Motorcycle Mamas

Riding for Freedom

Two local women share why they love their motorcycle hobby despite the danger

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Michigan is a popular place for motorcyclists, with the changing colors of the seasons and warm, summer weather.

One Fenton Township resident, Marcie Gormley, 53, has been riding for nine years. She used to ride on the back of her ex-husband’s bike, and eventually took a training course at Mott.

“Told myself if I pass it, I would get a bike. If I didn’t, I would get a Mustang convertible,” she said. She currently has two bikes: a Dyna Low Rider and a Heritage Softail, but she’s looking to sell the dinomorider.

At least once a week she takes her bike for a ride. “I’d like to ride more but all my friends are working too much,” she said. “They’re going to Muskegon Bike Time, one of the biggest motorcycle rallies in Michigan with concerts, vendors, and motorcycle stunts. It takes place throughout July.”

Gormley enjoys the freedom of riding. “It feels good to be out in the fresh air. The thing I like the most is the smells of the outdoors. If it’s in the fall, the leaves. In the summer it’s mostly pollen. Until you come by road kill, then it doesn’t smell as good,” Gormley said.

“It’s like that joke, you’ve never seen a motorcycle in front of a therapist’s office.”

Marcie Gormley
Local motorcyclist

Gormley enjoys the freedom of being outdoors, she said.

See FREEDOM on 10B
Compiled by Alexei Rose, intern

What has been your greatest garage sale find?

“Kids’ toys, because they were in good shape and cheap.”
— Karen Jones
Hamberg Township

“My greatest find was when I found a couch for $15 in great condition.”
— Chris Fisher
Shawnessy County

“I found an old lighter, ashtrays, a roller, and cutters for smoking. I collect these things.”
— Cindy Perkins
Brighton Township

“A couch, because it was cheap and new.”
— Vanessa Vivian
Tyrone Township

“Kids’ clothes and toys, because they were cheap and in good condition.”
— Alisha Coryn
Fenton

“I found a nice table, because it was a good bargain for the quality.”
— Diane Panaretos
Fenton

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“Cold air returns are also the reason new homeowners experience excessive dust. While work was being done in the home, your cold air returns sucked all the dust through the system. It settled on the bottom of the ducts and little by little, that debris is being blown back into your home,” Keith continued.

“Here’s a test. Take a walk down into your basement, and look up at the ceiling for thin sheets of tin nailed between your floor joists. These are your cold air return lines. Give them a good pounding. Do you see puffs of dust seeping out of the edges? That, my friends, is the reason you have uncontrollable dust problems, and this debris cannot be removed without the help of a professional.”

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“The Power Vac truck is the most powerful equipment in the industry,” Keith explained. “Simply put, the entire truck is the vacuum, and the truck motor powers the equipment. You’ll know it’s a Power Vac truck because it’s the size of an ambulance and when engaged, 12 large air bags come out of the roof.

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LaBeau Salon & Day Spa adds new services

Body waxing, facials, massage therapy and expanded pedicure lines are added to the ‘menu’

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Nicole LaBeau had no idea that her dream of opening a salon/spa offering “affordable luxury” would grow in so many directions in such a short time.

LaBeau Salon & Day Spa, open for 4½ years in Fenton Township, now boasts a staff of 12 with a variety of new services.

“We now offer esthetician services including full body waxing (legs, arms, bikini) and facial,” said LaBeau.

“We also have a massage therapist on staff who does relaxation and deep tissue massage, including stretching and therapeutic.”

The salon has expanded its pedicure lines into three different options, starting at $45. A Classic Express Pedicure, Relaxation Spa Pedicure and Luxury Hydrating Pedicure are all on the menu, using pampering pedicure products and seasonal specialty scents.

When it comes to hair design, LaBeau Salon & Day Spa specializes in color, including dimensional color that takes highlights to another level. The salon is also known for specialty hair services, including extensions and Brazilian blow-outs.

Special pricing is available on “Men’s Day Wednesdays” and “Senior Day” every Tuesday for clients who are 60-plus.

“My goal has always been to offer salon and spa services that are affordable for anyone,” said LaBeau.

LaBeau Salon & Day Spa
4013 Owen Rd. (in same plaza as Mancino’s Pizza & Grinders)
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You need to protect your skin because of the vital role it has in protecting your body. Skin care doesn’t have to be complicated or time-consuming, and can quickly become second nature, like brushing your teeth. Here are tips to protect your skin, foods that will help improve the overall health of your skin, and some remedies for when you get sunburned.

SUNBURN REMEDIES

Sip some red wine
Red wine is healing. Resveratrol, a naturally occurring phenol found in the skin of red grapes, can decrease redness from acute sunburns. It has an anti-inflammatory and antioxidant effect.

Apply cool milk with a clean cloth to your skin. The milk will create a protein film that helps ease sunburn discomfort.

Apply freshly brewed tea after it has cooled to skin using a clean cloth. The tannic acid in black tea reportedly helps draw heat from sunburned skin, and also aids in restoring the pH balance.

Oatmeal bath
Soak in an oatmeal bath. This is especially helpful for itchy sunburned skin.

Cucumbers
Cucumbers nourish skin by delivering a lot of water, as well as some vitamin C and caffeic acid—two compounds that may help protect against skin-damaging UV rays.

Watermelon
Watermelon is super hydrating and also delivers lycopene, a compound that may help improve your skin’s appearance. Lycopene is best absorbed with fat, so try watermelon paired with olive oil.

Tomatoes
Lycopene helps protect skin against skin exposure. Eating lycopene-rich food consistently for several weeks may help to improve your skin appearance.

Salmon
The omega-3 fatty acid helps quell inflammation. Research suggests that eating EPA (one type of omega-3) helps lower the inflammation response that is part of a sunburn, sun-related aging and skin cancer.

Strawberries
Strawberries are an excellent source of vitamin C (one cup gives you over a day’s worth of antioxidant). Vitamin C helps your body make collagen, which helps skin stay plump and wrinkle free. It can also help prevent and heal UV-related skin damage.

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK

Iced coffee
A health benefit to your morning cup of joe: It might help ward off skin cancer. Three cups of caffeinated coffee a day significantly lowers risk of basal cell carcinoma (type of skin cancer).

Don’t wait until you’re outside
Apply sunscreen before you get dressed. SPF needs a good 20 minutes to sink in before your skin is completely protected from UV rays, Graf says. If you wait, you might as well be wearing no sunblock at all for that first half-hour you’re outdoors.

Take a cold shower
Hot showers after sun exposure further dry skin. Turn down the temperature and you’ll pick up a few added benefits. A cool shower after excessive sweating helps keep the skin unoccluded, decreasing acne breakouts.

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Fenton VFW seeks new members

Local VFW Post is there to help veterans and their families with an array of services.

The VFW Men’s Auxiliary is seeking new members who wish to support, and be of service to our war veterans and want to make a difference in the community through volunteerism. Members are the brothers, sons and grandsons of those who have served our country on foreign soil during war time.

The VFW’s primary mission is to support and serve the war veterans of this Post by maintenance work and preparation of meals, according to Jack D. Wiegand, VFW-Post 3243 president.

Members seek out ways to be of service in the community through local churches and other organizations. For example, Wiegand said, recently, a church group made articles of clothing for the Haiti Relief Effort but had no way to ship the containers. The Post donated postage money so that the packages could be sent to Florida for consolidation for a large shipment to Haiti.

A few years ago, one of the Post’s members decided to assist an aging veteran with personal care in his home and he gave 7,500 hours of time in the effort. Another member volunteers to drive needy people to their non-emergency medical appointments. He has volunteered many hours and driven his personal vehicle more than 4,700 miles assisting people to doctor and hospital visits.

The Post’s World War II veterans are passing at an alarming rate and more recent war veterans commit suicide at a national rate of 22 per day, according to Wiegand. Often, this happens because needed help is not readily available or because many in our society are too busy to express gratitude.

Opportunities to serve exist within the VFW for war veterans and for women in the Ladies Auxiliary. The Post is asking for men who are relatives of war veterans to join their group to help. More information is available by calling Mike Zach, secretary/treasurer at (810) 730-3605.

The Post will help members with their entitlements, and with service-related injuries. They have a service officer available who provides help with funeral dinners, and many other community-related services, such as family aid of departed veterans. The Post has an active honor guard and service officer with legal advice available every Friday at the Post. For more information, call (810) 629-3700.

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Berries offer variety of options for COOL TREATS

Berries of all varieties are popular for desserts. At the Fenton House, berries are used in many ways.

Entertain your family, guests with colorful desserts

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Add a little fun to your summer celebration with some easy-to-make desserts.

BERRY KABOBS

Thread four blueberries, two mini-marshmallows and two raspberries on each of five 10-inch wooden sticks. On the remaining seven sticks, thread four raspberries and three marshmallows to create this all-American treat.

CREAMY BERRY PIE

For the crust, you will need 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, 12 Graham cracker boards, finely crushed, 1 tablespoon sugar and a pinch of salt.

For the filling and berries, ingredients include one package unflavored gelatin, 3 tablespoons of water, one 8-ounce package cream cheese, softened, one 8-ounce container sour cream, 1/3 cup sugar, 1 teaspoon vanilla extract, 1/4 cup strawberry jelly, one 6-ounce packagings raspberries, 1 cup blueberries, 1 cup strawberries, halved and quartered, 1/2 ounce white chocolate and 1/2 teaspoon vegetable oil.

To make the crust, melt butter in the microwave on high for 20 seconds. In a medium-size bowl, stir gram cracker crumbs, sugar and salt. Add butter; stir until crumbs are evenly moistened. Press up sides and into bottom of a 9-inch pie plate. Use the bottom of a glass to firmly pack crumbs. Refrigerate crust while making filling.

To make the filling, in a small micro wave-safe bowl, sprinkle gelatin over water. Let stand for 5 minutes. In a large bowl, combine cream cheese, sour cream, sugar and vanilla. Beat with an electric mixer until smooth.

Transfer softened gelatin to microwave; heat 15 to 30 seconds on high. Stir until smooth. With mixer running, pour gelatin into cream cheese mixture and beat until smooth. Pour into chilled crust and spread top. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate at least three hours or overnight.

Melt the strawberry jelly in microwave for 10 seconds. Gently toss with berries in large bowl. Remove plastic from pie; top pie with berries. Microwave chocolate and oil on high for 20 seconds. Drizzle over pie. Slice and serve.

BLUEBERRY ZABAGLIONE

The ingredients for this delicious-looking dessert include six large egg yolks, 6 tablespoons sugar, 1/3 cup Kielers wine, 1 cup heavy cream, 1/2 pint blueberries and fresh mint and berries, for garnish.

Stir yolks and sugar in top of double boiler over simmering water until thick, scraping sides with rubber spatula, until 160 degrees for five minutes. Add wine. Continue stirring until thick enough to coat back of spoon, about 3 minutes. Scrape into bowl; cool to room temperature, stirring often.

In bowl, beat cream until stiff peaks form. Fold into egg mixture. Cover; chill 30 minutes. Fold in blueberries. Cover and refrigerate for one hour or overnight. Serve in dessert dishes. Garnish.

Source: familycircle.com
Holly proclaimed ‘Purple Heart Village’

Road signs, monument are planned for the future

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The village of Holly has a lot of heart.

On June 23, members of the Holly VFW Post 5587, some of whom belong to Chapter 180 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, were honored when the Holly Village Council agreed to issue an official proclamation designating the community a Purple Heart Village.

“The consideration of this resolution was voted on without hesitation and was unanimously approved by the council president and all council members,” said VFW member Art Ingraham.

“Designating the village of Holly a Purple Heart community is yet another way we can honor the men and women who were injured or killed in service to our country,” said Holly Village President Ryan Bladzik. “We are proud to partner with our VFW post to bring this distinction to our community, and we are thankful for the service of all of our veterans and active service members.”

Holly is now one of only a few villages and cities in Oakland County to obtain this status, Ingraham said.

“Going forward, the Holly VFW and the MOPH plan to install ‘Purple Heart Village’ road signs at locations entering the village,” Ingraham said.

“Plans are also underway to establish a fundraising campaign to obtain the funds needed to purchase and erect a monument depicting Holly as a ‘Purple Heart Village,'” he added.

The placement of the monument and the date and time of the dedication ceremony will be determined by the Holly Village Council, according to Ingraham. No taxpayer dollars will be used to fund this project.

“The significance of this effort is to serve as a reminder to all citizens who visit or reside in the village of Holly that, as a community, we have not forgotten the ultimate sacrifice that our past, current, and future veterans have made, and will continue to make to protect our country,” said Ingraham.

Anyone wishing to contribute or be a part of this program may obtain more information by contacting the Holly VFW Post Commander Sam Alvarado at (248) 634-8508.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THAT CONFEDERATE FLAG is part of America’s history. If someone would have done that showing an American flag, would we go and rip all them down, too? The act of one moron disrupts a whole country.

I TOTALLY AGREE. If your yard sale is over, take down your sign. People turn around in the neighbor’s driveway and we’re wasting all of our gas and time looking for this yard sale that doesn’t exist.

TO THE PERSON who found my water bill and took it to the city hall to pay it, thank you so much. The phone number I had for you didn’t work.

I’m CALLING TO REPORT a scam that’s been going on now for five days. Someone’s calling from Jamaica, an 876 area code. They’re telling you that you won money and/or a car. They’ve called seven times for you didn’t work.

GLAD TO OBLIGE the request for the definition of a liberal. A liberal is a character who has no restraints, recognizes no absolute truths, and changes with the cultural and political correctness of the day. There’s a ‘me’ world, large in scope but small in principle.

MY HEARTFELT AND profound thanks to the person(s) who found my purse, Thursday, June 11, in VGI’s parking lot. There are still honest people.

WHAT’S A LIBERAL? A politically correct progressive, not necessarily moral in character, eager to take from those who worked hard to give it to those who will not. They are clearly open-minded until someone has a differing opinion. Need I go on? I don’t hate, just differ.

KUDOS TO THE King. Loved your article on the ‘new America.’ A nation cannot sustain giveaways which reward people who will not work. It’s called socialism, communism and ignorantism. Yes, that’s my word and it makes about as much sense as our government these days.

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What your last name says about you

- Are you a butcher, a baker, a candlestick maker? Your occupation was often your surname in English ancestry

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Rob Steele was a banker in a small community in Michigan, and people always chuckled when he answered his phone professionally and gave his name.

While a person’s name sometimes coincidentally meshes with a profession (think of Dr. Faris P. Atchoo in Mt. Pleasant), last names in the U.S. are often passed down from their English ancestry.

There are about 45,000 different English surnames, but most had their origins from one of these seven categories.

Occupation — occupational names identified people based on their job or position in society. Calling a man “Thomas Carpenter” indicated he worked with wood for a living. Other occupational names include: Archer, Baker, Brewer, Butcher, Cook, Dyer, Farmer, Hunter, Potter, Smith, Weaver, Woodman, to name just a few.

A personal characteristic. Some names, often adjectives, were based on nicknames that described a person — Short, Long, Little, Stern, Strong, Swift.

From an English place. A last name may have indicated a birthplace or where a person lived, worked or owned land. It could be from the name of a house, farm, hamlet, town or county, i.e., Bedford, Carver, Hamilton, Burton, Hampshire, Sutton.

From an estate. Descendants from landowners may have taken the name of their holdings, castle, manor or estate as their surname. Windsor is one famous example.

A geographical feature of the landscape. Some examples are Brooks, Bush, Camp, Forest, Grove, Hill, Moore, Stone, Woodruff.

From a male or female given name, i.e. Benson (the son of Ben), Jackson, Harrison, Nicholson, Robinson, Thompson, Wilson. Scottish clan names also make up one set of ancestral surnames, including Armstrong, Campbell, Douglas, Forbes, Grant, Henderson, MacDonald, Stewart.

Signifying patronage. Some surnames honored a patron, i.e., Kilpatrick (a follower of Patrick).

In researching this writer’s own maiden name of “Shotwell,” it looks as if it may have come from the small town of Shot in Lanarkshire, Scotland, where the main industry was the mining of coal and the production of lead shot. The process involved the pouring of liquid metal through a specialized screen, where molten shot passed into a well of water for cooling. This evolved into the surnames “Shot(s)well, Shatteswell, all evolving from Shotteswell, many of whom are found in the English shire of Warwickshire.

Another theory is that “Shotwell” means “cool spring with some connection to Scott’s Spring.”

To check out the origin of your own last name, visit ancestry.com, genealogyfamilyeducation.com/, or surnamedb.com/.
Meet Shirley Roos

• Retiring library director
• Wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother
• Founder of Angel Haven Foundation

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Shirley Roos has worked for the Holly Township Library since 1976. She started out working part time at the circulation desk. In 1980, she took over as director, a job she has held since then. On August 28, Roos will retire after 39 years of service.

Tell us about your family. My husband, Carl, and I will celebrate 59 years of marriage in August. We have four adult children, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Are you originally from Holly? No, we moved to Holly in 1972 from the Roseville/St. Clair Shores area. We lived a block from the middle school that was full of drugs. The police were there every day and I finally said, ‘We’re out of here.’ We came to Holly and built our house on East Holly Road, where we still live today.

Did you work outside the home before coming to the library? I worked in a gift shop for a while when I was a kid. I also worked in the offices of Proctor & Gamble in Detroit for three years. My kids used to tease me that I put the caps on the Crest toothpaste tubes.

Were you always interested in working for a library? When the kids were in school, before we moved to Holly, I used to walk them there and helped the teachers out. They didn’t have a library. One day I walked into a room and there were boxes filled with books. I called a friend and said, ‘Let’s put in a library together.’

How have things changed in the library over the decades? Technologically, definitely. We can hardly keep up now that there are computers, audio books and downloadable books. The number of people visiting the library has changed, too. There are fewer people because they can order books from the library online from home. We have about 2,000 DVDs here, but people aren’t coming as much for those either because of Netflix and others. The building itself also has changed. When the library was built in 1972, it was a house. Since then we’ve had five additions put on.

What do you like to do in your spare time? I love to read and I’ve started getting into some cooking shows on the Food Network. My favorite show though is ‘Deadliest Catch.’

What’s first on your retirement agenda?

“I have had a wonderful staff, three of whom have been here for 25 years. I couldn’t do this without them. It’s a great place to work and employees just stay.”

Shirley Roos

TRI-COUNTY TIMES
TIM JAGIELLA
Holly Township Library Director Shirley Roos is most proud of initiating five additions to the library. “It’s been fun, it’s been good,” she said. Her last day is Aug. 28.

We have a house up north in Otsego, so we’ll be going there a lot. We’re not moving up there though. We have family living in both sides and in the back of our Holly home. And, of course, I want to spend time with the babies.

What other activities are you involved in? My family started the ‘Angel Haven Foundation’ 17 years ago. We help people in the Appalachian Mountain town of Vansant, Virginia. It is ‘back, back, back’ in the hollers. A lady from church connected us with one of the ladies she knew from there. This is a town where nine coal mines closed, leaving thousands of people unemployed. They are extremely poor and don’t have churches with food pantries. We fill a great big trailer, go down four times a year, and give them food, used appliances, clothes, boots, coats and more. We are now collecting for school supplies. Many of these people are sick, suffering from cancer and other diseases. Their air is bad, the water is bad. Last December, they had an ice storm that took out their power. They didn’t get power back until mid-March. They almost died were it not for the volunteers on ATVs who ran oxygen and other essentials up and down the mountain. We have various ways of collecting donations for these people. We are planning our big annual yard sale that will take place the third week in September at our East Holly Road home.

What would you like to say before retiring from the library? I have had a wonderful staff, three of whom have been here for 25 years. I couldn’t do this without them. It’s a great place to work and employees just stay. They do an excellent job. The library board is wonderful and has backed me for 39 years.

NOTICE OF HEARING
REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE
CITY OF LINDEN – PLANNING COMMISSION

The City of Linden Planning Commission will be conducting a public hearing as part of their regular meeting agenda on August 3, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers on the lower level of the Mill Building at 201 N. Main Street, Linden, Michigan. The purpose of the hearing is to hear citizens’ comments on a request for the following:

Petitioner/Request: Property owners Ken and Renae Titus are requesting Special Land Use approval to establish a Group Day Care Home at 445 Sweet Briar Ridge, Linden, MI. A Group Day Care Home is allowed per Section 4.4.1, (6) of the City Zoning Ordinance as a Special Land Use after a public hearing and subject to approval by the City Planning Commission.

Tax Description: Tax ID # 61-19-676-071

Legal Description: Unit 71, Chestnut Grove (3) FR 61-19-400-021, commonly known as 445 Sweet Briar Ridge.

Applications and supporting documentation are available for public review at the City Offices, 132 E. Broad Street, Linden, MI, during regular business hours Monday through Friday. Persons wishing to comment may do so at the hearing or written comments should be addressed to Lynn M. Henry, City Clerk, at PO. Box 507, 132 E. Broad Street, Linden, MI 48451. Anyone needing a special accommodation should contact the City Clerk (810-735-7980) at least two business days in advance of the hearing.

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Using her noodle...

Fenton woman invents the world’s first ‘designer pasta’ with Pretty Pasta Company

By Sally Rummel
news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282
Shawn Murray-Laursen of Fenton was a compassionate student nurse caring for a very ill homeless patient nine years ago when they bonded over their shared love of pasta.

Knowing that Christmas 2006 was going to be her patient’s last Christmas, Murray-Laursen made her a special gift of homemade pasta, recreating Christmas designs and images using special touches of fruits, vegetables, spices and food colorants.

When her patient opened the gift, she said it was the “prettiest pasta” she’d ever seen and she hoped her nurse friend would share it with the world.

From 2006 to 2014, Murray-Laursen refined and elaborated the process which enables the designs and images to remain on the pasta through the boiling process. Prior to 2013, the only pasta available throughout the world consisted of only a few colors and shapes.

Now, Pretty Pasta Company’s designer pasta has actual edible images, words and photographs which can withstand the boiling process, and Murray-Laursen currently holds a Patent Pending on her unique product.

Murray-Laursen opened the doors to Pretty Pasta Company across from The Weed Lady in Grand Blanc on Sept. 11, 2014, choosing that date to launch her brick and mortar business in memory of a friend who perished during the World Trade Center terrorist attacks.

Pretty Pasta Company is the only company in the world which allows consumers to design their own pasta for their life events at their Grand Blanc pasta studio, and creates corporate marketing pasta products for companies around the world.

The company has hand delivered pasta to Lady Gaga in New York City, George Stephanopoulos on Good Morning America and it’s the second year for Eddy Money to enjoy Pretty Pasta designed for him at the DTE Energy Theater.

Bill Clinton was the first former U.S. President to appear on pasta when he received Photocini Brand pasta from Pretty Pasta Company during his Flint visit last October.

Pretty Pasta Company products are sold in four Michigan malls: Twelve Oaks in Novi, Partridge Creek in Clinton, Laurel Park Place in Livonia and Briarwood in Ann Arbor. Williams-Sonoma stores also periodically invite Pretty Pasta Company to come into their stores to promote their company and products.

The company was one of 30 companies from the U.S. and Canada to include products for the News & Documentary Emmy Awards in September 2014. “We ship all over the world,” said Murray-Laursen. “We’re already receiving orders for Christmas. I knew eventually this concept would make its way, but I didn’t realize how quickly it would take off.”

Oh, the pasta-ilities...
Marjie Andrejciw is pleased with the growth of her store, Marjie’s Gluten Free Pantry, during the last five years and has many plans for the future.

Marjie’s Gluten Free Pantry hits five-year milestone

Celebration is planned on Thursday, July 23 at downtown Fenton store

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

Marjie’s Gluten Free Pantry in downtown Fenton has become a destination for a growing population of people with food allergies and sensitivities.

With shelves and refrigerators stocked full of gluten-free and dairy-free pantry foods, personal care and environmentally sound cleaning products, Marjie’s Gluten Free Pantry is a haven for people whose health depends upon specialty diets and products.

One of the store’s best-selling products is Sam’s Bakery gluten-free bread, sold along with dozens of products that are free of harmful additives, GMOs, etc. Even products like bug spray and suntan lotion that are safe for children are available at Marjie’s.

“We’ve grown more than I could have ever envisioned,” said owner Marjie Andrejciw. “We’re celebrating our five-year anniversary this week and have lots of plans for growth and expansion in the next five years.”

Andrejciw invites the community to her store’s Five-Year Anniversary Celebration on Thursday, July 23 from 1 to 8 p.m., which will include store-wide sales, product samples and drawings for gift bags.

“We’re holding our anniversary celebration on the same day as Fenton’s Farmers Market and Concert in the Park,” said Andrejciw. “We’ve got a very accessible rear entrance right off Caroline Street, in addition to our front entrance on South LeRoy.”

Marjie’s Gluten Free Pantry has always been an extension of Andrejciw’s professional practice as a holistic nutrition counselor with a master’s degree from Hawthorn University. She specializes in nutrition for people with chronic illnesses, including children with autism, recently earning a new certification that helps her assist clients in understanding the important link between genetics, nutrition and lifestyle.
C&L Ward is a family-owned and operated business that is near and dear to giving back to the community. An employee picnic raffle and a "camp out" at the Best Western in Fenton are among the annual Palmer-Sulker event in Kensington Park. On July 11, they participate in poker runs, which are charity runs for families with cancer. Johnson wants to ride along the outskirts of Michigan and possibly to the UP. The perfect ride is her husband in Copper Harbor, one of the most northern places in the U.P., about five hours north of the city.

Johnson makes use of a headlight for visibility. She doesn’t go riding in the dark, but she always takes a flashlight with her on rides, whether it’s for the five-year-old or the 18-year-old. "It’s about respecting your bikes and experiences. You don’t go riding in the dark because you’re afraid of animals. One of our main rules is ride with headlights on, even if it’s just a flashlight," she said. She also uses her horn a lot to alert drivers.

Johnson always wears neon colors, closed shoes and socks. She wants drivers to "watch out for us because we’re every-where. Just be aware," Johnson said. "If the roads are dry and there isn’t a tail, I want to be out on my bike dressed in warm layers. They (drivers) really need to be aware of them all throughout the year."
Argentine cemetery to receive historical marker

By Hannah Ball

The Argentine Township Historical Commission has purchased an historical marker for the Argentine Cemetery to honor the pioneer families, history of the township, and the people buried at the cemetery.

A dedication will take place on Saturday, Aug. 15 at 2 p.m. at the cemetery, which is just west of the Argentine Township police station. The Gaines Community Band will play at the event, said Beth Carr, president of the Argentine Township Historical Commission. The local VFW will do the Pledge of Allegiance.

Afterward, the public is invited to a cake and punch reception at the Argentine Township Hall. Guests can purchase books that highlight the seven pioneer families, along with a list of the people buried in Argentine Cemetery. Argentine historical memorabilia will be set out for viewing.

“If anyone has anything they want to show, they can do it,” she said. Carr has tracked down a few of the pioneers’ relatives and a few of them are bringing some important items relating to their heritage.

In 1883, the Argentine Cemetery was listed on the state register of Historic Places, Carr said. It’s one of the oldest cemeteries in Genesee County, dating back to 1838 with the burial of 2-year-old Rebecca Jane, daughter of the War of 1812 veteran Halsey Whitehead, said Carr.

Earlier this year, with only a few people and about $1,200, the commission was able to purchase the marker with the help of Argentine Township. Carr said they’re expecting to get it by the end of July in time for the dedication.

HISTORICAL MARKER READS:

Argentine Township Cemetery
In 1838, Halsey Whitehead, a veteran of the War of 1812, buried his two-year-old daughter Rebecca here on land he settled in 1837. He offered burial plots for others until 1843, when he donated the land to Argentine Township. Graves located here include those of pioneer families, such as the Murays, Lobdells, Sutherlands, Algiers, Lahringers and McCaslin, as well as veterans of different wars.

The commission formed in January 2002 and met monthly for a while. Only about 10 people are in the group, Carr said, but they’d love for more people to join. Now, they meet twice a year—one, two Saturdays before Memorial Day to put out flags for the veterans, the other time is in August. If anyone has questions, they can call Carr at (810) 730-2353.

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While the legislature is in a two-week recess with no votes to report, the Roll Call Report examines some recent constitutional amendment proposals of general interest.

Senate Joint Resolution I and HJR L: Repeal homosexual marriage ban
Introduced by Sen. Rebekah Warren (D) and Rep. Jeremy Moss (D), respectively, to repeal Section 25 of the Michigan constitution, which states, “To secure and preserve the benefits of marriage for our society and for future generations of children, the union of one man and one woman in marriage shall be the only agreement recognized as a marriage or similar union for any purpose.”
Referrer to committee, no further action at this time.

Senate Joint Resolution D and HJR M: Equalize school district funding
Introduced by Sen. Rick Jones (R) and Rep. Joel Johnson (R), respectively, to require that all school districts get the same amount of state and local tax revenue for school operating purposes. Current funding levels are based on a complicated formula that since 1994 has set a minimum level for all districts and has gradually closed the gap. The measures do not specify whether high-spending districts’ funding would be cut or low-spending districts increased, and if the latter, whether the new money would come from. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

2015 House Joint Resolution N: Protect “electronic data and communications” from unreasonable searches and seizures
Introduced by Rep. Jim Runestad (R), to add “electronic data and communications” to the state constitution’s provision that recognizes the right of the people to be secure from unreasonable government searches and seizures. Introduced by Sen. Martin Hertel (D) and Rep. Jeremy Moss (D), to clarify that “person” includes houses, papers, and possessions.
Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Joint Resolution R: Require legislative consent for new regulations
Introduced by Rep. Gary Glenn (R), to prohibit any new administrative regulations from being imposed and enforced by state agencies if a majority of the House and Senate pass a resolution rejecting them. Approval of the governor would not be required. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.
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FOR RETRO FIT DECK AND REPAIR/BUILD STEPS

The Township of Rose is seeking bid proposals from Building Contractors to perform the above listed services. Bid Plans and Specifications can be picked up at the Rose Township Offices, Monday through Thursday 8:30am-4:30pm beginning July 20, 2015.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Township of Rose, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, MI 48442 until 3:00pm on August 3, 2015 at which time, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud and the different items noted, for the retrofit deck and repair/build steps. Late proposals will not be considered. Amendments to proposals will be considered only if they are received by the above deadline. The Township of Rose reserves the right to waive any irregularities or informalities or discrimination, limitation or determination of this proposal. This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis.

Proposals addressed as follows:
Rose Township Clerk’s Office
Debbie Miller, Clerk
Retro Fit Deck and Repair/Build Steps
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Holly, MI 48442

Contact Information (248) 634-7551 or email: clerk@rosetownship.com

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Debbie Miller, CMC, CMMC
Rose Township Clerk
VILLAGE OF HOLLY
Notice of Adoption of Ordinance No. 434

Ordinance No. 435 was adopted at the regular meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Holly on July 14, 2015. The ordinance amends Section 1-04-02 of Chapter 1 of the Village Code of Ordinances by rescinding the previous article and adopting a new Article 1-04-02 to regulate the Village of Holly Parks Commission. The full text of the ordinance is available for inspection at the Village of Holly, 300 East Street, Karl Richter Center, Holly, MI during regular business hours.

Cathrene A. Behrens, Village Clerk/Treasurer

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan, will hold a public hearing at its regular council meeting on the 10th Day of August, 2015 at 7:30 pm, in the City Hall, located at 301 South Leroy Street, Fenton, Michigan 48430-2196, to consider a proposed amendment of the City of Fenton Local Development Finance Authority (“LDFA”) Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan.

The purpose of the proposed amendment, adopted by the LDFA at its regular meeting on July 9, 2015, is to authorize the LDFA to enter into an agreement with the City that will provide for sharing of a portion of the captured assessed value between the LDFA and the City of Fenton. The text of the amendment reads as follows:


a. Exhibit B attached to the Tax Increment Financing Plan is amended to provide the following additional provision: “The LDFA shall exclude 10,626 mills from its capture of millage levied by the City of Fenton for fiscal year 2014 pursuant to an Agreement to share captured assessed value between the City of Fenton Local Development Finance Authority and the City of Fenton to be effective November 24, 2014.”

The fiscal and economic implications of the proposed amendment are limited to the temporary shifting of tax revenue generated by the 10,626 mills, in an amount not to exceed $173,137.00, from the LDFA to the City of Fenton.

The district is composed substantially of the US-23 Industrial Park, Fenway Plaza industrial park and certain additional industrial zoned property adjacent to the US-23 Industrial Park. The district is generally bounded by the US-23 Industrial Park on the north, the north of the Silver Lake, and the east of the Silver Lake. The City Council of the City of Fenton Local Development Finance Authority and the City of Fenton at their meeting on November 24, 2015 and is hereby further amended in the following respects:

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**NOTICE**

**ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS**
**JULY 21, 2015 BOARD OF REVIEW**

The Argentine Township Board of Review will hold its December meeting as follows:

**DATE:** Tuesday, July 21, 2015

**TIME:** 6:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Argentine Township Hall
9048 Silver Lake Road
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Purpose: To correct any of the errors in assessments and tax rates, to review claims of qualified homestead on properties and to review hardship/ poverty/veterans claims.

Denise Graves, Clerk, Argentine Township
Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriams


Barbara L. Wilson 1931-2015
Barbara L. Wilson - age 84, of Holly, died Thursday, July 16, 2015. Funeral services will be held at 11 AM Monday, July 20, 2015 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly with Rev. Sharilyn Gates officiating. Burial will be in Road Center Cemetery, Holly. Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 PM Sunday. Mrs. Wilson was born on February 11, 1931, the daughter of Ralph and Olive Sutton. She loved gardening and caring for children, and was always there for her family. She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald, sons, Bradford, Geoff, and Bruce; and daughter, Amy. Surviving are her grandchildren, Leigh (Rich) Coburn of Holly and Shawn (Kristen) Wilson of Traverse City; 4 great-grandchildren, Kayleigh and Kyle Coburn, and Aletta and Zeka Wilson; and daughter-in-law, Deanna Wilson of Holly. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Reverence Hospice, National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, or the Alzheimer’s Association. www.dryerfuneralhomeholy.com.


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Patricia Louise Blomster 1931-2015
Patricia Louise Blomster - age 84, of Adrian, formerly of Fenton, died July 14, 2015. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Saturday, July 18, 2015 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 806 Main St., Fenton. Pastor Dean Dombkowski will officiate. Burial will follow in Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia. The family will receive friends from 10 AM until the time of service Saturday at the church. Patricia was born June 20, 1931 in Inkster, MI the daughter of Gilbert E. and Iva Mae (Miller) Olson. She was married to George Blomster on August 5, 1950 in Livonia; he preceded her in death on August 27, 2006. She is survived by her sons, Kevin (Trena) Blomster, Aaron (Terri) Blomster, granddaughter, Pearl, great-granddaughters, Anastasha and Summer; brother, Robert (Heleen) Olson, Eugene (Lydia) Olson; sister, Elizabeth (Richard) Small and many other family members. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and sister-in-law, Phyllis. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


William Fredrick "Skip" Butzler 1973-2015
William Fredrick "Skip" Butzler - age 42, of Fen ton, died July 10, 2015. Funeral services will be held 1 PM Saturday, July 18, 2015 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton. Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation will be held 3-9 PM Friday and also will be held 10-1 PM Saturday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be directed to the family. William was born March 9, 1973 in Flint, the son of Frederick William and Patricia (Winter) Butzler. He was preceded in death by his father, Crysta l Lampart of Ironwood; mother, Patricia Butzler of Fenton; sister, Gwen (Riley) Moore of Gaines; two aunts, Freida Sutton of Fenton, Janet Holzwarth of Davison; uncle George Winter of WA. He was preceded in death by his father, his grandparents; and three uncles. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituary page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Conscientious co-worker is frustrated by slacker

DEAR AMY:
I have been working at my company for six years. I have shown myself dedication to my job and can count on one hand the number of days I’ve called in sick. Last year, due to changes in our business, I switched positions and started working in a different department.

My new colleague is challenging. She suddenly becomes “sick” toward the end of every workweek and is constantly complaining of a new (presumably imagined) malady. This either requires her to take time off or leave work early. I (and others here) are almost 99 percent certain that this is all made up, or a product of mental illness. Her absences are through the roof.

As someone with a very strong work ethic and who has always prided themselves on their attendance, I am becoming very resentful, particularly since this has been going on for ages and there has been no disciplinary action taken.

I have compassion for people who are (genuinely) sick, but how do I deal with these feelings against her? — Totally Fed-Up

DEAR FED-UP:

Does this co-worker’s behavior and frequent absences have a direct impact on your own productivity and job performance? Does it disrupt the important work flow in your unit? If so, you should go to your supervisor or HR department and discuss it. Otherwise, it is useless (and actually counterproductive) to speculate, criticize and gossip about this person behind her back. Doing so just provides a negative distraction. Think of it this way: Every single day, she has to be her — with illnesses (real or imagined), and with an attitude toward work that would never satisfy you. On the other hand, you get to go through the day being you. If you let your resentments get the upper hand, then you are handing over your own esteem to someone who doesn’t deserve it.

Breakfast, Lunch Leave Man Dazed

DEAR DR. ROACH:
I am 71, with high blood pressure, COPD, diabetes and spinal stenosis, I smoke. After I eat breakfast or lunch, I rapidly fall into a daze during which I can hardly hold my head up. Sleep seems to be the only solution, but I still feel tired and listless the rest of the day. I have had this condition for over a year, and it is making me very depressed. I have read about CFS and autoimmune conditions, and the prognosis is not good. There must be some treatment for me. — A.P.

ANSWER: Fatigue is a common symptom, but it is perhaps the most nonspecific one we deal with in medicine. The specific condition of chronic fatigue syndrome, by definition, is unexplained after a clinical evaluation. In your case, I would consider some important possible causes. Although COPD and even spinal stenosis certainly can cause fatigue, the association with eating makes me wonder about your blood sugar levels, since poorly controlled diabetes can cause fatigue. Smoking doesn’t cause fatigue, but quitting smoking certainly will help your COPD from progressing. All sleep disorders, but especially obstructive sleep apnea, cause fatigue that might not improve with sleeping.

Depression certainly may cause fatigue, but it is also common in people whose primary issue is a medical cause of fatigue. If after a thorough evaluation your diagnosis turns out to be chronic fatigue syndrome, the most effective therapies are cognitive behavioral therapy and a graded exercise program. Since your symptoms happen after eating, it might be wise to see if certain foods are more likely to cause it by keeping a food diary. Many people have come down with the mysterious illness chronic-fatigue syndrome.

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