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Michigan passes unemployment reform bill

Eliminates six weeks of benefits as of January 2012

**Summary** House Bill 4408 is designed to extend unemployment benefits, and also rein in unemployment fraud by claimants. It also cuts six weeks from regular Michigan unemployment.

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John Wentworth, of Re/Max Platinum in Fenton, has sold 11 waterfront properties in Fenton Township so far this year. “The waterfront seems to be picking back up,” he said. “We’re stabilizing a little bit.”

CENSUS: Linden ranks first in county for population growth

Whopping 39.5 percent increase

By Sharon Stone
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Linden — City officials are basking in some good news recently revealed in the 2010 Census. Linden City saw a 39.5 percent increase in its population from 2000 to 2010, placing it first for cities and villages, in Genesee County and fifth in Michigan. Linden went from a city with 2,861 residents to a city with 3,991.

Now is the time to buy

Statistics show what realtors are seeing — economy and home sales are improving

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**Census summary**

Fenton, Fenton Township, Linden, Holly Township, Argentine Township, Rose Township all gain population; Holly Village, Flint, Detroit all down in numbers. See statistics on Page 13A

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MUSIC MATTERS

Kids who study music enjoy lifelong benefits

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Just ask Laura Blanchard, owner of the Kindermusik franchise in Fenton, about the benefits of music education for young children, and she’ll say that working with children and their parents as they make the joyful noise of music is “music to her ears.”

Blanchard believes strongly in the fun music brings, as well as the value it brings for a child’s physical, cognitive, social and emotional development. “I can’t describe to people the sheer joy I feel when I go to work and get to share music with parents and their children,” said Blanchard, who also serves as choir director at Transfiguration Lutheran Church in Fenton.

See MUSIC on 23A

Teacher Laura Blanchard leads her Thursday morning Kindermusik class in a dance with scarves to Indian Tabla music. The class helps develop cognitive and motor skills through music.

Rape victim’s ‘help me’ changed rescuer’s life

From the projects in Pontiac to the Oprah Winfrey show

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Kenneth Charles Briggs, a Fenton resident, shared an inspiring story of overcoming adversity with the Rotary Club on Tuesday. Former Rotarian Sandra Lemon met Briggs at a gym in Fenton. Being the only black man at the gym, she said he really stood out. She was determined to make him feel welcomed. As the two became acquainted, he told her about his life. He moved to Fenton after marrying Heather Longstreth, of Linden.

Since the Rotarians are always seeking interesting speakers, she asked if he would be willing to share his story. He accepted.

Briggs, 38, grew up surrounded by gangs and violence in the low-income projects of Pontiac. His mother, who died when he was 12, worked to instill Christian values in him, as well as a love for cooking. After his mother passed away, his life consisted of either staying with relatives or being homeless. The streets of Pontiac were a tough place to grow up. As a 14-year-old boy in 1988, he witnessed his brother and several of his gang friends, rape and torture a young suburbanite runaway at a known crack house in the late ’80s.

He said, the girl, clinging to life, whispered to him, ‘Help me.’ Those two words changed his life forever. He rescued the runaway and helped the prosecutors lock away the men responsible, including his brother. His family turned their backs on Briggs for his actions.

The judge in the case was so impressed with Briggs that he helped him find a new home. As a teen, he moved to Canada and flourished in his new high school. He later returned to Detroit, worked for the Detroit Lions and See KENNETH BRIGGS on 10A
**Wacky world of words**

Like most people, I see and read lots of words every day on computer screens, in newspapers, on TV, signs, menus, billboards, semis, bumper stickers, bills, commercial vehicles — pretty much everywhere you look you will see words.

Most of the words I see affect me in differing ways. Some, like ‘willowy,’ are pleasant and conjure up a vision of a graceful, long-legged colt. Some, like ‘bloat,’ are disgusting and remind me of painful episodes of … um, intestinal distress.

Some, like ‘burp, cuckoo, croak, hip-cup, meow, ping-pong, zip’ and ‘szazzle’ sound exactly like the event or activity they describe. Some, like ‘bimonthly,’ are ambiguous as to their meaning (twice a month or every other month — hmmm)?

Some words are virtually unknown, like ‘sororal,’ which is the opposite of fraternal, or ‘cloward,’ the term for a group of cats.

Other words are notable for odd reasons — such as words that exist only in plural form, like ‘binoculars, for-ceps, gallows, glasses, pliers, scissors, shears, tongs etc.’

Some words are unique, such as ‘dreamt,’ which is the only English word to end in ‘nt.’

There are a few words that I simply cannot tolerate, and so, avoid them whenever possible. A perfect example of a word that should be replaced because nearly everyone is disgusted by it is ‘crotch.’ And the names of the parts that generally exist in each human’s um, crotch is just as bad. That whole collection is titled oddly enough without labeling the aggregate as ‘crotch.’ I am proud to say that I have never uttered the word ‘crotch’ in public — not even in reference to a tree.

Another disgusting word is ‘bulbous.’ Many people (me not among them), think that bulbous is a noun. Example: ‘I expect to inform you Mr. Childs that you have a large stage three, phlegmatic bulbous attached to your sacropagus, which will now have to be removed — the bulbous, not the sacropagus.

Truth be told, bulbous is an adjectival example: ‘The enormous pores in Gramba’s bulbous nose could hold enough mustard to supply a New York City deli for a month.’

I don’t mind ‘bulb.’ I can tolerate the versatile and handy ‘ous.’ It’s only when you couple them that the result resembles the genetically-unefortunate child of two beautiful parents who each inexpressably (one of my favorite words) provided their worst physical features and traits to their butt-ugly spawn. But, I digress. Another awful word is ‘jowls.’

**YES CONTRIBUTOR.** I agree with you, Medicare or any other government money should not pay for Viagra. But, I do know that pregnancy is preventable.

**GAS PRICES ARE NOT** set by the gas station. I own one, and most of the time we lose money on gas. As far as the tanker not delivering gas and prices going up, that is because we follow the market and what it would cost us, per gallon to replace it. You wouldn’t like it if gas dropped 20 cents and I stayed high, would you. Trust me, most of the time we lose.

**THE CITY OF Fenton is looking to build a new library. Why not buy the old Farmer Jack building on Silver Parkway? It sure is big enough. It seems like it would be a lot cheaper to buy an existing building than to build a new one. Is this too much common sense?**

**If I Were King, all body parts would be royally sized (i.e., the one syllable. If ‘brain’ and ‘heart’ can be one syllable, so can any other part. And what the hell is a dwlap? Never mind. I don’t want to know. And that’s my final word.**

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**What are your thoughts about the housing market?**

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**IT SEEMS TO me, most of the people who are too lazy to walk their shopping carts a few feet to the cart corral are the same ones who will block the road waiting for someone to pull out three spaces ahead of an open parking spot. Most of them look like they could use a little exercise as well. See HOT LINE throughout Times.**

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**Forサービス**
Organizers losing hope for Linden Summer Happening

By Sharon Stone
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Linden — Unless there is a major turn of events, it appears that the Linden Summer Happening will become a thing of the past.

Tim Murphy, chairperson of the three-day festival, which has been taking place for 37 years, said the event is likely off, unless they are able to move it to Linden County Park on Byram Lake.

Traditionally, the festival has been held in downtown Linden; however, the VFW board no longer gave permission to have the entertainment tent on its property. Murphy suggested the tent be relocated to the public parking lot behind Down the Hatch, but acknowledged that this area was not ideal.

Murphy submitted a request to hold the festival at the county park in Fenton Township to the Genesee County Parks board; however, the park board denied that request. One of the reasons was that the park does not allow alcohol on the premises.

As an alternative, the county parks board suggested the Linden Summer Happening be relocated to the E.A. Cummings Center in Mt. Morris, if they could make arrangements to hold it in downtown Linden. The park in Mt. Morris has been granted alcohol variances in the past.

Murphy said he and the Linden Summer Happening board have a goal of holding the festival at the county park along Linden Road. He said it’s grown so much over the years, that more space, and parking was needed.

See HAPPENING on 7A

Anti-drug workshop well attended despite weather

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A string of drug-related deaths has apparently awakened a sleeping giant in the Fenton area. Despite inclement weather, more than 60 people attended an anti-drug workshop Tuesday evening at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center.

The Community Parent, a growing group of community leaders, law enforcement, doctors, judges, counselors, parents, teachers and youth workers, started, and worked together in small groups. The expanding task force has one major mission, to provide the resources to educate everyone about the dangers of drugs.

Tony Brown, a founding member of this group, is a Fenton Township trustee, as well as parent in the Lake Fenton school district. He has been shocked by the overwhelming response of individuals wanting to help, as well as those coming forward asking for help.

Putting those seeking help with addiction, with the people offering help, has become the topic on everyone’s mind as the community tries to heal after three recent drug overdoses.

Brown acknowledges the biggest problem right now is that addicts, or their families, do not know who to call or where to go for help. He said they’d start calling places only to be directed to another agency.

The Community Parent is working on publishing a list or directory of available help in this area, as well as continuing its anti-drug presentations at area schools.

Next Community Parent Workshop
7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12
Fenton Township Hall
By Tim Jagielo
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As of Tuesday, the village of Holly has a permanent police chief, following the retirement of Rollie Gackstetter in December 2010. Prior to the regular village council meeting on Tuesday, the finance and the personnel committee approved the contract with Elena Danishevskaya. The council voted unanimously to approve her contract.

“Welcome chief, you’re now official,” said Council President Jeff Miller after the vote.

Danishevskaya’s first day will likely be April 4, or 11. She is leaving her post as police chief of Memphis, a smaller community in St. Clair County.

“The chief comes with the highest recommendations and credentials, so we’re very fortunate to have her on board here,” said Village Manager Jerry Walker.

Walker conducted an in-person background check in Memphis. “Every comment from every person spoken to had a positive recommendation,” he said. He even received a positive response from a server at a restaurant, and a strong response from a group of seniors eating there.

“They were pretty upset that we were in there trying to recruit their chief away,” said Walker.

Danishevskaya’s first three areas of focus will be working with the seniors and the youth of the community, and also grant writing.

“Both communities are very charming,” she said, adding that Holly is bigger than her last community, and that most communities have similar problems as well as goals.

“I’m very excited to start working here,” said Danishevskaya. “Everyone that I’ve met has just been tremendous.”

Danishevskaya’s three-year contract includes a $60,000 per year salary, and standard employee benefits.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

TO THE UNION guy who thinks the Democratic senators in Wisconsin should not be fired. Seriously, these people were elected to do a job and running away and hiding is not their job. You should be happy it passed. Fifteen hundred of your union buddies still have jobs, thanks to that bill passing. And there are just as many, if not more, petitions to recall those liberal (democratic) senators who ran away like little children.

TO ALL THE political pundits who whine and say Gov. Snyder is going down the wrong path to bring Michigan back to financial stability, if you are going to point out a problem, also provide an alternative solution. Haven’t heard one yet from the naysayers.

I WOULD LIKE the owners of the local gas stations to know that they are missing out on selling more gas by capping the amount you can charge at $75. I have been told that the credit card companies do this, but some gas stations I go to don’t have a limit, and I can completely fill up there. What gives?

PLEASE STOP COMPLAINING about police officers issuing tickets or stopping people for ‘stupid’ reasons. The law is the law, and it’s their job to enforce it, period. They can’t pick and choose which laws to enforce. If you think it’s a stupid law, then take it up with the lawmakers. Police officers do not make the laws.

FOR SOMEONE WHO is outing the benefits of IB you sure don’t know much about it. Investigate yourself, if you really believe that this program provides revenue for the district. Even the people from the ISO recognize that this program is not a revenue maker.

WHAT IS UP with police cruisers leaving the cars running in the police lot for more than an hour. Our tax dollars are going out the exhaust pipe.

THE DEMOCRATS IN Michigan are screaming that the emergency financial manager bill puts people in charge who are not elected, have over-reaching power and no accountability. Have they been sleeping? Obama czars are the same exact thing. Typical liberal, double standard at work.

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**Convertible Top Sliced**

At 9:20 a.m. on March 18, Fenton police were sent to the 500 block of First Street for a larceny from a vehicle complaint. Someone sliced the convertible top of a 2003 Chrysler Sebring and stole a 56-year-old woman’s debit card from the console. The bank has been notified and the account was closed.

**Illegal Entry**

At 2:45 p.m. on March 22, Fenton police were sent to an apartment on Read-out Drive to investigate an illegal entry complaint. The 25-year-old resident said a 25-year-old Tyrone Township man knocked on his door to speak with his estranged wife, who was inside the apartment. A struggle ensued between the two men and the resident picked up the younger man and threw him out of the apartment. The case has been submitted to the local prosecutor for arrest warrants.

**Louid Noise**

At 12:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 23, Fenton police were sent to an apartment off Torrey Road to investigate a loud noise and music complaint. Occupants of the apartment would not answer when police knocked on the door. Police recognized one of the men’s voices inside from past encounters and issued him a court appearance ticket for playing loud music by sliding the ticket under the door. Police are seeking an arrest warrant for another man inside the apartment. Management told police they would be addressing the loud noise issue.

**Libya**

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Van Lente believes that the international military response saved the city of Benghazi, where Gaddafi is probably staying. Qaddafi’s forces were encroaching on the outskirts of the city with heavy artillery. “Literally, if they hadn’t acted when they did, Benghazi would have paid a horrible price,” she said. “We’re incredibly grateful,” she said. “And, the people there are incredibly grateful.”

Information is tighter than ever from Ghatrani, and Van Lente is getting less information than she did before. “We haven’t been getting news that he wants us to have,” she said. Van Lente and her family are still following the news. They always, watching as bombs are dropped on her husband’s home country. As far as her and her teenage sons, life is still going on. “We have no choice,” she said.

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**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

THE REPUBLICANS AND others want to eliminate federal funding of Planned Parenthood to save taxpayer money for more pressing issues. Nobody said anything about closing Planned Parenthood, we just want them to find their own funding. ***

IF YOU LIVE in Torrey Grove or Golf View subdivisions in Fenton Township, and thought you might have taken access, you may. It doesn’t hurt to ask. Stay informed. Knowledge is awesome. ***

FENTON CITY RESIDENTS, the village of Holly had a three-year increase of 2 mills to pay for their new state-of-the-art dispatch center. The city of Fenton has at least double the population. Maybe someone should start a committee to get a millage passed, say, three years, or a 1-mill increase. It would be worth it. ***

I JUST LEARNED today that 35 percent of all families’ income today is handouts, unemployment, welfare, disabilities etc. Now I know what President Obama was campaigning on in 2008 when he said we must redistribute the wealth in this country. At this pace, he will reach it just before the 2012 election, which should ensure a reounding victory. His strategy is beyond reproach.

IF THE ELECTED treasurer of Rose Township is not able to perform the duties, then the board should ensure that the individual is put out of office and an election held. There are provisions in the law to do so. Elective jobs are not welfare, but positions that must be filled in order that the people’s business may be conducted. She should have resigned on her own. ***

I AGREE THAT teachers are one of the most influential people in our children’s lives. The problem comes in when the union allows incompetent teachers to stay on the job. That is what is wrong with unions. Tenure is what is wrong with the system. Change tenure and I will strongly support you.

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The next step, according to Murphy, is to ask the Genesee County Board of Commissioners to overturn the parks board’s decision. If that does not work, he said he’s been told to try contacting the Public Works in mid April.

Initially, Murphy was to present site plans along with to discuss noise issues and times of alcohol consumption in the entertainment tent with the Linden City Council on Monday. He said it was unfortunate that a few noise complaints have had such an affect on the festival. Murphy notified the city that he would not be attending the meeting.
Support group will help families of addicts

> Father of addict sets up meetings in Fenton

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There are many families in the tri-county area dealing with addictions, be it drugs or alcohol. Jeff said physicians are quick to prescribe Vicodin for the pain. Because the medicine is so expensive, the person might try heroin or other illegal substances as a cheaper replacement.

Approximately 10 percent of the population is predisposed to addiction, Jeff said. He added that after a few times, those in the 10-percent category will realize they react differently to the substance than the other 90 percent of the population.

“The group is about the families,” Jeff said. Families attending the support group will soon learn the three Cs — they didn’t cause the addiction, they can’t cure the addiction and they can’t control the addiction. “As parents group what’s going on, it relieves the shame.”

Jeff said, “When the phone rings, your heart stops. This is how families live.”

One important thing Jeff has learned through all of this is that, as a family and community member, they need to stop the addict from wanting the drug.

UNEMPLOYMENT
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HB4408 handles a few different functions. It continues extended unemployment benefits, and also attempts to reduce fraud in the Michigan Unemployment Insurance Agency (MUIA) system by claimants.

The bill also reduces, by six weeks, the regular Michigan unemployment insurance effective Janu- ary 2012. Instead of 26 weeks, 20 can be claimed. This change drew ire from democrats like Senator John Gleason from Flushing.

“I think it’s absolutely disgusting,” Gleason said. “We’ve had a minimum of 26 weeks since World War II. We always thought it was important to give working men and women a nominal amount of unemployment insurance.”

Gleason agreed with extending unemployment benefits. To accomplish this, the Michigan legislature had to bring the state in-line with federal requirements for unemployment. Michigan’s unemployment claims had dropped below the federal requirement allowing extended federal unemployment insurance as of March 13.

Normally, the federal government looks to the last two years to decide if a state qualifies for extended benefits. Michigan’s claims for the last two years dropped below the line for federal aid. Essentially, the law changes the years that Michigan is rated by, to continue to receive aid.

Those people who would have had unemployment benefits will continue to receive benefits, said MUIA spokesperson Melanie Brown.

If the law had not passed, many would have seen their last checks arrive in April, and new claims could not have been made.

The bill requires the MUIA to buy software to prevent fraud in the unemployment system. “Frankly, the agency has to implement whatever is signed into law, obviously the software is new,” said Brown, who couldn’t comment on how the software would work.

Rep. Brad Jacobson (R) from Oxford is touting $300 million in savings to Michigan employers. “Rooting out fraud in the system will ensure that unemployment benefits only get to those truly in need,” he said in a news release.

The bill also provides for stiffer penalties for unemployment insurance fraud.
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Powerful anti-drug program hits home

Tears they wanted, tears they got. Except for sniffles and a few students making an abrupt exit, those attending a drug program set up the Community Parent and Genesee County Sheriff’s Department could have heard a pin drop as a heart-wrenching 911 tape was played.

See complete story at www.tctimes.com

Fenton schools mulls $1.7 million in cuts

Fenton Area Public Schools’ Board of Education discussed ways to address a funding shortfall by cutting a possible $1,758,328, for 2011-12. Ideas being considered include moving sixth graders from AGS Middle School’s Ellen Street Campus to Donaldson Drive and increasing class size.

See complete story at www.tctimes.com
KENNETH BRIGGS  
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studied psychology at Oakland University. He was known as a budding leader of black students. Briggs was later presented with the keys to Pontiac.

“Things come full circle,” said Briggs. He spoke of his mentor at Oakland University, who was a Kent State University alumnus. His mentor witnessed the horrifying Kent State shootings, which compelled him to help others.

Briggs is now a mentor himself, counseling at community programs and rehabilitation centers.

Knowledgeable of how drug users obtain their drugs, Briggs said oftentimes users would utilize the well-known $60 busline to Gratiot for heroin or they’d use US 23 to Flint or I-75 to John R. “If they go to Flint, John R or 560, start to worry,” he said.

Briggs also said there is a direct link from prescription drug use to heroin. “We have ignored it and it’s come full circle. Now there’s an epidemic in suburbia.”

He is certain that the drug problem cannot be stopped, but parents must learn their children’s fingerprints. Where he grew up, drugs, violence, death and non-educated people were the norm. “To have nothing was part of the environment,” he said.

“The judge said me something better.”

“That’s why I mentor. “Don’t turn a blind eye.”

On a past Oprah television show, Briggs was reunited with the runaway girl he saved years ago. Though it was the most brutal rape in Oakland County’s history, a couple of the men convicted were released from prison. Once out, they moved to Flint and murdered two people, according to Briggs.

He urges adults to teach kids right from wrong, as well as living by those guidelines themselves.

Embracing his role in life, Briggs said, “I support mentoring. These are going to be our leaders.”

GROWTH  
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City Manager Christopher Wren said the census data revealed growth in southern Genesee County and substantial growth in Linden. Wren, the mayor and council members give credit to new developments, great public schools and great public safety.

“It’s a great place to raise a family,” said Wren. Many want to be part of a small town to raise their family.

While the city saw substantial growth, Wren said there is room for more growth. Residential developments, such as Saddlebrook Farms, Forest Ridge and Chestnut Grove are not yet complete.

Wren said it was nice hearing some good news for a change, especially as the city continues to make cuts to balance its budget.

Le Leche League of Fenton

Offers mother-to-mother support
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The meeting dates for 2011 are on the second Monday of each month from 10-11:30 am and 7-8:30 pm.

The meetings are located at: Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church 10235 White Lake Rd., Fenton, MI

CUT THE LINK

One way to stop the link from prescription medication to heroin is for parents to lock up their prescriptions and to discard and/or destroy any unused medications. Kenneth Briggs said the reason so many turn to heroin is because it is much cheaper than prescription painkillers. “It’s way more deadlier and potent,” he said.

Top 5 populated states

(Source: 2010 Census)

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ONLINE
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STORY: CLOSE MIDDLE SCHOOL
“\nWe approved bond money to remodel Sherman Middle School. This is a complete waste of taxpayers' money. If you really have to close a school, close the school that should have been closed over 15 years ago, Karl Richter Campus. If the school board votes to close Sherman, then we should recall all of them for wasting our money.”
— Debra

HOT LINE: FAIR SHARE OF TAXES
“\nTo the senior citizen who pays taxes, when your kids were in school did other citizens without kids help pay for yours? Yes, they did. No one wants to give up anything, but they all want the benefits.”
— Lor

STORY: ANTI-DRUG PROGRAM
“I know many parents don’t believe in the ‘scared straight’ mentality, but this seemed to be an effective event to spread the message about the dangers of drugs. Myteensavers treats a lot of teens, and those users say that parents do not enforce the anti-drinking, anti-drug message.”
— Myteensavers

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THREE RECENT SALES
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Knobhill Drive
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Sold for $295,000

Island Shore
Fenton Township
Waterfront on Lake Fenton
Sold for $330,000

Lobdell Road
Argentine Township
Waterfront on Lobdell Lake
Asking – $569,000

Silver Shore Drive
Fenton Township
Waterfront on Silver Lake
Asking – $349,900

Realtor
Patrik Welty

THREE RECENT SALES
South West Street
Neighborhood Stabilization Program sale for the city of Fenton.
Sold - $75,500

Denton Hill Road
Brick ranch. Partially finished basement, above ground pool.
Sold - $145,000

Alison Lane
Highland, Oakland County
Waterfront home
Sold - $267,000

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South Adelaide Street
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Asking - $109,900

Torrey Road
Waterfront home on Lake Fenton
Three bedroom.
Asking - $189,000

ECONOMY
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Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, expects an uneven recovery.
“Housing affordability conditions have been at record levels and the economy has been improving, but home sales are being constrained by the twin problems of unnecessarily tight credit, and a measurable level of contract cancellations from some appraisals not supporting prices negotiated between buyers and sellers,” Yun said. “This tug and pull is causing a gradual but uneven recovery.”

How does the national trend compare with sales locally? Are there good deals out there and what does it take to buy a house today?

John Wentworth of Re/Max Platinum said, “I’ve been busier than heck right now. I’ve been swamped. It’s been great.”

In contrast to the national trends, Wentworth said last year was his best. He expects this year to be even better. “The activity is out there. Real estate is what you make of it.”

People shopping for homes expect to get a better deal on waterfront homes. Wentworth believes there is nostalgia of living on the water, which will always be a draw to buyers. Although lakefront prices have past have been inflated, buyers in the market now can expect to get more home for their money.

“I’ve sold 11 waterfront homes in 2011,” said Wentworth. “But, (home) values are not what they used to be.”

Wentworth believes the declining home values have hit a plateau. “That’s better than dropping. The confidence is coming back.”

Patrik Welty of Legacy Realty Professionals says it’s very difficult to compare specific regions with national trends. When he compiles his weekly statistics for his associates, he bases them on this immediate area only.

Though activity is high, Welty and his clients see challenges with financing, appraisals and a restrictive inventory. He said when a good deal comes along, there are usually multiple buyers bidding on that property. “Only one (buyer) can win,” he said.

As for financing, Welty said lenders are very tight with credit. Issues with the property, such as the buyer’s credit history could prompt the lender to walk away from the deal. Lenders rely on appraisals to help them determine the amount they can lend on a loan.

Welty said he will be closing soon on a property in Brighton. The beautiful waterfront home, with extensive landscaping would have appraised at $450,000 in the past, but recently, it appraised for $275,000. The lender rejected that appraisal and another one came in at $267,000.

This lower appraisal is making it challenging for the buyer and seller since lenders will not approve a loan for an amount higher than what the property was appraised, according to Welty. “Every stage of the sale has more challenges to it,” he said.

“Buyers and sellers need to be prepared and just go into it with their eyes open.”

Welty added that real estate in the Lake Area, Fenton and Linden school districts has been “amazingly” stable. The average price of a home (waterfront and non-waterfront combined) is $120,000. In 2004, the average price would have been in the $200,000 range. In the last six months, buyers have paid an average of $70 per square foot.

What it takes to get into a home...
• There are still 50-down Rural Development government-backed loans. These loans can be used to purchase or refinance, are USDA insured, are not just for farmers and are 100-percent financing eligible. www.usdahomemortgages.com
• FHA loans are available with 3 percent down.
• Conventional loans require 10 percent down.
• Buyers need income.
• Lenders will help buyers figure out their debt to income ratio.
• The majority of buyers choose 30-year conventional loans. Although the rates fluctuate daily, buyers now could see an interest rate as low as 4.5 percent on a 30-year loan.
• Buyers need to be aware of their credit score and clear up any inaccuracies, which could negatively affect their buying power.
• Consider pre-approval for a loan.

THREE RECENT SALES
(Left) Steve Bose, of Clarkston, looks at a summer cottage on Lake Fenton on Wednesday with the help of Realtor John Wentworth, of Re/Max Platinum. Bose has other properties and is looking for property to use during the summer.

The number of transactions has increased about 10 percent, said Welty. In the last six months his office sold 400 homes in the three school districts, compared with 359 during the same time last year.

“Over the last year, things have stabilized on a gradual improvement, Welty said. “It’s an awesome time to purchase real estate.”

Facts and figures
• All-cash sales were a record 33 percent in February, up from 27 percent in February 2010.
• Existing-home sales in the Midwest dropped 12.2 percent in February, to a level of 1 million and are 9 percent lower than a year ago.
• The median price in the Midwest was $122,000, which is 5.4 percent below February 2010.
• The national median existing-home price was $156,100 in February, which is 5.2 percent below February 2010.

Source: National Association of Realtors

FENTON AREA SINGLES
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON
PUBLIC NOTICE OF
PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

At their meeting of March 21, 2011 the Fenton Township Board conducted the first reading of the following proposed ordinances:

1. A proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to revise the design standards for landscape contractors to permit onsite sale of landscaping material.
2. A proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to establish a definition for Doggie Day Care and to designate it as a use permitted by special use permit in the C-2, C-3 and M-2 zoning districts.
3. A proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to revise the definition for Front Lot Line.
4. A proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to create a definition for Recreational Vehicle and to establish provisions and standards for the parking of recreational vehicles on vacant commercial property.
5. A proposed amendment to the Sign Regulation Ordinance to revise provisions regarding home occupation signs and digital signs.

The second reading for each of the proposed ordinances is scheduled for April 4, 2011.

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

ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF A REGULAR PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2011 AT 7:00 PM BY THE FENTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION AT THE FENTON TOWNSHIP CIVIC-COMMUNITY CENTER, 12060 MANTAWAUKA. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

PUBLIC HEARINGS
SUP11-001 Adopt-a-Pet, 13575 Fenton Rd.: Requesting to amend their Special Use Permit to be open on Saturdays. Parcel 06-13-300-001.

YOUR OPINIONS MAY BE EXPRESSED VERBALLY AT THIS HEARING OR IN WRITING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION PRIOR TO THIS HEARING. THE PLANNING COMMITTEE ENCOURAGES YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS MATTER.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, to the residents and property owners of land within the Williams Drive Road Maintenance Assessment District #008 (all properties adjacent to Williams Drive, Rose Township, Oakland County, Michigan) and any other interested persons that the supervisor and assessing officer of the township has reported to the township board and filed in the office of the township clerk for public examination, a special assessment roll prepared by him covering all properties within the proposed Williams Drive Road Maintenance Assessment District #008. Said assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the costs of road maintenance within the district which assessment is in the total amount of $4,515.68 for the first year and $3,914.00 for each subsequent year. The term of the Williams Drive Road Maintenance Assessment District #008 is five years.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the assessing officer has further reported that the assessment against each parcel of land within said district is an amount that is the relative portion of the whole sum to be levied equally against each parcel of land in the S.A.D. as the benefit to the parcel of land bears to the total benefit to all parcels of land in the S.A.D.

NOTICE IS FURTHER NOTICE, that the township board will meet at the Rose Township Hall, 204 Franklin Street, Holly, Michigan on Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at 7:30 P.M. for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto. Said roll may be examined at the office of the township clerk during regular business hours of regular business days until the time of said hearing and may further be examined at said hearing. Appearance and protest at the hearing held to confirm the special assessment roll is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

An owner, or party in interest, or his or her agent may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. The owner or any person having an interest in the real estate of any person in the township may appear in writing at the hearing to file a written appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll.

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Notice of Public Hearing on the Special Assessment Roll for Maintenance of Williams Drive, Rose Township, Oakland County, Michigan
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP

The Argentine Township Planning Commission has prepared draft text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance regarding modifications and updates of the following sections:

- AG, R-1, and R-2 – Flight to Farm update
- AG, R-1, R-2, RM, C-1, and C-2 State Licensed Facilities update
- AG, R-1, R-2, C-1, C-2, M-2-addition of special uses
- Planned Unit Development regulations
- Wind Energy Conversion Systems
- Outdoor Wood Burning Boilers
- Home Occupation regulations
- Duties of Building Official
- Special Use Permits and regulation
- Site Plan Review regulations
- Conditional Zoning regulations
- Public Hearing procedure
- Other amendments

The proposed text amendments will be considered at a public hearing conducted by the Planning Commission on April 14, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Argentine Township Hall, located at 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden, Michigan, 48451. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public input on the proposed changes. The complete text of the draft amendments can be reviewed at the Township Hall during normal business hours.

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MUSIC
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“There is truly nothing like it,” she said. “I get to see them learn together, play together, laugh together, dance together and develop a bond that will forever be solidified through that shared musical experience, not to mention that I know for a fact that these musical experiences are providing the children with a very strong foundation for future learning in all areas.”

But, it’s not just children who reap all the benefits from music. Jenny Clapp, 34, of Fenton, who just a few weeks ago joined the Fenton Community Orchestra to play her clarinet, said that as a child, learning an instrument “makes you smarter.” You have to be organized with your time, and you have to learn the discipline of practice, she added.

Jennifer Fleck, 41, of Fenton, co-founded the Fenton Community Orchestra along with Lisa Bayer of A Joyful Noise Music Studio. “Being part of an orchestra has taught me many things about being a member of a group,” she said. “As a young person, it opened a lot of doors for me for college experiences, too. I was able to find a group of people I enjoyed being with. It helped me make a much more well-rounded person.”

For students who are studying music at a young age, these are some of the benefits they’ll likely experience.

Physical development
Gross motor skills are developed through dancing and other movement activities. Fine motor skills are enhanced through playing instruments and doing finger plays to music.

Cognitive development
Doing any musical activity stimulates the brain in many areas, which improves cognitive functioning.

Social development
Music is a very social activity, whether it is singing in a group, performing in an ensemble or dancing in a group. Music helps people develop relationships and learn to relate better to others.

Emotional development
Performing music or just experiencing music with others makes people feel good and raises self-esteem.

Language development
Music helps to develop listening skills, which, in turn, improves language.

Music is also a “universal language.” All over the world, parents bond with their babies through musical sounds and rhythmic movement, according to Kindermusik. They rock and swing their children, put them to sleep with lullabies, make them laugh with nursery rhymes. Parents know instinctively what scientists have now proven — young children thrive on music.

Psychologists, neuroscientists, and experts in early childhood development have demonstrated that music does more for children than bring them joy. It helps their brain cells make the connections needed for virtually every kind of intelligence. And, of course, they develop a lifelong love of music, which enriches the lives of people of all ages.

“There are many, many studies about the benefits of music but the biggest benefits are the ones that you can’t calculate,” said Blanchard. “Music touches the soul and brings joy to the tiniest babies, the elderly and everyone in between. It brings us together and unites people across the nations.”

Benefits of music
• Gain the phonological processing, spoken language, and comprehension skills that are the foundation of reading.
• Build the spatial-temporal and reasoning skills required for math, science, and engineering.
• Develop social and emotional skills that are essential for school readiness — like the ability to regulate their responses and relate to others in complex ways.
• Improve their gross and fine motor skills, when playing simple musical instruments. Activities that encourage freedom within a fun and friendly structure spark their creativity.

Source: www.kindermusik.com

Anna Holmes, 3, of Fenton, uses sand blocks during a Kindermusik program at the Transfiguration Lutheran Church in Fenton with her dad, Scott.
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**Ferris State University has named the following students to the Academic Honors List for the semester ending December 2010:**

- **(Fenton)**
  - Anita Beaulieu
  - Rachel Holcomb
  - Darlene Mallory
  - Jessica Moniz
  - Carl Pearson
  - James Priestly
  - Britny Raser
  - Lindsey Selves
  - Bryan Berry
  - Polly Ladd
  - Nathan Whitney
  - (Holly) Courtnay Serra
  - (Linden) Corey Brecht
  - Angela Common
  - Chris Common
  - Lore Frasier
  - Danielle Regis

Grand Valley State University has named **Erika Peruski**, of Davisburg, to the Dean’s List for the fall semester of 2010.

**Baker College has announced that Sharon Jones Smith**, of Davisburg, has earned her master’s degree in business administration in December 2010.
SALONS

NOT JUST FOR WOMEN ANYMORE

By Sally Rummel
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Women, move over. That styling chair next to yours at your favorite hair salon might be taken up by a man.

Today’s men are getting more and more comfortable using salon services that used to be “for women only” — from manicures and pedicures to brow waxing and moisturizing skin treatments. Whether they want to look younger or hope to boost their professional image, men today are using the salon as a “fast track” for a clean-cut and well-groomed appearance.

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EARTHQUAKE SHIFTS EARTH
Japan’s 9.0 magnitude earthquake released so much energy that it shifted the position of the Earth’s axis by about 6.5 inches, according to estimates by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California. The massive quake, caused by the sudden slipping of one giant tectonic plate under another, moved Japan 12 feet closer to North America.

THE BOTTOM LINE
AMERICANS REDUCING DEBT
U.S. households have cut their debt burden to the lowest point in six years. At $13.4 trillion, total consumer debt including mortgages and credit cards, is equal to 116 percent of disposable income — well off the peak of 130 percent attained in 2007.

SPAT OF THE WEEK
BON JOVI VS. STEVE JOBS
Rock-and-Roll frontman Jon Bon Jovi griped that Apple CEO Steve Jobs wrecked music by creating iTunes. “Steve Jobs is personally responsible for killing the music business,” the Jersey boy wailed. Jobs, who is on medical leave, had no reply.

EX-CON DRIVER CAUSES GRISLY CRASH IN BRONX
Highway littered with body parts

The driver in a horrific predawn bus crash that killed 15 and left a Bronx highway littered with body parts had a long criminal record, including prison terms for forgery and manslaughter. He had also been arrested after ignoring tickets for speeding and driving without a license. Ophadell Williams, 40, who police believe fell asleep at the wheel, was a regular on the demanding route, a same-day turnaround that takes passengers to and from the Mohican Sun Casino in Connecticut. Returning to New York’s Chinatown on I-95, Williams lost control of the bus at about 5:30 a.m. It careened into a guardrail, tipped on its side, and skidded some 300 feet into a steel exit-sign stanchion. The bus roof was sheared off, and the sign pole sliced through the cabin at “passenger eye level,” said Capt. James Elson of the New York Fire Department. At least one rider was decapitated, and several lost limbs. Federal authorities are investigating, and New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo is looking into how he was able to “obtain and retain a commercial driver’s license.”

POLICE CAPTAIN REFUSES DUTY AT MOSQUE

A Tulsa police captain has been transferred within the department for refusing to assign subordinates to attend an evening at a local mosque. Capt. Paul Fields disobeyed Chief Daryl Webster’s order to send at least six officers and three supervisors to the Islamic Society of Tulsa’s law-enforcement Appreciation Day in March, saying that the order conflicted with his religious beliefs and violated his civil rights. Webster disagreed, saying attendance was part of the police department’s community-outreach efforts.

Ex-con driver causes grisly crash in Bronx

Emergency workers tend to bus crash survivors in New York City.
Tri-County Tigers tryouts slated for Sunday

Wonder how the Fenton varsity boys basketball program has been able to maintain its level of excellence in recent seasons? One of the reasons has to do with the Tri-County Tigers.

The Tri-County Tigers AAU program will be holding tryouts today at Fenton High School’s gym.

Last season, teams from the program qualified for the national meet, and had its 15U team win the first annual Tri-County Trophy Tournament held in Howell. They also won several other tournaments at various age levels.

The staff includes several people from the Fenton coaching staff, including varsity head coach Tim Olszewski. Other area coaches also mentor within the program.

Those wanting to compete for the 11-under and 12-under team have their tryout from 9:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. The 13U session is session is at 10:30 a.m., followed by the 14U practice at 12:30 p.m. The 15U tryout at 2:30 p.m. followed by the 16U and 17U teams at 3:30 p.m. Please 30 minutes before your tryout session begins. The fee is $15. Participants may tryout for more than one age bracket at no extra cost.

For more information, go to www.tricountytigersaau.com.
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**Look Who’s Talking**

By Sharon Stone • Tri-County Times Staff Reporter

**Audriana Buchanan**

My parents are: Carson and Patti Buchanan.

OK, you’re the school principal. What’s the first change you would make? iPods would be allowed at lunch.

If you could have one superpower, what would it be, and why? Since I’m so busy, I’d like to be able to snap my fingers and travel to anywhere I want, like teleport.

What is your earliest memory? When I was 2, I fell down the stairs and broke my arm. My grandma was babysitting at the time and she didn’t tell my mom, right away.

I always: Try to be optimistic.

I never: judge.

Is there an event in your life for which you would like a “do-over”? No. I’ve learned from it all. Everything’s given me a lesson and made me who I am.

If you could ask the president one question, what would it be? I’d ask him, “When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?”

If you could travel back in time to witness one event, what would it be? The civil rights movement. I would stand up and try to fight segregation.

If you could make one rule, everyone had to follow, what would it be? Smile, always smile. It’s a proven fact that it will raise your mood.

What physical or mental attribute, if any, would you change about yourself? Sometimes I need to put myself first. I sometimes let myself suffer.

If you had to walk through downtown all day wearing a sign, what would it say? Don’t worry, be happy.

What is an upcoming event you are looking forward to? Prom, I’ve been working my butt off on that. The junior class puts the junior/senior prom on. I’m also looking forward to my birthday.

My most valued possession are: my pictures.

My children will never be allowed to: iPods would be allowed at lunch.

Front row seats and backstage passes. Who are you seeing? Train, hands down. They’re so good.

The best day of my life so far was: Homecoming week or my 16th birthday. I was on the homecoming court. For my birthday, my cousin put on a party at Buffalo Wild Wings and a scavenger hunt in Royal Oak.

My parting advice for a better world: Everyone deserves a second chance.

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**Student Body asked at Linden High School**

**How have you benefited from music education?**

**BRODIE LEWIS, SENIOR**

“The greatest part I’ve found is that it’s not only about self-fulfillment. I’ve also learned life lessons and discipline.”

**EMILY EICHER, JUNIOR**

“I’ve grown in my own creativeness. By knowing music you discover different ways of using it.”

**TAKOMA CURTIS, JUNIOR**

“I’m in concert band, wind ensemble. Jazz after school, marching band in the fall and a rock band out of school. I’m also in the drum corps. I’m very involved.”

**ERIN GRAHAM, SOPHOMORE**

“It’s a great atmosphere, like family. It’s a great skill that helps with other aspects. It helps with my math.”

**COLIN WESTPHAL, SENIOR**

“I have appreciation and an understanding of music. I’ve benefitted mostly by the friendships I’ve made along the way.”

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**what’s up for lunch**

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Little Kritters Soccer teaches sports skills, healthy habits

By Sally Rummel
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Even if your young child doesn’t know much about playing soccer, he or she will benefit from a unique educational fitness program that uses the sport as a basis for learning about healthy living.

Locally, Little Kritters Soccer’s spring program for children ages 2 to 6 begins Saturday, April 16 in several nearby locations, including Fenton/Linden, Grand Blanc and Swartz Creek. Another affiliated program, Junior Kritters for children ages 5 to 8, will kick-off in September.

The power of this program is evident by the endorsement of Little Kritters’ parent company, Midwest Soccer Academy (MSA), by the Walt Disney Company. Disney will partner with MSA, founded by Tony Shard of Fenton, in their first Disney Soccer Academy this summer at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando.

“We use soccer as a way to relate to young children in teaching them healthy habits that will last a lifetime,” said Staci and Rick Miracle, of Linden, a brother-sister coaching duo who have been hand-selected by Shard to serve as MSA national directors of coaching. These local siblings share their love of soccer with their interest in healthy nutrition, oral hygiene and early childhood education.

In Little Kritters Soccer, the young participants are grouped together by age and gender in a one-hour program that will help them remember different skills they learn with a soccer ball, so they can build upon their soccer knowledge each week. Most importantly, they learn other life skills, too.

Called the 20/20/20 Program, this weekly one-hour Saturday session will include 20 minutes of skill instruction and reinforcement, followed by 20 minutes of games developed using these skills and ending with 20 minutes of a scrimmage as an introduction to the sport.

“Our main goal in presenting this soccer education program to young children is the foundation it builds for healthy living, in fighting childhood obesity, which now affects more than 30 percent of children in the United States,” said Staci.

The Little Kritters Soccer 20/20/20 Program is an extension of the current Little Kritters program now offered at schools, daycare facilities and preschools across the country — with between 5,000 and 7,000 young participants.

“This is our first local program offered to families in the general public,” said Rick. The six-week Saturday programs will be offered at following times: Fenton/Linden at Linden High School at 9 a.m., Grand Blanc at Genesee Fieldhouse at 9 a.m. and Swartz Creek at Mary Crapo Bldg. at 11 a.m.

To register your child or for more information, call (810) 714-5575 or go to www.littlekrittersoccer.com.
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Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriums


Margaret Kathleen Kelley
1914-2011
Margaret Kathleen Kelley - age 96, of Fenton, died March 24, 2011. Services held 11 AM Saturday, March 26, 2011 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery. Visitation was held 5-8 PM Friday. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to Genesys Hospice. Marge was born August 11, 1914 in Linden, the daughter of Frank and Mary Johnson. She was a 1931 graduate of Fenton High School. Marge married Lee E. Kelley on April 18, 1936; he preceded her in death on March 1, 1981. Mrs. Kelley owned and operated Kelley’s Ice Cream Parlor in the 1940’s and 1950’s. She also owned Kelley’s Virginia Bar until 1963. Surviving are: son, Jon C. and wife Jodi Kelley of Clayton; five great-great grandchildren; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. Tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Carroll Johnson, Carroll Johnson - age 61, died March 21, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Eleanor Swyers, Eleanor Swyers - age 85, died March 21, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Janis Alex, Janis Alex - age 51, died March 19, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Andy Parra, Andy Parra - died March 23, 2011. Services to be provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Garth Frost, Garth Frost - age 82, died March 24, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Robert Bloss, Robert Bloss - age 80, died March 24, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Patricia Frantom, Patricia Frantom - age 68, died March 24, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Bradley S. Ellis
1969-2011
Bradley S. Ellis - age 41, of North Carolina, formerly of Fenton, died March 17, 2011. He was born April 9, 1969 in Bay City. He was a 1987 graduate of Fenton High School. He married Allison Walrath of Lake Fenton in 1999 and also moved to North Carolina in 1999. He was a member of The Church of Clayton Crossings and was also active as a bible school teacher and his boys youth programs in sports. He is survived by: wife, Allison of Clayton; N.C.; same, Shane and Brady; father, Roger Jr. and Sandy of Midland; brothers, Roger III and Lisa of Fenton, Steve of Fenton; nieces, Megyn and Kristy of Fenton, Madeline of Linden; nephew, Tyler of Linden. He was preceded in death by his mother, Betty.

Marie Drago, Marie Drago - age 88, died March 22, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Mary Pool, Mary Pool - age 67, died March 21, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Maye Meakin, Maye Meakin - age 102, died March 18, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Roger Scott, Roger Scott - age 64, died March 24, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Sotir “Rocky” Dimitry, Sotir “Rocky” Dimitry - age 74, died March 19, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes

Patricia Frantom, Patricia Frantom - age 68, died March 24, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

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Dating after 50

Seniors re-entering dating world after divorce or death

A growing number of people entering the world of dating are over the age of 50. While some things have changed since they did this the first time around, the rules of dating have largely remained the same.

During an episode of the popular sitcom, “Seinfeld,” George Costanza experiences extreme anxiety from the thought of his recently separated mother being “out there” in the dating world.

“I’m out there,” offers Estelle.

“No, you’re not! Because I’m out there, and I see you out there, there’s not enough voltage in the universe to electroshock me back into coherency,” George says.

However, the fact remains that many seniors are re-entering the dating world after divorces or the death of a spouse. Some eternal bachelors and bachelorettes may have never left.

For those about to re-enter the dating game in their senior years, these tips and tidbits may help make the process a bit easier.

• Use dating sites. For those shy about simply mingling in the singles’ social scene, online sites offer a measure of anonymity and can take away some of the pressure. Plus, they enable daters to pool from a wide array of potential mates. Dating sites also give those seeking mates a chance to learn a little about what makes the other person tick, which can be a good starting point for conversation when a date is eventually set.

• The numbers are favorable for men. Senior men entering the dating world have an easier time finding a potential date simply because there are more women than men in the senior age bracket. Women tend to live longer than men do, which widens the dating pool for men.

• Use tried and true tactics. Some of the same ways people landed a date in the past remain the best ways to land one now.

• Get a makeover. Now may be the time to explore new wardrobe options or experiment with a different haircut. Potential mates will likely want a date who looks put together and current. Although you shouldn’t judge a book by its cover, most people do.

• Realize it may take time. Finding the right match may take several dates and patience. Just because a person is now older doesn’t mean he or she has to be desperate and accept the first person who comes along. If there’s no chemistry, say so and move on. Once that special person is found, it will be worth the effort.

Many seniors are re-entering the dating scene through online dating web sites.
Child advocacy center to hold conference

► Faith based response to child abuse is highlighted

In honor of National Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Weiss Advocacy Center is sponsoring a Faith Based Response to Child Abuse Conference on Thursday, April 7, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Peace Presbyterian Church on Elms Road in Flint. The cost is $15 ($10 if registered before April 1) to cover materials and a light lunch.

“Each year, there are about 2,000 children in Genesee County who were confirmed victims of abuse or neglect,” said Jonquil Bertschi, executive director of the Weiss Advocacy Center. “Religious families are not immune from child abuse.

“This conference is open to anyone in the faith community who wants to improve the lives of their children.”

Highlights from this conference include presentations from the Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton, DHS Child Welfare Director Stacie Bowens, Clayton Township Police Chief Mike Powers and other professionals.

Conference topics include recognizing child abuse and neglect, parenting programs and support, “who is hurting our kids,” and policies and procedures to keep kids safe.

To find out more about the conference or to register, contact Jonquil at the Weiss Center, call (810) 238-3333 or e-mail jonquil@weissadvocacycenter.org. Registration is also available online at www.weissadvocacycenter.org/faith.

NOTICE
ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Please be notified that the Argentine Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a meeting on Monday, April 4, 2011, 7:00 p.m. at the Argentine Township Hall, 9048 Silver Lake Rd, to consider the following:

Gary Bacon owner & Charlene Benmark purchaser, 8377 Pineview Lk. Dr. is requesting a Special Use to operate a licensed daycare business from the home. Described as 01-26-552-019, Lot 26 Pineview Lake Estates #1.

A complete copy of this tax description may be viewed at the Township Office during regular office hours.

Denise Graves, Clerk
Argentine Township

ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

March 9, 2011

Supervisor Kalcec called the Regular Meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Rose Township Hall, 204 Franklin Street, Holly, Michigan and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Board Members Present: Kalcec, Miller, Gordon, Scheib-Snider
Board Members Absent: Slaughter
Approved: Agenda for the March 9, 2011 regular meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees with the addition of item H. Adoption of Parks and Recreation Plan Resolution.
Approved: Consent agenda with the meeting minutes of February 9, 2011 and February 23, 2011
Presentation: NOCFA Chief Lintz – Update on NOCFA Station #3 in Rose Township.
Approved: Hire a bookkeeper/administrative assistant, offer this position to Linda Kinn. position would report to Township Supervisor; Deputy Treasurer position would become part-time at same pay rate as Deputy Clerk.
Postponed: Award Contract for Removal of Various Items from Property.
Approved: Debbie Miller as the alternate representative to the HAYA Board.
Approved: Resolution for Rakowski Fireworks Display Permit.
Approved: Correction on the transfer of budgeted amounts to the building department.
Tabled: Proposed Township budget amendment resolution.
Approved: Exploration of Zoning Liability Coverage Limits for Regulatory Takings.
Rejected: Participation in Traffic Improvement Association Request for Payment.
Adopted: Parks and Recreation Plan.
Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Alison Kalcec, Supervisor
Debbie Miller, Clerk
NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF TYRONE TOWNSHIP LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 3, 2011

All electors are hereby given notice that an Election will be held in all voting precincts of Tyrone Township, Livingston County, Michigan, on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Electors of the Fenton and Linden School Districts will be voting for Board of Education Candidates and Mott Community College Board of Trustee Candidates. Electors of the Hartland School District will be voting for one Board of Education candidate position and for the following proposal:

HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS
OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL
EXEMPTING PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE
AND OTHER PROPERTY EXEMPTED BY LAW
18 MILLS FOR THE YEAR 2011

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of Hartland Consolidated Schools, 9525 Highland Road, Howell, Michigan 48843, telephone: (810) 626-2100.

Electors who wish to vote in the May School Election must be registered to vote no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, April 4, 2011.

To register, visit any Secretary of State Branch Office, the County Clerk’s Office, or the Tyrone Township Clerk’s Office. The Tyrone Township Clerk is available for the purpose of receiving registrations at the following location and times:

Tyrone Township Hall
10408 Center Road
Fenton, Michigan

Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Keith L. Kremer,
Tyrone Township Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON
BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS
MARCH 21, 2011

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday March 21, 2011 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantauwakia Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.

1. Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
2. Approved the agenda as presented.
4. Approved invoices & expenditures for payment in the total amount of $1,128,653.31.
5. Conducted the first reading of a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to revise the design standards for landscape contractors to permit onsite sale of landscaping material.
6. Conducted the first reading of a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to establish a definition for Doggie Day Care and to designate it as a use permitted by right.
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9. Approved the 2011 Dust Control Agreement with the Genesee County Road Commission.
10. Approved the extension of the provisions of the 2010-2011 Law Enforcement Services Agreement with the Genesee County Sheriff Department through December 31, 2011.
11. Approved a motion to support the request of the Silver-Mart Lake Association for goose population reduction measures.
12. Adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

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Freedom from guilt

A grandmother, tormented by feelings of guilt, wrote to a television minister asking whether she could be forgiven for an unnamed sin in her past. This woman of faith had lived an exemplary life and had raised her children on the principles of faith given in the Bible. Now, she was doing her best to pass this wonderful gift on to her grandchildren.

In spite of her efforts to do right by her family, however, this grandmother was severely struggling with guilt feelings prompted by something she had done many years earlier. This sin was, in her mind, not forgiven and its memory haunted her almost every day. At the time she wrote for help, she was considering telling her family the specifics of this break with her moral values, hoping this might finally bring relief.

The counselor assigned to answer this troubled woman sensed that disclosing the details of her past transgression to her family might severely damage her relationship with them. How could she lead her to freedom?

He reviewed the problem, considering the facts she had given to him. She was, without question, a woman of faith. She had confessed this sin to the Lord (probably hundreds of times). What more need she do to be forgiven?

Nothing, he concluded.

According to the Bible, sins that are confessed are immediately forgiven (1 John 1:9).

The counselor’s answer to this troubled woman was that since she had met the conditions of forgiveness, she must simply accept the promises that accompany them and be free.

The counselor was correct. Our feelings may deceive us and keep us in bondage. The truth about God’s free forgiveness can set us free, but we must personalize these Biblical promises through faith in order to experience the freedom they’re intended to bring.

Martin Luther said it well. “Feelings come and feelings go and feelings are deceiving. My warrant is the Word of God; Naught else is worth believing.

Luther had learned to simply accept God’s forgiveness by faith. And so must we, if we are to forgive. Perhaps you can identify with this troubled grandmother, who for so long had allowed her unnamed past failure to rob her of the peace she deserved because she had already asked for forgiveness.

How long will you keep on doubting God’s love and His guarantee of forgiveness?

Doubt your doubts and believe your beliefs. Relax in God’s love and be free.

Roger Campbell is an author, a columnist and broadcast meteorologist who was a pastor for 22 years. He can be reached at roger@rogercampbell.net.

SALONS

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themselves at a salon, especially with today’s larger cuts and more styled appearance. “They’re getting used to having their hair shampooed and the pampering that goes along with other services,” said Wynn. “Men enjoy the relaxation of a pedicure or manicure as much as women do—minus the polish.”

CC & Co. Salon in Fenton estimates that about 20 to 25 percent of their customers are men. For Bert Bossardet, 47, of Linden, it’s all about feeling the best you can about yourself. “I’m ‘ugly,’” he said, with a laugh. “I don’t need a bad hair cut on top of it—that’s really important to me, because I’m picky.”

He has been going to hairstylist Robyn Wells at CC’s for the last five years, and hasn’t had a bad haircut yet. “I love the fact that I can make appointments, rather than having to wait in line at a barber shop,” said Bossardet, a busy business owner and father of three. “There’s no down time for me. I’m a ‘guy on the fly.’”

He admits to having “a little help” covering up the gray once or twice a year, just for a bit of maintenance, he says, and feels very comfortable in a salon setting. “I don’t know about what other guys, but this definitely works for me,” he said.

Wells enjoys styling hair for men, just because is offers a different salon experience from her end of the chair. “All my clients talk, but men really want to know about what’s going on in my life, with my family. They’re all very chatty,” she said, with a smile. “Men also want to talk about golf, exercise and travel, and even though many women have these same hobbies, women want to talk more about ‘private stuff.’ It’s very different.

Wells also believes that one of the aspects of salon services that men like most is the shampoo, “Men love the shampoo and the scalp massage,” said Wells. “They love that extra step that they don’t get from a barber.”

Jenny Ross, is a stylist at J.D. Michel Salon in Fenton, sees more and more young men coming in, as well as men in their 40’s who are seeking a clean, well-manicured look.

“We provide a style to a cut that you can’t just get ‘anywhere,’” she said. “You get what you pay for.”

Many of her male customers get their eyebrows waxed and their backs waxed, and take advantage of the relaxation of a massage while they are at the salon.

“We can totally groom a man with a mustache trim, nose/ear hair trim, eyebrow trim, etc.,” said Ross. “Just like other salons, the only thing we can’t use is an open-ended razor. That’s just for barbers.”

Tai T. at The Retreat Salon & Skin Spa in Fenton, about a quarter of their customers are men, who take advantage of massages and hair-styling services, most of all. “We’ve also got a few male clients who come in for eyebrow waxing and coloring, plus back waxing, but massages are the most popular ‘extra’ service,” said Amy Green, administrative assistant at the salon.

For Kirk Johnson, 50, assistant manager at Panera Bread in Fenton, going to Allure Hair Company is all about following hairstylist Cheri Proffer. “I’ve been going to her for 20 years and I go where she goes,” he said.

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SKIN CARE
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Serendipity Day Spa Aesthetician Megan Starrs, a skin-care specialist, said it just takes three steps — cleansing, exfoliating, and moisturizing on a semi-regular basis, to have healthy skin.
“Just like women, it’s very important to use proper facial cleansers for their skin type,” said Starrs. She does not recommend using regular body wash or bar soap for the face. “Regular soap is way too drying,” she said.
Facial cleansers should be used for the right skin type. Serendipity Day Spa has its house brand, Povonia. Men with larger pores have oilier skin. Smaller pores indicate drier skin. “If you feel like you have a glow, use (a cleanser) that is for oily skin,” Starrs said. For men with acne, there are cleansers that contain benzoyl peroxide.
She also suggests cleansers with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15, for any time of the year. “The biggest mistake you can make is not protecting it from the sun,” Starrs said. “You can still get sunburned in the winter.”
The right cleanser will properly clean the skin without drying, or leaving it too moist, and also provide UV protection. Use the cleanser every time you wash your face. Exfoliating is the process of removing dead skin, which keeps the pores open, skin soft, and prevents acne breakouts. Exfoliates can come in the form of an abrasive pad, or a cream with granules, or even regular cane sugar. “Some salt scrubs that you would use on your body are way too rough for your face,” said Starrs.
Exfoliating only needs to be done once per week, but skin should be moisturized at least once per day.
Starrs said to cleanse first, exfoliate one to two times per week, and moisturize at least once per day. “You’ll be able to tell by the feel of it,” she said. Skin shouldn’t feel dry, tight, or oily. She recommends going to a spa once per month for a deep exfoliating cleanse, and just to relax.
Mary Kay Cosmetics learned that men were also interested in healthy youthful skin. The company discovered that many men were actually using their wives’ beauty products. “So, Mary Kay Cosmetics decided to package their own line of products for men,” said Mary Kay Sales Director Bonnie Leyder, of Fenton. “There’s no age limit on the popularity of these products, and you may be surprised to learn that some of our consultants in Genesee County actually host men’s skin care parties, just like we do for women.”
Rivette leads All Tri-County Girls team once again

By Al Zipsie
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For the second straight year, Fenton’s Gabrielle Rivette is the Tri-County Girls Basketball Player of the Year.

It shouldn’t be a shock. When the First-Team All-Metro League squad was released recently, she became only the second four-time member.

Who was the first? Of course, her sister, Christina.

And that shouldn’t come as much of a shock, either. When it comes to Fenton varsity girls basketball, the Rivette name seemingly has always been around.

Before Gabrielle, there was her older sister, Christina, and before her, oldest sister, Ali. Among them, the sister trio has had 11 years varsity experience with Fenton coach Brad DeWitt, and has scored more than 3,000 points combined. It does lead to some interesting family conversations.

“We do joke about each other’s records,” Gabrielle said. “It’s all in fun and nobody has gotten mad.”

Gabrielle has her share of records. She’s the school’s all-time assist leader with 322, and ranks third in career points with 1,127. She’s only beheld, of course, by big sis Christina’s 1,439 and Dru Bishop’s 1,182. Gabrielle also ranks high in a couple of other categories. She’s fifth in career steals.

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Prep Athletes

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Spencer Quick - Lake Fenton basketball - You can see the soccer keeper in Quick when he plays basketball. He doesn’t mind contact, throwing his body in traffic wherever needed. He goes after loose balls and draws charges. He’s just an entertaining player no matter what sport you watch him play.

Ryan Hickoff - Fenton basketball - He’s the area’s top player, the player that the Metro fears more than any other, yet, by his demeanor you’d never realize it. In this era of the ego-filled superstar, it’s a pleasure to watch someone like Hickoff. Thankfully, we still have one more year to watch him and his brother.

Josh Fugate - Holly basketball - There was a period this season where Fugate was scoring 20 points in a game, and you almost didn’t realize it because nothing was forced. The only real player with great experience from Holly’s varsity team a year ago, Fugate was a great leader and a pleasure to watch this season.

Sean Canning - Lake Fenton basketball - There’s a lot of Lake Fenton basketball players on this list. Canning looks really unorthodox. He doesn’t look particularly fast or anything, but, when a game ends he has 20 points and has dished to teammates for another couple of buckets. He doesn’t look like he’d be that deadly, even after you see him play a few minutes. But he is.

Todd Melick - Lake Fenton wrestling - A wrestler put on this list for what he did at team state meet. Three pins against three teams at the state meet. Now that’s impressive.

And this year’s most entertaining winter athlete is... Ashley Xiong - Holly basketball - Anyone that’s followed these lists the last few years probably could’ve figured this one out. A lot of coaches will say this or that person is valuable to our team even if they don’t score a single point. With Xiong, it’s 100 percent true. Probably around five-feet tall, no one gets more out of her frame on the basketball court more than Xiong in the Tri-County area — boy or girl. She’s the epitome of why prep sports are so cool. She hustles, mixes it up with the big girls and is flat out the team’s heart and soul. If she leads the team to victory by scoring just three points during that night, that’s fine with her. I honestly think she’d rather have the three points and the win than even 55 points and a loss. It’s hard to envision Holly girls basketball without Xiong next season.

Rivette

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And all those numbers led to some great seasons. Fenton won league titles each of her three seasons and finished a combined 73-18 during her four seasons with the varsity team.

She also had the pleasure of starting her career with Christina, playing two seasons together. The combo was deadly, as Fenton finished the season with a 20-4 mark.

“Coming in as a freshman is tough any-
how, but I was lucky to have Christina on the team as a junior,” Gabrielle said. “She looked out for me and pushed me to improve. I always looked up to her, and to have her on the team that year helped a lot.”

But the last two seasons, Rivette has had to carry the family name herself, and has done quite well doing just that. She broke the coveted 1,000 point-mark for her career on Jan. 21 against Kearsley. She scored 20 points in that contest, with breaking the 1,000 barrier with her 12th point.

She ended up the third highest scorer in Fenton girls basketball history, and the sixth-highest in Metro League history.

She also helped another milestone happen during her 17-5 senior season. DeWitt became the winningest girls basketball coach in Metro League history.

Both Rivette and DeWitt were honored during a boys basketball game for their milestones and received the game balls with the date and record on it.

It was fitting, because Rivette gives much of her high school credit to DeWitt. She also credits her teammates.

“It’s exciting to win this award again,” Rivette said. “I could have not done it without my teammates and coach De- Witt.”

Next season will be the first in six that the Tigers won’t have a Rivette on the court. Minus a small gap between Ali and Gabrielle, the Tigers have had nine sea-sons of Rivettes, combining for 10 First-Team All-Metro League selections.

“It is going to be unusual without hav- ing the name (Rivetto) in the lineup,” Fen- ton varsity coach Brad DeWitt said. “I was spoiled to be able to coach all of them. Coaching ‘Gabs’ was an honor. Maybe she could have scored more points. With

**What’s On Television?**

**SATURDAY**

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

ESPN ........... Women’s NCAA tourney Noon

CBSSN ......... Men’s NCAA Division 2 Final 1 p.m.

CBS .......... Women’s NCAA tourney 2 p.m.

CBS .......... Men’s NCAA Regional Final 4 p.m.

ESPNU .......... Women’s NCAA Regional Final 6:30 p.m.

ESPN .......... Women’s NCAA tourney 9 p.m.

ESPN .......... Women’s NCAA tourney 11:30 p.m.

**GOLF**

Golf Channel ... PGA: Arnold Palmer Invitational 12:30 p.m.

TNT .......... PGA: Arnold Palmer Invitational 2:30 p.m.

ESPN2 .......... LPGA: Kia Classic 6:30 p.m.

**HOCKEY**

(TSN) ........ Maple Leafs at Red Wings 7 p.m.

**PREP BASKETBALL**

(FS2) .......... MHSAA Class D Final 10 a.m.

(FS2) .......... MHSAA Class A Final Noon

(FS2) .......... MHSAA Class C Final 4 p.m.

**RACING**

(TSN) .......... Nationwide Series 5:30 p.m.

**SOCCER**

(TSN) .......... Wales vs. England 10 a.m.

(EFS2) .......... USA soccer friendly 7 p.m.

**BASEBALL**

(TBS) .......... Cubs at Rangers 4 p.m.

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