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'HOME AWAY FROM HOME' ABOARD A CRUISE SHIP

► Linden couple spend two months aboard cruise ship, traveling to Australia and South Pacific

By Sally Rummel

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It's going to take more than a couple of photo albums to record all the sights that Linden residents Bob and Julie Vaughn experienced on a seafaring vacation that took them halfway around the world and away from home for a total of 59 days.

This adventurous couple left Sept. 27 and returned Nov. 22 from a dream vacation that took them 15,322 nautical miles aboard See CRUISE on 4B

TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SUBMITTED PHOTOS Pictured, top to bottom, sea lions were everywhere on Kangaroo Island; the outside of the Sydney Opera House makes a dramatic architectural statement; Bob Vaughn feeds a kangaroo in the wild and Julie and Bob Vaughn pose with a koala bear at Lone Pine Koala Bear Sanctuary.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Standing on the steps of their newly purchased lighthouse are (from left) Paxton, 16 months, Jeff Shook, Jeff's dad Forrest Shook, Ryan, 4, Jeff's mom Delores, and Jeff's wife Lindsay.

'We bought a lighthouse'

1 guess I have

lighthouses in my

blood, from family

Jeff Shook, Michigan lighthouse

history. 77

Fenton family purchases a piece of history, might offer tours

By Yvonne Stegall

ystegall@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 Jeff Shook and his family are now the proud owners of the Port Sanilac lighthouse.

Part of the reason someone would buy a lighthouse, since we know that is the first question on your mind, is to preserve the history. Jeff Shook bought this one for more than just that reason, though.

conservancy president "I guess I have lighthouses in my blood, from family history," Shook said.

Shook's ancestral line seems to revolve not only around the business of building lighthouses, but he also had family who were lighthouse keepers of the Pointe aux Barques lighthouse, located at Lighthouse County Park on Lake Huron north of Port Hope, in the Thumb.

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When this purchase went through, he announced on his personal Facebook page the momentous occasion.

"SOLD — Well it's official, my family and I are the proud new owners of the Port Sanilac Lighthouse built in 1886. The light was built as a coastal light to fill the unlighted gap between Fort Gratiot and

Harbor Beach."

He included more history of the lighthouse that he is now the proud owner of. "Its original 4th Order Fresnel Lens still graces the tower, although the Coast Guard has called for its replacement to an LED light. The light was electrified in 1924 and

with electricity came automation.

In 1928, the lighthouse keeper position was eliminated and the dwelling was sold into private ownership. The tower however remained Coast Guard property until 2000 when it too was finally sold. The Coast Guard still retains an easement to access the tower to maintain the light."

The lighthouse, like many around Michigan, needs some repair and some love. The next step for Shook and his family is to start the restoration process. "Those restoration efforts will start to take place soon in order to preserve it for generations to come," he said.

"While it is our intention to purchase the lighthouse and use it for our vacation home, we are investigating the possibilities of opening the lighthouse to the public on a limited basis."He said that although it needs some more investigating, they are thinking of maybe doing tours a couple times a year.

Enjoying this new purchase with him are his wife, Lindsay, and their two boys, Ryan, 4, and Paxton, 16 months.

Shook's love of lighthouses extends past this purchase; he is the president of the Michigan Lighthouse Conservancy. The Michigan Lighthouse Conservancy is an IRS-registered 501(c)3 non-profit Corporation in the State of Michigan. Their mission is to promote the preservation of Michigan's lighthouses and life-saving station structures, along with the artifacts associated with them. They accomplish this through education, interpretive displays and artifact preservation.



Michigan lighthouses are the stars of the shore. According to Pure Michigan, some still shine for ships, others share their stories with us first-hand as museums, as bed and breakfasts and as Michigan history in the making. With more than 115 lighthouses across the Great Lakes, you can experience these luminaries as a volunteer keeper or on a relaxing excursion. So look across the horizon as these brilliant beacons light our way and imagination. Source: michigan.org

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NEW

2,184 stolen vehicles

According to the National Insurance Crime Bureau, vehicles are stolen on New Year's Day more than any other holiday. In 2013, there were 2,184 vehicles stolen on New Year's Day. Might want to triple check that your car is locked and that you haven't left any valuable items inside.





YEAR'S

22% of people

25% of all champagne

bottles sold in the U.S. will be purchased

in the week between Christmas and

New Year's Day.

will be fast asleep before midnight.

Times Square Ball Facts

HISTORY:

In 1907, fireworks were banned just three years after the first New Year's Eve celebration in Times Square, so officials lowered a ball from a flagpole to signal the end of one year and the start of another. The 1907 New Year's orb was composed of iron and wood and weighed 700 pounds. Today's ball contains 32,256 LED lights and 2,688 crystals, tipping the scale at 11,875 pounds.



TOTAL LEDs: **32,256**

CRYSTALS: 2,688

WEIGHT: 11,875 lbs.

DIAMETER: 12 feet

«2,000+ LBS. More than 1 ton of confetti will drop on the crowd in Times Square.

45° Fahrenheit

Chill sparkling wine and champagne to 45 degrees Fahrenheit or colder before opening. The cork of a warm bottle is more likely to pop unexpectedly. Point the bottle at a 45-degree angle away from yourself and any bystanders.

TIP: Place a towel over the entire top of the bottle and grasp the cork.



Don't ring in the New Year at a hospital — think twice before you carelessly open that celebratory bottle of champagne. A popped champagne cork can travel at speeds up to 50 mph and could cause serious damage and even blindness.



Popular resolutions include losing weight, exercising more, quitting smoking, saving money, and getting a better job or education. While the hope of keeping resolutions is great for business—we spend an average of \$62 billion on gym memberships, diet soda and the like, each year—by March, the lines at the treadmills start to thin, and the next year, we're at it again.



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What's the longest you have been away from home?



"When we went to Daytona Beach for two weeks."

— Kim Christopher

Fenton



"I was away from home almost a year when I was in the ceremonial service in the Army."

- Carl Sechan Tyrone Township



"Ten days on vacation to Florida for our honeymoon "

> – Suzanne Aidif Grand Blanc Township



"Two months working out of state in Texas for heavy equipment."

Tyrone Township



"I go over to my girlfriends for the holidays."

— Stanley Nazarijehuk

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— Tom Chisnell

"When I went to college at Central. Fire up Chips!"

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CRUISE **Continued from Page 1B** a Holland America cruise ship to Australia and the South Pacific. It was actually two different cruises arranged by Diane Roberts of Superior Travel, but it was continuous on the same ship in the same

cabin for the entire trip. The trip started with a flight from Detroit to Los Angeles, where they boarded the Holland America ship Volendam. This luxury cruiseliner then transported them to dream destinations in Hawaii, the Fuji Islands, from coast to coast in Australia, Indonesia, back to Australia for stops at Kangaroo Island, Tasmania and other Australian ports of call.

This wasn't the couple's first cruise, but it certainly was their longest and farthest away from home. The Vaughns had traveled by ship to Alaska in 2011 and loved the entire experience. In planning this cruise, they had originally planned an 11day land tour, but found another tour that circumnavigated all around Australia for not much more money. "It included all of our food and we didn't have to pack and unpack all the time," said Bob. "We also didn't want to deal with airport security all the time."

This cruise was actually a surprise 50th birthday gift for Julie, who has wanted to go to Australia since she was a kid. The trip also celebrated Bob's retirement in July from GM Flint Metal Center after 45 years and the couple's 30th wedding anniversary, plus "all the birthdays and anniversaries for the next few years!" said Julie.

The couple's "wow moments" on their cruise included spending time on the beach with sea lions on Kangaroo Island, visiting a "hippy town" in Cairns, Australia, where they took an aerial tram up the mountain and a train back down, plus all the sights, sounds and scenery of Tasmania.

They hugged koala bears in Brisbane, saw black kangaroos in the wild on Kangaroo Island and got up close with Komodo Dragons on Komodo Island in Indonesia. "They told us not to get off the ship if we have any nicks or cuts or are bleeding in anyway," she said. "They can smell it for miles and will come after you."

While many people might hesitate to be gone so long on vacation, the Vaughns actually wish they could've gone back on the ship as soon as they had to disembark. "Inever got homesick," said Julie. "When we had five days at sea on the second stretch, it did get a little boring on the ship, but we kept ourselves busy. I never



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SUBMITTED PHOTO Bob and Julie Vaughn enjoy an inside view of the Sydney Opera House, a multi-faceted cultural destination in New South Wales, Sydney, Australia.

once wished we were back home. By the end of the cruise, I was having a hard time getting off the ship; I didn't want to leave!'

They both agree they'd like to do another long cruise if they can find just the right one to go on. "We always knew we wanted to travel once Bob retired," said Julie. "Now we're already planning for the next adventure."

How much does it cost to take a trip around the world?

The Vaughns estimate that their total trip package cost about \$23,000, including \$8,100 per person for the cruise, and then excursions and extras accounted for the rest

Their 59-day cruise is only half of Holland America's 114-day "Around the World" cruise, which starts at \$20,000 per person for an inside cabin, and goes up to about \$78,000 per person for a suite. There are also a number of other extended cruises, including a 68-day cruise that circumvents South America and stops at Antarctica.

"Longer sailings like these sell out quickly in a short period of time because of their exclusivity," said Diane Roberts of Superior Travel, who had planned the Vaughns' trip. "The 'Round the World' cruise only has one sailing a year, for example. So you need to plan at least nine months to a year ahead of time."

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Winter superfoods for optimal health

Illnesses seem to peak during the winter months. A tapped-out immune system as well as dry, cold air may encourage the spread of common viruses and bacterial infections more easily. As a result, it's important that men, women and children take every step possible to ward off sickness when the temperatures drop. Dietary changes can make a world of difference, and more and more people are including these proven superfoods in their winter diets.



• Avocado: Avocado has high levels of essential fatty acids and vitamin B6, which is important in the bio-

• Pomegranate: This

quirky fruit has vitamins

synthesis of important neurotransmitters. Foods high in B vitamins may be able to counteract some of the symptoms of winter-related depression.



C and K, folate and potassium and is a good source of fiber. Pomegranate has anti-inflammatory properties, which can help in reducing joint pain and preventing strokes. Pomegranate may also help the body fight viruses.

> • Cinnamon: Cinnamon has high levels of antioxidants, and some studies point to cinnamon as a natural

antibacterial agent. Cinnamon also can help regulate blood-glucose levels, which is beneficial for those with diabetes.



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tochemicals that can protect the body against cancer-causing

free radicals. It's also a good source of dietary fiber, which can stimulate a sluggish digestive system.



• Butternut squash: This food is packed with carotenoids, which are stellar antioxidants. The starches in this

squash also have been found to have anti-inflammatory properties.



• Chestnuts: Chestnuts are worthy of inclusion in anyone's diet. Unlike many nuts, chestnuts are relatively low in fat but have high

levels of protein. They're also packed with vitamin C and B vitamins.





DID YOU KNOW

Though laughter is often referred to as "the best medicine," no definitive study has been conducted to determine the effects of laughter on overall human health, leaving open the possibility that maintaining a good sense of humor and a positive attitude are just as important, if not more important, than finding time to laugh each day. But even if laughter is not medicinal, its benefits can mimic those of exercise.

When a person laughs, his or her pulse and blood pressure increase, and people tend to breathe faster when they laugh. Faster breathing sends more oxygen to the tissues, which can help the heart and lungs work more efficiently. In addition, a Vanderbilt University study found that between 10 and 15 minutes of laughter can burn as many as 50 calories.

Finding time to laugh may also indirectly improve the body's immune system response, as studies have suggested that infection-fighting antibodies might be more abundant in people who can use humor to combat stress.

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Advanced Physical Therapy Center offers physical therapy, occupational therapy, certified hand therapy, and sports medicine programs. Many of their therapists have years of experience and

specialize in various conditions such as women's health issues, temperomandibular joint disorder (TMJ), and treat dizziness with their Vestibular Rehab Program. Patients have traveled miles to receive treatment from APTC for diseases such as Parkinson's. APTC offers a program called LSVT BIG. LSVT BIG is an innovative physical/occupational therapy program that helps to increase strength, motor learning and changes in brain function in individuals with

Parkinson's disease by using amplified and exaggerated movements.



Owners Kimberly Turner, PT, CHT and Linda Gibbs, PT

"We have seen awesome results in our Parkinson's patients with LSVT BIG, and many of those patients are surprised at how well the program works," said Turner, who

is trained in LSVT BIG. "It can be life changing." Another treatment newer to APTC is the Graston Technique. The Graston Technique is a form of instrument-assisted soft tissue mobilization that enables clinicians to effectively detect and treat scar tissue and restrictions that affect normal function.

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a restriction on one of my patients that I did not detect. With these tools, she was able to break up the old scar tissue, and he was good as new," said Turner.

Advanced Physical Therapy Center is among the few clinics in the area that offer Bioness, which is a treatment that helps patients regain function and recover from neurological conditions such as stroke and multiple sclerosis. They are also one of the only facilities in the area to offer MedX. MedX is considered to be the "gold standard" in spinal strengthening and can help with instability and weakness in the neck and lower back. MedX is a part of their Advanced Spine and Neck program, which has a 98 percent success rate.

Advanced Physical Therapy Center offers certified hand therapy through its division called Advanced Hand Rehab. "It is very important to see a certified hand therapist if you have an injury to your upper extremities. These types of injuries can be complex, involving bone, tendon, nerve and/or skin. Our certified hand therapists have a minimum of five years experience and 4,000 hours of clinical practice. They also have to pass a national exam. They know how to effectively and carefully treat patients post-operation and can treat trauma injuries, such as a broken wrist or laceration. We offer same day splint fabrication, and we can help with activities of daily living, such as grooming or getting dressed. We can also help with conditions, such as repetitive motion disorders and arthritis," said Turner, who is also a certified hand therapist.

Turner and Gibbs want their patients to stay healthy for the long run, and they place an importance on continuing their patients' exercise programs even after therapy. APTC offers a post-rehabilitation program called the Step-down Program. The cost is \$25 a month with no contract, and a patient can come in anytime the clinics are open. "We have exercise specialists on staff ready to help if you should have a question or want to change up your routine," said Gibbs. They also offer massage therapy and personal training by appointment.



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House Joint Resolution UU: Increase sales tax

To place before voters in a May 5, 2015 election a constitutional amendment increasing the state sales tax from 6 percent to 7 percent. This is part of a package that represents a net tax increase of \$1.945 billion, of which \$1.2 billion would go to road repairs and the rest to other spending. The next several bills will not go into effect unless voters approve this measure in a May 5 election.

Passed 26 to 12 in the Senate

State Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County) XYES 🗆 NO State Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

🗆 YES 🕅 NO Passed 94 to 16 in the House

State Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township) 🗆 YES 🕅 NO

House Bill 5477: Increase Gas and **Diesel Tax**

To replace the 19 cent per gallon gas tax and 15-cent diesel tax with a 14.9 percent wholesale fuel tax, which at current prices is 41.7 cents per gallon for gasoline and 46.4 cents for diesel. The increases would be mostly (but not completely) offset by exempting fuel sales from the state sales tax. However, this is contingent on voters approving the large net tax increase represented by a sales tax increase in a May 5, 2015 vote (see above). Passed 23 to 15 in the Senate

State Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County) XYES 🗆 NO State Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County) 🗆 YES 🛛 🗙 NO

Passed 93 to 17 in the House State Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township) 🗆 YES 🕅 NO

House Bill 4630: Increase vehicle registration taxes

To increase vehicle registration taxes on trucks, electric vehicles, and cars more than three years old. This would cost vehicle owners around \$95 million more each year, but will not go into effect unless voters approve a sales tax increase on May 5, 2015 (see above) Passed 23 to 15 in the Senate State Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

🗙 YES 🗆 NO State Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

🗆 YES 🐹 NO

Passed 67 to 43 in the House State Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township) 🗆 YES 🐹 NO

Senate Bill 847: Increase payments

to low income wage earners To increase the state Earned Income Tax Credit, which will distribute \$260 million to low income wage earners. However, this is contingent on voters approving a sales tax increase tax in a May 5, 2015 election

Passed 23 to 15 in the Senate State Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County) 🗙 YES 🗆 NO State Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee

County) 🗆 YES 🗙 NO

Passed 78 to 32 in the House State Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)

🗆 YES 🗙 NO

Senate Bill 423: Require public school spending "adequacy" study

To require the state budget agency to contract for a study to determine how much money per student is needed for a public school to educate students sufficiently well to meet state graduation requirements. Reportedly the bill was adopted to get Democratic votes on the sales tax increase described above, but it is not contingent on that measure's approval by voters. Passed 20 to 18 in the Senate

State Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County) XYES 🗆 NO State Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

🗆 YES X NO Passed 72 to 38 in the House State Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)

🗆 YES 🗙 NO

Synopsis of Argentine Township **Regular Board Meeting** December 22, 2014

Call to order @ 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Cole Observed: Moment of silence in memory Martha Warfield and Mike Murphy. Present: Ciesielski, Hallman, Schmidt, Graves and Cole. Absent: none Approved: Minutes as printed of November 24, 2014. Approved: Budget Amendments. Approved: Payment of bills as presented. Accepted: Proposal from Dave Lamb Heating and A/C Inc. to replace Fire Dept. heating system. Issued- 4 Building Permits in the amount of \$2,236.00. Authorized: Treasurer to negotiate terms of collection of summer tax for Linden Schools Authorized: Treasurer to negotiate terms of collection of summer tax for GISD. Approved: Contract for Aquatic Service for Lobdell Lake. Approved: Contract for Aquest for Lobdell Lake. Authorized: Supervisor Cole to sign the Inter-local Agreement for CDBG with the Village of Goodrich. Entered: 30-day review period for Parks and Recreation Plan. Accepted: Township cleaning proposal from All That and More. Accepted: Platinum Health Care Plan policy renewal. Authorized: Clerk to advertise police vehicle for sale. Accepted: Stu Garthe Agency as our exclusive representative for the township's workman's compensation policy. Adjourned @8:05 p.m.

Submitted by Denise Graves Argentine Township Clerk

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- 6. Fantasy Mariah Carey
- 7. Before You Walk Out Of My Life - Monica
- 8. Breakfast At Tiffany's -
- Deep Blue Something 9. Name - Goo Goo Dolls
- 10. Free As A Bird

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WHAT YOUR LEGISLATORS VOTED ON RECENTLY

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, Dec. 19.

House Bill 6074: Exempt college athletes from unionization

To establish that college students who participate in intercollegiate athletics on behalf of a state university are not considered "public employees" subject to unionization under the law that mandates schools and local governments must engage in collective bargaining with government employee unions. Passed 25 to 11 in the Senate

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County) □ YES XNO Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

¥ YES □ NO

House Bill 4576: Regulate federal health care law "navigators"

To impose regulation and a "certification" requirement on the "navigators" authorized by the federal health care law ("Obamacare") to assist persons applying for government-subsidized health insurance benefits through agency this law creates (the "exchange"). The bill authorizes background checks, testing and training requirements, and more. Passed 32 to 6 in the Senate

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

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House Bill 4480: Require more corporate and developer subsidy transparency

To require the Michigan Strategic Fund and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to annually submit and post online more detailed reports on the costs and outcomes generated by their various "economic development" loan, tax break and subsidy programs targeted at specific corporations, developers or industries.

Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County) X YES □ NO Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County) X YES □ NO

House Bill 4783: Expand a corporate/developer subsidy regime

To authorize creation of a seventh "Next Michigan Development Corporation," which is a government agency that gives tax breaks and subsidies to particular corporations or developers selected by political appointees on the entity's board for projects meeting extremely broad "multi-modal commerce" criteria (basically, any form of goods-related commerce). This would probably be in the Detroit area.

Passed 31 to 6 in the Senate Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

YES DNO

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

Senate Bill 910: Ban enforcement of new woodstove emissions limits

To prohibit Department of Environmental Quality from imposing new state regulations limiting emissions from woodstoves and heaters, or enforcing federal regulations that do this. The bill was introduced as news reports indicated that proposed federal Environmental Protection Agency rules would impose restrictive new limits on wood burning heaters. Passed 68 to 41 in the House

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

Senate Bill 791: Revise, make permanent non-transportation 7/8th cent gas tax

To eliminate the 2016 sunset on a 7/8ths cent-per-gallon gas tax that was originally supposed to expire in 1998 and be used to clean up leaking underground fuel tanks, but which has been extended several times and was diverted to other government spending by a 2004 "fund raid." However, the bill would earmark \$20 million of the annual revenue of around \$50 million from this tax to underground tank cleanups (as originally intended), and add some limits on using money from this tax to support unrelated activities. Passed 108 to 0 in the House *Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)*

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PUZZLE ANSWER KEYS

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

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SUNDAY SCRAMBLERS ANSWERS

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Hood River

Bold stone-veneer columns draw eyes to the Hood River's lofty entry. Built on a down slope to the rear, this home is really much larger than it looks, thanks to a large daylight basement.

Its low-pitched hipped roof and widely overhanging eaves clearly mark it as a Prairie-style home. Frank Lloyd Wright originated the style in Chicago in the early 1900s.

High ceilings overarch the living spaces, from the entry right through the center to the rear. Entry and foyer ceilings are 13 feet high, while the vaulted ceiling in the expansive great room soars to even greater heights. Stacked windows, angling up to a lowpitched central peak, fill most of the rear wall.

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Vaccine waivers harder to get beginning in 2015

Vaccination

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Michigan Department of

Jennifer Smith

Community Health

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► Health departments must educate parents, certify waiver

By Yvonne Stegall

ystegall@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 There are a couple main reasons parents get vaccine waivers. Some get them for medical reasons, while some refuse vaccinations for their children because of philosophical or religious reasons. The parents of the latter will have to take another step now, in or-

der to get a vaccination waiver, under a new policy by the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH).

Starting Jan. 1, 2015, these waivers will need to be certified by the local health department.

According to Jennifer Smith, representative for the MDCH, this new rule would help ensure that those who may choose to

sign a waiver have accurate information and education about the risks and benefits of vaccines.

While this change was already in the making prior to the news of a measles outbreak in Grand Traverse and Leelanau counties, it is important to realize that this was a disease that had been eliminated from the U.S. in 2000. There have, so far, been five reported cases. The first two of the five cases in Michigan were adults who traveled

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE HOTLINER GUY who said he drives all over Fenton and everyone uses their turn signals must be driving drunk. Fenton drivers are the most self-absorbed, self-centered drivers on the planet.

FOX NEWS MOST balanced? Interesting statement as studies show their facts are wrong more than 50 percent of the time.

NEW YEAR'S DAY is the first blank page of a 365 page book. This is your chance to write a best-seller through your actions.

IT'S HARD TO take these Cosby women seriously. If I were raped, I would go straight to the hospital and get a rape kit done. Then I would scream as loud as I could to anyone who would listen. I wouldn't be quiet for five minutes, let alone 40 years.

to the Philippines, the site of a recent measles outbreak. Three other cases were an adult and two children who had been in contact with the travelers. None of the five had been vaccinated. Michigan also continues to deal with a surge in pertussis, or whooping

cough. This disease also has a vaccine that could prevent its spread and infection.

The state health department will work with local health departments as well as the state's education and human services departments to determine how best to implement the

policy change.

"Vaccination is a safe and effective tool against communicable diseases, said Smith. MDCH is committed to protecting the health and safety of our residents, and this rule will help ensure that those who are considering a waiver have accurate information and education regarding the

risks of not vaccinating and the benefits gained to the individual and the community through vaccination.'

Waiver rates vary widely by county in Michigan from 1.3 to 30.7 percent, according to Smith. "That being said, we do know that 10 counties had policies in place last year where education and informed consent were used as a tool to educate individuals, and the average exemption rate for those 10 counties was 3.3 percent."

WHO DO YOU think is going to get the job first, the guy holding his pants up or the one in a suit? It's not the color of your skin, the way you are treated. It's how you represent yourself. If you want to be treated like a human being, act like one!

CHRISTMAS IS WHEN kids tell Santa what they want and adults pay for it. The national debt is when adults tell government what they want and their kids pay for it.

AS A RESIDENT of the Fenton area, I have only seen the most professional behavior from our local police officers.

HOLLYWOOD IS SO used to having clout, so used to being the shining and glamorous industry on the West Coast that it can't deal with the lines on its face. The kingdom of Hollywood is dying.



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Obituaries. Funeral Services and Memoriams



Christian Brabb - age 35,

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Helen Bostic, Helen Bostic - age 86,

died December 21, 2014. visit www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com. Temrowski



Martha Kiel,

Martha Kiel - age 83,

died December 19, 2014.

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Monica Seitz, Monica Seitz - age 93, died December 24, 2014. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharp-

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Patricia Tocarchick, Patricia Tocarchick - age 81 died December 22, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com



Therese Jorgensen, Therese Jorgensen - age 82, died December 20,

Robert Orschell - age 85, died December 21, 2014. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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James McLogan, James McLogan - age 84, died December 23, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Ida Ethel Lee

Jaymi Christine

1962-2014 Jaymi Christine Whalen

- age 52, of Fenton, died December 22, 2014, Fu-

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Visitation was held 11-2

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July 17, 1962 in Wayne, the

daughter of Ken and Judy

(Moulton) Brant. She was

a graduate of Lake Fenton

High School and was em-

ployed by Fenton Schools

as the Food Service Direc-

tor. Surviving are: children,

Patrick (Kati) Whalen, Sara

(Nicholas) Pettit; grandchil-

dren, Holden Pettit, Macie

and Savannah Whalen;

brother, Ken (Shannon)

father, Ken (Bertie) Brant;

Brant; niece, Emma Brant;

She was preceded in death

by her mother, Judy Brant.

be posted on the obituaries

page of www.sharpfuneral-

OBITUARIES

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Joann Tarp,

Joann Tarp - age 75,

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died December 19, 2014.

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Ida Ethel Lee - age 100, of Linden, died Tuesday, December 23, 2014. Funeral services will be held 1 PM Monday, December



at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel. 209 East Broad Street, Linden

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with Pastor Crystal Thomas officiating. Burial will follow in Oakwood Cemetery, Fenton. Visitation will be held 1-4 PM Sunday. In lieu of flowers those desiring may make contributions to Reverence Hospice. Ida was born May 5, 1914 in Rogersville, the daughter of Alexander and Rozella (Kish) Pinter. She graduated from Otisville High School in 1932 and from the Howell Health Center as an LPN. She married Leon Tice in October of 1933 and he preceded her in death in April of 1953. She then married Edward Allen Lee on March 7, 1958 and he preceded her in death on October 2, 1988 She owned and operated a private beauty salon for 13 vears. Ida was a member of the Linden United Methodist Church and a past President of the Linden United Methodist Women. She was an avid reader and loved poetry and classical music. Ida is survived by her children, Leone P. (Norbert) Tice-Burwell of Flushing, James A. (Mary) Lee of Commerce Twp., Marilyn A. (Michael) Childers of Flint; six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; nine great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers and two sisters. Online tributes may be shared on the obituaries page of www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Kip Hodges-Payne,

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Marty Spears,

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Kenneth Lawrence, Kenneth Lawrence - age 57, died December 23, 2014. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com



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Loretta Buck, Loretta Buck - age 80, died December 25, 2014. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Theodore Eckman. Theodore Eckman - age 83, died December 24, 2014. Services entrusted to Sharp

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Christian Brabb,

Family could spike the volleyball to pay for school

DEAR AMY

I'm a mom of four children. I've been divorced for three years. It is in my divorce agreement to pay

for half of my children's extracurricular activities, and there are a lot of them - volleyball in particular. My oldest daughter is amazing at volleyball and she plays on a travel team that costs \$4,000 a year. She will probably be offered a scholarship to play for a private/Catholic high school in the area. I have a live-in boyfriend who makes a little more money than I do. He won't even discuss

my oldest going to a private high school because he doesn't want to spend his life "stressing and being broke" because my kid wants to play volleyball. I don't want to tell my daughter that she can't play because I do believe she is good enough to play at the college level, which is her



dream. So how do I calm the financial tension with my boyfriend and still give as much as I can to my kids? - Volleyball Mom

DEAR MOM:

This is a question of priorities, and while yours are obviously squarely with your daughter's success, there is another way to approach this. If your daughter is able to go to a high school that offers the best combination of scholastics and extracurricular activities, you should make every effort to send her to that school. So rather than hedging that her

participation in volleyball might earn her a scholarship at a private school, perhaps she could not do travel team and you could save the more than \$4,000 a year, put it toward tuition at a great school (also applying for scholarships), and encourage her to go out for the volleyball team at that school.

ODVD RELEASES 8% liked it

Audience score on ottentomatoes.com

REACH ME A motivational book written by a mysterious man (Tom Berenger) goes viral

and quickly gains popularity, inspiring a group of people that includes a journalist (Kevin Connolly), his editor (Sylvester Stallone), a former inmate (Kyra Sedgwick), a hip-hop mogul (Nelly), an actor (Cary Elwes) and an undercover cop (Thomas Jane) to reevaluate their choices and decisions by confronting their fears in hopes of creating more positive lives. Reach Me also stars Terry Crews, Danny Aiello, Kelsey Grammer, Lauren Cohan, Ryan Kwanten, Tom Sizemore, and is written/directed by John Herzfield. The film is produced by Rebekah Chaney, Cassian Elwes, John Herzfield, and Buddy Patrick PG-13, 1 hr. 35 min



THE GOOD LIFE

They were known simply as "The Lost Boys." Orphaned by the brutal Civil

war in Sudan that began in 1983. these young victims traveled as many as a thousand miles on foot in search of safety. Fifteen years later, a humanitarian effort would bring 3600 lost boys and girls to America. In "The Good Lie," Philippe Falardeau, (writer and director of the Oscar(R)nominated Foreign Language film "Monsieur Lazhar") brings the story of their survival and triumph to life. Sudanese actors Arnold Oceng, Ger Duany, Emmanuel Jal, and newcomer Nyakuoth Weil, many of whom were also children of war, star alongside Academy Award(R) winner Reese Witherspoon and Corey Stoll. PG-13, 1 hr. 50 min

Achalasia is painful throat condition

DR. ROACH:

My adult son recently has been diagnosed with achalasia, after many months of being misdiagnosed. He has suffered unbelievable pain and difficulty eating or drinking. At first he thought he was having a heart attack. Fortunately, that was ruled out. He is going to a prominent gastroenterologist, who made the diagnosis and has been treating him. He had the balloon procedure, which was not successful. He then had a Botox procedure. This relieved him somewhat. However, he has still had some painful episodes. What can you tell us about this illness? Will he eventually be cured? — **S.G**.

ANSWER:

Achalasia (awk-uh-LAYshuh) is a swallowing problem caused by degeneration in the nerve cells in the esophagus, the muscular tube that carries food to the stomach. Nobody knows why it happens, but it might be autoimmune or related to a viral infection. Because the nerve cells no longer work properly, the esophagus cannot

Recipe from jocooks.com



empty, and food stays in the bottom of the esophagus, causing a "stuck" feeling, which indeed can resemble the symptoms of heart disease. Both solids and liquids are affected. Achalasia may be diagnosed with several different types of tests, including X-rays, barium swallow, endoscopy and esophageal manometry (measuring pressures inside the esophagus). It's important to get the right diagnosis, since other conditions, especially cancer of the esophagus, may look like achalasia. The usual first treatment is to widen the opening at the bottom of the esophagus, the lower esophageal sphincter. Sometimes it takes several attempts to work, but it does work for about 60 percent of people.

Botulinum toxin (Botox), which prevents muscle contraction, is effective up to 90 percent of the time, but it needs to be repeated since the effect of the toxin is temporary. Surgery is the most definitive treatment, and it provides long-term relief for about 85 percent of people 10 years after treatment. There isn't a cure, but most people get relief from one of these treatments.

GUACAMOLE DEVILED EGGS

INGREDIENTS: • 6 large eggs, hard boiled

- 1 medium avocado
- 2 to 3 t. fresh lime juice
- 1 t. red onion, minced
- 1 T. minced jalapeno

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Peel the cooled hard boiled eggs.
- 2. Cut the eggs in half horizontally, and set the yolks aside. 3. In a bowl, mash the avocado and 4 egg yolks; discard the rest, or feed them to your dog, it's good for them. Mix in lime juice, red onion, jalapeno, cilantro, salt and pepper and adjust to taste. Gently fold in tomato.
- 4. Scoop heaping spoonfuls of the guacamole into the 12 halved eggs. Sprinkle with a little chile powder and arrange on a platter.

- 1 T. fresh cilantro, chopped
- - pepper, to taste
- salt and fresh ground
 - 1 T. diced tomato
 - chile powder (for garnish)



Sever





How could he give you a ticket for going 60 miles an hour? He only spotted you a few ____ ago."



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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!

Posted by: jenkniivila

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