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LIVE CHRISTMAS TREE SHOPPING IS A FUN, FAMILY AFFAIR



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

David Petts, owner of Branching Out Nursery & Landscaping, off Eddy Lake Road in Fenton, has plenty of trees available for area families looking for that perfect Christmas tree.

One local business offers pre-cut and cut-your-own plus some special amenities

By Vera Hogan

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There's nothing better than the fresh smell of a live Christmas tree. Getting one can be as easy as visiting a local tree lot, where families can pick the type and size tree they wish. Or, a trip to a nursery to select and cut their own tree can make for a fun family outing.

Branching Out Nursery & Landscaping is one of those places. The nursery is at 14445 Eddy Lake Road, just north of Dauner Rd. in Fenton.

Formerly known as Haddon Nursery, David Petts took over for Russ Haddon in 2013. Petts began working for Haddon when he was just 12 years old. With a landscape architecture degree from Michigan State University, Petts worked with Haddon in a partnership that lasted many years.

Petts and his wife, Cindy, purchased the nursery and renamed it Branching Out Nursery & Landscaping.

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Your Christmas tree ornaments likely originated in Germany

By Vera Hogan

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Whether your Christmas tree is decorated with a collection of family favorites, or if you've modernized with something newer, there are few things more festive than a Christmas tree complete with lights, color and interesting decorations.

There are several theories about the origin of Christmas ornaments. The most popular theory holds that the tradition was started by a monk who came to Germany in the 7th or 8th century to preach, according to theholidayspot.com.

According to history, Saint Boniface was the first one to bring a fir tree to the German people to decorate, for he claimed that its triangular shape represented the Holy Trinity — God, his son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

The tradition was adopted by devout Germans, who started decorating the Christmas tree with simple, white candles. In 1510, a fir tree was decorated with roses, which was associated with the Virgin Mary.

In the 1600s, trees were brought indoors and adorned with paper roses, lighted candles, wafers, nuts, and sweets. This is said to be a groundbreaking moment in the history of Christmas decorations for it kicked off a new trend, adornment of the Christmas tree in an indoor setting.

With time, the decorative ornaments grew more diverse and each family used its own inventiveness to beautify the Christmas trees.

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Here's your tip...

I'm a pretty good tipper. The reason for that is I did my tour of duty waiting tables during the 1970s.

I sometimes still have nightmares about digging through the nasty restaurant trash, searching for some careless kid's retainer.

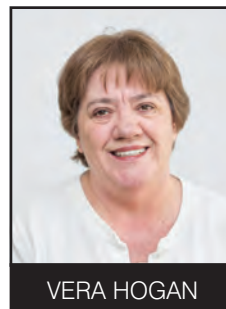
Although I always had a full-time office job, I often held a part-time job in a restaurant, or restaurant bar, in order to pay for my travels.

I worked in one restaurant for nine months in order to finance a trip with girlfriends to Ocho Rios, Jamaica. We worked at an insurance company together and decided to take a trip together. The song 'Montego Bay' was popular at the time. We had no idea where Montego Bay was, but it sounded very tropical and we were in.

I blew all my tip money on that trip ... and it was worth it.

Anyway, the majority of servers and bartenders today don't have the luxury of working their jobs to finance their travels. It's their main source of income. Much needed tip money goes toward paying bills, paying off loans, feeding their families and other everyday expenses.

So, it would seem they would work as hard as they could to earn those tips ... and most do. Tips are a reward for



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providing good service — not part of their weekly salary. A good rule of thumb for all servers is to treat customers the way they would want to be treated, and their family treated.

Much has changed since I waited on tables, but some things have not, including the amount a patron should tip their server.

The 15 to 20 percent figure has been tossed around for decades. But there is more to it than a percentage of the total bill.

Paying 15 to 20 percent would be appropriate if your total bill came to \$100 (\$15 to \$20 tip), for example, your server did an adequate job of giving you timely and efficient service, and you didn't overstay your visit.

Most servers would get more than 15 to 20 percent if they went above and beyond what was expected to provide good service.

On the other hand, that \$15 to \$20 for a \$100 bill would not be appropriate if you and your party parked at a table for four or five hours in order to eat, drink and watch an entire football game. We used to call them "squatters."

As most people are aware, servers rely heavily on tips for their income. The hourly wage they earn does not come close to being able to support themselves or their families. And some servers have to share their tips with other people, like the bartender, the bar-back, bussers, etc.

So, if you want to stick to the 15 to 20 percent rule, you would be nice to enjoy your meal and move on ... or, if you want to take up the table for hours on end, be prepared to buck up a little more on the tip.

ORNAMENTS

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With the arrival of the 1800s, the Christmas tree tradition eventually began to invade American homes.

The first decade of the 1800s brought the use of such edibles as fruit, especially apples, and nuts. Along with the evergreen trees themselves, these fruits symbolized the regeneration of life in the spring season.

As the tradition of Christmas trees and ornaments became more widespread, each country added its own ingenuity to the decorations. Americans, for example, would string long strands of cranberries or popcorn to encircle their trees.

Until the 1880s, Christmas tree decorations had mainly been the creative domain of family and friends and the only ornaments available in the market were German hand-cast lead and hand-

blown glass decorations.

But the 1880s saw many German entrepreneurs seriously thinking of manufacturing ornaments on a mass scale and selling these strictly as Christmas ornaments.

Post World War II, F.W. Woolworth's highly popular "Five-and-dime stores," its competitor Kresge and Neisner's, and some more department stores like Macy's and Gimbel's were the main source of Christmas ornaments and decorations.

The purchase of these ornaments were, however, limited to a few commemorative ornaments a year. Complexity and variety of ornaments were the driving engines of ornament sales.

Christmas ornaments are now an indispensable part of Christmas tree decorations. The manufacture and sale of Christmas ornaments makes one of the greatest markets worldwide.

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medical insights

10 facts about Alzheimer's

Compiled By Vera Hogan

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1. Alzheimer's disease was first identified more than 100 years ago.

But it wasn't until 70 years later that it was recognized as the most common cause of dementia, according to the Alzheimer's Association.

2. It mostly affects older people, but researchers are not sure why.

Why Alzheimer's is largely associated with older adults is still a mystery. However, most research points to a series of age-related changes in the brain, like atrophy, inflammation, and the creation of unstable molecules. Nearly half of people over 85 get Alzheimer's.

3. Early-onset Alzheimer's is usually genetic.

People who develop Alzheimer's before 60 usually do so because they've inherited one of three genetic mutations. This group accounts for about 5 percent of people with Alzheimer's.

4. Not getting enough sleep could up your chances.

Amyloid, a memory-robbing protein, builds up in your brain when you get too little sleep. And that type of protein is thought to attack the brain's long-term memory and trigger Alzheimer's.

5. The less schooling you have, the more likely you are to get Alzheimer's.

People who have spent fewer years in school are at higher risk for Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia than those with more years of school. Researchers say that's because schooling increases the number of connections between neurons in the brain.

6. Family history increases your chances.

You don't need a family history of Alzheimer's to contract the disease yourself. But people with a sister, brother, or parent who has Alzheimer's are more likely to develop the condition.

7. People with Down syndrome are likely to get Alzheimer's.

Many people with Down syndrome get Alzheimer's, according to the Alzheimer's Association. It may be because they have an extra chromosome 21, and that gene appears to be involved in the production of amyloid, the memory-robbing protein.

8. Depression can be a sign of Alzheimer's.

Early symptoms of Alzheimer's include difficulty remembering names, events, or recent conversations. They might also include depression and apathy. Later symptoms can include disorientation, poor judgment, unusual behavior, and impaired communication.

9. Sometimes, symptoms are actually caused by something else.

Sometimes, unrelated conditions cause similar symptoms to dementia. These conditions are usually treatable, and include depression, thyroid problems, excessive alcohol use, medication side effects, and delirium.

10. There are many ways to diagnose Alzheimer's.

Your doctor might look at your medical, family, and psychiatric history, conduct cognitive tests and physical exams, or have you undergo a diagnostic workup including blood tests and head scans. Sometimes, doctors will ask relatives, friends, or other people close to you if they've noticed any changes in your behavior or in the way you think.

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Stem cells used for knee replacements?

■ Specialists seeing promising results, quicker recovery

By Hannah Ball

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A new knee replacement technique using stem cells is garnering attention in the medical field.

According to stemcellarts.com, this experimental technique takes bone marrow stem cells from a patient's hips and injects them into a centrifuge, and then back into the damaged joints.

Many doctors and scientists have seen very promising results.

Stem cells are the only kind of cells that can morph into other types of spe-

cialized cells, and when they're injected into a damaged area they can change into that cell.

"They also seem to amplify the body's own natural repair efforts by accelerating healing, reducing inflammation, and preventing scarring and loss of function," according to stemcellarts.com.

One medical doctor, Christopher J. Centeno, a rehabilitation medicine specialist, said his results are remarkable.

Of the more than 200 patients his Colorado clinic treated, two thirds reported greater than 50 percent relief and approximately 40 percent reported more than 75 percent relief one to two years after the

treatment, according to stemcellarts.com.

This type of treatment has also been associated with a quicker and easier recovery.

SUMMARY

■ Stem cells are now being used in place of invasive knee surgery, and scientists are seeing promising results.

“They also seem to amplify the body's own natural repair efforts by accelerating healing, reducing inflammation, and preventing scarring and loss of function.”

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There's much more to Genesee County Undersheriff Chris Swanson than being a law enforcement officer.

By Vera Hogan

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Chris Swanson wears many hats. The Fenton Township resident is a husband, father of two boys, undersheriff, paramedic, motivational and inspirational speaker, author and is thankful for every day.

Please tell us about yourself. I have served the Office of Sheriff (Genesee County) for 23 years. I am a police officer, licensed paramedic and currently the undersheriff, which I've been since July 2011.

As the undersheriff I serve as the sheriff's chief of staff. I run the day-to-day operations, lead 253 people and manage a \$35 million budget.

I am also the founder of Swanson Leadership, which is an online personal development business that inspires people to make transformations, physically, mentally and spiritually (www.swansonleadership.com).

I am also the spokesman for All Grace Outreach. This is the charitable arm of Life Leadership.

Tell us about your family. I have been married to Jamie for 22 years. (I met her in jail. She was a drug/alcohol counselor.) We have two sons, made out of marble. Riley is 18 and a senior at Genesee Christian High School in Burton. He is very active in soccer and school leadership activities. He is going to dental school after he completes his

four-year degree in pre-med. Jordan is 15, a freshman at Genesee Christian and is also an athlete. He is a natural body builder and plays guitar better than any 15-year-old I've ever seen. He is on the student council and is scheduled to go to Honduras this coming July on a mission trip. **Where do you and your family reside?** We live in Fenton Township and love it. The Fenton area is the gem of the county. I am so proud to say this is my home and am always stunned when I drive to downtown Fenton and see how far it has come. It's absolutely amazing. Nice work to all involved.

Tell us about your law enforcement beginnings. My dad was a Detroit cop. His dad was a Detroit cop and it was in my blood. I started my career as a seasonal marine deputy at 18 years old right here on Lake Fenton. I saw my first shooting as an intern and knew I was in the right field. That's why I became both a police officer and a paramedic, both of which I am proud. More importantly, I hate bullies and vowed to defend the innocent, speechless victims of evil with my life until the day comes when I can no longer do so, which God willing, is many years away.

What are the rewarding things about your job? Police officers are cut from a different cloth. We serve in a 'thankless' field. We don't serve for the fame and fortune. We serve day and night, weekends and holidays, rain or shine. We miss birthdays and soccer games. We see and smell things most of the world will never want to see or smell. We tell parents their kids are gone and kids their parents are gone. When you call 911, regardless of what some may think, the police will always be there. That's why I serve. Plus, I still hate bullies.

What are the challenges? The perception of law enforcement based on a small percentage of those that either make mistakes, take advantage of their authority or forget why we do what we do. Every day, hundreds of thousands of police officers hit the street to protect and serve. We take no days off.

Tell us about your religious/motivational work. I speak all over the nation. God has opened huge doors for me. From crowds of 200 to 15,000 my message is the same. I restore hope and belief into people. My book, Tinman to IRONMAN, has sold more than 11,000 copies and is a best seller. It is a book on transformation.

I take my sons on a foreign mission trip once a year to serve and be served. Also, I have the privilege to guest speak locally at The Rock Church of Fenton as well as The Freedom Center and the River Church.

Why do you do it? God has called His people to go into all nations and share the good news that Lord sent His son Jesus Christ to save us from our sin and eternal death. It is our commission. Since He gave me the gift of speaking, I use it.

Do you have a Thanksgiving message for Genesee County citizens? Because I see so much death and violence, every day should be Thanksgiving. Every day is a holiday. Be thankful for what you have, not what you don't have.

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CHRISTMAS TREE

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The nursery is perhaps most well known for its Christmas tree sales and holiday family traditions of traipsing through the nursery to find "the perfect tree."

Petts said they have fields in the back. "We put people on a haywagon and take them out so they can take their time selecting a tree. Then when they are ready, we pick them back up and bring them back where they can enjoy free coffee and cider, doughnut holes and warm up by a nice campfire," he said.

"It's very festive," said Petts. "We have people who have been doing it for 30 or 40 years and have brought their kids and now grandkids."

"Our employees really look forward to this time of year," he added. "Everyone is happy and in a good mood."

The types of trees available are from 5-feet to 12-feet tall. The varieties are Blue Spruce, White Spruce, Norway Spruce, White Pine and Scotch.

The price range for cut-your-own trees averages about \$40 to \$50, Petts said.

Branching Out also has pre-cut trees for sale. They include Frazier Fir, Douglas Fir and Scotch Pine and go up to about 11 feet. A pre-cut tree will cost anywhere from \$25 to \$120.

When caring for your live Christmas tree, Petts said the most important thing to do is cut a quarter of an inch off the bottom before placing in the tree stand. That's true especially if you get your tree and leave it in the garage for a couple days, he said.

Petts said the sap at the bottom of the tree dries, preventing water from getting up into it once it's placed.

"Always have water in your tree stand," he said. "Water at room temperature is the best."

While some remember when their parents or grandparents put syrup, like Caro, in their tree stand with the water, Petts said that isn't necessary.

"The best thing is just plain water," he said.

Families wanting the experience of cutting their own tree, should know that the action starts at the back of the nursery on Tinsman Road, said Petts. That's where the haywagons, refreshments after and campfire take place on the weekends. Branching Out provides the saws.

Those wishing to simply purchase a pre-cut tree should use the Eddy Lake Road entrance at the front of the business.

During the weekdays, all customers should use the front entrance at Eddy Lake Road.

For more information, call (810) 629-2806. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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David Petts

Branching Out Nursery & Landscaping owner

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BIRTH



Leo Isaac Sharpe

Anita Wilhelm Sharpe and John Sharpe of Germantown, Tennessee are proud to announce the birth of their son, Leo Isaac Sharpe. He was born on April 22, 2016 at Methodist LeBonheur Hospital. He weighed 8 lbs, 2 oz. and was 20 inches in length. Leo has three siblings, Emmanuel Corless, 16, John Rinehard Sharpe, 4, and Sofia Rose Sharpe, 2. Leo's grandparents are Rudolph and Eva Wilhelm of Scoul, Switzerland and John and Cheryl Sharpe of Linden.



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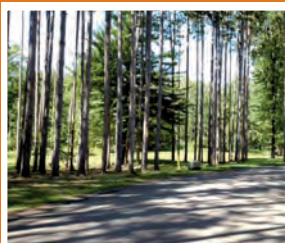
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GROVELAND TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS – 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **Township of Groveland** will hold a second public hearing on the use of Community Development Block Grant Funds. The Hearing will be held on **Monday, December 12, 2016 at 7:00 pm** at the township office located at **4695 Grange Hall Road, Holly, MI 48442** for hearing public comments on the CDBG Program Year 2017 application in the approximate amount of \$14,216 to fund eligible projects. **All interested citizens are requested to attend the Hearing. Comments will also be received in writing or in person at Groveland Township Office, 4695 Grange Hall Road, Holly, MI 48442 until the day of the public hearing, December 12, 2016 by 4:00pm.** Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs, including handicap accessibility or interpreter, will be made upon receiving 72-hour notice. Township office is closed on Friday and request to reasonably accommodate special needs should be received by the close of business Thursday at 4:00pm. **Contact Pamela Mazich at 248-634-4152 or clerk@grovelandtownship.net for special needs or further information.**

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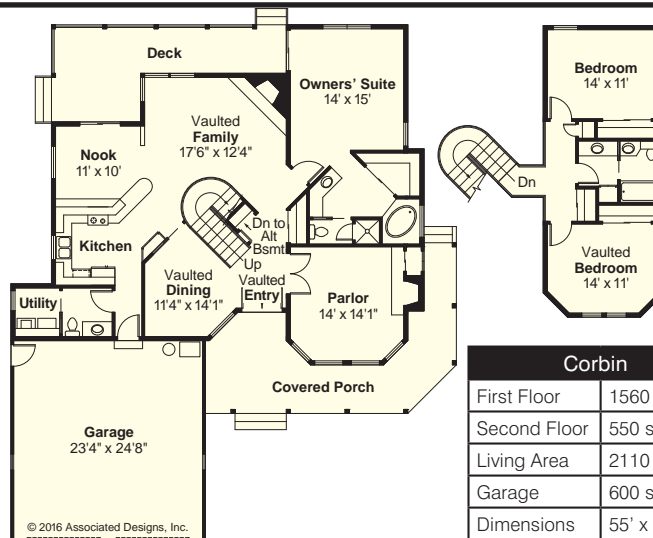
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Corbin	
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Answer key located in this edition

KING FEATURES

SuperCrossword

VOWELS ON VACATION

ACROSS

- 1 Throat ailment
6 Rial earner
12 Final Four inits.
16 "It was only OK"
19 English dramatist George
20 Singer/fiddler Krauss
21 MP3 player attachment
23 Took a big step to relieve debt [IEOAU]
25 Worker "standing by"
26 Enjoy
27 Surpasses
29 Wanton man
30 Carry on, as business
34 Mind-altering chemical substances [YOAIEU]
38 Rip off
39 Musical gourd
42 Composer of many marches
43 Withdrawn
44 Hebrew "A"
47 Transformed
49 Tirade

- 51 Cooking contest since 1949 [IUYAEO]
53 Study of bonds between atoms [OEUYAI]
59 Poker-pot promise
60 Of an average
62 Episodic drama
63 Basic human intelligence
66 U. URL ending
69 Hunter constellation
71 Fencing move
72 Spanish for "that"
73 President before Rutherford Birchard Hayes [UYEIOA]
77 "Imagine!"
78 Disney movie
80 Daughter of Desi Arnaz
81 Posed (for)
82 Suffix with Oktober
83 Zedong's theories

- 85 "G'day" sayer
88 Shower with flowers, e.g.
90 "Sicko" and "Super Size Me," e.g. [OUEAYI]
92 "Dear Abby" is one [YIAEOU]
98 Mazar of "Entourage"
99 From sunup to sundown
101 Follower of "had a farm"
102 Morris, e.g.
105 Gone up
108 Naval clerk
110 Flutter
111 In great demand [YIOUAE]
114 Trapped by a blizzard
117 Sheltered, nautically
118 Plaza Hotel girl
121 Leslie Caron musical
122 Seder time
126 Thwarters of Boris Badenov [OYAUIE]
131 Neighbor of a Sudanese
132 "SOS!"
133 "So do I"

- 134 The, to René
135 Suffix with disk
136 Palace of Paris
137 For — (dirt-cheap)
DOWN
1 UV-blocking stat
2 — Aviv
3 Johnnie Walker blend
4 Pixie-like
5 Livens (up)
6 TV chef Martin
7 Caribou kin
8 Joan of art
9 NBA broadcaster
10 Steno's aid
11 Ear bone
12 Kansas river
13 Upper limit
14 Consist of
15 Wet mo.
16 Part of GMC
17 Adequate
18 Joan of Arc's crime
22 Like steel
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28 Windows boxes?
30 Web, to flies
31 Bun
32 Low- — diet
33 Major hike
35 Perm part

- 36 Bygone emperors
37 "Peanuts" boy Linus —
40 Radio-switch letters
41 Sidewalk eatery
45 Fraternity letters
46 "Silicon Valley" aier
48 Arab chiefs
50 No — traffic
52 Wishes away
54 Been abed
55 Obstructs
56 Burn slightly
57 Zoo pens
58 Wintry mix
61 Ding-a-lings
63 Online health info site
64 Stern with a violin
65 May greeting card opener
67 Fast Net svc.
68 Normal
70 Gun org.
73 People itemizing
74 Bathtub gunk
75 — beat (hesitate)
76 Abbr. on a food label
79 Tough spot

- 82 Central points
84 The head honcho
86 Capri, e.g.
87 Inside: Prefix
89 Verse tribute
91 Sole, for one
93 Obstructs
94 Blue color
95 Preface
96 Skirt style
97 Both-hands-up time
100 Rhapsodic
102 Small church
103 Blazing
104 Hurdle for a grad student
106 E'erlasting
107 Titans' org.
109 Longtime Steelers coach Chuck
112 In case that
113 Musical Mel
115 Wife of Fred Flintstone
116 Actor Cary
119 Vodka brand
120 Outer limits
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128 "Toodles"
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WEDNESDAY SUDOKU
ANSWERS

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WEDNESDAY JUMBLE
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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.

KING CROSSWORD
ANSWERS

SUPER CROSSWORD
ANSWERS

Solution time: 27 mins.

Obituaries

Times

Anothony Faiola

Anothony Faiola - age 61, died November 21, 2016. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharp-funeralhomes.com.



Arthur Stowell

Arthur Stowell - age 90, died November 19, 2016. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharp-funeralhomes.com.



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Lois Callard

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Mr. William R. "Bill" VanHoose

1926-2016

Mr. William R. "Bill" VanHoose - age 90, died peacefully November 23, 2016 at Wellbridge of Fenton. He is the loving husband of Virginia VanHoose. Also surviving are his children, Marcy (Ed) Welter, Chevonna (the late Brian) Nelson, and Sherry (Steven) Adams-Shelton; six grandchildren; four great grandchildren; his dog, "Precious"; cat, "Baby"; and many nieces, nephews, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Elmer and Ruth VanHoose; son, Marvin Adams; three brothers, and one sister. Visitation will be Sunday, November 27, 2016 from 3-6 PM at the Temrowski Family Funeral Home, 500 Main Street, Fenton. His funeral service will be Monday, November 28, 2016, 11 AM at the funeral home. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Deborah Sue Charbonneau

1957-2016

Deborah Sue Charbonneau - age 59, passed away November 17, 2016. She was born July 23, 1957 in Flint, to John Charbonneau and Anne Zukowski Charbonneau. Deborah graduated



from Linden High School in 1975. She was a gentle soul and an animal advocate. She loved all animals, especially horses and her Cocker Spaniel, Bodhi. Ms. Charbonneau was a photographer and very artistic. She is survived by her sister, Cassandra Malory of the Virgin Islands; cousins, Tina Currie (David) of Houghton Lake, Michigan, Terri Englund (Steve) of Perry, Michigan, Jane Charbonneau (Ron) of Menasha, Wisconsin, Jenny Englund Jarvis (Warren) of California, Steve Englund (Amy) of Fenton; and special friends, Jane Dawson, Robin Stewart, Elaine Hooker, Barbara Griffin Hunter and Paige Lavery. A celebration of Deborah's life was held November 21, 2016. Memorial contributions may be made in her name to The Humane Society of Marion County, 701 NW 14th Rd. Ocala, FL 34475, <http://www.thehsmc.org/donate/>.

Merrowee Mills

Merrowee Mills - age 93, died November 22, 2016. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharp-funeralhomes.com.



Earl Wuestnick Jr. 1925-2016

Earl Wuestnick Jr. - age 91, of Linden, died November 20, 2016. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Friday, November 25, 2016 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. Visitation was



held 1-7 PM Wednesday, November 23, 2016. Those desiring may make contributions to the Alzheimer's Association. Earl was born July 6, 1925 in Copper City, MI, the son of Earl and Cecilia (Gregroich) Wuestnick. He retired from Redford Union Schools. Mr. Wuestnick enjoyed hunting, spending time outdoors and with his grandchildren. Surviving are: wife, Irja; son, Earl III; grandchildren, Earl IV and Alayna. He was preceded in death by his sister, Delores. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Pamela McKone Fourney

Pamela McKone Fourney - age 66, died November 19, 2016. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Visiting pooch could pose problems in new house

DEAR AMY:

My 26-year-old daughter's boyfriend just relocated to another city. Our daughter asked if he could travel the several hours to our home and stay with us over the holidays. We welcome him. They have been dating for the past two years and this separation has been hard on her (she is still attending a local college and lives at home). She plans to join him in his city next semester. The rub came when she announced his plans to bring his mid-size dog with him. I told her that since we just moved into our new house (which has hardwood floors and Persian rugs in all the rooms) it wouldn't be a good idea, and the potential for unnecessary damage is great. Any repairs could be awkward and costly. Even pawing at a closed door would damage the finish. My daughter says the dog is very well-behaved and they will watch it closely when they are here; however, they plan on leaving the house to visit friends and during those periods we would have to be in charge. We had a small dog for the last 17 years. She passed away prior to our moving into this new home. In all those years we never visited friends and imposed our pet on them as a condition of our visit. My wife is inclined to let them bring the dog. Am I overly concerned, since this will be a precedent-setter? — What to Do?

DEAR WTD:

I agree with you that whatever choice you make will be a precedent-setter. After your daughter moves to his city to be with her boyfriend, this dog may, in fact, become "their" dog. I am a dog

lover, and I have had long-term visitors bring their dogs without incident. And then there was the episode with the mini-dachshunds. Those two little critters (but mainly their owner) more or less tainted the concept, along with the rugs. My point is that dogs are as varied as people are. But you don't know this dog. And at least one member of your family (you) would be quite unhappy having the dog in your home. Don't make this your problem to solve. It is theirs. You should be friendly and firm: "I vote no on having the dog with us. If he needs to cancel his trip, I understand. However, there are kennels in the area and if he brings the dog and kennels him, you can both visit him however often you want to. You can take him to the park and on outings as you scoot around the city." If your wife and daughter overrule you, then they will be on the hook. The couple should not expect you and your wife to dog-sit, but should take the dog with them when they visit friends.

DEAR AMY:

I agree with your response to "Miserable," who had become obsessed with an old flame. I had the same problem with a crush on a co-worker. The more I tried to ignore the feeling, the worse it got. Finally, I confided in another co-worker who is a close friend of mine. She made a joke about it and him, and then my crush just disappeared. Lesson learned. — Been There

DEAR BEEN THERE:

Most obsessions don't simply go "poof," but I agree that it is completely possible to recover, if you keep your eye on your core values.

ASK

Amy

BY AMY DICKINSON

AMY DICKINSON

Bald spot on cheek? Get thyroid checked

DEAR DR. ROACH:

Six months ago, I noticed a "bald spot" on my right cheek. It is round and about the size of a 50-cent piece. I've never had this problem before, even though I am going bald. I am generally healthy. I am concerned that this might be an infection or cancer. There is no itching, redness or discoloration of any sort. Can you address this issue? I am worried that it will spread, and I want to know if it will grow back. — Anon.

ANSWER:

This sounds very much like alopecia areata, which usually is found on the scalp, but can be in any area of the body with hair. It probably is an auto-immune disorder, and it happens frequently in people with autoimmune thyroid disease, such as Hashimoto's or Grave's disease. People with alopecia areata should get screened for thyroid disease. It usually starts in people under 30. About half of people will have their hair regrow within a year. If the skin otherwise looks completely

normal, it is very unlikely to be a cancer or infection. A dermatologist should be able to confirm the diagnosis.

To your

GOOD HEALTH

BY KEITH ROACH, M.D.

KEITH ROACH, M.D.

DEAR DR. ROACH:

Is there any type of corrective surgery for eye "floaters?" — J.W.

ANSWER:

Floater are bits of cellular debris that float inside the vitreous humor in the eye. The eye has no way of getting rid of these, normally. Most people are not bothered by them, and they do not need to be treated unless they are interfering with vision. However, if they

do affect vision or are very bothersome, there are surgical techniques developed to deal with them. I've had readers write in that they had treatment with laser or with vitrectomy. At least one ophthalmologist of one of my readers has a specialty practice just treating floaters. The sudden appearance of floaters can be a sign of serious disease, especially a detached retina; this should be evaluated immediately, especially if any changes in vision are present.

DVD RELEASES

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KUBO AND THE TWO STRINGS

After accidentally summoning an ancient spirit, a young Japanese boy named Kubo (voiced by Art Parkinson) is separated from his mother and embarks on a journey to discover the truth about his missing father. Along the way, he befriends the kindhearted Monkey (Charlize Theron) and the clumsy Beetle (Matthew McConaughey) as he fends off the vengeful Moon King (Ralph Fiennes) and two evil twin sisters (Rooney Mara) with his shamisen, a magical stringed instrument.

PG, 1 hr. 41 min. Action/Adventure

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HELL OR HIGH WATER

Texas brothers—Toby (Chris Pine), and Tanner (Ben Foster), come together after years divided to rob branches of the bank threatening to foreclose on their family land. For them, the hold-ups are just part of a last-ditch scheme to take back a future that seemed to have been stolen from under them. Justice seems to be theirs, until they find themselves on the radar of Texas Ranger Marcus (Jeff Bridges) looking for one last grand pursuit on the eve of his retirement, and his half-Comanche partner, Alberto (Gil Birmingham).

R, 1 hr. 42 min. Drama

Texas Caviar

INGREDIENTS

- 1 can white corn (drained)
- 1 can black eyed peas (drained and rinsed)
- 1 can black beans (drained and rinsed)
- 1 red, yellow, orange and green pepper (chopped)
- ½ red onion (chopped)
- add however strong you want it

INGREDIENTS FOR DRESSING

- 1 cup sugar
- ½ cup olive oil
- ¾ cup apple cider vinegar
- salt and pepper to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

Mix dressing ingredients together, heat in microwave until boils, stirring often. Add to chopped ingredients. Cover and refrigerate overnight or several hours. Best if served with Fritos.

Times employee Lorie Gavulic served this dish in a special U of M bowl during a recent potluck lunch. The recipe is by her friend Teresa Bissell.



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!

Deride

SNORC

Void

EVOKER

Adorn

PADER

Alone

ELIGNS

TODAY'S WORD



"Knock it off, Mac — we're just having a drink to celebrate our _____."

Answer key located in this edition



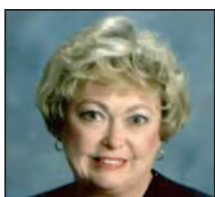
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OPEN HOUSE
Sunday
1-3pm



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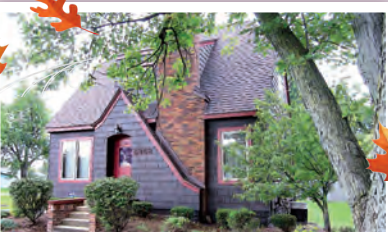
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Acreage



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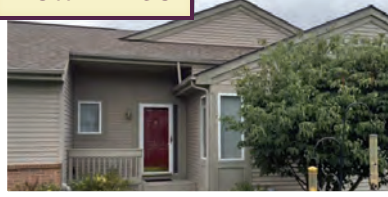
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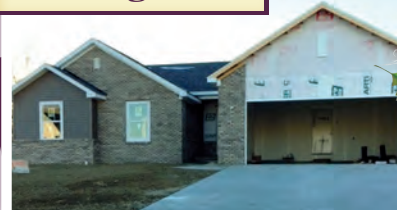


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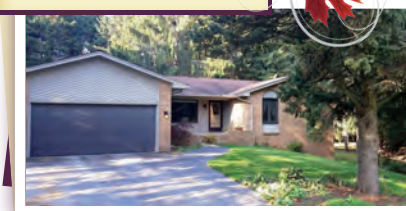
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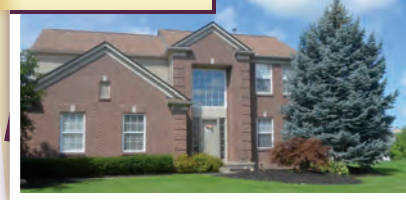
New on Market



Brighton • \$279,500

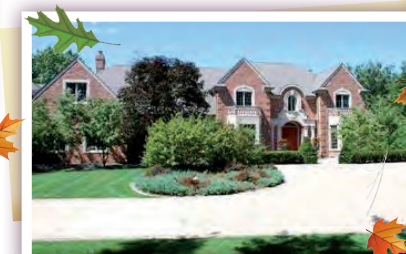
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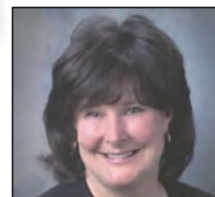
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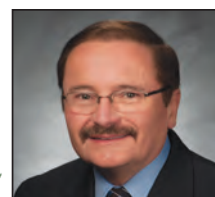
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