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Surprising and fun facts about Asia’s largest country

Planning a trip to China is an exciting adventure in itself. There are many different things to think about before going, and some things that need to be done before setting foot in the airport. For many countries, American citizens don’t need a visa, but you will need to get one in advance before taking off for China. Visas are just one of the many things you’ll want to prepare.

Population: 1,388,414,000
Area: 3.705 million square miles
Language: Official language is Mandarin Chinese. There are 56 recognized ethnic languages.
Religion: Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism (main)
Currency: Yuan Renminbi (One Yuan = 0.15 in US dollars)
GDP per capita: US $14,400.90 (in 2016)
Literacy percent: 96.4

TRAVELING TO CHINA

Passports and Visas
You need to have a valid passport for visiting China. But you also need an appropriate visa. Visas are issued by the Chinese embassy or consulate-general serving your area. You can deal in person with the embassy or consulate, or you can ask your travel agent to manage the process for you.

Health concerns
You’ve heard about SARS and Avian Flu. You’re concerned, but there’s no reason to cancel your trip to China. Taking precautions while visiting any new place is a good idea and finding out the latest on what’s happening in the area is the smart thing to do. The U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention doesn’t require any vaccinations before you go to China, but they do make some recommendations. There are also some basic items you’ll want to take with you just in case you have a negative run-in with a meal.

Money matters
In the past, the travelers’ check was the way to carry money around. Now with the prevalence of ATMs and credit cards, there are more convenient ways to make your purchases. Having a little advance notice of the denomination of the Chinese currency can also help you prepare for your trip.

See CHINA on 8B
Q: What could be wrong with my truck? It won’t start up and it is spitting gas out of the front manifold. - Sydney

A: Sydney, I would need to know more information about your truck. For example year, make, model, and engine size. However, I have seen this type of problem on several Chevrolet and GMC model trucks with a 4.3 vortex motor. It usually ends up being leaky fuel lines or fuel pressure regulator under the upper intake manifold. If this is the case, you should replace both while you are in there. This way you don’t have to open it up again if the part that is not leaking goes bad after you repair the current leaking part.

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KAHN-NELSON

Bernard and Deborah Kahn of Fenton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachael Lynn Kahn, to Jeffrey Michael Nelson, son of Jeff and Kimberly Nelson of Linden. Rachael and Jeffrey both attend Northern Michigan University and will be completing their Bachelor’s degrees in Pre-Medical Studies. A wedding is being planned in Howell, Michigan for the fall of 2018.

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UNIQUE ICE CREAM FLAVORS

By Vera Hogan
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“I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream…” Well, maybe not. There are some very peculiar flavors of ice cream in the world. Would you eat any of these?

CROCODILE EGG ICE CREAM

This unusual frozen treat has been introduced at the Sweet Spot Artisan Ice Cream in Davao City, Philippines. According to its owner Bianca Dizon, they’ve been run off their feet with demand for the creamy stuff, which is made from crocodile eggs instead of your average chicken fare. Bianca claims the crocodile ice cream is “more nutritious than its classic counterparts since it contains less cholesterol,” and that croc eggs “provide more protein than ordinary chicken eggs.” She sources the eggs, which are either surplus or didn’t hatch, from a nearby crocodile park.

BREAST MILK ICE CREAM

London ice cream shop, The Ice Creamists, caused a stir when they started selling breast milk ice cream, entitled “Baby Gaga.” The controversial ice cream flavor was created using freshly expressed breast milk donations from members of the public, blended with Madagascar vanilla pods and lemon zest.

HORSEMEAT ICE CREAM

Surprisingly the one that weirds us out the most is horsemeat flavored ice cream from Japan. Basashi ice, sold in Tokyo markets, features chunks of blended raw horsemeat.

LOBSTER

Don’t let the “chocolate” in the title fool you: Ben & Jerry’s may be known for their kooky creations but they’ve got nothing on the Japanese. Not content with coming up with wasabi and cactus flavors, adventurous ice cream enthusiasts are going overboard for octopus-flavored ice cream known as Taco Aisu.

Eskimo Ice Cream

If you happen to find yourself in an ice cream shop in Juneau, remember this: Eskimo ice cream — also known as Akutag — is not the same thing as an Eskimo Pie, that chocolate covered ice cream bar you’ll find in just about any grocery store. Though the statewide delicacy usually has enough fresh berries mixed in to satisfy one’s sweet tooth, its base is actually animal fat (reindeer, caribou, possibly even whale).

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WASABI PEA DUST

Big Gay Ice Cream started out as an experimental ice cream truck and morphed into one of New York City’s most swoon-worthy ice cream shops, where the toppings — not the ice cream — make for an inimitable indulgence, with Toasted Curried Coconut, Cayenne Pepper, Cardamom, Sriracha and Wasabi Pea Dust among your choices.

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FCC asks for people to report violations

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Are TV commercials too loud?

Alexander said commercials are sent to TV studios from different sources, and stations have different equipment. When they deliver a commercial, there’s a leader on the front end, which doesn’t air. The studio reads the leader for how loud it is. If the leader has an 8-decibel tone, the studio adjusts their output levels so the audio should match.

“What you do to cheat, is you make your 8-decibel tone a little bit quiet, so the TV studio runs your commercial a little louder,” he said.

Melissa DiGiamberdine agreed and said, “Had a movie on yesterday afternoon. Fell asleep but was awakened by the loud commercials. So annoying.”

A few others said Comcast allows louder commercials, as does DirecTV and Spectrum (formerly Charter).

Jacki Stephens said, “Yes, and it’s beyond annoying. Mute them all the time.”

Reporting loud commercials to the FCC will help the commission to identify patterns or trends of noncompliance from a certain station or TV provider. To report loud commercials, go to consumercomplaints.fcc.gov/eh/en-us.

Click on the complaint button and then the file complaint link. Select the “Issues” drop-down box and choose “loud commercials.”

The FCC needs information such as which TV provider you have, the name of the advertiser or product in commercial, when you saw the commercial, the name of the TV provider you have, the name of the program, and a few other areas of inquiry on the form. After reaching out to the FCC for comments, the Consumer Governmental Affairs Bureau sent data about TV complaint issues. According to the FCC, they have received 9,326 complaints about loud commercials since the Consumer Help Center was launched Oct. 31, 2014. Loud commercial complaints account for 9 percent of TV complaint issues.
Stand tall, stay healthy

Good posture can be the key to less disability and injury, plus increased self-confidence

By Sally Rummel

Your mom probably told you more than once as you were growing up to “stand up tall and straight.”

She was right — good posture has a lot to do with your overall health and how you look and feel.

What exactly is your posture? It’s the position of your body while standing, sitting, or lying down.

Today, the importance of good posture has taken on a new urgency as people continuously look down at their smartphones and computers, resulting in neck pain, upper back pain and headaches.

“Proper posture is important for merely sitting and standing straight to exude confidence or beauty,” said James Ide, DC, of Painless Chiropractic in Fenton. “It is absolutely necessary to shift body weight onto the correct spinal structures so you never have spine-related discomfort. Science is finally able to support a truth that moms have innately known for thousands of years — your health and ultimately your life depends on you sitting up straight and not causing spinal deformities due to bad posture.”

Poor posture can be caused by stress, obesity, pregnancy, weak postural muscles, abnormally tight muscles and high-heeled shoes. “Wearing good, supportive shoes is important,” said Cherniawski. She adds that men shouldn’t sit with a wallet in their back pocket, because it causes poor posture and misalignment.

“When your shoulders are slumped or rolled forward, you decrease your lung capacity because you can’t take a deep breath,” said Cherniawski. “It also reduces the oxygenation of the blood.”

The first step to having good posture is awareness. Bring your attention to your posture, whether you are sitting, standing or lying down.

If you’re sitting, keep both feet on the floor or footrest; don’t cross your legs and use low back support. While standing, keep your knees slightly bent; relax your arms and pull your shoulders back. When you’re sleeping, your best posture is either sleeping on your back or on your side, never on your stomach, according to Cherniawski.

“Sleeping on your stomach causes your lower back to bow, creating an excessive curve in the lower back,” she said. “Constantly turning your head from one side to the other causes a misalignment of vertebrae in your neck.”

The best position for sleeping is on your back with a soft pillow under your head and a pillow underneath your knees, according to Cherniawski. If you’re a side sleeper, use a firm pillow under your head and a pillow between your knees.

In addition to sleeping in the proper position, you can also roll out of bed and do several simple stretches and remember to sit or stand tall during your everyday activities.

For exercises to help your posture, read “The Path to Good Posture” at mar-thestewart.com.

The culprit of bad posture is the technology we use.

Angela Cherniawski, DC
Associate doctor at Hanczaryk Chiropractic Neurology Group

Good posture, with your body in healthy alignment, has many health benefits, from maintaining the correct alignment of bones and joints to minimizing your risk of injury. Good posture can also make you look five pounds thinner.

We all know what poor posture looks like — hunched shoulders, a rounded upper back, forward head carriage and arched lower back. Such posture can age you prematurely, affect your digestive track and influence your confidence and stress levels.

Using your smartphone on a regular basis can cause pain in your neck and back. In addition to using the phone in the proper manner of looking downward.

You’ll need to focus and concentrate.

Looking back at this week in NATIONAL HISTORY

Compiled by Vera Hogan

July 16

1998: John F. Kennedy, Jr., his wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, and her sister, Lauren Bessette, die when the single-engine plane that Kennedy was piloting crashes into the Atlantic Ocean near Martha’s Vineyard, Massachusetts.

July 17

1776: A 2,000-pound copper-and-tin bell now known as the “Liberty Bell” rings out from the tower of the Pennsylvania State House (now Independence Hall) in Philadelphia, summoning citizens to the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence. Four days earlier, the historic document had been adopted by delegates to the Continental Congress, but the bell did not ring to announce the issuing of the document until the Declaration of Independence returned from the printer on July 8.

July 18

1984: James Oliver Huberty opens fire in a crowded McDonald’s restaurant in San Ysidro, California, killing 21 people and wounding 19 others with several automatic weapons. Minutes earlier, Huberty had left home, telling his wife, “I’m going hunting... hunting for humans.”

July 19

1799: During Napoleon Bonaparte’s Egyptian campaign, a French soldier discovers a black basalt slab inscribed with ancient writing near the town of Rosetta, about 35 miles north of Alexandria. The irregularly shaped stone contained fragments of passages written in three different scripts: Greek, Egyptian hieroglyphics and Egyptian demotic. The ancient Greek on the Rosetta Stone told archaeologists that it was inscribed by priests honoring the king of Egypt, Ptolemy V, in the second century B.C. More startlingly, the Greek passage announced that the three scripts were all of identical meaning. The artifact thus held the key to solving the riddle of hieroglyphics, a written language that had been “dead” for nearly 2,000 years.

July 20

2012: A 24-year-old gunman goes on a rampage at a movie theater in the Denver suburb of Aurora, killing 12 people — the youngest a 6-year-old girl — and injuring at least 70 others. The shooting took place shortly after the start of a crowded midnight showing of “The Dark Knight Rises,” which opened across the United States that day. It was the deadliest mass shooting in Colorado since the 1999 massacre at Columbine High School, when 12 students and a teacher were murdered before the two teen gunmen killed themselves.

July 21

2007: The seventh and final Harry Potter novel, “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows,” is released, with an initial print run of 12 million copies in the United States alone. Like each of the previous Harry Potter novels, Deathly Hallows was slated to be made into a major Hollywood film.

July 22

2003: U.S. Army Private Jessica Lynch, a prisoner-of-war who was rescued from an Iraqi hospital, receives a hero’s welcome when she returns to her hometown of Palestine, West Virginia. The story of the 19-year-old supply clerk, who was captured by Iraqi forces in March 2003, gripped America. It was later revealed, however, that some details of Lynch’s dramatic capture and rescue might have been exaggerated.
T-MOBILE IN FENTON

Long-time Fenton business family opens a new cell phone/accessories store

By Sally Rummel

Gus Asmaro and Salam Asmaro, whose families have owned many Fenton businesses, including Locke’s Party Shoppe & Deli, Merchants Gourmet Wine Shop and Fenton Party Store, opened T-Mobile in Fenton on June 16. Their store is at 5259 Owen Rd., between Target and Tractor Supply Company.

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What is your newest technology?

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Enjoy ice cream without guilt

It’s National Ice Cream Month

By Sally Rummel

Gus Asmaro and his cousin, Salam Asmaro, stand in their T-Mobile store in Fenton, which is located off Owen Road between Target and Tractor Supply Company.

countries outside the U.S. Our goal is to offer the best customer experience available, by getting them in and out of the store as quickly as possible with the products and upgrades they need.

What is your newest technology?

We have 4G LTE between all carriers. You can also use our mobile hot spot.

Do you have any current specials going on?

During the months of July, August and September, we’re putting our customers’ names in a raffle — anyone who has purchased lines or phones from us. We’ll draw winners on the last day of the month for really nice prizes, like an Apple TV.

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Watermelon — anyway you slice it

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A big slice of juicy red watermelon is the literal “taste of summer” for many people who remember this special treat of childhood. While watermelons are grown across the U.S., the top four watermelon-producing states are Texas, Florida, Georgia and California, producing almost half of all the watermelons grown in the U.S.

Homegrown Michigan watermelons will be in season from August through September, but nationally, they’re available in many stores beginning in May. To select the best watermelon, look for a melon that is uniformly firm, even on the blossom end. Pick it up: whether it’s big or small, the watermelon should feel heavy for its size. Look for the yellow spot: watermelons develop a splotch where they rest on the ground. When this splotch is creamy yellow, it’s ripe.

Watermelons are also very healthy, containing about 92 percent water, and lots of important nutrients, according to livescience.com. Each juicy bite contains significant levels of vitamins A, B6 and C, lots of lycopene, antioxidants and amino acids. There’s even a modest amount of potassium.

A two-cup serving of diced watermelon has 80 calories, 21 grams of carbohydrates, and 2.5 grams of protein. It’s also rich in vitamin C. Watermelon’s health benefits include hydration, anti-inflammatory effects and enhanced athletic performance. While eating a watermelon into thick juicy slices is the most popular way to eat this summer fruit, there are a number of other ways to enjoy this seasonal treat:

**Watermelon mojitos**
*(makes 2 drinks)*

**INGREDIENTS:**
30 mint leaves
1 large lime
2 T. sugar
4 fluid ounces white rum
½ cup liquefied fresh watermelon
½ cup club soda

**DIRECTIONS:**
Place mint leaves, lime juice and pulp, and sugar in a medium pitcher. Use a muddler (bar tool) to crush the mint and blend the juice and sugar. Add the ice, rum, watermelon juice and club soda. Stir, taste and add more sugar or lime to taste. Add a few diced watermelon pieces, if desired, and garnish each glass with a mint and thin slice of watermelon.

For more ideas, visit watermelon.org

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**Barbecued watermelon slices**

Slice rounds of watermelon into quarters, leaving the rinds on. Season with a sprinkle of salt and a splash of olive oil. Flip them on the grill for 5-6 minutes. The heat will intensify the natural sugar and the grill will add beautiful marks, according to onegreenplanet.org.

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**Shrimp goat cheese watermelon salad stacks**

**INGREDIENTS:**
8 large shrimp, peeled and deveined
1 t. onion powder
1 t. garlic powder
½ t. salt
½ t. smoked paprika (or regular)
¼ t. chipotle pepper powder (optional)
1 seedless watermelon, cut crosswise into 2-inch thick slices
1 (8 oz.) goat cheese long, cut into eight slices
2 t. balsamic vinegar
4 sprigs fresh basil

**DIRECTIONS:**
Preheat oven to 430 degrees F. Season shrimp with spices through chipotle pepper powder. Set shrimp in before baking dish. Bake shrimp in preheated oven until bright pink on the outside, about 8 minutes. Use a ring mold (slightly larger in diameter than the diameter of the goat cheese slices) to cut watermelon into circle shapes. Cut circle shapes into 1/4-inch thick slices.

Place a slice of watermelon on a plate. Top with one slice cheese, one slice watermelon, one slice cheese, one slice watermelon, two shrimp, to form a salad stack. Repeat with remaining watermelon slices, cheese and shrimp. Drizzle balsamic vinegar over each stack and garnish with basil.

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**The Truth about Slipped or Bulging DISC Pain**

**By Sam Potter**

**Back Pain, Arm or Leg Pain, Numbness, Tingling, or Weakness in the Arms or Legs is often caused by a Slipped DISC or Bulging DISC. That’s when one of the spinal discs is losing its normal shape and causing these symptoms because of the effect it’s having on the nervous system. It may have been diagnosed on an MRI and it is often thought that there is little that can be done about the problem and that’s a major problem. “It’s just bad information because in the right hands a lot can be done for Slipped or Bulging Discs,” said Dr. James Ide of Painless Chiropractic of Fenton. To end the problems caused by Slipped DISCS you must have the right information. Pay close attention because we’re going to destroy some important myths and reveal the facts.**

**MYTH:** DISC problems will just “go away” with some rest.

**FACT:** When dealing with back pain, buttock pain or leg pain, then seek help from a DISC specialist immediately. Left untreated, DISC problems can get worse.

**MYTH:** Pain is the only problem associated with a Slipped DISC.

**FACT:** In severe cases, this problem can lead to the inability to control the bowels, bladder and sexual potency - leading to embarrassing situations.

**MYTH:** Pain medications can help with Slipped DISCS.

**FACT:** Drugs like muscle relaxants, pain killers, narcotics, antidepressants, and anti- seizure medications can cover up symptoms but do not cure Slipped spinal DISCS.

**MYTH:** Stop exercising and get several weeks of bed rest to let the Slipped DISC recover.

**FACT:** Staying active can help to relieve the pain and prevent the pain getting worse. Staying inactive in bed could be the worst advice - based on a recent study in the Netherlands.

**MYTH:** A Slipped DISC requires surgery.

**FACT:** NO! There’s been a huge breakthrough in the treatment of Slipped DISCS. It’s a new procedure called Non-Surgical Re-Constructive Spinal Care. The excellent results from this treatment have been published in major medical journals. Success rates are up to 88%.

**MYTH:** “There’s nothing anyone can really do for me.” I’m just stuck with this for the rest of my life.”

**FACT:** With the correct treatment from a healthcare professional who specializes in Slipped DISCS, you can find relief from the core cause - and the symptoms.

**MYTH:** Getting a Slipped DISC properly treated can be expensive.

**FACT:** Not true. Dr. James Ide of Fenton is currently offering an initial Consultation and Exam for the first 35 Times readers to call 810-771-3677 and set up an appointment for only $37 which is normally $197, saving you $160! Call now and mention the code: TIMES35.

We know it can be a bit scary going somewhere for the first time. You can expect a very warm welcome and friendly staff. They are located on the corner of Silver Lake Rd and Fenway in the Classic Corners Plaza which is on the East side of US-23. Call 810-771-3677 TODAY and leave a message to hold your spot ask for the Consultant and Exam for DISC’s problems, but hurry because places are limited and this must end when the 35 consultation slots are gone. Be sure to mention the code: TIMES35 to claim this special offer and you too can find relief from DISC pain.

**Pork and watermelon kebabs**

**INGREDIENTS:**
6 T. brown sugar
2 T. soy sauce
6 T. diced red onion
3 garlic cloves, minced
3 T. lemon juice
1 T. olive oil
¼ t. ground thyme
Dash pepper, to taste
1 pound boned, lean pork chop cut into 1-inch cubes (38 to 40 pieces)
32 1-inch cubes of watermelon
16 to 24 ¼-inch zucchini slices
16 1-inch pineapple chunks
24 1-inch yellow and/or orange peppers

**Cooking spray**

**DIRECTIONS:**
Combine sugar, soy sauce, onion, garlic, lemon juice, olive oil, thyme, and pepper in a muffin bowl. Pour into a zip-lock bag and add pork pieces. Seal bag, mix thoroughly, and refrigerate for at least 1 hour, turning bag on occasion.

Remove pork and reserve marinade.
Thread 5 pork pieces, 4 watermelon cubes, 2 to 3 zucchini rounds, 2 pineapple chunks, and 3 peppers on each of 8 skewers, alternating the order.

Heat the grill to medium high. Spray cooking surface and grill kebobs for 12 to 15 minutes, turning and basting frequently with reserved marinade. Garnish with sesame seeds and chunks of watermelon.

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**By Dr. James Ide**
CHINA

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Avoid ruining your trip, solicit the aid of a travel agent

There’s so much to see and do in China, you’ll want to focus on the good. But with any new country and culture, there might be some annoyances or irritations. It is therefore recommended that anyone planning to visit China whether for business or pleasure, hire a travel agent. You may find the services of Superior Travel in Fenton (810) 629-4270, or Travel Brokers, Inc., also in Fenton (810)-750-4200, to be very valuable in making sure your trip is a success.

Time difference

Michigan and China are 12 hours apart. When it is 9 a.m. in Michigan, for example, it is 9 p.m. in China.

Distance and airfare

Beijing, China is 6.582 miles from Fenton. Airfare from Detroit to Beijing can run anywhere from $1,400 to over $2,000.

FOOD

Chinese cuisine is a very important part of Chinese culture. Chinese dishes are famous for color, aroma, taste, meaning and appearance.

The following are eight of the most popular dishes among foreigners and Chinese. They are sweet and sour pork (chicken), gong bao chicken, ma po tofu, wontons, dumplings, spring rolls, chow mein and Peking duck. These dishes are available in most large restaurants in China.

POLITICS

State power within the People’s Republic of China (PRC) is exercised through the Communist Party, the Central People’s Government and their provincial and local representation. The President of China is the titular head of state, serving as the ceremonial figurehead under National People’s Congress.

In the eyes of most travelers, you haven’t been to China if you haven’t climbed the Great Wall. One of the iconic symbols of China, the Great Wall, is the longest wall in the world, an awe-inspiring feat of ancient defensive architecture. Its winding path over rugged country and steep mountains takes in some great scenery. It deserves its place among “the New Seven Wonders of the World” and the UNESCO World Heritage Sites in China.

The wall spans from China’s western frontier to the east coast, totalling around 5,000 km (3,100 miles), but the most integrated and best preserved sections are close to Beijing. So this is what people usually mean when mentioning the Great Wall of China.

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The Terracotta Army in Xi’an

The Terracotta Army has lain underground for more than 2,000 years. However, in 1974, farmers digging a well uncovered one of the greatest archaeological sites in the world. In 1987, it became World Cultural Heritage. It is significant because the hundreds of detailed life-size models represent the army that triumphed over all other Chinese armies in the Warring States Period (475–221 BC), and who were the decisive factor in forming a united China.

The Forbidden City in Beijing

It was once a “palace city” where ordinary people were forbidden entry. With an extravagant demonstration of ancient Chinese architecture, more than 8,000 rooms with golden roofs are elegantly designed and painted in red and yellow. The Forbidden City was the imperial palace of the Ming and Qing Dynasties for 560 years until 1911. Twenty-four emperors lived there. World Cultural Heritage, and now known as “the Palace Museum” among Chinese, it is a treasure house of Chinese cultural and historical relics.

It is recognized as one of the five most important palaces in the world, with the Palace of Versailles in France, Buckingham Palace in the UK, the White House in the U.S., and the Kremlin in Russia.

The Li River in Guilin

The landscape along the Li River has captured the heart of artists. Generations of Chinese painters and poets have been inspired by the beauty of nature there.

The 83-kilometer-long section of the Li River between Guilin and Yangshuo is the most beautiful. The river landscape is decorated with startling hills, steep cliffs, and farming villages, and is lined with bamboo groves.

The Li River was listed as one of the “World’s Ten Water Ways” by America’s National Geographic Magazine.

Three best national parks

In east China, close to Shanghai and Hangzhou, the Yellow Mountain Scenic Area woos travelers with its five wonders: sunrises, seas of clouds, oddly shaped rocks, twisted pine trees, and hot springs.

The Yellow Mountains are the most famous peaks in China, and one of China’s three best national parks — the other two being Zhangjiajie National Forest Park and Jiuzhaigou National Forest Park.

Jiuzhaigou in west China’s Sichuan Province is famous for its multicolored lakes and fall foliage; Zhangjiajie National Forest Park is well-known for its grotesque rock pillars. If you are looking for world-class scenery, consider going to all of them.

Giant pandas in Chengdu

The giant panda is not only deeply loved by the Chinese, but by many foreigners too, and not just children. Although there are many zoos in China and elsewhere, where you can see a giant panda, the best place to see them is Chengdu, the giant panda’s “hometown.”

There are three places you can see pandas: close up: Chengdu Panda Breeding and Research Center, Dujiangyan Panda Valley, and Bifengxia Panda Base.

You can get even closer to the pandas by taking a volunteer program in Bifengxia or Dujiangyan Panda Valley, an hour outside Chengdu.

The Potala Palace in Lhasa

The Potala Palace is a symbol of Tibet. In 1994, it was declared a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site. It is a huge treasure house of materials and articles from Tibetan history, religion, culture and art. The palace is widely known for the precious sculptures, murals, scriptures, Buddhist statues, murals, antiques, and religious jewelry housed within.

The Bund in Shanghai

The Bund is one of the most recognizable architectural symbols of Shanghai. It showcases the world with its colonial European buildings and skyscrapers the other side of the Huangpu, housing one of the world’s foremost business districts. The Bund was Shanghai’s most prosperous area in late 19th century and early 19th century. When the first British company opened an office at the Bund in 1846, it became the epitome of elegance.

West Lake in Hangzhou

Hangzhou is renowned as China’s “paradise on earth” owing to its beautifully crafted landscape. West Lake was created after the Chinese love for garden-style parks for recreation. West Lake is a place of tranquility where urbanity becomes a silhouette on the northeast horizon and mountains near and far surround it on the other three sides.

To admire the beauty of West Lake, visitors can leisurely bike around the lake, walk around the lake, or take a short cruise on the lake.

Sources: Chinahighlights.com, tripadvisor.com
CITY OF FENTON

NOTICE REGARDING PETITIONS FOR MAYOR OR CITY COUNCIL FOR THE NOVEMBER 7, 2017 CITY GENERAL ELECTION

DUE TO A CHANGE IN MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW, THE DEADLINE PRESCRIBED IN THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF FENTON FOR PETITIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR OR CITY COUNCIL NO LONGER APPLIES.

THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT COMPLETED PETITIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR OR CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF FENTON IS TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2017 AT 4:00 PM. PETITIONS ARE DELIVERABLE TO THE CITY CLERK’S OFFICE AT 301 SOUTH LEROY STREET, FENTON, MICHIGAN 48430.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS

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Marcella Husted, Tyrone Township Clerk

THINGS TO DO WHEN YOU HAVE LOST OR FOUND A PET...

1. Visit Tri-County Times Lost & Found on Facebook
2. Register with Adopt-A-Pet, 810-629-0723
3. Call your local vets
4. Place an ad in the Tri-County Times, 810-629-8194
5. Check out previous lost and found pets on the classified section of our website at www.tctimes.com
6. Make posters
7. Visit all local dog pounds and animal shelters

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Immediate entry level positions available. Previous experience preferable, but not required. Starting wage is $9.00 per hour with a 90 day raise with good attendance. Accepting applications Monday - Friday 9 am to 5 pm at Michigan Web Press, 10441 Enterprise Dr., Davison, MI 48435 (248-620-2990).

www.tctimes.com

Cook-housekeeper

Needed to make lunch and supper for a retired couple. $20 per hour, local people only. Call 810-373-6157 for an appointment.

Notice of error

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Cook-Housekeeper

Summer tax deferment for those who meet certain criteria. Those Applications must be signed and returned to the Township office not later than September 14, 2017.

Hall. Principal residents who are Senior citizens, paraplegics, quadriplegics, and permanently disabled, who can verify that their household income for the previous year or average gross receipts in the past 3 years are not less than your household income for the preceding year or the combined household incomes in the previous year, as per state requirements. These forms must be signed and returned to the Township Office not later than September 14, 2017.

If you have any questions, please call Shelly Kidd, Deputy Treasurer Groveland Township at (248) 634-4152.

Public notice

Groveland Township Groveland Township Residents Deferment of Summer Taxes

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Rose Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Synopsis

July 12, 2017

Supervisor Scheib-Snider called the Regular Meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Rose Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Board Members Present: Scheib-Snider, Miller, Gambka, Blaska Board Members Absent: Noble

Approved: Agenda with addition of item F, MTA Open Meetings Act.

Approved: Consent Agenda.

Approved: $1,179.00 to join SEMCOG for current fiscal year.

Approved: MINUTES

Adjourned: By motion at 7:37 p.m.

Dianne Scheib-Snider

Rose Township Supervisor

Debbie Miller, MMC, CMMC

Rose Township Clerk

Rose Township Treasurer Vacancy

Rose Township is accepting resumes to fill the vacancy of the Treasurer’s position. Please send resumes to Clerk Marcella Husted at Rose Township, 10408 Center Road, Fenton, MI 48430, fax (810) 629-0047 or email clerk@tyronetownship.us by August 3, 2017. Please visit www.tyronetownship.us for more information.

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SUNDAY CROSSWORD PUZZLE
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A study by Dennis Ownby, MD, a pediatrician and head of the allergy and immunology department of the Medical College of Georgia, found that having multiple pets decreases a child's risk of developing asthma and allergies. Studies have indicated that the type of companion animals has the potential to benefit children. Pets can contribute to cognitive, physical and emotional wellness in children.

INGREDIENTS
- ½ cups gluten free baking flour (or oats ground in a food processor or in a coffee grinder)
- 1 flax egg or egg replacement
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon maple syrup
- 1 cup Silk Protein Nutmilk - two teaspoons lemon juice or apple cider vinegar
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon (optional)
- ½ cup chopped strawberries

INSTRUCTIONS
Mix the Silk Protein Nutmilk and the lemon juice or ACV together in a small bowl/measuring cup. Set aside. - this will make the vegan butter. In a large bowl, whisk the gluten free flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and cinnamon. Add the flax egg, maple syrup and the vegan buttermilk mixture and whisk until just combined and smooth. Fold in the strawberries. The batter will thicken slightly while you wait for the griddle pan to heat up. Heat a griddle pan or a cast iron skillet over medium heat and brush with coconut oil or vegan butter. Pour about ¼ cup of batter into the pan/skillet for one pancake. Wait until some bubbles start to form on top. Allow to cook for 2-4 more minutes and then flip the pancakes over. Cook for about 2-4 more minutes until batet is cooked through.

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