Sweet 16
(x4)

Nelson quadruplets celebrate milestone birthday

By Vera Hogan
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When Jeff and Kimberly Nelson of Argentine Township learned in early 1999 that they were expecting their second child in the fall, they thought it would be just that — one child.

What they were surprised to learn six weeks later was that Kim was pregnant with quadruplets. There was no in vitro fertilization involved.

“My blood count kept coming back way high,” said Kim.

It was shortly after that they knew their lives would change forever.

On Oct. 26, 1999, Kim gave birth to three girls and one boy. The girls are Karly, Kayla and Kylie. Alan is the only boy.

It took nearly an hour for them all to arrive. “Karly is 56 minutes older than Alan,” Kim said.

The quads joined older brother, Jeffrey, now 21, who attends school in Marquette to become a doctor.

Not counting the everyday expenses children rack up over the years, their mere arrival cost a total of $8.5 million, which was paid for through insurance and Medicaid, which Kim is grateful to have received. Kim works for the Linden Post Office.

All four were in the hospital for varying periods of time, with Kayla being the last to come home after nearly six months.

On Monday, Oct. 26, the quads, who are sophomores at Linden High School, celebrate their 16th birthday. Once they knew their family was going to expand dramatically, the Nelsons had some modifications to make.

“First we had to buy a van,” said Kim. “Then we had to finish our basement to accommodate four more beds.”

See QUADRUPLETS on 6B
Tri-county area offers limited public transportation

Lone taxi service and Your Ride only options

By Hannah Ball  hbali@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792

The Streetscape project in downtown Fenton will help the city thrive, but what happens when all the parking spaces are full?

The city will see a loss of nine spaces, but construction at the new Red Fox Outfitters building will add 50 municipal parking spaces when the lot is completed.

Walkability in a city is important, but so is public transportation, a service that’s lacking in the tri-county area. The only busses that run through the local area are the school busses. Taxis are rare, but available.

The public can use Your Ride, which provides transportation for Genesee County. According to the Mass Transportation Authority (MTA) of Flint, there are 11 Your Ride Service Centers, each working to serve the transportation needs of residents in the surrounding service area.

Regardless of where residents want to travel in Genesee County, the service center nearest their home will arrange the trip.

The Fenton Your Ride Center is located at 2100 Copper Ave. Those interested should call (810) 780-8965 to schedule a ride.

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A niche service

Sure Ride, a company that has been in business for 10 years, caters to a niche audience. They transport hearing impaired students to and from school for about six school districts, said Marty Airgood, president of the company.

Operating from Fenton at 663 Shoreview Court, they’re a good option if someone needs a ride to the airport. People can get rides to the Detroit Metro Airport or Bishop International Airport for upwards of $100, depending on the mileage.

Airgood said they prefer at least 24 hour’s notice and they accept all major credit cards. “We do offer wheelchair delivery help,” Airgood said.
12 HALLOWEEN MOVIES to watch before you trick-or-treat

From witches to zombies to murderers these Halloween classics have it all.

BY HANNAH BALL
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Source: seventeen.com

HOCUS POCUS (1993)

When three witches have to take the life of a child in order to obtain immortality, it scared little children everywhere when it first came out. The kids who resurrected the witches, who were hanged in Salem in the 17th century, do all they can to stop them.

HALLOWEENTOWN (1998)

Disney movies are a classic, and this tale of three siblings who aren’t allowed to participate in Halloween is always a fan favorite. They run away with their witch grandma to Halloweentown and meet werewolves, ghosts, and warlocks, and discover they aren’t exactly human.

CARRIE (1976), (2013)

Both the old and the new movie are worth watching. Stephen King’s first big novel-turned movie is about a telekinetic teenage girl who’s extremely sheltered by her overly religious mother. High school bullies push her too far by dumping animal blood on her head at prom, and she unleashes her powers on them.

THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS (1993)

This Disney movie doubles as a Halloween and Christmas movie, with Pumpkin King Jack Skellington wanting to spread the joy of Christmas because he gets bored at only scaring people. His plan to help Christmas by kidnapping Santa Claus and taking over the role himself becomes more than he can handle.

THE ADDAMS FAMILY (1991)

One of the most famous families in entertainment history loves the odd things about life and death, and doesn’t fit in the “normal” world. When the head of the family, Gomez Addams, suspects something is off with his newly returned brother, Fester, the Addams family proves how odd they really are.

THE CRAFT (1996)

What’s Halloween without witches? A telekinetic girl moves to Los Angeles and meets three wannabe witches. They have a coven and use their powers to make their lives better. The spells backfire and conflict rises in the group.

BEETLE JUICE (1988)

In this Tim Burton film, a recently deceased young couple become ghosts and haunt their old home. When a new couple moves in, the ghosts have Beetle Juice haunt the couple to scare them away permanently.

YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN (1974)

This hilarious comedy shows the grandson of the revered Dr. Frankenstein using an abnormal brain, instead of a genius brain, to create a monster. Like the original book by Mary Shelley, the monster falls in love with a woman and conflict ensues.

GHOSTBUSTERS (1984)

The classic supernatural comedy shows friends who become parapsychologists and make high-tech equipment to catch ghosts. After they successfully catch their first ghost, New York City becomes infested with paranormal activity and one ancient ghost might prove too much for them.

A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET (1984)

Several teenagers are stalked and killed in the slasher horror film. The killer, Freddy Krueger, kills them in their sleep and in reality. His face is burnt and he uses a gloved arm with razors to kill people. It becomes dangerous to fall asleep.

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Looking Back

In Local History

Compiled by Vera Hogan

5 YEARS

Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2010

VG’s breaks ground for gas station.
VG’s is beginning a new phase in its history in Fenton. A fuel and convenience center will be located in front of the Silver Parkway store. Construction is underway and expected to be completed in December.

10 YEARS

Sunday, Oct. 29, 2000

Mobile homeowners to be taxed.
Mobile homeowners were among the beneficiaries of a new assessment at the Fenton Village Council meeting last week addressing the taxation and exempt status of licensed mobile home parks. In accordance with a Michigan Tax Commission order, the township’s assessing department will be visiting all lots to determine if any permanent improvements have been made to the property that should be taxed.

20 YEARS

Sunday, Oct. 29, 1995

Council cuts village manager’s pay.
James Murphy is receiving mixed reviews for his performance as Holly’s village manager. In the eyes of some, he is a below average manager. In the eyes of others, he is a political scapegoat. By a 4-3 vote, the Holly Village Council cut Murphy’s pay by more than $5,000 and altered some of the terms of his professional services agreement.

25 YEARS

Sunday, Oct. 28, 1990

Olympian in our backyard? Fenton’s Brian Shook is one of the best equestrian riders in the country.
Shook, a 17-year-old senior at Fenton High School, recently finished 21st out of 243 riders at the American Horse Show Association Medal Class Finals held earlier this month in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Shook made contact later with Chris Kappler, a member of the U.S. Equestrian team and an alternate in the 1988 U.S. Olympics.

30 YEARS

Sunday, Oct. 27, 1985

Fenton’s own radio station to broadcast Dec. 1.
WPEN, 1160AM, Fenton’s own radio station will start broadcasting from its North Road station on Dec. 1. Owner Don Olmstead said he always thought it would be a good idea to locate a radio station in the area. The station format will be adult contemporary music, with CNN and local news.

5 YEARS

Sunday, Oct. 29, 2000

Mobile homeowners to be taxed on improvements.
Mobile homeowners in Fenton Township received letters last week addressing the taxation and

EXTRA AGE

There are many safe trick-or-treating options for your children this year.

Local churches and businesses offer safe candy-grabbing events

By Hannah Ball

Halloween horror doesn’t only come from scary decorations or creepy costumes. Sometimes the horror can be wrapped inside a sweet treat. Parents have been told to check their children’s candy before consumption to make sure it’s not dangerous, but attending a safe trick-or-treating event would eliminate the need.

Many businesses, including churches, are hosting free, safe trick-or-treating events for kids around Halloween time. If it’s not listed, check with your local church to find out about any possible Halloween events.

The Rock

The annual Trunk-or-Treat at The Rock Church in Fenton takes place Oct. 28 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. At the church’s location, 11,400 Linden Rd., participants will put candy in their car trunks and kids will walk around and trick-or-treat.

Caretel Inns of Linden

On Oct. 29 from 6 to 8 p.m., families can stop by Caretel Inns of Linden, located at 202 South Bridge St., as a safe option for trick-or-treating. Kids can walk through the building and trick-or-treat from the residents.

Fenton United Methodist Church

While the Fenton United Methodist Church at 119 South LeRoy St. takes part in the annual An Event So Good... It’s Scary, it also hosts a trick-or-treat trail at the Family Life Center, Oct. 30 from 1 to 6 p.m.

Kids can enjoy different activities like bounce houses, games, crafts, and cider and doughnuts.

Linden Free Methodist Church

At the Linden Free Methodist Church located at 13274 Linden Rd., people can participate in the Candy Quest on Halloween Night from 6 to 8 p.m. There will be bounce houses, inflatables, food and beverages and candy. Participants can also visit a few select homes through the church for food and candy.

Fenton Chamber of Commerce

Every year, the chamber hosts An Event So Good...It’s Scary on Oct. 30 from 1 to 6 p.m., where local businesses participate in being a hospitality point for kids who are trick-or-treating.

Here are this year’s locations:


Source: business.fentonchamber.com

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I have ghosts in my house

By Vera Hogan
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My husband and I bought our Fenton home in April of 2010. It took two months to remodel the nearly 2,000-square-foot historic house built in 1860. When we finally moved in, it was June.

Our house is haunted! The first incident took place almost right after our kitchen appliances were delivered. The dishwasher started up on its own a few times. The appliance was installed in such a way that it would be impossible to “butt bump” the on button.

We checked the electrical and the plumbing; there was no logical explanation for it to start on its own. I finally gave up and decided that some lady from the 1800s liked my dishwashing machine, so I asked her, “Next time, please put the soap in first.”

The dishwasher never started up on its own again.

We were living in the home two months before the next incident occurred. My husband worked in a shop off Wiggins Road in Fenton Township at the time. He normally left for work at 6:30 a.m. I was not working at the time and stayed in bed when he got ready to leave. He kissed me on the cheek and took off.

A short time later, he dropped back on the bed next to me with a heavy thud. I cannot repeat the words I used to let him know how much he scared the *&^% out of me. When I opened my eyes, I stared and turned to look at him on the other side of the bed, he was not there. He called a few seconds later and said he had just arrived at work. I was alone in the house.

About a month later, my husband bought an old-fashioned roll-top desk at a local consignment shop. We placed it along a wall in the living room, which is located in the older two-story section of the house. The desk was immediately outside a small bedroom that I converted into a home office. A picture of me at a friend’s wedding was on top of the roll-top desk. The framed photo faced the living room and could be seen from the next three rooms, the dining room, kitchen and family room. Very slowly, the photo moved to the right a little bit every day. After a few days, I noticed the picture was completely facing my home office. I turned it back to the way it was, and it started slowly moving again every day until it faced my office again. This happened four times before my youngest son grabbed the framed photo and put it on a shelf in another room. It never moved again.

We have a dog that we got as a puppy in late August of 2010. His name is Diesel and he never liked being in my home office, or me being in there either for that matter. When I sat at my computer desk, he would whine continuously until I finally left the room.

One day I was sitting at my desk and Diesel approached the door, but did not come in. He moved in and around the door for about four feet from where I was sitting and looked up to where the door meets the top of the door opening. Then he suddenly stood up on his hind legs and started spinning around in circles with his paws in the air, all the while looking up at the corner and top of the door. It is the exact same thing Diesel does when my husband makes him spin around and ‘dance for a treat’.

Only Diesel and I were in the house at the time.

The last thing that happened (so far) took place during the summer of 2014. Thursdays were my only day off, so I tried to jam in as many home projects as I could on that one day.

Over the previous weekend, I asked my husband and son to fetch some boxes from the basement. I wanted to go through them on my day off. I have only been in my basement twice, both times when tornado warnings were issued. Very creepy down there, but that’s another story.

When Thursday came, I went into the living room to where the boxes were, sat down on the floor and started opening them. On the roll-top desk, where my framed photo used to be, were two antique flower vases. They bear a beautiful grape-leaf design and are very heavy.

As I started withdrawing items from the box, the smallest of the two vases flew off the desk and nearly hit me in the back. I stood up and thought maybe it was jarred to the edge of the desk when the guys dropped the boxes on the floor. I put it back in its place. I went back to the task at hand, but faced the roll-top desk this time. As I withdrew another item out of the box, the small vase came flying off the desk at me again. It landed on the floor but didn’t break.

I finally gave up on that project and had the guys bring the boxes to the family room later that day. I was able to sort through them the next Thursday without incident.

It has been quiet since then and the incidents are fewer and farther between. Over the last few weeks, I thought I have seen a quick flash of something black go by me, but nothing is there. It could be my imagination, but I have no doubt that there is something odd going on in my house. We are not afraid though because whatever or whoever it is, they seem to only be mischievous and nothing more.

Hopefully, they’ve gotten used to us being there. Happy Halloween!

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS IN SUPERVISOR’S PLAT #1 AND SEVERAL CONTIGUOUS PROPERTIES IN ROSE TOWNSHIP, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Rose Township Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 7:45 PM at the Rose Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan.

THE PURPOSE OF THE HEARING is to receive comments on the creation of a special assessment district for the purpose of controlling aquatic weeds and protecting the water quality in Fish Lake. The proposed special assessment district includes all lakefront properties and properties with deeded lake access in Supervisor’s Plat Number 1 and several properties contiguous to the plat. A map of the proposed special assessment district is available for inspection in the office of the Rose Township Clerk, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan during regular business hours from 8:30 AM until 4:30 PM, Monday through Thursday, except holidays.

A petition from the Fish Lake Property Owners Association requesting a special assessment district has been submitted to the Rose Township Board of Trustees. The estimated cost of performing maintenance to minimize noxious weeds is $16,000.00 for the first year. A copy of the cost estimate is available for inspection at the Office of the Rose Township Clerk, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan.

Property owners may appeal the assessment levy to the Michigan Tax Tribunal if an appeal is made at the hearing at which the special assessment roll is confirmed. Appearance can be made in person or by mail and can be made by an agent for the property owner. The property owner or any person having an interest in the property subject to the proposed special assessments may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the State Tax Tribunal within thirty-five days after confirmation of the special assessment roll if that special assessment was protested at the special assessment roll hearing.

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BLOOD THINNERS

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Kim said the biggest change needed was within herself. “I had to learn not to be OCD (obsessive compulsive disorder) with cleaning and just go with the flow,” she said. “I’m the kind of person that always had to have control. I also had to learn how to have a sense of humor.”

The Nelsons were fortunate that they did not have to deal with the addition of four more children by themselves. “My mom, Sandy Kehoe, quit her job to help us,” she said. Grandmother Ann (Nelson) Wendl also helped out a lot, as did Aunt Cheryl and Uncle Al Nelson.

Former Senator Spencer Abraham saw to it that the Nelsons received 1,200 free jars of Gerber baby food.

The Nelsons grow a lot of their own vegetables in a large garden, and the kids help. “We learned to can,” said Kim. All of the kids, except Karly, like to hunt and fish. Kayla and Kylie use both rifles and a bow. The Nelsons’ extended family share the use of a cottage up north, where most of their outdoor activities take place.

When the kids were toddlers, it was chaotic, Kim said. “It was very hectic, but very organized. It was much easier when they got into school.”

The Nelson quads admitted to having arguments and a bow. The Nelsons’ extended family share the use of a cottage up north, where most of their outdoor activities take place.

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The Nelsons are great students, earning As and Bs. All are planning to attend college. Alan would like to become a lawyer or some kind of crime scene investigator. Karly wants to be an FBI agent, but also loves history and historical places. Kylie said she would like to pursue a career that has something to do with animals, perhaps a veterinarian.

All of the quads say attending their church and church activities is very important to them. They attend Fenton Church of God. “We love it there, we’ve been going there since we were babies,” said Karly. “Faith is a very big part of our lives.”

When asked if they had boyfriends or girlfriends, the quads adamantly said, “No, we don’t have time for that.”

Kayla and Karly have jobs at Alpine Marketplace in Linden, and have already purchased vehicles with their own money. They looked forward to taking their final road test on Saturday, Oct. 24. Kim said Kylie and Alan aren’t quite ready to drive.

“We are very very fortunate,” said Kim. “They have been good kids since we brought them home from the hospital. They quickly learned to take turns and learned how to share.”

Holy Car Insurance!
Will the Nelsons’ auto insurance rates skyrocket when the quadruplets turn 16?

“The rate will only change if they are getting licensed,” said Barb Walker of Hartland Insurance Agency, Inc. “The rate will only change if they are getting licensed.”

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BIRTH FACTS

Multiple Births in the U.S.
The following are Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) statistics for multiple births in the United States for the year 2013.

- Twins, 132,334
- Triplets, 4,364
- Quadruplets, 270
- Quintuplets (or more), 66

The twin birth rate in 2013 was 33.7 for every 1,000 live births. The triplets or higher birth rate for the same year was 11.95 per 100,000 live births.

Egg-Statistics 101
The most common variety of quadruplets is formed when four separate eggs are fertilized by four separate sperm. There are, however, a range of possibilities when it comes to the different combinations of quadruplets and how they are conceived. Quadruplets may be identical, non-identical or a combination of both.

As well as the Four Separate Eggs and Sperm Variety, There is also the Possibility That:

- One fertilized egg splits into four identical embryos.
- One fertilized egg splits into four non-identical embryos.
- One fertilized egg splits into three identical embryos and another separate egg is fertilized by a separate sperm. This means there are identical triplets plus one.
- One set of identical (monozygotic) twins occurs plus another two entirely separate embryos or another set of identical twins.
- Another possibility is that a set of non-identical fraternal twins are conceived plus a monozygotic pair forming a total of four embryos.
- Quadruplet pregnancy is usually diagnosed on ultrasound. This is the most common time for parents to be told that four babies have been conceived and implanted.

Because of the increased risk of multiple births, parents who sought fertility assistance (i.e. in vitro fertilization) would not be surprised as the possibility may already have been raised and discussed.

It is rare for quadruplets to be naturally conceived.

Source: hugos.com
Meet Ron Gilbert

By Vera Hogan

Ron Gilbert, 72, currently of Linden, says he is a lawyer who is “tired” but not retired. His focus and passion are for victims of spinal cord injuries.

Tell us about your family.

I am the father of three daughters and one granddaughter. Liz Gilbert lives in Taos, New Mexico and is a massage therapist; Lynne Braden lives in Denver, Colorado and is a project manager and the mother of Samantha Braden, my granddaughter. Lisa Gilbert lives in Scottsdale, Arizona and teaches Yoga.

Are you a lifelong resident of the area?

I moved to the Fenton area in the fall of 2001 and have lived here ever since. I currently live in Linden at the Shiawassee Shores Retirement Community. I consider Fenton and Linden to be my “home” for the duration. I am proud to be a member of the patriotic and spiritual communities of Fenton and Linden. I grew up in southern Ohio, where I worked on my grandfather’s farm most summers. I had no running water in my home until I was 10 years old.

Where did you go to school?

I attended Jefferson Township School through grade 12. Then I attended Wittenberg University, graduating with a degree in History and Political Science. After that, I attended the University of Michigan Law School, graduating in May 1967 with a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree. I attended several additional law classes as well as classes toward an MBA.

What prompted you to focus your legal efforts on spinal cord issues?

After obtaining much trial experience, I joined a private plaintiff-oriented law firm. I primarily represented injured clients who had broken necks or backs, and were either paraplegics or quadriplegics. People often ask if I have a spinal cord injury or a member of my family and the answer is ‘no.’ I have a passion for representing spinal cord injured persons and am very compassionate to their needs.

What do you find rewarding and/or disappointing in this profession?

The most rewarding experience is helping to find economic independence for my clients. Frequently, this is in the form of a Medical Needs Trust to preserve the Medicaid/Medicare and monthly disability payments. I am disappointed when I am unable to assist someone in gaining their financial independence.

Tell us about your travels, both personally and professionally.

I have travelled over 2 million air miles since I started flying in the early 1970s. The majority of those miles are for business, but many of them are for pleasure. I took my family to Camelback Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona for spring break for about eight years. I have travelled to cities anywhere from Paducah, Kentucky (shortly after the school shootings took place), Honolulu, San Francisco, New Orleans, New York, Chicago, etc. I was disappointed in my travels when I found that there is still “prejudice” against African American people in the southwestern portions of our country.

Tell us about your civic involvement.

Since moving to the Fenton area, I have been involved with many of the local organizations and activities. I belong to the Fenton Village Players and served in various capacities with the Players. I had an acting position in two plays, ‘Annie’ and ‘The Miserable Servant.’ I also belong to the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Fenton Rotary Club for 12 years and now the Fenton Kiwanis Club. I am a member of the Fenton Freedom Festival Committee and Jinglefest Committee.

What do people know about Ron Gilbert?

I have a weakness for licorice and chocolate. I became an Eagle Scout, and was elected to the highest office obtainable by a ‘non-wheelchair’ person, Secretary. Beginning in 1985 and since then, nearly all of my clients are paraplegics or quadriplegics. People often ask if I have a spinal cord injury or a member of my family and the answer is ‘no.’ I have a passion for representing spinal cord injured persons and am very compassionate to their needs.

What else would you like to tell us?

In 1987, I organized two safety organizations — Foundation for Aquatic Injury Prevention (aquaticisf.org) and Foundation for Spinal Cord Injury Prevention (scsip.org). In 1999, I constructed the two websites to compliment the safety organizations. Over the past 30 years, I have published and presented over 50 articles and PowerPoint presentations across the United States. I have seven publications in the Library of Congress, including one book. The chapters in the books are on the topic of “safety,” which is my “hobby.”

This includes serving on the “canvas” of “ANSI (American National Standards Institute). These standards organizations write minimum standards for various types of products, including several thousands of consumer products. I am currently handling six spinal cord and death cases covering four states.

I plan to continue practicing law, and to continue my passion — safety, preventing accidents and saving lives.
What was your favorite Halloween costume?

“Medusa. My hair is already curly so I sprayed it green and put snakes in it. I wore red contacts.”
— Morgan Williams
Holly

“An Indian costume that my mom made. It was made out of fleece and had teal all over it and feathers.”
— Kellie Spann
Fenton

“I was the Pillsbury Dough Boy in the fourth grade, and I won the competition.”
— Brandon Anderson
Fenton

“I would have to say the good witch from The Wizard of Oz. My mother was very creative, so she sewed.”
— Linda Ray
Argentine Township

“I would probably say a superhero, because they weren’t out as much back then. I was Batman.”
— Robert Locke
Hartland

“Wolverine. I wore the whole get up. I had claws and the mask.”
— Nick Bright
Flint

Street Talk

What was your favorite Halloween costume?
Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

Linden native receives major award

Joseph Kimble known as ‘Guru of Plain Language’

Joseph Kimble, a native of Linden and a distinguished professor emeritus at Western Michigan University Cooley Law School, received the State Bar of Michigan’s John W. Reed Michigan Lawyer Legacy Award on Oct. 7.

Kimble is the fourth recipient of the award, which is given periodically to an educator from a Michigan law school whose influence on lawyers has elevated the quality of legal practice in the state.

Kimble was honored for “teaching a generation of lawyers how to become better writers and communicators.” Known to many as the “Guru of Plain Language,” he taught legal writing and drafting for more than 30 years at WMU-Cooley.

He is senior editor of The Scribes Journal of Legal Writing, the longtime editor of the Plain Language column in the Michigan Bar Journal, a past president of Clarity, and a founding member of the Center for Plain Language, among other accomplishments.

“He has skillfully taught countless students how to write clearly and coherently while working tirelessly to show practicing lawyers how to avoid legalese,” said WMU-Cooley President Don LeDuc. “Only the best legal-writing teacher would be invited to help rewrite the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Federal Rules of Evidence. And that teacher is Joe Kimble.”

“I’ve tried all my professional life to advocate and teach plain language — in its full sense of clear communication,” said Kimble. “I hope this has elevated the quality of legal practice, not only because poor writing wastes everybody’s time and money, but also because of the public’s dim view of legalese; it diminishes respect for our profession.”
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The City of Linden’s City Council will hold a public needs hearing on the use of its 2016 Federal Community Development Block Grant Program funds on Monday, November 9, 2015 as part of its regular meeting agenda at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers on the lower level of the Mill Building at 201 N. Main Street, Linden, Michigan. The purpose of the hearing is to offer an opportunity for citizens to express their ideas on community needs and project proposals concerning the use of Federal CDBG funds for the 2016 Program Year. The hearing will also provide an opportunity for citizens to comment on past CDBG projects.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS**

**OCTOBER 19, 2015**

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday October 19, 2015 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.

1. Trustee Goupil offered the opening prayer.
2. Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
3. Approved the agenda as presented.
4. Approved the minutes of the previous meeting.
5. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of $160,490.97.
6. Adopted Resolution No. 2015-21, establishing the Lake Valley Road Improvement Special Assessment District, directing the Genesee County Roads Commission to prepare detailed engineering plans and costs estimates, and directing the Township Supervisor to create a special assessment roll.
7. Conducted a community needs hearing for the 2016 Community Development Block Grant Program.
8. Received the 3rd quarter report from Ordinance Enforcement Officer Tom Hosie.
9. Adopted Resolution No. 2015-22, seeking State Transportation Economic Development Category A Funds for the Thompson Road improvement project and committing the required local matching funds.
10. Approved the hiring of Julie Oraa for a part-time clerical position.
11. Adopted amendments to the 2015 Fenton Township Budget.
12. Concluded the meeting.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF A REGULAR PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2015 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:


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

This notice is published in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act, MLA 41.72A (2) (3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Fenton Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing upon 14 days notice to Fenton Township. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Fenton Township by writing or calling the following: Fenton Township Office, (810) 629-1337, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fenton township.org.

ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK
**Garage Sales**

**Fenton**

**OCTOBER 23RD-25TH**

8-5P.M.

13572 S. Horrell Rd.

Tools, clothing, boating items, vinyl records, furniture, construction materials and much more.

**Holly**

**OCTOBER 23RD-24TH, 9-5P.M.**

OCTOBER 25TH, 10-4P.M.

5105 Lahring Rd.

ESTATE SALE!

This family has lived in the Holly area for over 175 years and saved everything. Several buildings to discover treasures. Antiques galore including; bedroom, living room, dining room furniture, hump back trunk, kitchen items, oil lamps, war memorabilia, arrowheads, sewing machine with cabinet, license plates, depression glass, cuckoo clocks, pictures, frames, 7up and Mobil Oil wooden boxes and many more antiques! Everyday household items, linens, tools, jewelry, lawn mower, Ford model 8N tractor, canoe, catamaran, 1991 GMC Sierra pickup, 1976 GMC Sierra. This is an AMAZING sale come spend the day. For more information call Ron 248-840-5859.

**Fenton**

**OCTOBER 24-25TH**

10-4P.M.

3169 Shiawassee.

Furniture, dishes, toys, pianos, freezer, clothing and much more.

**Holly**

**ANNUAL FALL RUMMAGE SALE**

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Holly Presbyterian Church

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**4455 McCandlish Rd.**

Grand Blanc Twp.

This is a vacant land listing consisting of 5 parcels with a total of 17 Acres. These parcels are currently zoned RD residential but are Master Planned at a maximum of 10 units per acre. Call for more info.

$3,000,000

**9101 Rhodes Rd.**

Atlas Twp.

Move in ready, just south of Goodrich Township. Nice 3 bedroom, 3 bath, finished basement. Whole house generator, and more. 1.12 acres and pole barn.

$224,900

**543 Red Pine Court**

Greenwood Twp.

Beautiful wooded property, almost 1 acre in Garland Golf Resort. Garland features 4 golf courses. Located on Cul-De-Sac. Great location, near both I96 and M5, 1mi from I96. Adjacent property is also available for sale, making it a great opportunity for building of a compound.

$10,000

**3117 Ponemah Dr.**

Fenton Twp.

Large Ranch, 3 Bedrooms, Two Full Bathrooms, Two Half Bathrooms, Large Great Room, large deck along the entire backside of home. Hardwood floors, 1-car attached garage, setting on 0.38 Acres.

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Contact Darwin Conley, Today at 810-629-2220 to schedule a personal interview.
REGULAR BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS
HELD OCTOBER 20, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.

1. Present: Clerk Keith Kremer, Treasurer Bunting-Smith, Trustees Soren Pedersen, Chuck Schultz, Cam Gonzalez and David Walker (left at 8:05 p.m.). Absent: Supervisor Mike Cunningham.

2. In the absence of the Supervisor, Treasurer Bunting-Smith was appointed to moderate the meeting.

3. Approved the agenda as amended. Approved the consent agenda as presented.

4. Received and placed on file Communications #1-3 as presented.

5. Denied Mr. McBride’s request to waive a fire service charge.

6. Discussed township-wide broadband service and will continue to research options and receive quotes for a survey.

7. Approved the holiday schedule as presented.

8. Authorized the Treasurer to negotiate with potential buyers of property #4704-03-300-015 for sale and bring offers to the board.

9. Approved the preliminary 2016-2017 budget as revised for the citizen’s guide.

10. Awarded the tree removal contract to Ronald’s Tree Service for tree removal along road right-of-ways.

11. Approved the request of the Treasurer and Trustee Pedersen to attend a financial seminar.

12. Authorized to continue with the授权 to establish a credit bureau on a trial basis for collections.

13. Authorized the write off of uncollectible accounts in the amount $4,515.36.

14. Authorized up to $2000 to print and mail voter information for the 2016 election cycle.

15. Approved the ordinance to cancel the scheduled board meeting of November 3, 2015 due to the conflict with the election on that same day. If needed, a special meeting will be held for Thursday November 5, 2015.

16. Agreed to support Cidermill Crossings’ request for a variance from the State of Michigan to renew their Permit to Construct.

17. Authorized the township hall to connect to the Consumers proposed gas line if justified financially.

18. Adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

The minutes of all regular and special Tyrone Township Board Meetings are on file and may be reviewed at the Tyrone Township Clerk’s office, 10408 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and online at www.tyronetownship.us. The next regular meeting of the Tyrone Township Board will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.
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Community Development Block Grant Funds 2016 Program Year

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Contact for information or special services.
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Richard McDonald

Janet Berck

Rory Sicard
Young daughters are having a tough time separating from family pets

DEAR AMY:
I am at my wits’ end. There are two beautiful little girls in my family (ages 7 and 9), and their mother lets them adopt a puppy or kitten every six months or so. After a couple of months, she then decides she can’t be bothered taking care of these animals anymore, so she takes them back to the shelter when the girls are at school. This has happened at least three times in the last two years. The last straw was this week when the 9-year-old told me through tears that she never got to say goodbye to her precious little kitten. She was inconsolable. The parents are divorced but get along, and she has custody every other week and is a great dad, but he doesn’t know what to do about this problem. His ex got rid of him just like she got rid of the animals when the girls were very young. We need help to know how to handle this problem, as it is very harmful to these beautiful little girls. — Heartbroken

DEAR HEARTBROKEN:
In addition to the pain caused to these children, who are forced to separate from pets they have become attached to, this is the very definition of irresponsible and unethical animal stewardship. I know that in order to protect pets from being abandoned and/or abused, shelters will accept returned pets, but no shelter should continue to let someone adopt who has a history of relinquishing animals back to the shelter. Perhaps the father could adopt a pet to keep at his home so the girls can enjoy an ongoing attachment to an easy-going animal. There are so many benefits to children caring for and loving an animal. In this case, the girls would learn through time the joys and challenges of this extremely important commitment. If they don’t learn this from their father, they could end up repeating their mother’s pattern when they get older. My own pitch is to adopt an older cat — my own experience adopting older animals has been extremely positive and rewarding.

Do Prednisone benefits outweigh its risks?

DEAR DR. ROACH:
I am an 80-year-old woman who always had excellent health until about four years ago. At that time, I was diagnosed as having bronchiectasis. Since then, I have had to use an albuterol solution, plus an Airway Vest, in periodic daily treatments in order to continue breathing. A few weeks ago, my doctor prescribed 10 mg of prednisone daily in addition, and the results have been amazing. Instead of five to six inhaler treatments each 24 hours, I need only two or three, and (the best result) I can sleep through the night! My prednisone dosage has been reduced to 5 mg daily, and although I know it is a (possibly dangerous) corticosteroid, I dread the prospect of going back to the days of all the inhaler treatments. What would be the result of continuing a minimal dosage of prednisone (5 mg or less per day)? What alternatives do I have? — C.B.

ANSWER:
Long-term use of high-dose prednisone can cause diabetes in susceptible individuals, and it raises blood pressure. However, taking prednisone in this way can help reduce the risk of the bronchiectasis. The goal is to find the lowest dose that will achieve the desired result. This can take some guesswork, and your doctor probably will make adjustments as necessary. By the way, alternate-day prednisone therapy can be helpful. The key is the lowest dose that will achieve the desired result. This can take some guesswork, and your doctor probably will make adjustments as necessary.

MOLASSES COOKIES
INGREDIENTS
1 1/4 cup unsalted butter (at room temperature)
2 cups white sugar
2 eggs
1/2 cup molasses
4 cups all-purpose flour
1 1/2 tsp salt
4 tsp baking soda
2 tsp ground cinnamon
1 tsp grated fresh ginger
or powdered ginger
1/2 tsp ground cloves
1/3 cup white sugar for rolling

INSTRUCTIONS
1. Add the butter to the bowl of your stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment. Cream the butter on medium high speed until soft.
2. Add the sugar and beat on medium high speed for 2 minutes.
3. Beat in the eggs on medium high speed one at a time.
4. Beat in the molasses and scrape down the bowl to ensure everything is evenly combined.
5. In a separate bowl, combine the flour, baking soda, grated ginger, cinnamon, cloves and salt.
6. Whisk these ingredients together until they’re combined and dump the mixture into the bowl of the stand mixer with the butter mixture.
7. Combine the butter mixture and the dry ingredients on low speed just until no streaks of flour remain.
8. Once your cookie dough comes together, cover the bowl with plastic wrap and place it in the fridge to chill for one hour.
9. Bake each sheet of cookies for 10-11 minutes at 350 degrees Fahrenheit.
10. Let cookies cool and enjoy!

SUNDAY SCRAMBLER
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Fenton • $248,900
4027 Pebble Ridge Ct.

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Fantastic 3 Bedroom Farmhouse on 3 Acres. Oak Kitchen Opens To Living Rm w/Gas FP. Lg. Master Ste., Walk-In Crushed Marble Shower, Private Entrance. Gorgeous Private View From Covered Porch. Move-In Ready!

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