Best Michigan roadside attractions

From a genuine tourist trap addict

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Ever since I was a kid and my parents took me to my first tourist trap, I have been addicted. I make it a point to return to my favorite roadside attraction destinations at least once every three years. Some of them change, and some of them never change. The only thing that makes me sad are the ones that go away — like Prehistoric Forest in Irish Hills and Deer Acres in Pinconning (which has been slated for reopening for about three years now).

As a self-proclaimed ‘tourist trap addict,’ I feel I should share with you my top choices for Michigan’s odd attractions.

Dinosaur Gardens — This prehistoric zoo is located at 11160 US Highway 23 S, in Ossineke. Enjoy a walk through the woods where there are giant monstrous dinosaur replicas, and many mosquitoes. The earliest photo I have found of this awesome destination was when I was about 5 years old — probably the first time I went there.

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HONORABLE MENTIONS

• Cross in the Woods — A 28-foot-tall crucifixion sculpture located in Indian River.
• Castle Rock — A castle-shaped rock jutting out over the roadside in St. Ignace.
• Mystery Hill — Another mystery spot, this one is located in Onsted.

Dinosaur Gardens

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Looking a little tipsy, Devon Stegall smiles for the camera, while posing with the tourist guide at Mystery Spot in St. Ignace.

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Devon Stegall gets eaten by a dinosaur — there is a lot of interactive fun at Dinosaur Gardens.

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Not only are the dinosaurs fun to look at (and touch), Dinosaur Gardens offers a wide array of fun items inside their gift shop.

**Call of the Wild Museum**

For those who do not appreciate taxidermy wildlife, Call of the Wild Museum at 850 S. Wisconsin Ave. in Gaylord is not the destination to visit. According to their website, Call of the Wild opened in May 1965 by Carl and Hattie Johnson and is now operated by their three children. It is an educational exhibit filled with critters and history. Each animal display shares information about their habitat, feeding and mating patterns, and more. While most of the animals are displayed behind glass, there is one room where kids can actually touch a deer, a bear and even a skunk.

**Sea Shell City**

One of the most comical, and somewhat less impressive attractions Michigan boasts is the “Man Killing Giant Clam,” located at Sea Shell City. The clam is a crusty white bivalve (long dead) covered in plastic seaweed. This one is an interesting place to stop once, but the attraction is one that has never called me back. Sea Shell City is mainly a gift shop filled with shells, none of which comes from Michigan.

If you have the time and energy to make a trek across the bridge, St. Ignace offers a bunch of great roadside attractions, including these three:

**Mystery Spot**

Mystery Spot, at 150 Martin Lake Road in St. Ignace, is not the only place of its kind, but it is strategically located in an area populated with other roadside attractions.

The entrance to Call of the Wild Museum in Gaylord welcomes visitors.

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**Call of the Wild Museum**

This is the fierce mountain lion visitors see while strolling through the museum.

The story behind this stop is that in the early 1950s, three surveyors named Clarence, Fred and McCray came from California to explore the Upper Peninsula. They stumbled across an area of land where their surveying equipment did not seem to work properly. As they continued their research of this land, they noticed a constant feeling of being light-headed.

Later, they realized their queasiness and problems with the surveying equipment only occurred in an area about 300 feet in diameter.

Millions have visited the Mystery Spot, many of them returning often. While I have only been to this one once, it was not my first mystery spot, nor will it likely be my last.

The best part? Sitting in a chair that is balanced only with its back legs on a small leg against a wall.

**Weird Michigan Wax Museum**

One of my weirdest discoveries when visiting the Upper Peninsula was the Weird Michigan Wax Museum at Martin Lake Rd. & US 2 in St. Ignace. It is home to some of the strangest wax figures ever, including The Snake Princess of Belle Isle and The King of Beaver Island. Each exhibit has some relation to myth, or fact, in Michigan’s own strange history.

While this is only a taste of the wonderful oddities in our great state of Michigan, it is surely a list that will get you on the road to find your own beloved tourist traps to visit every few years and share with your children.
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Proposals shall be received as follows:

1. Contract 1 – General Trades: (Balter Free - Toile Room Renovations)

The above referenced project is a federally funded activity authorized under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. All bidders must comply with federal labor standards, including the Davis-Bacon Act and the Copeland Anti-Kickback Legislation; federal equal opportunity requirements; and Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968. Minority/Women/Handicapped business owned enterprises (M/W/H/B) and Section 3 business concerns seeking bid opportunities under this Project Notice and encouraged to respond.

Bidding Documents may be obtained at the office of Fieals & VandenBrink Engineering, Inc., 9475 Holly Road, Suite 201, Grand Blanc, MI 48439; Telephone (810) 743-8120, Fax (810) 743-1797. A non-refundable payment of forty dollars ($40.00) will be required for each set of Contract Documents. An additional, non-refundable payment of Twenty Dollars ($20.00) will be required for mailing the Bidding Documents. The bidding documents are also available in PDF format, e-mailed from the Architect’s Office at No Cost to bidders. Bidding Documents may also be examined at the following location on or after August 7, 2014:

Fieals & VandenBrink Engineering, Inc., 9475 Holly Road, Suite 201, Grand Blanc, MI 48439
Tri-City Builders Exchange (CAM), 334 South Water Street, Saginaw, MI 48637
Builder’s Exchange, 1240 East Saginaw, Lansing, MI 48826
Construction Association of Michigan, 4983 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Bidders are to have visited the site, become familiar with the conditions, and notify the Architect/Engineer immediately of any conflicts or clarifications needed in the advertisement or addendum. Bidders shall contact the Town of Argentine, 5048 Silver Lake Road, Linden, MI 48451, Phone (810) 735-0550 to arrange a site visit.

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4. End Of The Road - Boys II Men
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CITY OF LINDEN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO BYRAM LAKE

The Linden City Council will hold a public hearing in the Council Chambers on the lower level of the Mill Building at 201 N. Main Street, Linden, Michigan on Monday, August 25, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. to hear citizen’s comments on continuation of the Byram Lake Improvement Project. The project will be financed by a special assessment district which includes all properties in the city within 500 feet of Byram Lake which abut the lake. A copy of plans and cost estimates for the project are on file with the City Clerk.

The current aquatic plant control program on Byram Lake is scheduled to end this year. It is proposed to continue the project through 2019 with a combination of herbicide treatments, mechanical harvesting for aquatic plant control and continued water quality monitoring to gauge the effectiveness of the project. Estimated project costs for the proposed project 2015 through 2019 are:

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In order to ensure assessments levied are proportionate to the benefit derived from the project, it is proposed that lot size be considered when determining individual assessments. Under this plan, a “unit” assessment would be levied against lots with a mean lot width of 300 feet or less. Lots greater than 300 feet in width would be assessed two units in the proposed Byram Lake special assessment district. This equates to a unit assessment of $264.90 per year for 5 years.

Any person wishing to comment may do so in person or in writing by addressing written comments to Lynn M. Henry, City Clerk, at PO. Box 507, 132 E. Broad Street, Linden, Michigan, 48451.

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF A REGULAR PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD TUESDAY AUGUST 26, 2014 AT 7:00 PM BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AT 12060 MANTAWAUKA. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

NEW BUSINESS:
ZBA14-018 Lori Pettigo Sowe, 12233 Dalhart Fenton:
Requesting a sight line variance to add to deck and for stairs down to lake, parcel 06-11-529-010

ZBA14-019 Nick Will, Trademark Building, 339 Center St. Fenton:
Requesting a front yard set back variance, property is located at 16489 Red Fox Trail, parcel 06-32-651-028

ZBA14-020 DeAires, 255 N. Alloy Fenton:
Requesting a to construct a pole barn on property without a principal residence, property is located on Fenton Rd. south of Fentonwood parcel 06-12-300-012

HQ14-021 Michael Conway, 4401 Silver Lake Linden:
Requesting a home occupation to have a barber shop in his home, parcel 06-28-100-001

ZBA14-022 Paula Klein, 14110 Eastview Fenton:
Requesting a sight line variance to build a shed, parcel 06-22-528-033

ZBA14-023 Charter Township of Fenton Board of Trustees:
Requesting a determination as to the non-conforming status of a 30 ft. wide strip of land used for riparian access this strip of land is adjacent to property at 2549 N. Long Lake and 11450, 11454, 11464 & 11472 Moffett Ct. on the north end of Lake Fenton

This notice is published in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a (2) (3) and the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).

Fenton Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, as such signs 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: Robert Krug, Fenton Township Clerk, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48450, (810) 626-1507.

Ordinances, meeting schedules and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

ROBERT KRUG,
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS
AUGUST 4, 2014

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday August 4, 2014 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.

1. Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
2. Trustee Goupil offered the opening prayer.
3. Approved the agenda as presented.
4. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of $164,039.51.
5. Postponed until 8/18/14 a proposed resolution to confirm the hearing on, and the first reading of a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to revise PUD conditions for a previously approved PUD project, commonly known as Vicinia Gardens.
6. Conducted a public hearing on, and the first reading of, a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to revise PUD conditions for a previously approved PUD project, commonly known as Vicinia Gardens.
7. Received the 2nd quarter report from Ordinance Enforcement Officer Bob Atkinson.
8. Referred to the Fenton Township Zoning Board of Appeals the issue of whether the access to Lake Fenton by properties on Moffett Court constitutes a legal, non-conforming use.
9. Adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 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.fentontownship.org.

ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK
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PLAN 10-404

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- Rec Room: 267 sq. ft.
- Utility: 98 sq. ft.
- Laundry: 12 sq. ft.
- Bath: 9 sq. ft.

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Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriams


Helen June Moore, Helen June Moore - age: 88, of Fenton, went home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on August 4, 2014. Funeral services were held 2:30 PM Thursday, August 7, 2014 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Pastor Chris Tenneriello officiated. Burial followed in Oakwood Cemetery. The family received friends from 12 PM until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to Bible's International.

Helen was born August 26, 1925 in Swartzville, MI, the daughter of Alfred and Florence Ellendorf. She was married to Rev. L.S. "Joe" Moore on July 26, 1945, he preceded her in death on September 17, 2003. Helen was a longtime Women's Bible Study teacher and was a pastor's assistant to her husband at Baptist Churches in Milford, Belleville and Granite Falls, MN. Helen was a loving wife, mother, friend and spiritual guide to many. Surviving are: daughter, Sharin Cherup of South Haven; son, FL; sister, Judy Brock; brother, John Ellendorf; many nieces, nephews, family and friends, including the Wardorf, Rupp and Goethals families. She was also preceded in death by her sisters, Nadine and Linda. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Florence Mabel Sortman 1925-2014 Florence Mabel Sortman - age 88, of Fenton, died August 7, 2014. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at Transfiguration Lutheran Church, 14176 Fenton Rd., Fenton, Dr. Mark Fisher officiating. Committal services 1 PM Tuesday at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


DEAR AMY:
Our sixth-grade daughter, "Anna," has a school friend, "Krista," who she really connects with, but Krista's mother is a nightmare. She intrudes herself uninvited, behaves badly and is overall inappropriate. Anna and I recently witnessed her yanking Krista around by the hair while insulting her. Privately, I told her how uncomfortable what she did to her daughter made us, hoping to advocate for the child. Her response to my admittedly intrusive critique of her parenting was predictably awful, and she told Krista that I think she is a lousy mother. Krista is welcome in our home, but I will not allow Anna to return the visits, nor does she want to. Is there a good way to allow Krista to visit my daughter in our home but not in hers? We have been able to find excuses so far, but what do I tell a 12-year-old?
—Challenged

DEAR DR. ROACH: My wife suffered from spinal stenosis. She had a cortisone shot, which helped for 90 days. She had regular physical therapy meetings. She was in constant pain, but insisted on playing tennis (against her doctor’s wishes). Then, we happened to vacation for a month in Florida, and one of the offered activities was a “stretch” workout. She insisted that she wanted to try it.

After the very first time she thought she felt a little better. She went to several of the sessions, and finally asked the trainer what she could buy to keep it up at home. The trainer suggested a stretching DVD. It takes about an hour to complete, and she now does it three times a week. She plays hard tennis five days a week, hasn’t complained about pain since 2010, and hasn’t needed any physical therapy, either. I continue to be amazed. Certainly this kind of therapy can’t hurt anyone, since you do it only to your personal comfort levels. Perhaps you might mention this type of therapy in your column sometime. It worked miracles for us at virtually no cost. —R.M.

**Answer:** Spinal stenosis is caused by pressure on the nerves at the level of the spinal column. Physical therapy is one effective treatment, and one I always recommend prior to considering surgery. I thank you for taking the time to point out that gentle stretching can help, probably by opening up the spaces in between the vertebrae to allow the nerve more room.

**Recipe of the week**

**Grilled Chipotle Lime Flank Steak**

*INGREDIENTS:*  
• 2 T. chipotles in adobo  
• 2 T. extra-virgin olive oil  
• juice of 2 limes  
• 2 cloves garlic, chopped  
• 1/4 t. coriander  
• 1/4 t. cumin  
• 1/4 t. smoked paprika  
• 2 T. chili powder  
• 1/4 t. pepper  
• 1/2 t. kosher salt  
• 1 flank steak

*PREP:*
In a small bowl, whisk together the first ten ingredients. Place your flank steak in a plastic bag and pour in the marinade. Refrigerate for at least 12 hours or overnight.

*COOK:*
1. In a small bowl, whisk together the first ten ingredients. Place your flank steak in a plastic bag and pour in the marinade. Refrigerate for at least 12 hours or overnight.
2. Remove the steak from the refrigerator 30 minutes prior to grilling and remove excess liquid with a paper towel.
3. Preheat grill to high. Cook for 4-5 minutes on each side for medium-rare. Allow the steak to rest for 10 minutes before slicing.

**DIRECTIONS:***

Recipe from www.themessybakerblog.com

**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!

**Clue:**

- **NEAR**
- **SOUPOR**
- **DOPIER**

Answer key located in this edition
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