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AROUND THE WORLD

This is the second in a series of stories about other countries, to be published the third Sunday of each month

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One of the jewels of Europe

Germany features a landscape of lush forests, majestic rivers and mountain ranges, and North Sea beaches. The European country is steeped in rich history. Berlin, its capital, is home to art and nightlife scenes, the Brandenburg Gate and many sites relating to WWII. Munich is known for its Oktoberfest and beer halls, including the 16th-century Hofbräuhaus. Frankfurt, with its skyscrapers, houses the European Central Bank.

From Frankfurt, one will want to travel south to Heidelberg, and the picturesque scenes along the Rhine River. Even further south, in the majestic mountains of Bavaria, there is a wealth of German culture, art, architecture and history. It is, for example, where monasteries have become important and attractive tourist landmarks. There, visitors can enjoy fresh baked bread, handmade cheese and ice cold German beer, brewed and served by monks who don't utter a word.

These are just a few of the things guests of this friendly European nation may wish to enjoy during their travels.

Germany... At a glance

Location: Germany is located in central Europe. It is positioned in both the northern and eastern hemispheres. Germany is bordered by the countries of Denmark, Poland, Czech Republic, Austria, Switzerland, France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Netherlands, and by the Baltic Sea and North Sea.

Size: Germany is 137,847 square miles, according to travelersdigest.com. It is just under the same size as the state of Montana

Population: 80.68 million

Religion: Christianity. About 65 percent to 70 percent of the population are followers of the Christian religion in Germany. They are almost evenly split between the mainstream denominations of Lutheran-Protestantism and Calvinism united in the EKD (Evangelical Church in Germany) and the Roman Catholic Church.

AIRFARE

Airfare from Detroit Metropolitan Airport to Frankfurt International Airport will cost about \$1,071. Fares vary throughout the year; check with your travel agent for the best times of year to travel.

HOTELS

Whatever your destination or budget might be, there's a huge choice of hotels to choose from in Germany. Ranging from low cost budget hotels to some of the world's best luxury hotels, Germany has it all. Some hotels are housed

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in ancient castles or romantic historic buildings; others are modern and offer all the latest facilities one could wish for. You may also wish to stay at a budget Bed & Breakfast, a private Pension or a typical German Gasthaus. Whether you prefer all the comforts of a luxury hotel, or just a place to lay your head at night, there is literally a place to stay that meets every budget while in Germany.

CURRENCY/CREDIT CARDS

The Euro is currency used in Germany. One Euro is equivalent to \$1.05 in U.S. dollars, according to x-rates.com.

According to justlanded.com, Germany is unusual in that it has a relatively low level of credit card usage compared to other European countries, with many people preferring to pay in cash.

GREETINGS/PHRASES

More than 80 percent of Germans under 60 who grew up in West Germany (before reunification) will have had at least five years of English in school. But, most of them hardly ever used it again after they got out of school, mainly because they don't have to. In larger cities, however, tourists find more English speakers than in the countryside. Older people are less likely to speak English than younger Germans. The following are some common greetings and phrases that will help:

- Guten tag Good day
- Guten abend Good evening
- Ja Yes
- Nein No

- Bitte Please
- Danke Thank you
- Bitte schön You're welcome
- Entschuldigung Excuse me; sorry
- Natürlich Of course
- Richtig Correct
- Vielen dank Thank you very much
- Nein, danke No, thank you

CULTURAL DIFFERENCES

According to german-way.com, there are a few things to know when driving in Germany. First, the driver coming from the right has the right of way and there are fewer signs. Gasoline costs twice the U.S. rate; fuel tax is high. Most cars feature manual transmission (stick shift). Diesel fuel for cars is available at almost any gas station.

When dining in a restaurant you will likely have to seat yourself. A glass of water is not automatic, you have to order it. Soft drinks are usually served without ice. The tip is given directly to the server. Credit cards are not always accepted. Sharing a table (family style) is common when a restaurant is crowded. Asking to take leftovers home is less common than in the U.S.

When shopping, credit card acceptance is more limited. Shopping hours are much more limited; no shopping on Sunday. Customer service can be poor. Returns are allowed only for a defective product. Few businesses have a toll-free number. You will have to pay 14 Euro cents a minute to call them. Specialty shops are more common than discount stores.

Alcoholic beverages are served in more places in Germany than in U.S. The drinking age is 18 (16 for beer and wine). McDonald's serves beer in Germany. Pubs are open and light;



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Majestic castles along a backdrop of lush countryside and mountains are a common sight in Germany.

children are allowed with parents. Blue collar workers have beer with lunch (it's written into their contracts).

FOODS

- **Schnitzel**, which is breaded and fried meat. There is chicken and pork schnitzel, but veal is the most common and best option.
- **Apple Strudel** (apfelstudel) features a flaky crust, warm apple filling and powdered sugar, all of which is bathed in vanilla ice cream or sauce.
- **Potato salad** (kartoffelsalat). This German potato salad is made with vinegar and mustard and is a must side dish for schnitzel.
- **Large soft pretzels** (bretzel) are sold in very bakery around the country. They are super soft on the inside and crispy on the outside, unlike their U.S. counterparts.
- **Black Forest cherry torte** (schwarzwälder kirschtorte) in one of the most decadent cakes in Germany. It features layers of chocolate cake, whipped cream and cherries.
- **Currywurst** is a grilled sausage doused in special curry ketchup and topped with curry powder. It is a favorite street food.
- **Beef roulades** (rindsrouladen) is a common beef dish throughout Germany. It is thin slices of beef wrapped around bacon and onion. Braised red cabbage (Rotkohl) is often served as a side.
- **German meatloaf** (leberkase) is similar in texture and taste to bologna. Eat in a roll with mustard.
- **Potato pancakes** (kartoffelpuffer). They are crunch and best with sour cream or applesauce.
- **Asparagus** (spargel). From April to late June, the white variety of asparagus is Germany's favorite vegetable.

Source: thisisinsider.com



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Frankfurt, which features countless historic buildings and fine architecture, is the financial center for Germany.

Best cities in Germany feature architecture, nightlife and museums

The following are Germany's best urban destinations — whether you want a gate way to the countryside, a taste of alternative nightlife or to experience Oktoberfest.

BERLIN

Berlin is both the German capital and the biggest city in Germany. After being separated into East and West during the Cold War, Berlin was reunited in 1990; it quickly emerged as the most cosmopolitan and exciting city in architecture and nightlife. Berlin is known for its many art venues and museums.

MUNICH

Munich is the capital of Bavaria and gateway to the Alps. It is one of the most beautiful and green cities in Germany. It offers first class museums and traditional German architecture, a salute to Bavaria's royal past. A true taste of Munich's hospitality, culture and world-famous beer can be had at Oktoberfest, which attracts more than six million visitors every year.

FRANKFURT

Because of its international airport, Frankfurt is the major hub for Germany and Europe. The city also is the financial center of the country, which is reflected in the city's gleaming skyscrapers. Frankfurt is host to many important events, among them the International Book Fair in October, the biggest of its kind in the world.

HAMBURG

Hamburg is the country's second largest city located in northern Germany. It boasts one of the biggest harbors in the world and is famous for its legendary nightlife hub "Reeperbahn," home to the city's red light district. With several waterways running through its center, Hamburg features more bridges than Amsterdam and Venice combined.

COLOGNE

Founded by the Romans, Cologne is one of Germany's oldest cities. The Cathedral of Cologne is the centerpiece of the city and its rich architectural history. Cologne is well-known for its contemporary art scene, excellent museums and the largest carnival celebrations in Germany.

HEIDELBERG

Heidelberg is one of the few German cities that wasn't destroyed in World War II. Plenty of old world charm fills the narrow cobblestone streets of its Old Town, which was the center for Germany's romantic period. The ruins of the once grand Heidelberg castle, the oldest university in the country, and the idyllic river valley make Heidelberg one of the most picturesque destinations in Germany.

DUSSELDORF

Düsseldorf in the Rhineland offers a mix of old and new, from traditional breweries to futuristic architecture. It is famous for its luxury shopping street Koenigsallee, and hosts the world's biggest fashion trade fair. The Düsseldorf Art Academy is an integral part of the city's art scene.

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...on a budget

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Not everyone goes to Disney World or on a cruise during spring break from school. This year, spring break falls on Monday, April 3 through Friday, April 7 for all Genesee County schools, so there's still plenty of time to plan some fun activities that are closer to home.

HERE ARE A FEW IDEAS TO GET STARTED IN MAKING YOUR OWN FAMILY MINI-GETAWAY PLANS:

Sources: usatoday.com, metroparent.com

Frankenmuth

Just 45 minutes from Fenton, you can have a week-end's worth of fun even during the week, when you're on vacation from school. Start first by making plans to visit Zehnder's Splash Village Hotel & Waterpark, with more than 50,000 square feet of aquatic fun. Enjoy strolling down the streets of Frankenmuth, visiting old-fashioned candy stores, retail shops and more. After the kids work up an appetite, enjoy a traditional chicken dinner at Bavarian Inn or Zehnder's or check out pasta-stuffed pizza and other specialties at Tiffany's.



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Grand Rapids

About two hours from Fenton, Grand Rapids is an ideal destination for families looking for a combination of culture and recreation. Stop by Frederick Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park and its conservatory, featuring more than 6,000 butterflies. Another must-see for families is the Grand Rapids Children's Museum. For kid-friendly food and fun, head to the Twisted Rooster for macaroni and cheese and other local favorites.



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Ann Arbor

Only 40 minutes from Fenton, you'll find a vibrant college atmosphere at University of Michigan and an appreciation for the arts. If you're heading there with kids, check out the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, with more than 250 interactive exhibits. Spend a couple of hours at Dominoes Petting Farm and explore the downtown area. Stop at famous Zingerman's Deli in Kerry Town for a true "foodie" experience. Your kids will love their famous macaroni and cheese. Ann Arbor is also home to one of the largest university art museums in the U.S., the University of Michigan Museum of Art.

Detroit

The largest city in Michigan is just an hour away, and full of attractions for kids and adults. The Detroit Zoo, home to the new Polk Penguin Conservation Center, is home to more than 3,300 animals and also has an amazing Butterfly Garden and Arctic Ring of Life — North America's largest polar bear exhibit. If the weather is cooperative, you can take a family bike ride along the Detroit River, renting bikes from Wheelhouse Detroit. After exploring the riverfront, head to American Coney Island, the landmark "home of the original Coney Dog" since 1917. Other family destinations include the Eastern Market, the Motown Museum, the Detroit Institute of Arts, etc. You can finish your spring break with a visit to Comerica Park for the Detroit Tigers home opener on April 7 vs. the Red Sox at 1:10 p.m.



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Other spring break ideas:

- Indoor water parks at Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City, Avalanche Bay Indoor Waterpark at Boyne Mountain Resort, Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel in Mt. Pleasant.

- The Air Zoo in Portage, an hour south of Grand Rapids, is an indoor museum/amusement park with rare and historic aircraft, exhibits, interactive activities, flight simulators, thrill rides, kiddie rides and more.



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- The Toledo Zoo & Aquarium, named the Best Zoo in the U.S. by USA Today, is just one and a half hours away from Fenton, and well worth the drive. There are also museums and the Toledo Botanicals to catch your attention while there.



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Home Interiors

What's in, what's out *in home decor*

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■ Spring is your season for adding new accents, elements to update your home for 2017

With spring on the way, it's time to update your home with a few new accents that will take your living spaces to new heights this year. These are a few of the trends that House Beautiful has gathered from the thousands of top Pinterest "pins."

Move over, gray and beige — it's navy's turn in 2017

Whether you throw navy accent pillows around your couch or upholster it with a new fabric, navy is the new go-to neutral for 2017. You also can paint an accent wall this sophisticated hue.

However you use it, navy is the new face of modern design, adds elledecor.com.

Copper is the new metal of choice

Brushed nickel and gold brass are lessening their shine this year as copper lends a warm, rich tone to your home. It's the metal of choice in home décor this year, from décor accents to lighting, bath fixtures, kitchen

accessories and more.

Mixed metallic

Mix together warm and cool metals like bronze, silver, copper and rose for a rustic, eclectic look. Mixing metals is all the rage in 2017.

Matte finish is in for kitchen appliances

This new look for your kitchen is bold without being as "in your face" as shiny surfaces like stainless steel. Matte finishes can add a layer of depth to the overall composition of your kitchen.

Marble is in

Marble has become a huge trend, not just in countertops and tile, but all areas of home décor — from wallpaper to carpet and fabrics.

Add an element of nature

Amidst the chaos of life, people are finding comfort in nature. Simple touches, woodsy accents, indoor plants, the emphasis on a natural palette, organic silhouettes and sustainable materials are all part of this look.

The tropical look is expanding, too, including wallpaper with lemon branches, botanical sketches of orange trees, etc. Complimenting this trend are colors like kiwi, citron and chartreuse.

Add new accessories to your kitchen

Modern bar stools will add a totally new vibe to your kitchen. Consider adding a full wall of tile, rather than just a backsplash. For another new

look, add hexagonal tiles to upgrade the old subway tile look.

White is still the most popular color for today's kitchen, adding wood accents to keep the look warm.

Get that 'Fixer Upper' look from Chip and Joanna Gaines' hit HGTV show

Vintage mirrors, maps, oversized clocks, quote art, object art, shiplap walls, mantels, cozy fireplaces, textured rugs are just a few of the looks that can be put together for a farmhouse trend.

Upholstered headboards

These give your bedroom a boutique-hotel feel, transforming your space into a luxurious retreat. The addition of nail heads can also add a shiny design feature.

Space-efficient furniture

Oversized furniture has given way to a more sophisticated look of furniture that fits its space. Today's furniture is more ideally scaled to the space or custom-designed to appropriately fit.

Summary

From colors to textures, home décor trends are always changing, with small accents adding a powerful punch to the updated look of your home.

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From purple leather to brown

■ Did you know you can dye your leather furniture to match your décor or fix worn spots?

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What do you do when you are given a purple leather couch?

You use a leather dye and change the color to a rich, warm brown tone that's more in keeping with the rest of your home décor.

That's what Jessica Hebda and her mom did, after researching different leather dyes and deciding to try the Rub 'n' Restore brand. "It turned out great," said Hebda.

This leather dye process can totally change the look of your furniture and give it a brand new life, whether you're looking to change the color or enhance it by getting rid of faded worn spots or creases.

The process is easy, according to Hebda, and she dyed a full-size couch and a leather chair in only one day.

First, you clean off surface dirt with a damp sponge, then you lightly apply layer after layer. "The secret is not to apply the dye too thick or you'll



create creases," said Hebda, 36, of Linden. "It starts out funky-looking, but it gets better as you put on more layers."

You can use a hair dryer to dry the leather in between layers, being sure not to set it on too hot of a temperature.

"By the time you've done all the cushions, it's time to start the process of another layer," said Hebda.

The only part of the process that was challenging for Hebda was to not sit on the couch for three days after dying it. "It doesn't get on your clothes," she said. "You just have to be careful not to get it wet."

"I was really impressed with how it turned out," she added.



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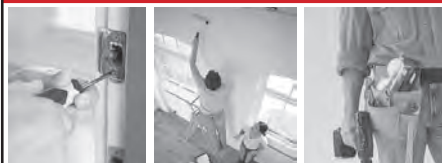
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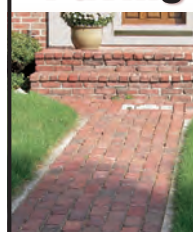


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Your bath . . . *your spa*

■ You can make it your own place for relaxation, while increasing your home's value

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Your bathroom is your relaxing sanctuary, or at least it should be.

If you're thinking about remodeling your bathroom this year, here are a few trends from HGTV that might help get you started.

• **The spa shower**

Body sprays, rain showerheads and

hand showers can all be part of your plan in your master shower. The master shower is gaining more square footage in the overall bathroom floor plan. Instead of being a stall, the shower is now its own room. Today's version is completely tiled and often features a bench for sitting and nooks for storing soaps and towels.

• **A practical, functional bath vanity**

You can gain storage and personal space with a double vanity that has a tall cabinet installed between the two bathroom sinks. Outlets installed inside drawers and doors will mean less clutter

on the countertop, and personal care appliances can be plugged in and ready to use.

Speaking of vanities, today's version is more sophisticated and furniture-like with its own design features from sculpted legs to modern paneling.

• **Radiant heating for the tile floor**

Low energy radiant heat mats warm up specific floor spaces in a bathroom, especially near a tub or shower entrance or where bare feet may be. This technology allows you to pick and choose the spots you heat.

• **A tucked-away toilet**

Who wants a gaping view of the toilet when walking into a stylish, luxury bathroom? You can easily privatize the toilet in its own space, or use fogged glass, a half-wall or decorative screening.

• **Splashing the wall with subtle color**

Take the tile from floor to ceiling for a seamless look that's also easy to clean and maintain. You can make this look affordable by working recycled glass or metallic mosaics into the tile design, using the specialty tiles to accessorize.

• **Pick a vessel sink**

This stylish sink can be a focal point to your bathroom, an artistic element with function as well as form. You can choose from endless materials, from clear glass to cast stone.

• **A smaller, deep Jacuzzi tub**

You may opt to expand your shower stall in your master bath and leave a tub option for the family bathroom. If you do want a Jacuzzi in the master bath, opt for a smaller, deeper tub large enough for two people, placed against a wall or next to a shower room so it doesn't take up too much space. Make sure your tub

has heated self-cleaning water jets, so the bath won't get cooled down too quickly from shooting air into the water.

• **Jazzed up lighting**

Go ahead and indulge yourself with a chandelier above the soaker tub. Amp up the ambiance in your bath with backlighting around a mirror. Toe-kick lighting underneath cabinets will serve as a handy nightlight. Do install a dimmer on your central ambient light.

• **Think accessible**

Design your bathroom so it's not only aesthetically pleasing, but highly functional. Think about a curb-less shower, a shower bench, grab bars that can also hold towels, slip-resistant tile and proper lighting.

• **Save water**

You can save water and still get a powerful flush with today's water-conserving commodes, available in a range of prices from economy to luxe (with bidet functionality, a plus).

Bathroom remodeling by the numbers:

- \$16,421 — average cost for bathroom remodel for people ages 18 to 37.
- Up to 80 percent — this is your return on investment for remodeling a bathroom, which also provides an increased home resale value.
- \$11,364 — average bathroom remodel cost in 2016.
- 31 percent of homeowners in a survey paid more than \$30,000 for a bathroom remodel.

Source: National Kitchen and Bath Association

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Want to *'get away'* from it all?

■ Your family can enjoy a 'getaway room' to relax, entertain or enjoy a hobby

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One of the hottest trends in home construction now is a "getaway room," a dedicated space in your home designed to feel like a complete and total escape for your entire family.

Unlike a man cave or a she-shed, a getaway room is for the whole family to enjoy together. How do you find space for one in your home?

Perhaps you have an isolated media room, an upstairs bonus room, a screened porch or a breakfast nook. You can use any space that is tucked off to the side, so it feels like a separate retreat, but is still attached to the main house.

How you want to use this "getaway" space depends on your own family's

dynamics and interests.

If you are a family of book lovers, maybe you'd all enjoy a library retreat lined with book shelves, comfortable seating and large picture windows.

Young families may want a game room, where there's enough space to set up train sets, large games or puzzles.

People who enjoy entertaining might like an elaborate wine bar with seating for guests.

For a more solo experience, you might want to designate a space to savor a glass of wine amidst softer lighting and plush pillows.

One common denominator of these spaces is the ability to unplug and disconnect from your everyday technology. Family members are leaving their cell phones at the door, and connecting with each other instead of online.

No matter what your family's passion is, your getaway room is designed to recharge your batteries and bring your family closer together.



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Before you remodel, check on need for permits

■ You may be fined, have to re-do the work or have trouble selling your home in the future

By Sally Rummel

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Whatever renovation work you're planning to do inside or outside your home, you better do your homework first.

Check with your municipal office or website to make sure your project is in compliance with building permit regulations.

"The only things that are exempt (from building permits) are cabinetry, flooring, paneling and trim," said Mike Reilly, building and zoning administrator for the city of Fenton. "Anything that involves the structure, including drywall, requires a permit. How much it will cost depends on the cost of the job."

A permit may cost from \$100 to several thousand dollars, according to the National Association of the Remodeling Industry.

If work is done without required permits, a homeowner can face fines, and

the contractor may face penalties. The homeowner may also have to pay twice for work because the code enforcement department may require the removal of drywall to inspect the work.

Unauthorized work also may be discovered when future buyers hire an inspector, who may seek records of the home's improvements. The seller may end up paying fines and having trouble selling the property.

Permits also can be a form of protection for the consumer, according to Angie's List. A contractor who won't pull required permits might lack appropriate licensing. That's something you'd want to know before your project starts.

Permits require a code enforcement officer to sign off on work at various stages, depending on the type of project. This provides assurance that the framing, plumbing, electrical or other work meets code, according to Angie's List. Also, a lack of required permits may affect your home's insurance coverage.

Is your kitchen ready for a *double island?*

■ When it comes to organizing valuable kitchen space, two islands may be better than one

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When watching HGTV kitchen ideas, you've probably noticed that two islands are becoming a popular new kitchen feature.

Is your kitchen ready for this kind of makeover?

According to bhg.com, some kitchens use one island outfitted with a single basin sink for a quick cleanup, while the other serves as a bistro table and is set apart from the kitchen's main work area.

If you do a lot of entertaining, a double island may provide you with needed surface area for setting out equipment, assembling ingredients and plating food. Two sinks make for quick cleanup, especially if you have a willing partner to help.

Sometimes, a double island configuration can keep traffic flowing smoothly in a large kitchen, instead of a single large island, which can block the flow. If you're extra creative, you can connect the two spaces with a drop leaf that can control traffic flow and provide extra buffet serving space or work space.

A double island also can provide the homeowner with an opportunity to make a unique style statement by using slightly different finishes. No matter how dif-

ferent they look, both islands can work together to provide plenty of space for food preparation and serving.

In a real workhorse kitchen, two islands can create a clear division of space and order — one for eating and gathering and the other for food preparation.

A double island can be a win-win for busy cooks who love to be surrounded by family and friends gathering in the kitchen.

Other noteworthy kitchen trends in 2017, noted by HGTV.com

- **Soft gray** is beginning to break white's spot as the top kitchen color.
- The stunning contrast of a **black and white kitchen** palette continues to be strong.
- **Combining cabinetry colors** is still a popular trend this year.
- **Function meets style** with hydraulic easy-close doors, storage options like multi-tiered drawers and automated features like a hands-free faucet.
- **Sinks and backsplashes** become a focal point for a splash of color, especially in a neutral kitchen.
- **Mixing countertop materials** like wood and marble adds visual interest.
- **Farmhouse flair** is still popular, especially the look of an apron-front cast iron sink.
- Homeowners are **integrating their kitchen design** with the rest of the house.
- **Strong architectural lines** make a kitchen stand out, with as simple an addition as a 360-degree swivel-type faucet.

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Paint your way into *spring* with 2017 colors

■ Paint companies roll out their top color palettes for the year to provide new décor inspiration

By Sally Rummel

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Many of your spring home interior projects will likely include a fresh coat of paint.

For a bit of inspiration on new paint colors this year, a good place to start is Pantone Color Institute's Color of the Year, which this year is "Greenery."

This color and its many pairings and color combinations will be found in this spring's fashions, beauty products, home furnishings and décor.

This fresh, zesty yellow-green shade is called "nature's neutral" by Pantone, which reports and forecasts a global view of color trends across current and future seasons. It's a color snapshot of what is seen taking place in the world's global culture.

According to Pantone, Greenery is a palette of nature's greens, foliage and the lushness of the great outdoors. It pairs easily with neutrals, brights, deeper shades, pastels, metallics and the enduring presence of Pantone's Color of the Year in 2016, Rose Quartz and Serenity.

Sherwin-Williams Paints, with a store in Fenton, has announced its 2017 Color of the Year, which is Poised Taupe SW 6039.

This color creates a cozy lifestyle

and brings a sense of sanctuary into our homes, according to sherwin-williams.com. Earthen brown combines with conservative gray for a weathered, woodsy and complex neutral.

In other colors, sophisticated hues are expected to take center stage, according to Behr Paints, which each year presents 20 different limited edition color trends. For 2017, Behr Paints has divided its color selections into three palettes – Confident, Composed and Comfortable.

Creative, social types will be drawn to the Confident palette, defined by dusky blues, spicy reds and lime greens, designed to capture your attention.

The Composed palette's earthy greens and taupes will be a go-to for traditionalists looking to create a contemporary space.

The Comfortable range is all about pale pastels, characterized by light pinks, blues and yellow that make the smallest spaces pop. Its muted shades are ideal for introverts who want to make their first foray into accent colors.

Benjamin Moore Paints, sold locally at The Stain Shop in Linden, is taking a bold step away from whites, creams and beiges with its 2017 Color of the Year – "Shadow."

This rich, deep amethyst color shares a palette of 22 colors for pairing with this statement hue, including other jewel tones like ruby and emerald.

For more views of paint colors and videos of matching palettes, visit pantone.com, sherwin-williams.com, behr.com and benjaminmoore.com.

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7 Black Sea seaport

13 Indy 500 tire changers

20 Neat and trim

21 Raleigh's neighbor city

22 Lift forcibly

23 Egyptian river's condition?

25 "Howards End" novelist

26 — la Douce (1963 title role)

27 How complex a story is?

29 Knighted Guinness

32 Prefix similar to equi-

34 Maya Angelou's "And Still —"

35 When designer Calvin was most popular?

41 Band worn by Miss USA

45 Chalet shape, often

46 Piece's pace

47 Robust

49 Cherry part

50 What a bowler analyzes for a second roll?

54 Medit. nation

55 Steed steerers

57 Safari noises

58 Hopper, e.g.

59 Some Greek letters

60 Decide on

63 Met queen

64 Bureau overseeing a boundary barrier?

70 Inferior — cava

71 Virgil hero

72 Apollo's gp.

73 "— changed man!"

74 Many a yogi

76 Abrupt

78 Cellphone game, often

81 What an angler may bring up for discussion?

86 Mac maker

88 Hollywood's Dahl

89 Precise

90 86-Across music player

91 Thing to sow

92 TV shopping channel that sells chairs?

96 Sluggish sort

98 Penpoint

99 Give cheek

100 Woe for someone who's been walking all day long?

108 Hardly hard

110 Sicilian port next to Mount Etna

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116 Like deductive reasoning

117 Minute Maid Park's team

118 Knight who had Pips

119 Request a new supply of

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1 Six-pt. plays

2 Sun — -sen

3 Tax pro

4 Eye care worker

5 Ballpark brew

6 Trite saying

7 Quirky

8 Face-off

9 Ocean eagle

10 Hood's knife

11 Store draw

12 2001 Audrey Tautou film

13 Black-and-white seabird

14 86-Across music players

15 Six halved

16 "— la vie!"

17 — -tat-tat

18 Risk-taking

19 Lived

24 Burkina —

28 "— — quit!"

29 Take — (turn down the offer)

30 One not right-handed

31 Misprint, e.g.

33 Habitually

36 Capo's code of silence

37 Amounts added to bank accts.

38 First-aid pro

39 Non-U.S. speed-limit abbr.

40 — Alamos

41 Drain away

42 Language of Yemen

43 Endeavor

44 Serengeti laughter

47 That lady

48 Curvy letter

50 Remote

51 Carl who composed "O Fortuna"

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53 Be too fearful to

56 Anvil's organ

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66 The Beatles' "Love —"

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75 H₂O at 31 degrees F

76 Santa's bag

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78 Sleep clinic concern

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80 Raid targets

82 TV's Pa

83 Dawn drops

84 Outer: Prefix

85 Gin joint

87 Tabby

90 Company pin-on

92 "Hey, that's cheating!"

93 LAX guess

94 Felons run afoul of it

95 Feudal domain

96 Assembly of ecclesiastics

97 Nantes' river

100 Dollar Rent —

101 Be wide open

102 Other, in Spanish

103 Hair removal brand

104 With 52-Down, flakes sprinkled into an aquarium

105 Opposite of 84-Down

106 Architect Saarinen

107 General — chicken

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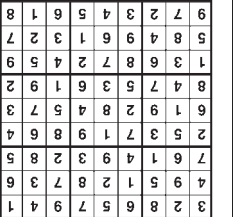
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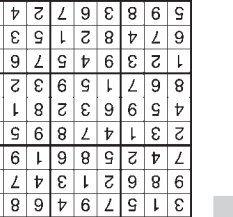
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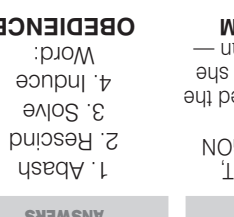
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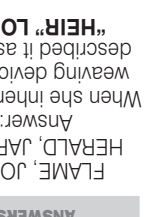
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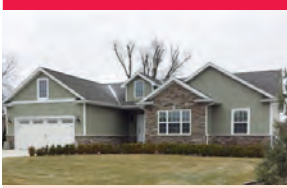
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Donald W. Iverson 1947-2017

Memorial Service
Announcement for Donald W. Iverson of Fenton.
A memorial service will be held on Friday, February 24, 2017, 6 PM at Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church, 10235 White Lake Road, Fenton. Friends may gather beginning at 5 PM. Beloved husband of Trudy for 48 years; dear father of Shannon (Scott) Groves and Kristen (Greg) Bowles; loving grandpa of Evan, Jackie, Jordan, Sean, Graham, Grace, Jillian and Kaitlyn; son of Donald and Wilma Iverson; brother of Susan (David) Patten, Jim (Sherry) Iverson, Larry (Susan) Iverson and Sylvia (Hugh) Miller. Don also leaves many nieces, nephews, cousins and loving friends.
www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Baby Aubrie Rose Briggs-McConnell

Baby Aubrie Rose Briggs-McConnell - died February 10, 2017.
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Bryan Terrence Akins 1961-2017

Bryan Terrence Akins - age 55, of Holly, passed away Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at John Dingell VA Medical Center in Detroit. Visitation will be from 2-8 PM Friday, February 17, 2017 at Dryer Funeral Home, Holly. Memorial services will be held at 11 AM Saturday, February 18, 2017 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness, 4255 McCandlish Rd., Grand Blanc, MI. A luncheon will follow at the Holly VFW Hall, starting at around 1 PM. Mourning his loss are his son, Aaron Akins Kizer; brothers, Ernest (Marilyn) Kizer, David Akins, Carlos (Abbie) Akins; sisters, Margaret Akins, Vickie Akins; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sister, Louise Curtis.
www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

Anthony P. Olivich

Anthony P. Olivich - age 78, died February 12, 2017.
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Beatrice Heck

Beatrice Heck - age 93, died February 16, 2017. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Cindy Lou Summers 1955-2017

Cindy Lou Summers - age 62, of Bay City went home to be with Our Lord, Jesus on February 1, 2017. Cremation has taken place. Cindy was the daughter of Duane and Margaret Kennedy of Fenton. She married Terry Summers on July 14, 1973 in Holly. Cindy was a graduate of Fenton High School and had a very successful career in the fastener industry for over 33 years. She is survived by her husband, Terry; and son, John of Bay City; sisters, Jackie Maus of Grand Blanc, Susan (Roy) Baird of Fenton, Pamela (David) Adrian of Holly; brothers, Dean (Bonita) Kennedy of Corunna, James (Linda) Kennedy of Linden and Joseph (Kayla) Kennedy of Grand Blanc; sister-in-law, Roberta Kennedy; mother-in-law, Jackie Summers of West Branch; several nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents; father-in-law, John Summers and brother, Wayne Kennedy. A private celebration of life has been held.

Barbara Wheeler

Barbara Wheeler - age 78, died February 11, 2017. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Stanley Charles Sherman 1919-2017

Stanley Charles Sherman - age 97, of Waterford and Holly, passed away peacefully while living at the Inn at Cass Lake on February 16, 2017. He was born in Pontiac, MI on October 1, 1919 to the late George and May (Tremper) Sherman. Stanley served in the United States Army during WWII as a medic. He was a proud member of the AFL since 1946 and was President of the Bricklayers Union Local 29 from 1950-1953. In 1954 he became a Business Agent for the Local and served as President of the AFL-CIO of Oakland County from 1955-1957. From 1957-1960 he was the Business Agent for the Laborers Local 1076. From 1966 until his retirement in 1981, he worked as the Trust Investigator for the Pension Fund for Bricklayers and Laborers. Stanley married Marion L. Cooke, October 24, 1941, and they had five loving children. He retired from the Bricklayers and the Union in October of 1981. He enjoyed golf, hunting, fishing, and spending time with his children and grandchildren. Stanley is the loving father of and survived by his children, David (Kay) Sherman, Sue Ellen (Robert) Holloway, Linda (Joseph) Hadley, and Michele (Matthew) Roberts; daughter-in-law Patricia Sherman; 13 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by Marion L. Cooke Sherman, his wife of 60 years in 2002; his son Frederick in 2014; his brothers Harold, Arnold, and George Sherman; his parents and step-mother Minnie Mascotte Sherman. He will be truly missed by all who knew and loved him. Funeral services will be held at 10 AM Monday, February 20, 2017 at Faith Lutheran Church, 3501 E. Highland Rd., Highland, MI 48356, with Rev. Terry Claus officiating. Burial will be in Oakland Hills Memorial Cemetery, Troy. Visitation will be from 3-7 PM Sunday, February 19, 2017. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Michigan or Faith Lutheran Church, Highland, Memorial Fund. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

Bernita Bowden

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Dale Milheim

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Dennis Montgomery

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Helen Millard

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Helen Wirth

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James Hoover

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Janet Thorpe

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Janice Gehringer

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John Smith

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Joseph Eisele

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Katherine Allen

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Marilyn Orban

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Owen Vincent

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Renea LaFleur

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Thurman Lester
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Timothy Meyer
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William Hoetger
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Xay Kue
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Jeri Hancock
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Harold Jacobs
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William Halsey
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Can spleen rupture without any trauma?

DEAR DR. ROACH:
My husband was admitted to the hospital with a ruptured spleen that bled into his belly. His surgeon repaired it with a coil. He was not in an accident and had no injuries or any bruising anywhere on his body. His doctor had never seen this; he says a ruptured spleen usually is sustained from some sort of accident. My husband is almost 59, and in good health otherwise. How could this happen, and could this happen again?
— J.C.

ANSWER:
The spleen removes defective red blood cells from the circulation, and it also destroys bacteria and infected cells. In fact, it is in many ways like a big lymph node, responding to infections by activating and enlarging. Although a ruptured spleen is well-described in the literature, I've never seen a case like your husband's either. The last ruptured spleen I saw was a college football player who was simultaneously hit by two opposing players, one on either side, both much larger than he was. Most people with spleen rupture had an enlarged spleen to begin with, from cancer such as leukemia or lymphoma, infection such as EBV (the virus that causes mononucleosis), inflammatory conditions such as pancreatitis or mechanical causes such as pregnancy. A few cases are related to medications, and a few have no identifiable cause for rupture. As far as risk of it happening again, there you have me. I found one paper that says the prognosis is "excellent." I would have to refer you back to his surgeon. People who have had their spleens removed are at risk for certain infections, and should have a vaccine for pneumococcus, a major cause of pneumonia. The vaccine is normally given at age 65. Your husband should speak with his doctor

about getting it now (since I don't know if his spleen is now considered normal).

DEAR DR. ROACH:
I read in your column that for vaginal atrophy (dryness/itching) you suggest that a woman use topical cream instead of estrogen cream. I am 59 years old, and have been using Premarin cream externally for a month with noticeable results. I use a dab every other day. Should I continue to use it even when I don't have symptoms, or only as needed? If you think non-hormonal cream would be better, could you suggest one? I have tried one, but it didn't seem to be effective. — A.A.

ANSWER:
I'm sorry I wasn't clear. "Topical" in this case meant a vaginal estrogen cream, as opposed to estrogen taken by mouth. I would continue using it, since it has been effective. Most women use it twice a week after initial treatment. Non-estrogen creams are fine for many women, but estrogen creams like Premarin usually are more effective. Dryness and itching may be caused by recurring vaginal infections, which are often troubling to women. The booklet explains them and their treatment. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Roach — No. 1203W, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu. To view and order health pamphlets, visit www.rbmamall.com, or write to Good Health, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. (c) 2017 North America Synd. Inc. All Rights Reserved

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ARRIVAL
When mysterious spacecrafts touch down across the globe, an elite team - lead by expert linguist Louise Banks (Amy Adams) - is brought together to investigate. As mankind teeters on the verge of global war, Banks and the team race against time for answers and to find them, she will take a chance that could threaten her life, and quite possibly humanity.
PG-13, 1 hr. 56 min.
Drama, Mystery & Suspense, Science Fiction & Fantasy

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THE EDGE OF SEVENTEEN
A new coming-of-age movie in the vein of Sixteen Candles and The Breakfast Club - an honest, candid, often hilarious look at what it's like to grow up as a young woman in today's modern world. Everyone knows that growing up is hard, and life is no easier for high school junior Nadine (Hailee Steinfeld), who is already at peak awkwardness when her all-star older brother Darian (Blake Jenner) starts dating her best friend Krista (Haley Lu Richardson). **R, 1 hr. 38 min.**
Comedy, Drama

CROCK POT balsamic PORK ROAST

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 pound boneless pork shoulder roast (sirloin roast)
- kosher salt, to taste
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1/3 cup chicken or vegetable broth
- 1/3 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon honey

DIRECTIONS:

Season the pork with salt, garlic powder and red pepper flakes and place it into the slow cooker.

Mix together the broth, vinegar and Worcestershire sauce and pour it over the pork, then pour the honey over and set the timer for 4 hours on high or 6-8 hours on low.

Once the pork is cooked and tender (it should shred easily with a fork), remove from slow cooker with tongs into a serving dish.

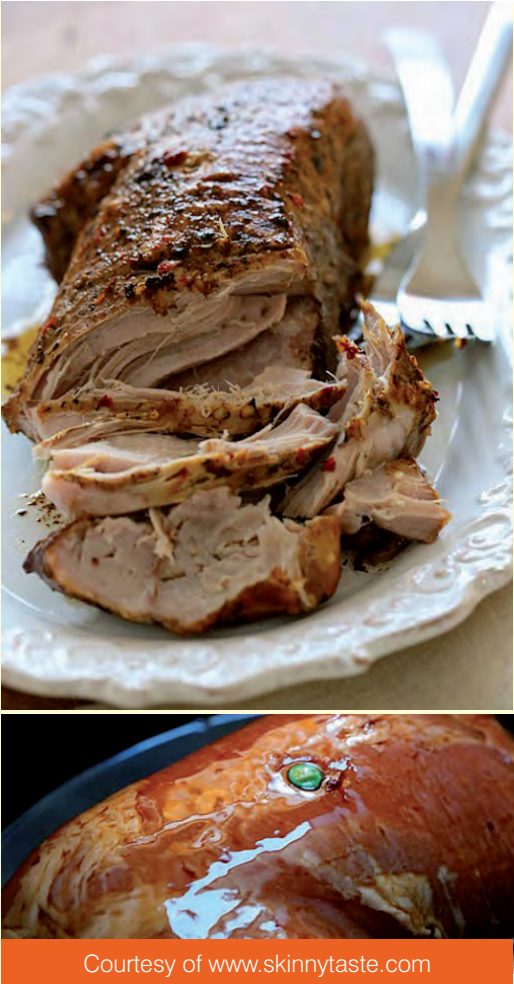
Break apart lightly with two forks and put back into the slow cooker.

Ladle 1/2 cup sauce over the pork and keep warm until ready to eat.

NUTRITION INFORMATION

Yield: 8 servings, Serving Size: 3 oz pork

Amount Per Serving: Smart Points: 5 Points +: 5 Calories: 214 Total Fat: 12g Cholesterol: 72mg Sodium: 196mg Carbohydrates: 4g Fiber: 0g Sugar: 3g Protein: 21g



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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!

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