Local Realtors advise how to navigate this very competitive market — as a buyer or seller

By Sally Rummel
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Whether you want to size-up or downsize your home this year, you’ll be in a better position to buy in today’s fast-paced real estate market if you sell your current home first.

“The beauty of having your home sold is that you’re in a much better bargaining position as a buyer,” said Carol Ray, Realtor/associate broker at Berkshire-Hathaway HomeServices in Fenton.

“Things are happening so fast; houses are selling like hotcakes and there are multiple offers.”

For people worried about selling their home and having no place to go, Ray advises clients to put their house on the market and ask for delayed occupancy.

“Or you can make the sale ‘subject to the seller finding suitable housing within an agreed amount of time,’” she added. “Now’s the time to take advantage of the market. If your agent is diligent, they’ll find you a home, even if they have to knock on doors to do it.”

John Wentworth of REMAX Platinum says that you have to be prepared with a strategy to be in this competitive market, whether you’re a buyer or a seller.

“The market is strong,” he said. “Reach out to us early. Get a hold of us now so we can put a plan in place.”

John Wentworth
The John Wentworth Group
at REMAX Platinum
I recently wrote two articles about the number of vacant storefronts in the city of Fenton. There are approximately 35 currently.

One of our readers, Wade Pyles, a successful long-time Realtor and Chamber of Commerce volunteer, commented with a great idea and said let’s fill them up. Other readers were asked what they would like to see come to Fenton.

OK, I’ll start.

Can you imagine a real art gallery in the city of Fenton? One where the works of local talent are given an exclusive showing for one or two nights. Serve a little wine and allow guests to roam around enjoying the beauty and creativity. Perhaps buy a painting or two. Shoot, I would even wear a dress to something like that.

Although I’ve known her for years, I was recently surprised to learn that our editor, Sharon Stone, is a very talented artist, and has recently completed a few very beautiful paintings. Who knew? I wonder how many others are out there, artists whose works deserve to be put on display so many from which to choose. These would make a killing during big game nights and here in Michigan there are so many big game nights.

One idea I had was little gyms near and dear to my heart because I grew up in the Chicago area. Why can’t we get a Chicago-style hot dog place in Fenton? There was one a long time ago when I first moved to town, but it didn’t last too long. I think it was in a bad location to be honest, off the beaten track at the end of the plaza where the old Kinart used to be on N. Leroy Street. If we can support all of these coney dog and pizza places, can’t we support one little old Chicago-style hot dog place? My mouth is watering thinking of the sport peppers.

Another idea I had was little gyms for babies and toddlers. One of the smaller storefronts would work for this. Fill them up with colorful mats and mirrors, get a few employees trained to work with small children and let them go to town for a few hours. Not all moms work outside of the home and take their children to daycare, but all moms need a little ‘me time’ once in a while. What better way to get the little ones interested in fitness than to make it a play date with other kids their age. Start ‘em young and I’ll bet they keep it up for a lifetime.

Well, those are just a few of my ideas. How about you? Email me at vhogan@tctimes.com and I’ll plan a future column around your ideas.

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**HOUSE**

Standout of the Week

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**HOUSE**

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we can put a plan in place.

He suggests that buyers think about: Can you buy before you sell? What are your options? Are you prepared to move twice?

If you’re a first-time home buyer or facing a multiple offer situation, it’s important that you make your offer stand out among the competition.

Generally, offers end up being similar, according to Wentworth. “We can advise you on making a strong deposit, working the appraisal, waiving the inspection. It all depends on the home and having confidence in your Realtor.”

“You’ve got to think outside the box,” he adds. “There’s no stock answer for anything in real estate. Every transaction is situational.”

What isn’t selling in today’s market? “An overpriced property,” said Wentworth. “If a house hasn’t sold in 30 days, there’s a good chance it’s over-priced, unless it’s a million dollar home that typically takes longer to sell.”

More people are coming into Fenton as a real estate destination, adding to competition. “It’s a positive direction for sellers,” said Brant. “If they’ve taken care of their home, they’ll get the price. But you can’t sell high and buy low.”

John Tremaine of Tremaine Real Living Real Estate says there are opportunities available in this market for people who can grab it. “In my 25 years as a Realtor here, I’ve never had anyone unable to find a home, but your offer is contingent upon the sale of your home, that’s not going to work well in this market.”

There is good news on the horizon, however. “The active number of homes will be up by 50 to 100 in the Fenton, Lake Fenton, Linden school districts in the next 30 days,” said Patrick Welty of Legacy Realty.

“We are tighter on inventory this year even more than last year. It’s a huge challenge for all of us, not having the inventory to meet the needs of buyers, especially in the affordable $100-120,000 price range. But this will ease up in April, when many sellers want to get in the market, but are waiting for better weather, less mud, before showing their homes.”

**Sellers shouldn’t be afraid. Now’s the time to take advantage of the market. If your agent is diligent, they’ll find you a home, even if they have to knock on doors to do it.**

Carol Ray

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices in Fenton

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TASTELESS, DISGUSTING, WEIRD, AND DOWNRIGHT FUNNY

BY VERA HOGAN
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The question of when do TV commercials go too far is a matter of opinion. There is no doubt, however, that companies are willing to spend big dollars on 30-second or longer TV ads guaranteed to solicit all kinds of responses.

SKITTLES
As though the idea of letting your kid rot his teeth on this sugary chewy candy is not enough, Skittles went to the extreme on its “French Kiss” spot. This was released on Feb. 14, 2014, Valentine’s Day no less. The guy, Luis, never smiles, so a girl tickles the back of his neck to get him to grin. It turns out his teeth are made of Skittles, and she goes in for a French kiss to get some. Yum!

SKITTLES AGAIN
Not to worry, the next year, on May 25, 2015, Skittles did it again with “Skittles Pox.” Warning signs of a Skittles Pox outbreak include Rainbow colors and loud “Mmmm” sounds from the afflicted. The boy and girl are under the bleachers and he tells her his doctor said he has Skittles Pox. She asks if the outbreak on his face is contagious. He said he doesn’t think so. She just had to find out, picked one off, ate it and became covered with them herself.

PLAYSTATION 3
Some people are still scratching their heads, wondering what the creative minds at Playstation 3 were thinking when they produced the commercial called “The Baby.” This ad, produced in November of 2006 represented the start of a $150 million campaign. One, the one who understands what the commercial is about, has to hope they got their money’s worth.

DORITOS
Babies continued to be popular TV commercial fodder 10 years later with the Doritos commercial, first aired in January of 2016. A pregnant woman is getting an ultrasound from her doctor, while her “charming” husband is smacking his lips, loudly eating Doritos from the bag. He pulls out another one and notices the unborn baby is reaching for the snack. The dad, classy guy that he is, and seemingly unaware of his wife’s discomfort, waves the chip back and forth to which the baby responds by moving in the same direction as the chip back and forth. The wife finally has enough and grabs the chip out of his hand and tosses it across the room. The baby follows, out of the womb now, and everyone screams.

CARL’S JR.
Carl’s Jr. is known for its racy ads featuring scantily clad women, and the 2015 Super Bowl spot for the chain’s all-natural burger was no exception. Featuring a nearly-naked Charlotte McKinney, the ad immediately provoked cries of sexism and a study by ad research firm Ameritest found that 52 percent of viewers surveyed found it offensive. Which, it turns out, is the exact reaction Carl’s Jr. CEO Andrew Puzder was gunning for. “If you don’t complain, I go to the head of marketing and say, ‘What’s wrong with our ads?’” he recently said. “Those complaints aren’t necessarily bad for us. What you look at is, you look at sales. And, our sales go up.”

KMART
What may be considered in bad taste by some is actually kind of funny to others. In Kmart’s November 2013 holiday commercial for the retail company’s in-house underwear brand Joe Boxer features attractive male models swinging their lower torsos to the tune of the popular Christmas anthem “Jingle Bells” while wearing festive attire. They may not have been the bells of St. Mary but they were jingling all the way.

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Civil Action
No. 15-mc-51209

Patrick J. Conely,
Honorable Linda V. Parker
Respondent.

Order Allowing Alternative Service

On September 1, 2015, an action was initiated in this Court by the United States against Patrick Conely, seeking to publicly enforce the Internal Revenue Service Summons. An Amended Petition to Enforce Internal Revenue Service Summons was filed and an Opinion and Order Granting the Government’s Motion to Amend Petition to Enforce IRS Summernotes and Ordering Respondent to Show Cause was issued on January 4, 2017. That order directed the United States to personally serve Mr. Conely with the amended petition and opinion and order granting the government motion and to show cause.

The government has filed a motion with a supporting affidavit, attesting to the fact that the respondent in this action cannot be personally served with the amended petition and opinion and order granting the government’s motion and responding respondent to show cause because the respondent is evading service. It therefore appears to this Court that personal service of the amended petition and opinion and order granting the government’s motion and ordering respondent to show cause in this action cannot be made on the respondent, and publication is the best means available to apprise respondent of the pending of this action.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a copy of this order be published once each week for three consecutive weeks in the Tri-County Times, a newspaper of general circulation distributed in the County of Genesee in the State of Michigan. The first publication of this order shall be made within ten (10) days from the date of the entry of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the United States shall serve a copy of this order, the amended petition and opinion and order granting the government’s motion to amend petition and ordering respondent to show cause at respondent’s post office box by first class certified mail, return receipt.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the respondent, Patrick Conely, shall on or before April 21, 2017, serve his written response to the Amended Petition on Jules DePorre, Assistant U.S. Attorney, whose address is 600 Church Street, Flint, Michigan 48502, or take such other action as may be permitted by law. Failure to comply with this order will result in Patrick Conely appearing in person before this Court on June 13, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. to explain why he should not be compelled to comply with all of the terms and requirements of the summons issued by the Internal Revenue Service and previously served on the respondent.

IT IS ORDERED that the respondent, Patrick Conely, shall on or before April 21, 2017, serve his written response to the Amended Petition on Jules DePorre, Assistant U.S. Attorney, whose address is 600 Church Street, Flint, Michigan 48502, or take such other action as may be permitted by law. Failure to comply with this order will lead to the initiation of arrest proceedings against respondent for contempt pursuant to 26 U.S.C. Sec. 7024 and/or prosecution for failure to obey a summons under 26 U.S.C. Sec. 7121.

IT IS SO ORDERED.
Dated: March 13, 2017

Linda V. Parker
U.S. District Judge

Important Information About Your Spectrum Channel Lineup

Communities Served: Argentine Twp; Deerfield Twp; Fenton Twp; Fenton; Linden City; Tyrone Twp, MI

Effective on or after May 2, 2017, the following changes will be made to your channel lineup:

1. Present: Supervisor Mike Cunningham, Treasurer Marna Bunting-Smith, Clerk Marcella Husted, Trustees Soren Pedersen, Al Pool, David Walker and Chuck Schultz.

2. Approved the agenda as presented; approved the consent agenda as presented.

3. Received and placed on file Communication #1 as presented.

4. Approved the adjusted 2016-2017 budget as presented.

5. Approved the General Appropriation Measure Resolution #170304.

6. Adopted the Headlee Operating Tax Millage Rate Resolution #170305.

7. Approved to enter into a contract with the Spicer Group for township engineering services.

8. Adopted Resolution #170306 establishing the Supervisor’s salary as $34,839.44 for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

9. Approved Resolution #170307 establishing the Clerk’s salary as $34,839.44 for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

10. Adopted Resolution #170308 establishing the Treasurer’s salary as $34,839.44 for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

11. Adopted Resolution #170309 establishing the Trustees’ salaries as $164.66 per meeting for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

12. Adopted Resolution #170310 revising the Cell Phone Usage Policy to remove the stipulation that the Supervisor’s emergency phone number be published on the website.

13. Authorized to write off one uncollectible fire run fee in the amount of $1,062.00.

14. Accepted the bid of $.1825 per gallon from Chloride Solutions, LLC for the township’s road chloride services.

15. Adjourned at 7:34 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, April 4, 2017 at 7:00 a.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Tyrone Township Clerk at (810) 629-8631 at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Marcella Husted, Tyrone Township Clerk

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CITY OF FENTON
ORDINANCE NO. 702

Ordinance No. 702, an Ordinance to provide for the enforcement of the Michigan Building, Electrical, Mechanical and Plumbing Codes and to designate the City of Fenton as the enforcing agency was enacted by the Fenton City Council.

Ordinance No. 702 was adopted at a regular meeting of the Fenton City Council held on March 27, 2017. This Ordinance will take effect on April 26, 2017.

The complete text of Ordinance No. 702 is on file in the office of the City Clerk and available for review by the general public during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

ADOPTED: March 27, 2017
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PUBLISHED: April 2, 2017

Renee Wilson
City Clerk

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King Crossword, Wednesday Jumble, Wednesday Sudoku puzzles are located in last Wednesday’s issue. All other puzzles are throughout this edition.

By Tribune Media

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Albert Krage - age 75, died March 24, 2017.

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Gordon Huber - age 92, died March 24, 2017.

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Mark Blankenship - age 47, died March 26, 2017.

OCEANIA KERSHAW
Oceana Kershaw - age 88, died March 24, 2017.

RUTH CALLAHAN
Ruth Callahan - age 76, died March 27, 2017.

TIMOTHY AUBREY
Timothy Aubrey - age 57, died March 27, 2017.

SHARON KLASSEN
Sharon Klassen - age 71, died March 24, 2017.

CLETA KIDWELL

PHILIP BARETTE
Philip Barette - age 74, died March 25, 2017.

ELISIE ELAINE VENEMA
1924-2017
Elisie Elaine Venema - age 93, of Rockford, MI formerly of Eaton Rapids, MI went to be with her Lord and Savior on Friday, March 24, 2017. Elisie was born on February 15, 1924 the daughter of Raymond and Maude (Crosby) Smith in St. Joseph, MI. Surviving are her children, Donald (Chris) Venema, Diane (Phil) Sarlo, Philip Venema and Paul (Jan) Venema. Doris Cruz, daughter-in-law, Sandy McDonald, 23 grandchildren; 59 great-grandchildren; sister, Betty Casey; brother Dale (Janice) Smith and numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held at 11 AM on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at Skinner Funeral Home, Eaton Rapids Chapel. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 from 4-8 PM. For those desiring memorial contributions may be made to Grace Baptist Church 2582 S. Michigan Rd. Eaton Rapids, MI 48827. To share memories or condolences please visit www.SkinnerFuneralHomes.com.

TUESDAY SUMMERS
Tuesday Summers - age 64, died March 25, 2017.

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**Irritable bowel syndrome vanishes after 35 years**

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I'm a 77-year-old man in good health except for irritable bowel syndrome for 35 years. Six months ago, I started taking two low-dose aspirins daily as a preventive, and since then all IBS symptoms have disappeared. Stools and frequency are now normal and without any intense cramping, gas or urgency, which I had before. Frankly, I'm pleasantly shocked, since I thought IBS had no cure. Are there other medications or supplements, so it seems likely that the aspirin has alleviated or maybe cured my IBS. I thought other readers might be interested. Any thoughts? — B.C.

**ANSWER:** Yours is a very unusual but not unheard of response to aspirin. Most people with IBS find that aspirin and other anti-inflammatory medicines worsen IBS symptoms. I have read of others who have the same response you seem to, however. Aspirin remains controversial. A preventive in people without heart disease, but I believe the benefits outweigh the risks in people at high risk for heart disease, even if they are undiagnosed. Always speak with your doctor before beginning a course of aspirin, even if it's low-dose.

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I have taken the same dosage of Synthroid for several years. Since this dose successfully maintains my thyroid level, is it still necessary for me to have my bloodwork done once a year, or could I either stop having bloodwork done or have the test performed every other year? — R.M.

**ANSWER:** In general, the dose of replacement thyroid remains roughly constant over the long term. However, the dose may need to be adjusted for several reasons, including weight change, other medication use, change in absorption due to gastrointestinal developments or pregnancy. Also, even normal aging alters the metabolism of thyroid hormone, so I'd recommend continuing to check levels once yearly at a minimum. The best test on thyroid disorders provides insight into the various forms and treatment of this disease. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Roach — No. 402W, 621 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for $4.75 U.S./$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** Several weeks ago, I contracted a bad cold with much congestion. I have received an antibiotic plus nasal spray, and most of the congestion is gone. I have no pain. My concern is that my ears are still partially blocked. I can clean them by pinching my nose and blowing, such as one does in an airplane, but I must do this frequently. I am worried about hearing damage. I don't know what else to do. — R.F.

**ANSWER:** The Eustachian tube connects your middle ear with the back of the throat and equalizes the pressure in your ear. It is common for congestion to linger. Fortunately, it does not permanently damage hearing, and usually goes away by itself. Decongestants can help, but do not use a decongestant spray such as Afrin (oxymetazoline) for more than three days.

**DEAR PAW’S CORNER:** My little dog, “Sherry,” barks like crazy every time someone knocks or rings the bell. I’ve been trying to teach her to stop by using a spray bottle of water, as well as a sonic training device. So far, it’s just not working at all. What can I do? — Janet P., via email

**PAW’S CORNER BY SAM MAZZOTTA**

But that doesn’t help them understand what you actually want them to do. Get back to the basics with Sherry’s training. You need to reinforce three primary commands: come, sit and stay. Work with her every day in a quiet setting. She must come the first time you call; she must sit the first time you tell her to; and she must stay in place until you give the command to come. Give her lots of praise and a little treat only when she does these correctly. (Do not scold her or get frustrated if she doesn’t respond quickly — just be patient and positive.) Between training, when someone knocks at the door, command Sherry to come when she starts barking. When she gets to you, have her sit down before you answer the door. Once Sherry responds well to basic commands, you can add the command “quiet” to her repertoire.

**Ditch the shock treatment**

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**DEAR JANET:** One of the reasons I rarely recommend tools like spray bottles or sonic trainers is because owners often rely on them as a primary means of behavior modification, rather than a last resort. Barking at the door is a common behavior for dogs — to them, it’s their job!

So, when an owner suddenly spritzes a dog as it’s rushing to the door, or zaps it with a sonic noise, it’s very confusing and even traumatizing. These methods are designed to “shock” your dog into outright stopping what they’re doing.

**SUNDAY SCRAMBLER**

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- **DIRECTIONS:** Add ozzo to a large pot of salted boiling water. Cook for 3 minutes then add chopped broccoli and cook for 2 more minutes, or until ozzo is tender. Drain well (broccoli florets are notorious for holding onto water) then return to the pot. Add cheeses, butter, and 1/4 cup milk then stir well and add more milk if needed. Season with salt to taste. Optional: add cooked chicken and mushrooms to make a main dish.

**INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 cup whole wheat or regular ozzo
- 1-1/2 cups chopped broccoli florets
- 1/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 Tablespoons grated parmesan cheese
- 1 Tablespoon butter
- 1/4-1/2 cup milk or almond milk
- Salt (to taste)
- Cooked and shredded Chicken - optional
- Sautéed Mushrooms - optional

**DIRECTIONS:**

- Optional: add cooked chicken and mushrooms to make a main dish.

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