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...a fast growing sport in this area

Local expert offers advice on choosing, buying, paddling, safety tips

By Yvonne Stegall and Tim Jagielo ystegall@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792

Linden — The air smells like sunscreen, and the brightly colored kayaks line the street and banks of the Shiawassee River. Dogs and humans alike are equipped with life jackets as they push off for the 2014 Shiawassee River Flotilla, and many different kayaks were present.

From the wider, more open consumer-style, to the slimmer sportier type, all different shapes in between were represented among the 100 or so that attended the Keepers of the Shiawassee and Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation hosted event.

The flotilla was either a relaxed, lazy trip down the river, or an energetic excuse to exercise, and either way, the participants ended

up at Spoonz restaurant on Lake Ponemah for a \$5 boxed lunch, and photo, which is the actual "flotilla" part.

All they needed was a kayak (or canoe) to participate, and the river itself is accessible all along the shoreline throughout the tri-county area. Linden resident and avid kayaker Maggie Yerman said, "I wanted a kayak because I liked being on the water."

REI, a famous outdoor outfitter, has a great website with suggestions on how to choose the right kayak when shopping at any store.

What do you plan to do?

The waters on which you plan to kayak do make a difference, and so does your own body size. A shallower river like the Shiawassee doesn't need

> anything bigger than a 10 or 12-foot kayak. Anything bigger won't handle the twists and turns. Maybe you want one because See KAYAKING on 2B



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELO

Participants in the Shiawassee River Flotilla drag kayaks ashore at the property next to Spoonz on Lake Ponemah last Saturday. All shapes and sizes of kayaks were represented.

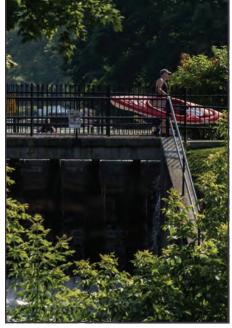
I he two most important decisions of your kayak purchase Page 28



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TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELO The river flotilla began in downtown Linden on the west side of the dam.

KAYAKING Continued from Page 1B

you're a fisherman, to which Yerman suggests a stable sit-on-top kayak. Going out for the big waters, such as Lake Michigan, would call for a sturdier and larger kayak. **How far do you plan to go?**

The length of your trip is also important when it comes to choosing the right kayak. If you are going for a short glide on the water, any kayak will work. However, if you plan to spend some ample time out on the water, or even plan to camp out, you will want to make sure you have a kayak with some storage space for food, drinks, and possibly even some camping gear. Yerman suggests one with bulkheads, so your stuff is safe inside if you tip. **Are you going alone?**

The two most important

Yerman said that not just any life jacket

you need a paddling jacket," she said. Normal life jackets, like those used for regular boats or for skiing, are too bulky to allow you to fit comfortably in the seat of your kayak. A paddling jacket is also made with a different kind of armhole that allows more ma-

Paddle shopping is also an important step, according to Yerman, who said, "A cheaper paddle may be heavier and more bulky." She recommends a two-

piece paddle, and said that sometimes

the pricier paddle will be the best

will do. "It's not just about the boat,

decisions of your kayak purchase

#1-Your life jacket

neuverability for paddling.

#2-Your paddles

option.

It's OK to go solo, but you need to

remember that if you are alone you want a kayak that is easy to maneuver for just one person. Something heavy and bulky just isn't going to work.

flotilla last week.

If this will be your first trip out in a kayak you may not want to go alone, and you may want to choose a kayak style that is easily maneuverable. Someone who has been doing it for years is more open to a wider variety of kayak choices.



If you have a larger vehicle with a rack on the top, you can easily strap down a kayak that is light enough to lift. If you don't have a lot of room in your vehicle, or you plan to backpack, you can get a foldable kayak. There are many options, depending on your storage and transportation needs.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELO Tom Maple of Flint readies his kayak at the Linden boat launch for the start of the LIFE STYLE



CREEK FOOTHILL AND CANYON GOLF CLUB AUSTIN, TEXAS

This course is dotted with cliff-lined fairways, waterfalls and limestone caves. However, don't let the beauty of the course fool you, it's designed to offer golfers no lack of challenge.



SPYGLASS HILL PEBBLE BEACH, CALIFORNIA

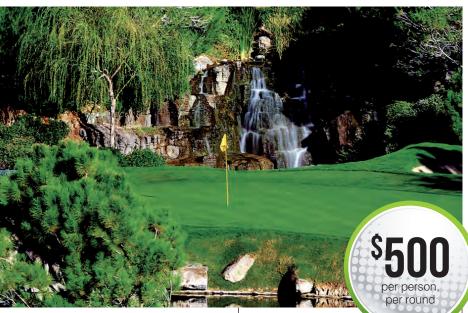
First opening in 1966, Spyglass Hill takes its name from the legend that 'Treasure Island' author Robert Louis Stevenson once went there to gather ideas for his novel. The course itself is rated among the toughest in the world, but if you play through it, you would have done what some of the world's best, like Phil Mickelson and Luke Donald, have.



THE PINEHURST COURSE NUMBER 2 PINEHURST, NORTH CAROLINA

While the Pinehurst golf resort in North Carolina features eight unique courses, it's the Number 2, the Number 8 and the Number 4 courses that have been consistently ranked as among the best in the golfing world. The course has already hosted several major tournaments, including the 2014 US Open this past June.

MOST EXPENSIVE **GOLF COURSES** IN THE UNITED STATES



SHADOW CREEK GOLF COURSE LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

This 18-hole golf course, owned by casino mogul Steve Wynn and designed by Tom Fazio, opened in 1989. Laced with waterfalls and lakes, planted with more than 200 varieties of trees, it sits in a giant desert dug-out, a sunken swatch of land that Fazio created by moving more than 3 million cubic yards of earth to make sure the course is hidden from public view. So what does \$500 get you? First up, you will be driven to and from the course in a limo. You will also get your own personal caddy for the round to guide you through each hole. Also, you can't just pack up and go there as only invited guests of MGM Mirage resorts are allowed to play.



SHADOW CREEK DID YOU KNOW?

COURSE RECORD: Tiger Woods and Fred Couples (60) SOME NAMES ON THE LOCKERS IN

SOME NAMES ON THE LOCKERS IN THE CLUBHOUSE: Include George Bush, Michael Jordan,

John Elway, and Wilt Chamberlain **COURSE FEATURES:** Lakes, waterfalls, rolling hillsides, more than 200 varieties of trees, flowing rock bed streams, rocky outcrop-

pings and exotic birds

DURING CONSTRUCTION: Over three million cubic yards of dirt was dug up from the desert floor and pushed around the perimeter, creating a berm that blocked any view from the outside.

PEBBLE BEACH GOLF LINKS PEBBLE BEACH, CALIFORNIA

Often the venue for the US Open and Ryder Cup tourneys, Pebble Beach Golf Links is considered one of the most beautiful golf courses in the world, with a rugged coastline and a view of the Pacific Ocean in Carmel Bay. Just don't let the wind from the sea throw you off your game. Designer Jack Neville placed many holes of the course as close as possible to the rocky coastline.



WHISTLING STRAITS KOHLER, WISCONSIN

Whistling Straits actually has two courses, the Straits Course and the Irish Course. The Straits Course, described as an ideal walking-only course, follows two miles of Lake Michigan shoreline; while the Irish Course is described as more challenging with its layout of grassland and dunes made to look like Irish terrain. The name of the course takes after when the wind picks up, making the game a challenge for even the most experienced golfers in the world.



THE OCEAN COURSE KIAWAH ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA

This course was designed to let the wind have an immediate effect on the game, making it a challenge for starting and experienced golfers. Making it to the holes is a reward in itself, the course promises a great view of the Atlantic Ocean from any hole on the course.



TPC SAWGRASS JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

This course is said to be a true test of anyone's golfing skills as it is devised not to favor any particular style of play. TPC Sawgrass usually hosts the 'fifth major' of each year.



street talk

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What is most challenging about learning to drive?



"Getting somewhere. I would drive all the time, but I had to give up my car."

Glennadina Bonham Linden



"People already think they've got it figured out. Kids think they know everything, so it's dangerous." — Tracy Zaiser Gaines

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"Parallel parking, that was a tough one. It took me all my life to learn and I still don't do it well."

— Lynda Novar, Tyrone Twp.



"Parallel parking. In fact, I don't do it. I drive until I find a spot. I learned when there wasn't power steering, so that made it hard."

– Sonja Melrose, Fenton



"People start at too young of an age. The driving age should be moved to 18 because kids are emotionally not ready." - Bonnie Monan, Grand Blanc

"Nothing was challenging,

but I had a standard transmission and my car stalled in the neighbor's driveway and I got grounded."

– Chuck Amanon, Fenton

Want to save money?

►You can save big at home, dining out and traveling with these special tips

By Sally Rummel

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282 You can keep more money in your wallet by being mindful of your spending habits.

Whether you're making cost-saving repairs at home or finding new ways to dine out on a dime, you can save cash with more careful spending. Here are a few suggestions, excerpted from AARP magazine.

Home maintenance

• Save \$100 a year by using smart power strips that cut electricity to devices in standby mode.

• Save 20 percent on energy to heat and cool a home when it's well sealed and insulated. • Reverse your ceiling fan in the winter, so the fan will pull up cool air and send down the heated air that's settled near the ceiling. Food

• Use a slow cooker for cooking beef, as you can use cheaper cuts of beef and let them cook all day.

• Learn to stir fry so you can use small amounts of meat and whatever's left in your refrigerator.

 Shop for produce in season, and buy from local farmers markets. Blanch vegetables and freeze herbs for later use.

· Watch for deals on fresh foods, especially beef, chicken and pork, and freeze what you don't use right away. Remove packaging, rewrap food in plastic wrap and place in freezer bag with date marked. Try to use within a couple months.

Home décor

• Decorate with a mix of high and low (prices) and old and new pieces. Place hand-me-down antiques next to something new, trendy and inexpensive.

• Find the same rich colors offered by highend paint companies for less by taking their chips to a hardware store that can match the color.

Leisure time/vacations

· Attend lectures and concerts at nearby colleges and universities.

· Enjoy local community theater at a fraction of the cost of a big show in the city. · Check websites like broadwayforbroke-

people.com, a guide to scoring great tickets for less than usual Ticketmaster prices. • For cheaper flights, book the earliest and

latest flights of the day.

• Head to ski resorts in the summer and beach locations in late August or early September. Check out great deals at Disney World Resorts



10 things Americans waste money on

1. Credit card interest — if you can't afford it at its base price, you certainly can't afford it with a huge interest rate added on to it.

2. Deal websites — many people end up not using "the deal" they bought within the specified time limit. 3. Appetizers — with restaurant portions so large to begin with, why pay

more to eat more than you need? 4. ATM fees — when you use a bank that is not your home bank, you get charged to get cash out. Then many banks charge you again. These fees add up.

5. Overdraft fees — do your math, spend less than you make and you'll never pay a dime of these fees.

6. Speedy shipping — use standard shipping and learn patience to wait rather than pay extra for priority shipping.

7. Designer baby clothes — new baby clothes with expensive labels will only get worn once or twice. Think garage sales and resale shops when clothing your little ones.

8. Unused gym memberships unlike the monthly commitment, the monthly dues don't stop, so make sure it's what you commit to do before you sign up.

 Premium cable channels people don't watch 90 percent of the channels that are on.

10. Daily coffee trips — people used to brew their own coffee themselves, and as a culture, we've gotten away from that. Look at how much money you dish out for that concoction over a month or two.

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CITY OF FENTON ORDINANCE NO. 682

Ordinance No. 682, which extends the moratorium in place on certain land uses related to medical marihuana in order to review and implement revised land use ordinances addressing the proper location and regulation for such activities, was enacted by the Fenton City Council.

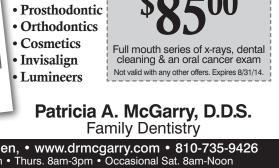
Ordinance No. 682 was introduced August 11, 2014, at a meeting of the Fenton City Council and was subsequently adopted on August 11, 2014. This Ordinance is in immediate effect.

The complete text of Ordinance No. 682 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.

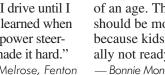
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Renee Wilson City Clerk









Featured columnist By Roger Campbell

What's that in your hand?

In an article titled 'His Eye is on the Sparrow,' Jerry Jenkins, co-author of the best-selling 'Left Behind,' introduced his readers to Dameon Sharkey, a seventh-grader, whose compassion and faith should be an example to us all.

Dameon's teacher, Jeff Leeland, was going through the toughest time of his life. His son, Michael, had been diagnosed with Leukemia and without a bone marrow transplant wasn't likely to survive. Michael's 7-year-old sister, Amy, proved to be a perfect match but their insurance refused to cover the \$200,000 cost. In the absence of insurance coverage, the hospital required a \$175,000 deposit, an amount the Leelands didn't have and couldn't borrow. Then young Dameon got involved.

Dameon told his mother he wanted to empty his savings account and give it all to save Michael's life. When she called Jeff to tell him of Dameon's desire, he tried to decline the offer but Dameon had made up his mind and before long he was placing 12 crumpled \$5 bills in his protesting teacher's hand, an act of love and generosity that would catch on and save Michael's life.

When the news of Dameon's gift became known, a fund was started at the school and within four weeks it had grown from Dameon's \$60 donation to \$220,000. Amy donated her bone marrow and the operation proceeded. Michael survived the procedure and became cancer free. Dameon wasn't the first to give up what was in his hand and see it produce a miracle. Thousands of years earlier, Moses stood near a burning bush in the desert of Midian listening to a call to go to Egypt and lead his people out of slavery. Then this future great leader began to make excuses.

'Who am I that I should go?' he asked. 'They will not believe me.' 'What is that in your hand?' asked a voice from the fire.

'A rod,' Moses replied; his answer accentuating how little he had in his hand and how ill equipped he felt for the great task being assigned to him (Exodus 4:2).

Yet Moses's rod would later be called the rod of God. He would raise it and the Red Sea would open for his people to escape those who wanted to enslave them again (Exodus 14). He would strike a rock with that rod and refreshing water would flow in the desert to enable these former slaves to drink and keep moving forward.

Centuries later, after the disciples of our Lord had run out of ideas about how to feed five thousand hungry people on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, an unnamed boy gave up his meager lunch of fish and bread and saw it become enough to feed this hungry multitude and have 12 full baskets left over (John 6).

We all have something in our hands to give. And there are too many needy people awaiting our help to keep what we have to ourselves; too many problems to solve for us to hold back from helping; too many who need to know what it means to trust God and walk with Him every day to remain silent.

What's that in your hand? Are you willing to release it to make a difference?

Roger Campbell is an author, a broadcaster and columnist who was a pastor for 22 years. He can be reached at rcministry@ameritech.net.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

EVERY DAY I thank God for the GOP, the Republicans we have in the House and Senate as they attempt to rein in a reckless, incompetent, disengaged and dangerous president. Obama has caused more worldly problems than any other president and is harming our country every day. BARACK OBAMA TOOK a solemn oath to uphold our constitution and the laws and ordinances contained therein. Apparently, the game of golf must be in there somewhere also because it's the one duty our President seems to faithfully fulfill.

CORNERSTONE BUILDING IS absolutely beautiful. I admire the merchants who bought in before construction. Let's make sure we support them.

INVITATION TO BID

Construction Manager for Plumbing, Electrical and Carpentry work at Jack R. Winegarden Public Library

The City of Fenton Downtown Development Authority, Michigan will receive sealed bids at the City Clerk's Office, 301 South LeRoy Street, Fenton, Michigan 48430-2196 for a Construction Manager to complete Plumbing, Electrical and Carpentry work at Jack R. Winegarden Public Library in the City of Fenton until Tuesday September 2, 2014 at 11:00 am.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at that time in the conference room of the Fenton City Office, 301 South LeRoy Street, Fenton, Michigan. Bids should be submitted in sealed envelopes plainly marked "Library Renovation – City of Fenton".

Bids are being solicited only from responsible and established bidders known to be experienced and regularly engaged in this work. Satisfactory evidence that the bidder has the necessary capital, equipment and personnel to do the work may be required.

Proposal forms and specifications are on file for the inspection of bidders at the Fenton City Offices, 301 South LeRoy Street and copies may be obtained by qualified bidders. Bidders can also go to www.cityoffenton.org to receive a copy of the bid.

The City Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to accept any bid, or portion thereof, which, in their opinion, is most advantageous to the City.

Fenton teen competes in Michigan Idol contest

By Sally Rummel news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

Joseph Bujak, 13, was on the young end of his age category competing last Saturday in the Michigan Idol competition as part of the Music by the Bay Festival in New Baltimore.

While he didn't end up as a winner in the top three, he was pleased to have been a part of such a large competition, according to his mother, Chris Bujak. The Michigan Idol competition is the top venue in the state for vocal singing contests.

Joseph, who will enter the eighthgrade at St. John Catholic School in Fenton, sang "I See Fire" by Sheeran. Locally, he sings with a band out of A Joyful Noise Music Studio in Fenton called What Remains. He competed in the 13- to 18-year-old category, after having been selected as one of 25 finalists to compete following a contest in Mt. Clemens in July.

The buck stays here!



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SUBMITTED PHOTO Joseph Bujak, 13, of Fenton sings "I See Fire" during the Michigan Idol contest.

"Since the first-grade, he's wanted to be bigger than Elvis!" said Chris Bujak "Even if he didn't win this competition, it was a good life lesson for him, too." Joseph is the son of Joe and Chris Bujak of Fenton.





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LIFE STYLE



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SUBMITTED PHOTO Denise Booher paints her way to winner of "Wet Paint Day."

The painting competition was followed

by a reception and sale at the FIA, where

the works the artists did were available for

sale. The prize for being the winner of the

People's Choice Award is a Solo Show at

the FIA Founders Gallery in 2015.

In Italian, "La Brezza" means "The

Breeze," which is an appropriate de-

scription of this delicate sculpture that

overlooks the beauty of the flowers in

the Demonstration Garden at Apple-

wood. You can almost see the air lift

her arms higher and higher. She was

Inc. for Mrs. Mott's 95th birthday by

friends, staff and family.

purchased from Florentine Craftsmen,

Garden," she said.

ABOUT LA BREZZA

Artists compete in 'Wet Paint Day'

► Fenton's Denise Booher takes People's Choice Award

By Yvonne Stegall

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The Applewood Estate of the Charles Stewart Mott Families in Flint recently hosted "Wet Paint Day," sponsored by the The Founders Society of the Flint Institute of Arts. The event was limited to 30 artists, and Denise Booher of Fenton took home the People's Choice Award for her watercolor painting "Eternity."

"All the paintings were exceptional, I was very surprised and humbled to have won," Booher said. "I was blessed it sold as well."

"I painted the La Brezza sculpture overlooking the flowers in the Demonstration

SAVE MONEY Continued from Page 4B Health

• Switch to generic drugs, which are almost always cheaper, as well as the copay.

• Don't smoke. Smokers pay more for insurance and require more medications and

doctor visits than non-smokers.Take your medications regularly to control conditions like asthma or high blood pressure.

• Get fit now by exercising and eating healthy, to save on medical bills down the road.

• Join a Silver Sneakers program offered

at local gyms under many Medicare plans. **Cars**

Source: ruthmottfoundation.org

Don't use the air conditioning unless you need to. It forces your engine to work harder.
Combine your errands into a longer trip, because short trips of less than 10 minutes can be hard on a car.

• Drive gently — accelerate slowly, avoid fast stops and don't rev your engine in the driveway when it's cold, before the oil is warm and freely circulating.

• Keep your tires at recommended pressures — too low or too high can hurt your fuel mileage and budget.





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Senate Bill 711: Extend Cobo sales tax exemption

To extend for another two years the 2014 sunset on a law that exempts from sales tax the purchase of tools and equipment by a contractor if these are used to fix or renovate Cobo Hall in Detroit.

Passed 34 to 1 in the Senate

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County) X YES □ NO

Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County) X YES □ NO

Passed 100 to 10 in the House Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)

YES DO

Senate Bill 319: Repeal mandatory life sentences for minors

To revise Michigan's mandatory life sentence with no chance of parole for certain very serious crimes committed by minors. Life without parole would no longer be automatic in these cases but prosecutors could request it. The measure responds to a U.S. Supreme Court decision, and would not automatically apply retroactively to the approximately 350 current prisoners in this category. **Passed 36 to 0 in the Senate** *Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)*

M DID NOT VOTE Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County) X YES □ NO

Passed 62 to 48 in the House Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township) X YES □ NO

Senate Bill 396: Restrict replacement-construction property tax hikes

To revise a provision restricting property tax assessment increases on construction that replaces parts of a structure damaged by accident or an act of God, so that no assessment would be imposed as long as the construction is of substantially the same materials and square footage. This cap would also apply to value-increasing improvements required to meet current health, sanitary, zoning, safety, fire, or construction codes and ordinances. **Passed 38 to 0 in the Senate**

Passed 38 to 0 in the Senate Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

¥ YES □ NO Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

YES DNO

Passed 82 to 27 in the House Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)

X YES D NO

Senate Bill 553: Extend already-extended renaissance zone tax breaks longer

To allow an eight-year extension of the extensive tax breaks granted to residents and businesses in a particular "renais-sance zone" located in Saginaw County. This would be in addition to a previous seven-year extension.

Passed 36 to 1 in the Senate

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township) X YES □ NO

Social News



65th Anniversary

Daniel and Marian Lewis of Mission, Texas celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on August 13. Lewis of Charlotte, Michigan, and the former Marian Gaylord of Mesick, Michigan, were married in Charlotte, Michigan on August 13, 1949. They have four children: Denise (Ned) Barton of Mission, Texas; Debra Iben of Palmetto, Florida; Kathy (Robert) Burgess of Fenton and the late Michael Lewis of Palmetto, Florida. They have six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Freedom Child Development Center

Registration is open for day care's second year of operation

By Sally Rummel

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282 The Freedom Child Development Center in Fenton opened its doors last year, not knowing what to expect in enrollment.

"The growth has been phenomenal," said Marla Hughes, C.D.A., director of the day care program. "We started out with just a small group of children, and ended the year with more than 50."

This licensed childcare center offers day care, preschool and latch key programs from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. for infants from 6 weeks old up to age 15. A half-day preschool for 4-year-olds is incorporated into the program.

The center is a bus stop for Fenton schools, with before- and after-school childcare available. Meals and snacks are provided for each child.

Now accepting registration for this coming school year, the Freedom Child Development Center is located inside The Freedom Center Church at 2473 West Shiawassee Ave. While enrollment is smaller in the summer, childcare is offered year 'round.

"Our program is hands-on," said Hughes, who leads a staff of nine teachers and assistants. "We offer phonics, math, science, sign language, Spanish, computers, music and movement, art, Montessori Rug Work and more, in a Christian setting."

For more information, call (810) 714-2235 or visit their website at freedomchilddevelopmentcenter. com.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SALLY RUMMEL Freedom Child Development Center Director Marla Hughes plays with a child on an outdoor play set at the center.





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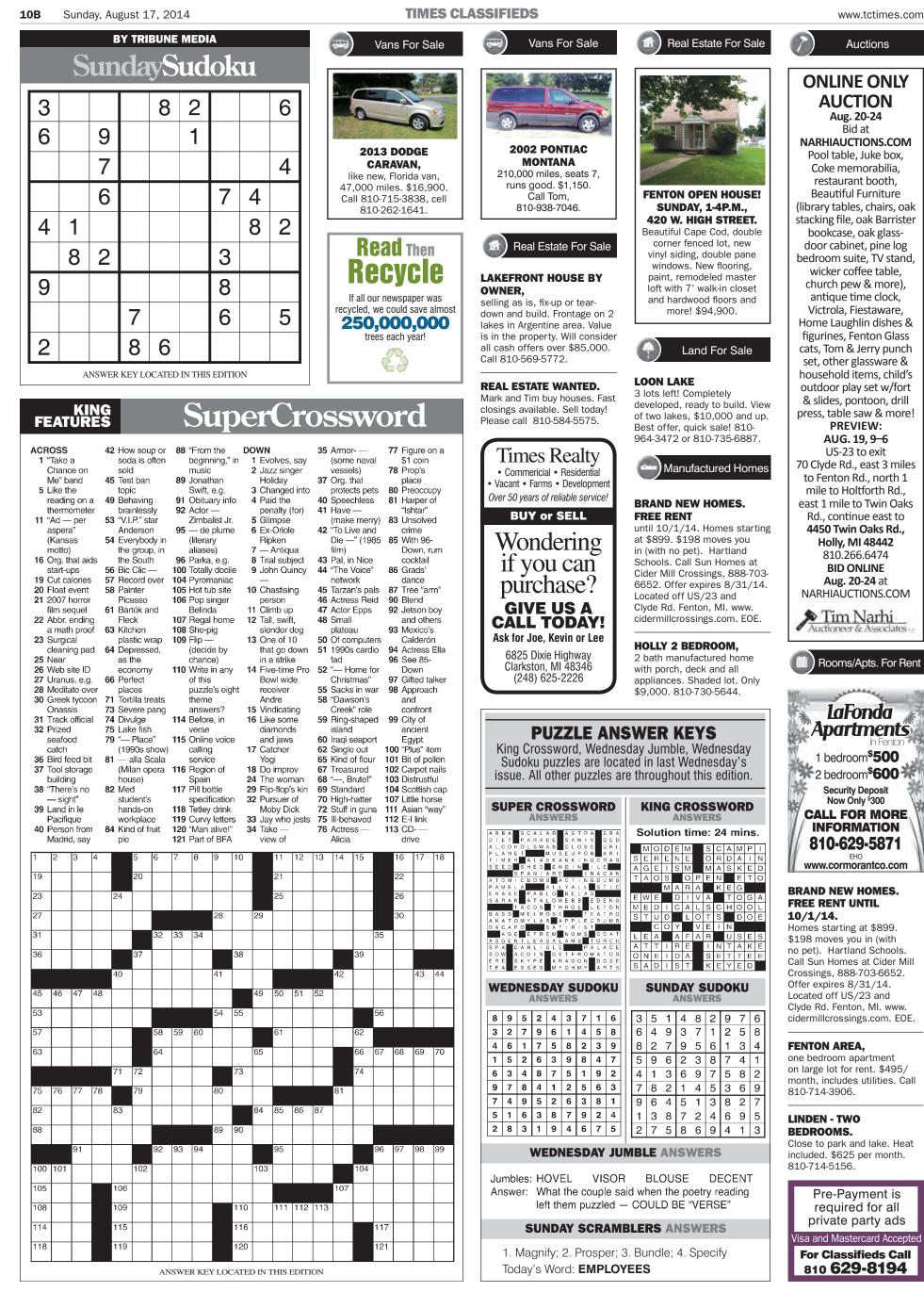
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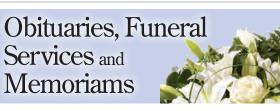
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Joan S. Tasselmyer

1932-2014 Joan S. Tasselmyer - age 82, of Fenton, died Friday August 15, 2014. Mrs. Tas-



and Helen Neciaskas. She enjoyed Oldies Music, cooking, traveling, family vacations, her grandchildren and nieces/nephews. After leaving Scranton, she moved to Detroit where she met and married her husband Joseph (Throop PA). They spent their life raising the 4 boys in Lincoln Park and Allen Park, MI. Her working career was spent working at banks before retiring. Surviving are her four sons, Bob, Jim (Sue), Larry (Diane), and Jerry (Nancy); 6 grandchildren, Eric (Olga), Adam, Dillon, Everett, Avery and Chloe and 3 great-grandchildren, Čalix, Čullen, and Owen. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Joseph Tasselmyer and her sister Lillian Gilevich. Memorial donations may be made to Heartland Hospice, 6211 Taylor, Flint, MI 48507 or Argentine Care Center, 9051 Silver Lake Rd., Linden, MI 48451. A private graveside ceremony will be held. Share memories at www. temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



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Mary Hindmon,

Mary Hindmon - age 89, died August 14, 2014. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Jean E. Pierce 1943-2014

Jean E. Pierce - age 70, of Fenton, passed away surrounded by her family on



August 14, 2014. Born in Flint on November 28, 1943 to Francis and Thelma Carroll, she was one

of eight children. Jean attended Mott college and later married her love, Andrew Pierce, and together created a beautiful family. Jean is survived by her children, Dale (Joan West) Pierce of Flint, David (Alexia Manwell) Pierce of Flint, Daniel (Suzanne) Pierce of Fenton and Dawn (Wally) Kristof of Burton. Grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Dale Pierce II and his two children Ruby and Victoria of Flint, Jason Pierce and his two children Emmitt and Maya of Flint, Justin Pierce of Flint, Ryan Pierce of Highland, and Elizabeth Kristof of Burton. Siblings: Dick Carroll, Frank Carroll, sisters-in-law Minada Carroll and Emily Carroll. Jean also leaves many nieces, nephews and loving friends. Jean was predeceased by her husband Andrew, son Donald, siblings Donald Carroll, Ted Carroll, Ellen Willett, Dave Carroll and Mona Hawkins as well as her parents. Her funeral services will be held on Tuesday, 11 AM at Temrowski Family Funeral Home, 500 Main St., Fenton. Friends may visit Monday 5-8 PM. Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Eugene Marston,

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Long-term marriage is lonely, lacks spark

BY AMY DICKINSON

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DEAR AMY:

I have been married for more than 20 years to a very nice man who is a good father. We generally get along, but we don't have much of

a romantic relationship. It has always been this way (at least since early dating). He works hard and is devoted to both his career and children, but I feel like our relationship is not that important. We have been to marriage counseling, but our issues were never resolved (at least to my satisfaction). I feel like we are friends but not lovers. As I get older, I wonder what will become of us and how I will deal with the loneliness as our children

move away. Do you have any advice? - Friends Without Benefits

DEAR FRIENDS:

To enjoy a companionable togetherness, you two have to spend time together. Simply put, you have more to talk about when you've done things together. Traveling, hiking, bike riding, going to concerts or working on a home project together are all positive places to start. Meanwhile, you should definitely continue with professional counseling on your own. Your loneliness could have deeper roots than your marriage alone.

DEAR AMY:

Every year a friend generously offers her vacation cottage in a popular

Ear twitch won't affect hearing

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DEAR DR. ROACH:

For the past eight months, I have had a twitch in the inside of my right ear. I can hear it twitching, and I can feel it. It seems to get worse when I talk on the phone (it's my phone ear), but sometimes I wake up with it twitching. It feels like when your eye twitches, only it's inside my ear. I could liken the movement to a snapping of fingers. It's more a vibration than a crunch. I do

hear a sound when it happens, similar to when you get water plugging up your ear. So it plugs/unplugs with each twitch. I have gone to my general practitioner for help. He referred me to an ear specialist. They did a hearing test, which I passed with flying colors. Other than that, they didn't have any solution to my problem. It is very bothersome and seems to be getting worse. I think it may be stress-

related, but I don't know what to do to

friends to have a gathering. We are eight women in our 50s. We provide meals and gifts for the cottage, and when we go out, we all very happily pay our friend's share. My only

beach town for all of her women

issue is that at the end of our four- or five-day stay, she hands us a broom and vacuum and asks us to clean the cottage. Inevitably, we are on our hands and knees, finding items under beds and dust so thick that this has to be the only cleaning of the summer. We are seven menopausal women, sweating profusely, and

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some of us cannot bend very easily. Meanwhile the owner is reading magazines on the couch! We obviously love the cottage and are happy to change sheets, etc., but I feel that she is taking advantage of us! Suggestions?

- Cinderella and the Gang

DEAR CINDERELLA:

Beach towns usually host a variety of professional cleaning services where you can hire cleaners for a vacation turnover. Let's say this fee is \$100 to \$200. Split between seven of you, this would be a bargain, and you could kick back for one last beachfront brunch during the cleaning session. Even added to your other expenses, paying for cleaning would still be much cheaper than renting a cottage on your own.

make it stop. Can you help me? - P.C.

ANSWER:

This sounds like a spasm of one of the muscles that control the tension of the eardrum, the tensor tympani and stapedius muscles. These muscles protect our ears, to some extent, from loud noises. Just like you can have a spasm or twitch in your eye muscles -- or indeed any muscle -- these muscles cause a

> unique sound sensation in the ear when they repeatedly twitch with high frequency. The plugging/ unplugging sensation is likely the Eustachian tube, which controls the pressure in the ear, opening and closing. The bad news is that I

don't know of anything to make it stop. The good news is that it won't affect your hearing. Very rarely, it can be a sign of a nerve or muscle disease, but it is likely a normal phenomenon that many people have but few notice and articulate it as well as you have.

TIMES CLASSIFIEDS Kenneth Burton II,



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Recipe of the week

MEXICAN CORN ON THE COB

Prep Time: 30 mins Cook Time: 20 mins Serves: 4

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 ears of corn 4 tablespoons of light
- mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon chili powder 1/4 cup Cotija cheese (or
- Parmesan will do)
- 1/4 cup cilantro, finely
- chopped • 1 lime, sliced into wedges

DIRECTIONS



2. Grill corn for 15-20 minutes, flipping each ear over about every 4-5 minutes. 3. Being careful to not burn your hands, pull back the husks and remove all of the silk and husk from the corn.

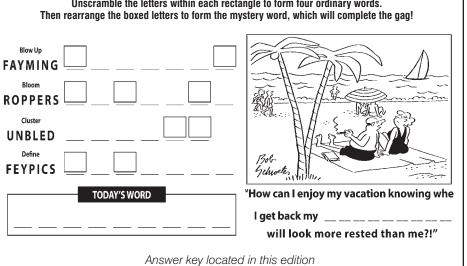
A fun and different way to eat

corn on the cob!

- 4. Cover each ear of corn with 1 tablespoon of the mayonnaise.
- 5. Sprinkle with chili powder, cheese, and cilantro. Squeeze lime over top of each ear.

6. Serve with an extra wedge of lime.

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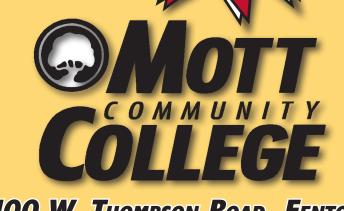
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