Homes cost between $17,000 and $20,000 to build; usually about 200 square feet

By Tim Jagielo  
Fenton Twp. — The tiny home built on a trailer on North Road rocks as large vehicles pass. Inside it feels small, but rich, with artisan woodworking and modern appliances and hardware.

It took Brian Fox and his father, Jack Fox, eight months to build the home, practically on a whim. Jack built the structure, while Brian built the cabinets and countertops out of luxurious woods like live ash, cedar, black walnut, cherry, and 110-year-old heart pine out of a house in Linden. “We built this to meet or exceed all our local codes,” Brian said. “We want to build it as if we’re going to keep it ourselves.”

They were looking for a project to do together, along with Brian’s son, and this simply seemed like fun. The tiny home is for sale, and they said there has already been a lot of interest from passersby — some are just curious because of what they saw on TV, others are actually thinking about a tiny house lifestyle.

This home has a self-contained toilet and shower stall. It’s also cedar-lined with Delta hardware. Brian said the materials cost between $17,000 and $20,000. It’s listed for $29,750, and a percentage will benefit Toys for Tots.

Technically, this is a trailer, and it would be registered this way with the state. It would be insured through the vehicle that tows it, Brian said. This would change if it becomes permanent. In that case, the local municipality would have a say in what houses can be placed, and where.

The city of Fenton’s minimum home size is 950 square feet. Many tiny houses, such as the unit built by the Fox’s are about 200 square feet.

In Fenton, Linden and Holly, the homeowner would have to seek a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals, and the home must first meet Michigan Pre-Manufactured Housing approval. None of these municipalities have yet received an application for a tiny house.

See LIVING TINY on 2B
Memories of my wonderful bus driver

Seeing that big yellow school bus facing Owen Road with the “bus drivers needed” sign at Fenton schools brings back some very fond memories, memories of my old school bus driver, John Fox.

Before my family moved to the Chicago area after my eighth-grade school year, we lived outside of a very small town (at the time) called Bonfield, just about 12 miles west of Kankakee, Illinois. My younger sister, Monika, and I attended the one and only elementary school called Bonfield Grade School.

Monika and I rode the school bus every day. We would stand out on the side of the road in front of our house and wait for about five to 10 minutes. When the bus arrived, the doors would fly open and there would be John Fox to greet us with a cheery “good morning, girls” and big warm smile.

I remember the daily ride to school like it was yesterday. Some kids hate riding the bus but I loved it, even in the winter. We were on the bus for about 45 minutes on a good weather day, picking up kids throughout the farming countryside. I remember sitting close to the window so I could see all the big farms, with the barns, silos, farmhouses, cows, horses, pigs and much more. I was amazed by it all.

John Fox was our school bus driver the entire time we were in that grade school. One time my little sister got sick at school and because she was too young to be alone, I had to go home with her. When we went outside, there was John Fox with the big school bus ready to take us home. Seemed like kind of a limo ride to be able to ride the big bus by ourselves. He was so nice about Monika being sick and told her not to worry if she had to (ick) throw up or anything. He had a big bucket handy just in case.

Halloween also was very special in Bonfield, and especially at John Fox’s house. He lived in a big, beautiful old house with his wife and family, right in the middle of town. Their front yard was completely decorated for the occasion. They had a big black cauldron hanging over a real fire pit and Mrs. Fox, who dressed in the most authentic witch costume I had ever seen, was standing next to it stirring hot chocolate. They served hot chocolate and caramel apples to all of us kids.

Mr. and Mrs. Fox truly loved children and I will never forget them.

I learned recently that John Fox died in a nursing home in April of 2006 at the age of 83. In his obituary it says he was a custodian and bus driver at Bonfield Grade School for nearly 30 years. Mrs. Lorene Fox, who I only knew from their Halloween celebrations, died in January of 2007 at the age of 85. She was a very nice lady, who had a riot of beautiful red hair in her younger years.

My heart is heavy right now just thinking about them. I hope that every Fenton student will benefit from a wonderful bus driver, one that they will lovingly remember 50 or more years into the future.

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**Cows Lie Down When It’s Going to Rain**

Researchers found that cows stand up for longer periods when it’s hot, proving a link between their behavior and the weather. It’s also suggested that cows lie down when it’s colder, which is often what happens to the climate just before it rains.

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**Putting a Slice of Bread in Your Mouth Can Stop Your Crying When Peeling Onions**

The syn-Propanethial-S-oxide in onions is released as a gas during chopping and irritates the eye, stimulating tear ducts. Putting a slice of bread in your mouth with half sticking out is thought to catch the fumes before they reach the eye.

**A Hair of the Dog Will Ease Hangover Symptoms**

Research has shown that consuming small doses of alcohol can relieve alcohol withdrawal symptoms. But it can increase dependency on alcohol. So it’s best to avoid getting a hangover in the first place. If you’ve been boozing, drink a big glass of water before going to bed. Or, even better, just drink responsibly.

**Eating Carrots Can Improve Vision**

Carrots are rich in vitamin A, which is essential for sight. But then so are other foods such as asparagus, apricots, nectarines, and milk. A well-balanced diet can provide the vitamin A needed for good vision.

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The Legislature is on a summer campaign break. Rather than votes, this report contains some interesting or noteworthy recent bill introductions.

Senate Bill 937: Authorize “extreme risk” firearm seizures from individual introduced by Sen. David Knezek (D), to authorize courts to order firearms to be seized from an individual based on a “reasonable cause to believe” that the person poses “a significant risk of personal injury to himself or herself or others.” Family members, roommates or people in a close relationship with the target could petition a court to issue an order to seize the individual’s firearms, and the court could issue this order without any notice to the target. The bill prescribes standards and procedures for this, and an appeals process. The court order would be in effect for up to one year and could be renewed. House Bill 4706, introduced in the House by Rep. Robert Wittenberg (D), would enact similar provisions. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

Senate Bill 944: Revise road tax revenue distribution formula introduced by Sen. Steve Bieda (D), to authorize courts to order firearms to be seized from an individual based on a “reasonable cause to believe” that the person poses “a significant risk of personal injury to himself or herself or others.” Family members, roommates or people in a close relationship with the target could petition a court to issue an order to seize the individual’s firearms, and the court could issue this order without any notice to the target. The bill prescribes standards and procedures for this, and an appeals process. The court order would be in effect for up to one year and could be renewed. House Bill 4706, introduced in the House by Rep. Robert Wittenberg (D), would enact similar provisions. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

Senate Bill 971: Make drivers slow and move over when passing any stationary vehicle introduced by Sen. Morris Hood III, to require a state board to create a standard form for reporting sexual misconduct by employees of a law enforcement agency, and require the form be distributed to all police agencies. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

Senate Bill 967: Require police agencies to have specific form for reporting police sexual abuse introduced by Sen. Ian Conyers (D), to require a state board to create a standard form for reporting sexual misconduct by employees of a law enforcement agency, and require the form be distributed to all police agencies. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

Senate Bill 977: Mandate “sexual assault and dating violence” lessons in sex ed classes introduced by Rep. Tom Cochran (D), to require public school districts that offer sex education classes to include lessons on “sexual assault and dating violence,” and lessons on “affirmative consent.” Also, to require specified state officials and political appointees to develop a model curriculum for this. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

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Denise M. Graves
Argentine Township Clerk

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ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

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This year the proposed annual amounts are as follows:

**Township-wide Districts:**

- Garbage Collection $150.00 per parcel with a home
- Fire Protection $130.00 per improved parcel, $50.00 per vacant parcel

**Residences who live on a dirt road maintained by the county** will pay Road Improvement of $92.00 for Chloride - dust control.

**The residents who live on the following lakes weed control districts are as follows:**

- Lobdell Weeds $175.00 riparians
- McKane Weeds $100.00 riparians
- Softwater Weeds $150.00 riparians
- Myers Weeds $25.00 riparians

**The lighting districts are as follows and only residents who reside in this district will pay the assessment:**

- Kovacs Lights $50.00 per parcel for lights
- Platt & Angel Lights $120.00 per parcel for road maintenance and lights
- Woodwind Beach Drive $100.00 per parcel for road maintenance and light
- Pineview Lake Drive $10.00 per parcel for road maintenance and light
- Rustic Trail $10.00 per parcel for light
- Knobhill Lights $300.00 for a light and gate maintenance
- Woods Lights $56.00 per parcel for lights
- Arbor Oaks Drive $40.00 per parcel for lights

**The following is for Road Maintenance on roads that are maintained by the residents who live on them:**

- Longfellow Drive $180.00 per parcel for road maintenance
- Oakhill Drive $100.00 per improved parcel and $40 for vacant for road maintenance and lake access improvements
- Woodward Drive $30.00 per parcel for road maintenance plus $200.00 for ten years for repairs for a total of a total of $230.00
- Selma and Sharon Drives $150.00 per improved parcel for road maintenance
- Hartwood Drive $30.00 per parcel for road maintenance
- Bougher Drive $25.00 per parcel for road maintenance
- Hiawatha Drive $150.00 per parcel for road maintenance
- Ridge Drive $75.00 for parcels North of Lake Drive, $35.00 for parcels South of Lake Drive for maintenance
- Shared Driveway (Duffield Rd) $10.00 per parcel for road maintenance

The appearance and protest of a property owner or party in interest or agent at the above-referenced public hearing is required to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Such appearance and protest may be made in person at the hearing or by letter addressed to and received by the Township Clerk at 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden, MI 48451 prior to the close of said public hearing. Any appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal must be filed within 30 days after the date the roll is confirmed.

Denise Graves, Clerk Argentine Township
Weekend Sudoku

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each 3x3 box contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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Weekend Crossword

ACROSS
1. Begetter
6. Arrived extinct
9. Lacking the power to hear
13. Epic
14. Aboriginal Japanese
15. Jar used for cooking
16. British nobleman
17. Smart
18. Israeli stateswoman
19. Outer space matter that reaches the ground
21. Instrument
22. Infections
23. Holiday (informal)
24. Spanish be
25. Not even
28. Chewie’s friend Solo
29. Garments
31. Geological times
33. Music City
36. Cubes
38. Important Chinese principle
39. Closes tightly
41. Forms a boundary
44. Knife
45. Plants of the lily family
46. Turn around the track
48. Midway between northeast and east
49. Type of degree
51. Midway between north and northwest
52. Profession
54. Musical note patterns
56. Deeply cuts
64. Scherzer and Kershaw are two
65. Rice dish
66. Nasdaq code
67. Danish krone
68. Enzyme

DOWN
1. Carpe __
6. Fasts
7. Erstwhile
8. Diving seabird
9. Houses
10. Ancient Greek City
11. Type of skirt
12. Greek village
13. Estranges
17. Scottish island
20. Express delight
21. Cosmopolitan city
23. Letter of Hebrew alphabet
25. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
26. Flow
27. Shoal-forming fishes
29. Footwear parts
30. Schedule of events
32. Songs to one’s sweetheart
34. Test for high schoolers
35. Enthusiasm
36. Streets have them
40. One point east of due south
42. Cut the grass
43. Rattling breaths
47. For each
49. Marketing term
50. One who challenges
52. Sword
53. Polio vaccine developer
55. Film version of “Waterloo Bridge”
56. Want
57. Rhythmic pattern in Indian music
58. Young hawk
59. Harmless
61. Small amount
65. Palladium

Weekend 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!

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ORNIDANCE NO: 74-1

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 74, ARTICLE 6

The Township Board of the Township of Argentine Ordains:

Section 1
Article 6, Section 6.1.B.(1)(b) shall be deleted and replaced by Appendix 1.

Section 2
Article 6, Section 6.1.B.(2)(f)(ii) shall be deleted and replaced by Appendix 2.

Section 3
Article 6, Section 6.1.B.(2)(g) shall be deleted and replaced by Appendix 3.

Section 4

All other provisions of Ordinance No. 74 shall remain in full force and effect, and the entire ordinance may be reviewed at the Argentine Township Hall during regular office hours at 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden, Michigan.

Section 5

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication

Denise Graves, Clerk

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Marie Sadie Kaczmarek
1915-2018 Marie Sadie Kaczmarek -- age 102, from Bay City passed away on Saturday, July 28, 2018. Mother to Dave and Peg Wilson of Linden. Grandmother to Marie Thomas, Matt Wilson, Christina Theriault and Victoria Gillespie. Great-grandmother to Damon and Alec Thomas. She retired as a florist and co-owner of Keltis Flower Shop. Marie loved spending time with family and relatives.

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Sonia Taylor
1927-2018 Sonia Taylor - age 90, of Fenton, passed away on July 19, 2018 at her home in Bradenton, FL. Sonia was born in Beirut, Lebanon. Sonia came to this country at age 13 and attended school and graduated from Central High, Flint. She was undeniably a beautiful woman. Sonia will be fondly remembered for her kindness and sadly missed by all the lives she touched. Sonia Taylor gained much notoriety for her career at ‘The Vogue’. Flint. After retiring Sonia joined forces with her daughter Renee, they opened and operated, Cinnamon Skin Tanning Salon/Boutique, Fenton for ten years and later opened The Barn Boutique, together, in Bradenton, FL for the last nine years. Sonia was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Bill Taylor, in 1999. Sonia Taylor is survived by her son, David Ameen of HI great-grandchildren, Davey Ameen of HI, and Jeremy Ameen of Fenton and ten beautiful great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. There will be a memorial for Sonia in Fenton and also in Bradenton, FL, both at a later date. Sound Choice Cremation and Burials in Bradenton, FL are handling her arrangements www.SoundChoiceCremation.com.

FUNERAL ETIQUETTE

When you arrive at the funeral home, go to the family, and express your sympathy with an embrace or by offering your hands. Don’t feel as though you must avoid talking about the person who has died. Talking can help the grieving process begin. If you were an acquaintance of the deceased but not well-known to the family, immediately introduce yourself. Do not feel uncomfortable if you or the family member becomes emotional or begins to cry.

Allowing the family to grieve is a natural healing process. However, if you find yourself becoming extremely upset, it would be kinder to excuse yourself so as not to increase the strain on the family.

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David Otto Stapp
1966-2018 David Otto Stapp - age 52, of Linden, died Tuesday, July 31, 2018. Services will be held at 10 a.m. August 10, 2018 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Pastor Nathan Loesch officiating. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Friday from 12 PM until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to the David Stapp Memorial Scholarship Fund, 3100 Oxen Road, Fenton, MI 48430. David was born May 5, 1966 in Flint, the son of Dallas O. and Sandra C. (Patsey) Stapp. He was a 1984 graduate of Linden High School. He married Kimberly Mitchelson July 20, 1991 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton. He had resided in Linden his entire life. David was employed by Barton Malow Company as a superintendent. He was a member of the Carpenters Union #708 in Saginaw. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, but most of all spending time with his family. Surviving are: his loving wife, Kimberly; beloved sons, Peyton and Remington; brother, Dallas Stapp and Buffy Deshazo of Swartz Creek; sister, Sheila (John) Mikusak of Cheboygan; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Kari and Michael Mitchelson of Shelby Township; brothers-in-law, Michael (Maria) Mitchelson of Shelby Township and Shawn (Maria) Mitchelson of Macomb Township; incredibly special friend, Cathy Utter; aunts, uncles, cousins and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Sonia Taylor
1927-2018 Sonia Taylor - age 90, of Fenton, passed away on July 19, 2018 at her home in Bradenton, FL. Sonia was born in Beirut, Lebanon. Sonia came to this country at age 13 and attended school and graduated from Central High, Flint. She was undeniably a beautiful woman. Sonia will be fondly remembered for her kindness and sadly missed by all the lives she touched. Sonia Taylor gained much notoriety for her career at ‘The Vogue’. Flint. After retiring Sonia joined forces with her daughter Renee, they opened and operated, Cinnamon Skin Tanning Salon/Boutique, Fenton for ten years and later opened The Barn Boutique, together, in Bradenton, FL for the last nine years. Sonia was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Bill Taylor, in 1999. Sonia Taylor is survived by her son, David Ameen of HI great-grandchildren, Davey Ameen of HI, and Jeremy Ameen of Fenton and ten beautiful great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. There will be a memorial for Sonia in Fenton and also in Bradenton, FL, both at a later date. Sound Choice Cremation and Burials in Bradenton, FL are handling her arrangements www.SoundChoiceCremation.com.

FUNERAL ETIQUETTE

When you arrive at the funeral home, go to the family, and express your sympathy with an embrace or by offering your hands. Don’t feel as though you must avoid talking about the person who has died. Talking can help the grieving process begin. If you were an acquaintance of the deceased but not well-known to the family, immediately introduce yourself. Do not feel uncomfortable if you or the family member becomes emotional or begins to cry.

Allowing the family to grieve is a natural healing process. However, if you find yourself becoming extremely upset, it would be kinder to excuse yourself so as not to increase the strain on the family.

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Factors to consider before including Fido in your wedding

Pets are full-fledged members of many families and even, apparently, families-to-be. In its 2016 American Wedding Study, Brides magazine found that 8 percent of wedding ceremonies included pets. While the couples of yesteryear might have left Fido at home, many of today’s couples want their four-legged friends to be there on their big day. Though some studies to date have examined which animals are most likely to make an appearance at couples’ nuptials, it’s fair to assume that dogs, which tend to get out of the house more than most other types of pets, are the most common furry bridesmaids, groomsmen or ring bearers. Below, including dogs in their wedding plans, couples may want to consider a few factors to ensure asking Fido to be there come the big day is what’s best for couples, their guests and, of course, their beloved pooches.

ELIGIBILITY
Some venues do not allow pets that are not documented assistance animals on the premises. Confirm a venue’s pet policy before purchasing any wedding day attire for your dog. Couples who are intent on including their pets in their wedding ceremonies should only consider pet-friendly facilities, which may be hard to find. Couples who plan to take a limousine to and from their wedding also should confirm that the cars allow pets before booking.

PERSONALITY
No two dogs are the same. Some dogs might love people and attention, while others might prefer one-on-one time with their owners. Dogs that are sociable and unaggressive may make perfect additions to wedding ceremonies, while animals that exhibit anxiety around strangers or seem uncomfortable in noisy settings should be kept out of the ceremony.

HEALTH
Dog owners also must consider their pets’ health when deciding whether or not to include them in the wedding ceremony. Couples who bonded over a love of their dog may really hope to include their furry friend in the festivities, but should not do so at the expense of the animal’s health. Outdoor wedding ceremonies under sunny skies may produce potentially unhealthy conditions for certain breeds or older dogs. Dogs that have difficulty getting around may need a red wagon (and attendant) to make the rounds at the wedding.

ASSISTANCE
Couples will be busy on their wedding days, so they may need to arrange for a caretaker to look after their dog during and after the ceremony. Asking a guest or guests to play this role may be asking too much, as guests will no doubt want to celebrate without having to take care of a dog. A professional pet sitter might work, but that can be costly, as couples must pay for the sitter and will likely need to pay for the sitter to have a seat and a meal during the reception.

Dogs can make great additions to weddings, but couples must consider a host of factors before deciding to have Fido join them as they tie the knot.

RECIPE: AVOCADO SALSA

INGREDIENTS
• 1 avocado, halved & pitted
• 2 tablespoons chopped onion
• 1/2 tablespoon hot salsa
• 1 teaspoon nutritional yeast
• 1/2 teaspoon salt, or to taste

DIRECTIONS
Scoop avocado flesh into a bowl; mash with a potato masher and stir until somewhat smooth. Top avocado with onion and salsa. Sprinkle nutritional yeast and salt over the guacamole.

GRAND SLAM
ASSIST, BALK, BASEMAN, BASES, BATTER, BENCH, BULLPEN, CAPTCH, CENTER FIELD, CHANGELJP, COACH, DEFENSE, EARNED, ERROR, GRAND SLAM, GROUNDOUT, HITTER, HOME RUN, INFIELD, INNINGS, LEAD, MANAGER, OFFENSE, OUT, OUTFIELD, PICKOFF, PITCHER, PLATE, RELIEF, RUN, SAVE, SHORTSTOP, SLIDER, STEALING, WALK

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DVD RELEASES

LEAN ON PETE
Fifteen-year-old Charley Thompson (Charlie Plummer) arrives in Portland, Oregon with his single father Ray (Tayins Fimm), both of them eager for a fresh start after a series of hard knocks. While Ray descends into personal turmoil, Charley finds acceptance and camaraderie at a local race track where he lands a job caring for an aging Quarter Horse named Lean On Pete. The horse’s gruff owner Del Montgomery (Steve Buscemi) and his seasoned jockey Bonnie (Chloe Sevigny) help Charley fill the void of his father’s absence until he discovers that Pete is bound for slaughter, prompting him to take extreme measures to spare his new friend’s life. Charley and Pete head out into the great unknown, embarking on an odyssey across the new American frontier in search of a loving aunt Charley hasn’t seen in years. They experience adventure and heartbeat in equal measure, but never lose their irrepressible hope and resolve as they pursue their dream of finding a place they can call home.

CHAPPAQUIDDICK
In the riveting suspense drama, Chappaquiddick, the scandal and mysterious events surrounding the tragic drowning of a young woman, as Ted Kennedy drove his car off the infamous bridge, are revealed in the new movie starring Jason Clarke as Ted Kennedy and Kate Mara as Mary Jo Kopechne. Not only did this event take the life of an aspiring political strategist and Kennedy insider, but it ultimately changed the course of presidential history forever. Through true accounts, documented in the inquest from the investigation in 1969, director John Curran and writers Andrew Logan and Taylor Allen, intimately expose the broad reach of political power, the influence of America’s most celebrated family, and the vulnerability of Ted Kennedy, the youngest son, in the shadow of his family legacy.

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