are doing it is phenomenon. If you’re on a motorcycle you can literally record video while on the bike and stream to other people over the Internet while you’re doing it.”

Some people have raised concerns about how Google Glass might affect privacy — if it becomes popular, there is the potential for many people to be walking around with a camera at the ready that other people may or may not be aware of.

“I think privacy is an issue, but I don’t think it will be different than people recording with cell phones. Everyone already has a camera with them at all times,” Oliver said.

Google Glass is not readily available yet, though several copies were sold in a lottery to people who wanted to test the device for $1,500. A commercial release for the product is expected in late 2013, and while the price is expected to be cheaper, a price has yet to be set.

“It’s brand new tech. I don’t think it’s going to be picked up by anyone but early adopters right away,” Oliver said. “But regardless of that it’s awesome to have, and I think we are seeing the future of computers.”

Group honors Holly woman for political involvement

By Esther Littmann

Littmann has many titles, worked on George W. Bush and Mitt Romney campaigns

The Republican Women’s Federation of Michigan will be honoring a Holly woman for her political involvement in the community. Esther Littmann will receive the “ Tribute to Women Award” during the group’s annual dinner in Midland on May 4.

Esther Littmann is receiving the award for her political involvement in the community.

Each year the Republican Women’s Federation of Michigan honors women across the state for their political involvement and contribution to their local Republican Women’s Club. The Bloomfield Republican Women’s Club selected Littmann.

Littmann has served on the Bloomfield Republican Women’s Club Board as recording secretary, newsletter editor, treasurer, president, and currently, past-president. She worked on the campaigns of George W. Bush and Mitt Romney and is now serving her second term as precinct delegate for Rose Township.

As a member of the Michigan Security Council, she supported the passage of “American Law for American Courts” and helped expose the illegal sale of Eagle Elementary School in Farmington Hills.

Judy Graves, of the Bloomfield Republican Women’s Club said, “We are pleased to honor Esther Littmann for her political involvement in our community.”

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School news

Empty Bowl Ice Cream Social and art show
Fenton Area Public Schools will be holding its district-wide Art Show and Empty Bowl Ice Cream Social from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 9. It will be held at Andrew G. Schmidt Middle School on Donaldson Drive in Fenton. The school district will be showcasing students’ artwork and the community will have an opportunity to make donations for an empty bowl and ice cream. Proceeds will go to local charity.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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Eagle Scout project
LIFE SCOUT DEVIN DAVIS SEEKS DONATIONS
Life Scout Devin Davis of Troop 212 is working on his Eagle Scout project by collecting donated items to help Fenton’s Adopt-a-Pet. He organized a group of people to hang bags on door knobs of houses in Fenton on Saturday, April 27. Devin’s group of helpers will be picking up the bags Saturday morning, May 4. There is an informative paper attached to the bags that tells a little about Devin and his project and the items Adopt-a-Pet wishes to get. Adopt-A-Pet needs pet items such as unopened food, leashes, collars, animal cages, pet toys, cat litter but also non-pet supplies such as paper towels, detergent, office supplies, bleach, medical supplies, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, and VG’s receipts. Devin, a junior at Fenton High School has lived in Fenton all his life.

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LEAGUES
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Randy Bellman of Rose Township watched proudly as his girls Emma, 5, and Josie, 6, took instructions. Josie and Emma each ran to second base enthusiastically. “She loves to play,” he said watching his girls participate from the bleachers. This is their first sport, and Emma joined because Josie liked it so much last year.

As the day wanes, the fields are busy at Andrew G. Schmidt (AGS) Middle School in Fenton with mostly league practice. Some games were coach pitch, others were girls majors fast pitch.

One scrimmage pitted the “Mighty Molars” against the “Nimrods,” for girl’s majors division play. At the bench of the Mighty Molars, girls 9 to 11 cheer their teammates on, enjoying a confident swagger not usually found at that age.

“It’s a good team builder,” said team manager Brianne Speice of Fenton. “I played when I was a kid and I loved it. Some of my best memories were at softball.”

The Mighty Molars ended up winning the scrimmage 1-0.

After the game, Nimrods coach Rob Pilodeus gave his group some feedback as he knelt down on one knee in a team huddle. Through the kind criticism, the girls smiled and seemed to have enjoyed the scrimmage.

After the game the kids lined up for hasty round of “good game, good game, good game,” to the opposing team.

Fenton Little League President Kevin Johnson also said that players learn teamwork. “Hopefully they figure out it takes a team to win, not one individual,” he said. Johnson hopes the kids have fun, and carry their skills through life.

Sometimes skills yield amazing results. Fenton Little League Coach Steve Muntin witnessed something out of his coach-pitch team that he’s never seen even in coaching high school baseball — an unassisted triple play.

During the Tuesday night game, one player managed to strike out three players by himself, off a fly ball. It took skill and intuition, something an 8-year-old would usually not possess in that situation. “It’s pretty unique,” he said.

The first player, the batter, was struck out when Zachary Dekraker caught the ball, tagged out a runner trying to make it to third base, and a player that didn’t run back to first when the batter was struck out. “It was a great feeling for the boy, he was incredibly proud,” said Muntin.

“Good feelings” are some things kids might find in Little League, along with teamwork, and discipline. Tee-ball dad Dean Brown said his son Aaron was learning patience along with interacting with boys and girls his age. The game also keeps them outside and busy. “It’s all bonuses,” he said.

Coach Jason VanSickle of Holly, works with the youngest players, ages 4 to 6. Aside from teamwork, the players also learn hand/eye coordination and communication skills. Learning to concentrate and follow directions is important. One player wasn’t, so he had him run the bases once.

VanSickle said it’s for the safety of the kids — they have to be able to pay attention when there’s a baseball flying through the air, possibly toward them. It was clear that the parents help keep their own kids in line during practice. “If I can get the support I need from parents it goes pretty smooth,” he said.

Fenton Boy Scout Evan Dietz, 17, and Fenton Eagle Scout Jon-Claude Howd, 17, work in a squad to clean up the back part of Bush Park on Earth Day, April 22. Approximately 50 Scouts, led by Pam Howd, took part in the project. The scouts ended the ceremony by planting a new sapling.

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Scouts clean up Bush Park

Tri-County Times | TIM JAGIELLO
Aaron Brown, 6, of Holly winds up a throw to another tee-ball player Tuesday night at KRC in Holly.

Tri-County Times | OLIVIA DIMMER
Fenton Boy Scout Evan Dietz, 17, and Fenton Eagle Scout Jon-Claude Howd, 17, work in a squad to clean up the back part of Bush Park on Earth Day, April 22. Approximately 50 Scouts, led by Pam Howd, took part in the project. The scouts ended the ceremony by planting a new sapling.

Summary

- All local school districts have their own Little League, which is usually run by volunteers and sponsored by local businesses. The league is divided by age, with increasing skills. Players get exercise, make friends and learn about teamwork.

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Conquering the money blues

Feeling down about money? You’re not alone.

Millions worry about meeting money needs every day. But their fretting doesn’t add one cent to their bank accounts nor bring one slice of bread to their tables. Being down about money is unprofitable. And it is detrimental to emotional and physical health. We simply can’t afford the money blues.

What then can we do about pressing bills and future financial needs?

Why not try prayer?

My ministry began in a small rural church. Taking the position as the first fully supported pastor was an adventure in faith for me and my family as well as for the congregation. We agreed on a regular salary, and the people offered to supplement that with eggs, milk, produce and meat, as they were able.

When we accepted this call, we had two small children. By the time our fourth child was expected, the church had grown and the salary had increased a bit, but we had no medical insurance and wondered how we would pay the hospital costs when the baby arrived. We prayed about the problem, remembering that God has invited us to ask and receive (Matthew 7:7-8).

For us, September 18, 1957 became an unforgettable day. When the mail came that morning, it contained a letter from a family in another community, I do not believe these people knew of our approaching expenses. Yet they had enclosed a gift that was within a few dollars of the total hospital bill, saying they had sold their farm and that the Lord had impressed them to send this particular amount to us. Our daughter was born that night.

Our mustard seed faith had been rewarded. God had supplied our need... right on time.

How glad I am that we were short of money during the summer of 1957! Otherwise, we would have missed this miracle of God’s timely provision, an experience that built our faith and prepared us for other tight money times in our future.

Perhaps your present financial crisis is for further training in the school of faith. When this pinch is past, you will always know that God is able to deliver you when times are tough.

Meanwhile, here are a few important negatives that will contribute to a positive attitude when coming through money problems.

Never talk about money during meals. Never talk about money when you are upset over other things. Never talk about money in bed. Never talk about money problems immediately after praying about them.

Instead, follow this positive principle: tell your money problems to God, expecting Him to pour ideas into your mind and strength into your body that will enable you to solve them. And don’t rule out a miraculous supply in answer to prayer.

Being down about money indicates we doubt that God will answer our prayers. Positive faith rejoices in assurance of the Heavenly Father’s care.

So put away your money blues. You can’t afford them!

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Looking for a Realtor?

Be sure to know whether he or she is working for the buyer or seller and ask a lot of questions

By Sally Rummel
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Whether you are buying or selling a home this year, you want to work with a real estate agent that has your best interests in mind. Today’s consumers have the option to choose the type of representation they want when enlisting the expertise and knowledge of a real estate professional, according to the Flint Association of Realtors’ website. Traditionally, most agents represented the seller. However, home buying consumers have the option to seek assistance with their search from a buyer’s broker, a real estate professional who will agree to represent their sole interest.

A buyer’s broker represents the... See REALTOR on 14B

Buying a home in today’s market

There’s lots of competition in existing home sales; many prospective buyers may look to build their own

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The good news is that the housing market is experiencing an upswing in prices and a continuation of historically low interest rates.

The bad news is that there aren’t many houses for sale, and competition between buyers can make a transaction more challenging than in recent years.

The housing market is definitely on the upswing in the tri-county area, especially if you’re a seller looking to get a fair price on your home. With a low inventory of homes for sale and a number of buyers competing for them, housing prices are on the rise, while interest rates are still historically low.

Existing homes

“There’s still a huge shortage of homes for sale,” said Kristy Cantleberry of ReMax Platinum in Grand Blanc. “We are actively seeking sellers who may be interested in selling their homes. Sometimes a home is sold to an interested buyer before it ever hits the market. If you’re thinking at all about putting your home in the market sometime, contact us at... See MARKET on 11B

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To buy or to build

Low inventory of existing homes increases demand for new construction

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To buy or to build, that is the question many people are asking these days. With a smaller inventory of homes now for sale in the tri-county area, some prospective buyers are turning to custom building their own home.

“We’re seeing a much bigger demand for new construction,” said Ann Rockman, of The State Bank Mortgage Department in Fenton. “It has more than doubled from last year.”

She sees the demand for new construction coming from two sources: the lack of existing homes for sale and this: while selling land to build on for several years ago and had to put their building project on hold during the housing bust.

“You can feel a change in the way people are feeling about their finances now,” she said. “They’re not going overboard, but they definitely feel more confident.”

Chris Weir, owner of Weir Building Company in Fenton, agrees that the low inventory of homes has created a new niche for custom built homes in the area. “There’s a lot of pent-up demand,” said Weir, who has successfully weathered many economic challenges since opening his business in 2000. “A lot more people are calling and inquiring about building a house.”

Weir plans to build four new homes this year, controlling his company’s growth with a “lean and mean” conservative business approach.

The only difference between a construction loan and an existing home mortgage through programs at The State Bank is the amount of down payment required. “We require at least 10 percent down on a construction loan for our private programs,” Rockman said. “You can close on an existing home with a down payment of 5 percent or 3½ percent, depending on the program.”

She advises people who are building a home to have excess funds beyond the money due at closing. “At least 99.9 percent of the time, you’re going to go over your original budget,” said Rockman. Rockman said there’s also a renewed

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GetKristy.com to let us give you a free evaluation on the value on your house. It could be worth more than you think.”

Because buyers are competing for a small number of available homes, many homes have multiple offers on them, shutting out willing buyers. “I think there’s going to be a surge in new construction because of this home shortage,” said Cantleberry. “Buyers are going to get tired of competing to buy a house, and decide to build their own to get exactly what they want.”

Whether a person is looking for a mortgage to buy an existing home or a construction loan to build a new home, lending has tightened up from several years ago when few lenders said “no” to interested homeowners.

“Twenty years ago, you had to save money for a substantial down payment, have a strong credit record, a good job and all your other financial ‘ducks in a row’ before you could get a mortgage,” said John Otteny of Star Mortgage in Fenton, a mortgage lender for the past 25 years. “We made sure you qualified for a mortgage, by crunching the numbers with your pay stubs, W-2s, tax returns and bank statements. That’s the kind of mortgage environment we’re in right now. We want to be sure you’re comfortable with the payment you’re looking at taking on for the next 30 years. If so, you could usually get through the process.”

New builds

There’s a lot more activity in the tri-county area with new construction than there was during the housing crisis a few years ago. “Many homeowners are frustrated with the foreclosures and other rough-shape homes that are on the market right now, according to Otteny. Some of these buyers are deciding to build a house so they can get what they want.”

The financial process for this is very different than for existing homes sales,” said Otteny.

Building a home requires a prospective homeowner to get a construction loan. “In today’s market, there are no guarantees that a newly-built home can get the appraisal to meet the financial obligations made by a bank or other financial institution,” said Otteny. “The question is, will the completed structure be worth the value of the loan?”

What that means for the homeowner is they’ll need to come up with a significant down payment, usually a minimum of 20 percent.

Another option would be a builder-financed loan. A homeowner works directly with the builder, giving him a deposit on the project. The builder builds the home with his own dollars. When the home is completed, they get the final appraisal on the home. At that point, the home is purchased with the down payment from the builder.

“The builder is giving you the opportunity to provide the construction financing because he has his own line of equity,” said Otteny. “Then he sells it to the customer, who gets a regular mortgage.”

Either way, a prospective homeowner needs a strong “balance sheet” to bring to the table, said Otteny. “The bank has to have confidence that you’re the kind of person that can successfully complete the project and pay them back. Your job, your credit, your finances — they all have to be rock solid.”

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“My business success is attributable to hard work and dedication to the client. Helping people motivates me,” he says. “I have a team of professionals dedicated to educating our buyers and sellers about the current housing market. Our strategic marketing plans are second to none and allow our sellers the best exposure for their home. Our team of buyers’ agents are committed to acting quickly in this fast paced housing market to allow our buyer the ultimate advantage.”

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Wentworth is a Flint area native whose grandfather was the chief of staff at McLaren Hospital. His mentor and uncle Bill Wentworth owns several Applebee’s and inspired John to work as an entrepreneur. “My family is very important to me and I’m proud of them all. They support me in everything I do,” Wentworth says.

He graduated from Grand Blanc High School in 1991 and worked several years training racehorses here and in Canada before discovering a career in real estate. He is a member of Fenton St. John Catholic Church and is involved in many charitable projects such as benefits for needy families and also does fundraising for cancer victims. His wife Jennifer and three children are often included. “My wife is the backbone of all I do,” says Wentworth.

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First step in any outdoor project?

Check with your local municipality for any required permits

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It’s springtime and you’re eager to get out in your yard to put up a shed or build a deck. Before you even think about buying your supplies, your first stop should be your municipal office to check on building permits, zoning ordinances, etc.

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In all municipalities, plumbing, electrical and mechanical work is guided by the State of Michigan through the Building Construction Codes Office in Lansing. The most important thing to remember when considering a project is that you’re better off checking with your own municipality’s rules before you ever break ground or start.

“I always tell everyone it doesn’t hurt to check on the requirements beforehand. It’s better to be safe than sorry,” said Lewis, of Fenton Township.

To prevent a delay in your home project or costly fines, check with your local government to see what permits are necessary.

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Brad Hissong
Zoning Administrator for Fenton City

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BZA 2013-003, ANDREW ULNIC, SEC. 32, 02-32-122-006, 8174 BUCKELLA LAKE, HOLLY. VARIANCE REQUEST TO SIDE AND REAR YARD SETBACKS.

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HOLLY MAY 9-10TH, 8-5p.m., 17020 Hickory Ridge. Multi-family sale, Tools, snowboard, jet ski, camper, pool coolers, games, toys, Nerf guns, boys and girls clothes, gaming systems, books, board games, little tikes, bike, cultured stones.

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882,000 cash. Dennis Nies, Prudential Great Lakes Realty, 2359 W. Shiawassee Ave. 810-691-6308.

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NOTICE OF HYDRANT FLUSHING CITY OF LINDEN

City of Linden residents are advised to check their water before using for laundry, etc. on Monday, May 13, 2013 through Saturday, May 18, 2013.

The LINDEN DPW WILL BE FLUSHING HYDRANTS ON THESE DAYS.

Scott Fairbanks,
Public Works Department

ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF SPECIAL LAND USE REVIEW

Thursday, May 23, 2013

Notice is hereby given that the City of Fenton Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on Thursday, May 23, 2013 for the purpose of considering a Special Land Use request to allow for development of a licensed nursing home facility in the Pine Creek North Development, Tax ID #53-25-400-011. The site is located on the north side of Pine Creek Drive, west of the entrance from Eddy Lake Road. The property is zoned MHR/PUD and skilled nursing facilities are special land uses in the MHR District.

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

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

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


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DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My 73-year-old husband has, in the past year, been jerking during his sleep. His movements are quite wild at times. He has fallen out of bed three times during his “fighting” dreams. He dreams he is in a fight at work, playing football or that he is in a fight at work, playing football or that he is in a fight at work, playing football or that he is in a fight at work, playing football or that he is in a fight at work, playing football or that he is in a fight at work, playing football or that he is in a fight at work, playing football or that he is in a fight at work, playing football or that he is in a fight at work, playing football or that he is in a fight at work, playing football or that he is in a fight at work, playing football or that he is in a fight at work, playing football or that he is in a fight at work, playing football or that he is in a fight at work. He jerks with his arms and legs. I don’t attempt to wake him, as one time he was on the verge of striking me. I did yell his name three times, and he finally woke up. He has had two sleep tests and was told he has “half sleep apnea.” What does that mean? He takes no sleeping aids. I have never heard that such movements are a sign of sleep apnea. — D.S.

ANSWER: A good bet is that your husband has a condition called periodic limb movements of sleep. For many, such movements are bending of the big toe and ankle. For others, it’s jerking of the legs and arms. Most often the person doesn’t wake and has no recollection of what went on during the night. The bed partner and the condition of the blankets give testimony to what occurred during sleep. If the person doesn’t have daytime fatigue, then this disorder isn’t considered a serious problem for him or her. It is for the one who shares the bed. Sometimes periodic limb movements of sleep occur with another problem, restless leg syndrome. That’s a creepy-crawly sensation in the legs that comes on in the evening when sitting or in bed. The person is compelled to get up and move around to quell the feeling. A warm bath before going to bed might calm your husband’s movements. Decreasing the amount of caffeine he drinks and doing the same for all forms of tobacco could bring nocturnal peace for you and him. If the situation doesn’t clear, then Mirapex or Requip, two Parkinson’s disease medicines, can put an end to the nighttime martial arts. Do tell his doctor about this. Periodic limb movements of sleep are, at times, associated with iron deficiency. I have no idea what “half sleep apnea” means.

DEAR AMY: I have a niece who lies, cheats and steals — mostly from her family, but in the workplace as well. Each time she gets into a huge jam, the family pulls together and “rescues” her. If she is about to get evicted, we pool together money to get her up to date. We also bailed her out when her car was being repossessed. We know that continuing to rescue her isn’t helping; it’s only enabling the behavior. We know we need to let her face the consequences of her decisions. The problem is she has a 4-year-old son whom we love and adore, and she won’t be facing the consequences alone — she’ll be dragging an innocent child down with her. Every time we get together as a family to come up with solutions, she cries and promises to do better, but of course it lacks a little pizzaz, feel free to add more using this simple trick. Go to the Photos app, click Edit in the top right corner and then click the Add button that shows up in the upper left corner of the screen. Now arrange the circled letters to form the answer. As pictured above, the answer is: a. GLYN

DEAR BEWILDERED: Your family should seek counseling to help you navigate this process of boundary setting. You must let her face actual consequences (life without a car, for instance, spending the night in a shelter, or facing the reality of the court system). You do this by diminishing the money supply and by calmly refusing to rescue her. Unfortunately, she may be using your love and concern for her son as a way to control your family. This is why you need to manage your own anxiety (and be on the same page) and find a way to maintain strong non-negotiables while continuing to envelop this child in your family’s safe embrace.

DEAR AMY: Can you explain, in explicit terms, exactly what is an emotional affair? In my mind, if there’s no sex, there’s no affair. — Clueless

DEAR CLUELESS: An emotional affair is an affair of the heart. A Facebook nudge turns into private messages, phone calls and texts — and people express feelings of emotional connection and love. No matter what you call it — surely you can imagine how powerful these affairs can be and how destructive this intimacy is when it interferes with a marriage. Loving relationships aren’t only about sex, and affairs aren’t, either.
Lobdell Lake Waterfront
16277 Seymour Rd., Linden
Enjoy sunrises and water fun on this elevated 1.25 acre lot with a beautiful view of Lobdell Lake. The home features an open concept kitchen, 3 full baths, and a finished basement. $349,900

13287 Harborview, Linden
Lakefront home located in Loon Harbor Preserves with a panoramic view of Loon Lake from almost every room. 4 bedrooms and 3.5 baths. $479,000

Lake Fenton
14035 McCaslin Lake Rd., Linden
Linden, newer construction, 1 acre lot, lower level walkout, cathedral ceilings, ranch, stone fireplace, nature view, 4 bedrooms and 3 baths. $158,000

2518 Golden Shores Ct., Linden
Main Bath Completely Remodeled, All New Paint, 3 Tier Deck With Access From Master Bedroom, 70’ Water Front, Boat Host. $200,000

Holylake
16336 Tucker Rd, Holly
This stunning home is gorgeous inside and out! New kitchen includes granite countertops, new cabinets, tile and more. Main floor master suite. Huge main floor laundry/mud room. Two car garage $225,000

Inground Pool
2497 Academy, Holly
Over 3,300 sq ft on almost 2 acres. Pond, Pool, Pole barn, dog kennel, man cave, and finished walkout. 5 bedrooms, 6.5 bathrooms. $400,000

Loon Lake
13026 Cussewago, Fenton
Breathtaking panoramic open water views and amazing sunsets. All appliances. 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths and cozy fireplace. $300,000

Linden
16190 Crest, Linden
Totally renovated, Up North feel. New Granite kitchen, 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms. Custom wood trim and natural branch spindles. $300,000

7114 Lobdell, Linden
Very large house on an incredible piece of property. Entertain family and friends beautiful indoor pool and hot tub for year round fun. $185,000

All Sports Lobdell Lake
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