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Where have all the skilled trades workers gone?

Labor shortage continues to grow as Baby Boomers retire

By Vera Hogan

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When today's Baby Boomers were in high school, they were offered classes that included wood shop, metal shop, auto mechanics, home economics and more—classes that taught skills needed to make a decent living after high school or to become a good homemaker.

As the years passed, those classes started disappearing, giving way to students being encouraged to go to college. They were told that without a college degree they would never have successful careers.

Students and young adults are starting to realize that a college degree does not guarantee them a topnotch career making the big bucks especially when that college degree comes with a hefty college loan that is going to take years to pay off.

Young folks are beginning to look toward the skilled trades for personally and financially rewarding careers — but not all of them. TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTOS

Some employers are experiencing a decline in skilled trades workers. (Upper left) Workers at Miller Industries fabricate both simple and complex structures. (Center) Markel Mitchell, 17, of Burton learns about the electrical trade at the Genesee Career Institute (GCI) last January. (Below) Witney Brown of Burton, Chris Dye of Flint and Austin Williams (all 17) of Montrose work together on an electrical panel at GCI.



Dave Lamb, owner of Dave Lamb Heating & Cooling in Fenton said, "I think anybody in the trades is having a hard time getting qualified people, people that want to learn a trade.

"I have hired people who've gone through schooling (HVAC through trade school), but I have to give them the experience,"Lamb said. "Nowadays the only ones we can find we have to take in and teach ourselves."

Lamb said he doesn't know why there is a shortage in skilled trade workers, but added, "I do know that kids are a lot lazier than when I was a kid. We didn't have a choice but to go to work. Your dad said get out and go to work and we did. Kids aren't forced to do it. They're lazy and spoiled and it's our fault."

Matt Cramer, president of Dee Cramer HVAC Sheet Metal Contractors said he, too, is seeing a 100 percent shortage in skilled trades workers.

"There are a lot of contributing factors. I think 25 to 30 years it was OK or perceived as being OK to go into skilled trades. These days it is often seen as not politically correct thing to do. See SKILLED TRADES on 2B



Fall field day at Holly Academy



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Holly Academy second-grader Aria Guru runs beneath the parachute during the fall field day on Friday, Oct. 6. In lieu of a Halloween party, students in all grades took part in a dozen activities, including sack racing, doughnut eating and giant Jenga.





Just sayin'...

Tone it down some

One of the mini pitfalls of writing for a newspaper is that some people, including family and friends, don't seem to understand, or forget, that I didn't personally have anything to do with what's going on in the story.

I often find myself saying, "I don't make the news, I just report it."

Still, I've had some pretty lively conversations about things and lately those things

have been about city of Fenton issues.

For example, as many times as I have tried, I cannot seem to explain to people how the DDA (Downtown Development Authority)

works, how it is funded, and why the DDA is not responsible for fixing city streets. I've written several detailed articles about the DDA, provided examples and believe I've done everything I know how to try and make readers understand. But some people just don't get it and I get frustrated.

VERA HOGAN

"I don't care how many times you wash it, rinse it and spin it, that (DDA) money is taxpayer money and I don't like how it is being spent," a neighbor friend said to me last week.

SKILLED TRADES Continued from Page 1B

"The reality is college is a great option, but there are certainly great options for people going into the skilled trades," Cramer said. "Another thing is skilled trades are hard jobs. Whether plumbing, mechanical, it's a physically demanding job. Kids today want their minds challenged and not necessarily their bodies.

Cramer said many people don't realize how much mind-challenging, technological work there is in skilled trades. Through apprenticeship opportunities, employees get paid to learn their craft.

"Some kids today don't realize they can be making \$50,000 to \$60,000 a year with great benefits," Cramer said.

There has been a growing amount of work for skilled trades due in large part because as Baby Boomers retire, companies are struggling to replace carpenters, electricians, plumbers, and other craftsmen needed for the work.

Mike Rowe, former television reality star of "Dirty Jobs" and current television host for "Somebody's Gotta Do It," has spoken out about the growing problem with available trade jobs and there not being enough workers to fill them. He is promoting skilled trades and trying to change the perception Americans have on these jobs that are so important.

Many people still view skilled trades as being dirty, lower level jobs when the truth is that they require great creativity and technical skills.

Local school superintendents say students interested in skilled trades careers He was talking about the sculptures downtown. I made the mistake of mentioning that the DDA was considering a request by the company that provides sculptures to increase the rental fee by \$1,200. The DDA did not make a decision on it, but just

the idea set my friend off. "They need to fix the roads. I can't

drive on the sculptures," he said. While we all agree that the brand new sculpture depicting the infamous card game at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center is beautiful and a great gift to the community, everyone knows that's just what it was — a gift to the community thanks to Phil and Jocelyn Hagerman.

It was not paid for or rented by the DDA. Personally, I like all the sculptures downtown, but I can't help but think that we need to tone down all the hype about them.

If city leaders want to pass the proposal on November's ballot that would allow for the levying of taxes for 10 years instead of three, and later, in May 2018 for a 6-mill road millage — they might want to consider less talk about artwork and sculptures, and more talk about how to pay for our infrastructure needs.

My friend's parting words the other night were, "You don't go out and buy big fancy, expensive paintings for your house when the kids need new clothes and their teeth fixed."

Well, shut my mouth!

Opinions offered in Just Sayin' are the author's alone and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Tri-County Times or its staff. Email Vera at vhogan@tctimes.com.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I FILE PHOTO The average salary for metal fabrication is \$16.39 an hour, according to payscale.com.

can receive excellent training through the Genesee Career Institute (GCI) programs.

GCI provides training in many career areas that help prepare Genesee County students for immediate entry into the workforce, upon completion of high school and the GCI program.

For more information on GCI and a complete listing of the programs they provide, visit www.geneseeisd.org/ Genesee-Career-Institute, or call (810) 591-4462.

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Odd opingentions

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Do you have what it takes to invent an item or device that people just can't live without? Here are some inventions that are sure to make you either chuckle or say ... I've got to get me one of those!!!

Source: mashable.com

Jeggings

These jeggings, along with the Delta 415 Wearcom jeans, have a transparent, touch-sensitive pocket for your iPhone. They're available from Alphyn Industries.



Pizza cone

The pizza cone, other than being a travesty to food traditionalists, is for making pizza in a cone shape, up one dimension from its ordinary look.

Quackb muzzle

If dogs weren't already

Oppo.

Beer hoiste

Holster Up repurposes gun holsters to hold beer cans and bottles, because of course ... (we don't know why).

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YES, IT IS disrespectful of those who sit for the national anthem in the stands or those who go get a beer, food or anything else. I remember the words my mother used to say, 'just because everyone else is jumping off a bridge doesn't mean you should.'

THE HUGE OAK tree on Ripley Road has a shoulder high circumference of 15 feet, and near ground level, it's 20 feet and limb width is 125 feet. The oak must be over 300 years old.

IF YOU ARE a company looking for a charitable donation, maybe you should make your company name and phone number known when you call me instead of hiding behind an 'unknown caller' with no phone number. I mean come on, get real.

FOR A FAMILY OF four our utility bill is over \$300. We both work during the day. Paying online, we have to split the bill into two payments because the maximum is \$300 online, causing us to pay the \$6 online fee twice. Please offer evening hours to pay, raise the maximum payment or get rid of the fee.

THE NETWORKS SHOULD treat the

NFL 'protestors' the same way they treat streakers (refuse to put them on air). The players are at work and should protest on their own time. Owners and league officials need to take a stand and institute some rules.



FHS fall choir 'informance'

Fenton High School will host a fall choir "Informance" (informal, informational performance) on Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Ruby Zima Auditorium. The cost is free but donations of new socks, pajamas, underwear and bathroom items will be gladly accepted for "Socktober." Socktober is meant to create an awareness of children in foster care.

CITY OF FENTON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP

Argentine Township will accept bids until 4:00 P.M. October 27, 2017 for the installation of a tap-in to the gravity sewer line and 11 feet of lead located at 16267 Seymour Road, Argentine Township. Installation and materials to be at Genesee Water and Waste specifications. Permits to be obtained from Genesee County Water and Waste, permitting information is located at http://www.gcdcwws.com/pages/Permit-Process

Bid sheet can be obtained at Argentine Township Hall.

Existing "as built's" can be viewed at Argentine Township Hall located at 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden, MI. 48451 phone 810-735-5050.

> Denise Graves, Clerk Argentine Township

NOTICE ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP

Please be notified that the Argentine Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Meeting on Monday, November 6, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at the Argentine Township Hall, 9048 Silver Lake Rd, to consider the following Variances:

TABLED ITEM:

Terry Groves and Gerald Legan, 16207 Knobhill Dr are requesting a Variance to construct a home with foundation and structure squared off in front and back. Permit denied based on square footage and goes beyond the current footprint allowed. Described as 01-35-526-043, Lot 60 Argentine Park, Lobdell Lake.

NEW ITEMS:

Stephen & Julie Chittick, 7165 Smith Rd, Gaines, are requesting a Variance for Square Footage. They would like to add 672 sq ft to their existing pole barn. Described as 01-12-200-003, 2.34 Acres in Section 12.

Bryant and Vicky Dawson, 14360 Seymour Rd, are requesting a Variance to build an Accessory Building in the front yard. They are requesting approval to build a pole barn/garage. Described as 01-22-400-001, 10.25 acres in Section 22.

Matt McCord, 16366 Hilltop Dr Linden, is requesting a Variance for Side Yard Setback. He would like to add to the existing home. Described as 01-36-577-005. Lot 6 Pleasant View Park Lobdell Lake.

A complete copy of these tax descriptions may be viewed at the Township office during regular office hours.

> Denise Graves, Clerk Argentine Township



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Public Hearing will be held at the regular meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rose Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan 48442.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive comments on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year 2018 application, in the approximate amount of \$13,530, to fund eligible projects.

All interested persons are requested to attend the Public Hearing to offer their comments on the proposed use of the 2018 Program Year funds.

Comments in writing will be received until the date and time of the hearing and should be addressed to the Office of the Rose Township Clerk, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan, 48442.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a (2) (3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Rose Township Board of Trustees by contacting the Rose Township Clerk's office, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, MI 48442 at (248) 634-8701 or clerk@rosetownship.com.

Debbie Miller, MMC, CMMC Rose Township Clerk

Guess Who?

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

At their meeting of October 16, 2017, the Fenton Township Board conducted the first reading of the following proposed ordinances:

- 1. A proposed amendment to the Vehicle Code Ordinance to adopt the updated Michigan Vehicle Code.
- 2. A proposed amendment to the Grading Ordinance to revise language regarding foundation certificates and as-built plans.

The second reading of the proposed ordinances will be conducted at the November 6, 2017 Fenton Township Board meeting.

Complete copies of the proposed ordinances may be obtained at the office of the Fenton Township Clerk, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430. The ordinances are also available on Fenton Township's website at www.fentontownship.org.

ROBERT E. KRUG FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

PUBLIC NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS OCTOBER 16, 2017

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday October 16, 2017 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.

- 1. Trustee Goupil offered the opening prayer.
- 2. Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
- 3. Approved the agenda as amended.
- 4. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of \$442,303.90.
- Received the 3rd quarter fire department report from Fire Chief Ryan Volz.
 Received the 3rd quarter report from Ordinance Enforcement Officer Patrick
- Shaw.7. Conducted the first reading of a proposed amendment to the Vehicle Code Ordinance
- 8. Conducted the first reading of a proposed amendment to the Grading Ordinance.
- 9. Approved special levies and miscellaneous special assessments for the December 2017 property tax roll.

10. Adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

ROBERT E. KRUG FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

Sunday Scrambler

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Obituaries

Irene Starr Irene Starr - age 95, died October 15, 2017. www.temrowskifamily funeralhome.com.



Jerry Sissons Jerry Sissons - age 75, died October 13, 2017. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Michael Greene Michael Greene - age 57, died October 15, 2017. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Barbara Wyrwicki Barbara Wyrwicki - age 89, died October 15, 2017. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



George Bowles George Bowles - age 71, died October 18, 2017. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Ronald McIntyre Ronald McIntyre - age 79, died October 16, 2017. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Travis Griggs Travis Griggs - age 28, died October 20, 2017. www.temrowskifamily

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Edna Gruner Edna Gruner - age 88, died October 16, 2017. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Virginia Panek Virginia Panek - age 70, died October 18, 2017. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Edwin Mattila Edwin Mattila - age 96, died October 19, 2017. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharp funeralhomes.com.



Joseph Bartos Joseph Bartos - age 79, died October 19, 2017. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Ava Norman Ava Norman - age 88, died October 19, 2017. Service entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharp funeralhomes.com.





Jonathan Dorn Sheathelm - died August 31, 2017 at age 55 in Manistee, MI. He leaves behind his wife, Cindy (Long) Sheathelm, son, Justin and daughter, Sarah. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2017 at 1 PM at the First Baptist Church of Holly, Rev. Jack G. Harris officiating.

Christopher Rogers

Christopher Rogers - age 30, died October 15, 2017. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneral homes.com.



Tammora Foubare

Tammora Foubare - age 58, died October 16, 2017. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneral homes.com.



Gerard Lacey Gerard Lacey - age 92, died October 20, 2017.

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Jamieson Jinks Jamieson Jinks age 2 months, died October 11, 2017. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Carol Ann (Vogel) Klempp

Carol Ann (Vogel) Klempp - age 85, went to be with the Lord on June 3, 2017. Formerly of Holly, she relocated with the rest of her family to Naples, FL. She passed away at home, peacefully, comfortably, surrounded by the love of her family and in the arms of Jesus. Carol was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Klempp and her two sons, Timothy and Gary Klempp, as well as her sister, Elaine Argue. Surviving are her sister, Mary Jane Place; daughter, Cindy Hall; granddaughters, Tara Reich and Elizabeth Klempp. Carol's many years as a Holly Area Schools Bus Driver has left her in the hearts of many of the students, her colleagues and countless others who were fortunate to cross her path. A graveside memorial service will be held at 11 AM Friday, October 27, 2017 at Lakeside Cemetery, Holly. www.dryerfuneral homeholly.com.

FUNERAL ETIQUETTE

When you arrive at the funeral home, go to the family, and express your sympathy with an embrace or by offering your hands. Don't feel as though you must avoid talking about the person who has died. Talking can help the grieving process begin. If you were an acquaintance of the deceased but not well-known to the family, immediately introduce yourself. Do not feel uncomfortable if you or the family member becomes emotional or begins to cry. Allowing the family to grieve is a natural healing process. However, if you find yourself becoming extremely upset, it would be kinder to excuse yourself so as not to increase the strain on the family.

Source: thefuneralsource.org



Kimberly Ann Ferris

1954-2017 Kimberly Ann Ferris age 63, of Clio, died Saturday, October 14, 2017. Funeral services were held 11 AM Monday, October 16, 2017 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Her son-in-law. Pastor **Donnie Ginnings** officiating. Visitation was held at the funeral home Monday from 10 AM until the time of the service. Kimberly was born January 19, 1954 in Lima, OH the daughter of John M. and Louise M. (Newton) Eisley. She was a 1972 graduate of Fenton High School. She was employed as a Certified Nurse Assistant. Surviving are: daughters, Gloria and husband Donnie Ginnings of Eldridge, MO and Marjorie and husband, Eric Linna of Jackson; grandchildren, Chance and Kelsey Ginnings and Kimmy, Nicoli, and Finn Linna; siblings, Ben and wife Karen Eisley of Claremont, CA, John and wife Karen Eisley of Dexter, and Kris Reynolds of Fenton; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Louise Eisley. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneral homes.com. Sharp



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Anita Forrester Knopf

1920-2017 Anita Forrester Knopf age 97, was born March 15, 1920 in Flint. She attended public schools in Flint and graduated from Flint's **Hurley Hospital School** of Nursing in 1941. She married Lyle S. Knopf of Flint on October 15, 1941. Mrs. Knopf held many different nursing positions during World War II in Texas and Michigan. Following the war, she volunteered to tutor immigrants allowing them to obtain their citizenship papers, read books to the vision impaired, worked with the Girl Scouts, and did private duty nursing. She was the author of two books, "The Laportes of Montreal and their American Cousins 1566-1981" and "Chere Marianne." Through this she was able to raise funds to help children around the world and was placed on the national board for sponsorships by Plan International. At the age of 63 she bought and operated "The Book Stall" in Grand Blanc, as well as writing book reviews for the Grand Blanc newspaper for many years. Her love of books was paramount throughout her lifetime and she had an in-house library in Palm City, Florida dedicated in her name. She enjoyed traveling with her husband, golfing, music and entertaining. She is preceded in death by her husband, Lyle Knopf in 2014, and leaves their daughter, Lori (James) Murray and foster daughter, Suzanne (Alenko) Radovic as well as grandchildren: Steven Lyle Castle, James Eric Murray (Melanie), Anita (Mario) Giambattista, Adrian-Lyle Radovic and great-granddaughter, Isabell Castle. A memorial service will be held at 2 PM on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at Hill Funeral Home, 11723 S. Sadinaw St Grand Blanc, Michigan. The family will receive visitors one hour prior to the service, beginning at 1 PM. Private inurnment at Evergreen Cemetery.

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Recognize and relieve sources of pets' stress



Once stress is identified apart from any other health issues, pet owners can take steps to reduce it. Providing a security spot to which the pet can retreat, regular exercise, mental stimulation, and gradual changes to routine, diet or other things a pet has relied on can help.

Stress can affect anyone, even household pets. Although life may seem footloose and fancy free for companion animals, they have their share of stressors as well.

It may be hard to believe that dogs, cats, birds, and other animals can suffer from stress. But certain situations or scenarios may trigger a stressful response in pets, and pet owners should learn to recognize such stressors and do what they can to help pets avoid them.

Research indicates that stress, especially constant sources of stress, can impact pet health and well-being. A 2011 study published in the Journal of Physiology and Pharmacology found that when dogs are under stress, their bodies release an excessive amount of the fight or flight hormone norepinephrine. This can alter gut bacteria and interfere with gastrointestinal tract motility. Resulting diarrhea can compound stressful situations and exacerbate the situation.

The pet advice site Pet-Happy says that, during stressful situations, pets' blood pressure may climb, breathing may become more rapid, heart rate may increase, and the immune system can become less effective - instances that would also occur in humans. Various studies show that stress can be a contributing factor to disease.

Animals experience stress for different reasons and exhibit stress in ways that set them apart from one another and their human companions.

The following is a breakdown of what may contribute to stress in dogs, cats and birds Dogs

The British Small Animal Veterinary Association's 'Manual of Canine and Feline Behavioural Medicine" says that some of the most common dog stress triggers are novelty, housing changes, loud noises, changes in household members, and changes in schedule. Dogs may exhibit stress through appetite changes, isolation, digestive issues, lethargy, and increased sleeping. Cats

Cats can become stressed over situations their owners may not consider major. Loud music and noises, changes in food or litter brands, having new carpet or furniture installed, or a number of visitors in the home may be stressors, says Pam Johnson-Bennet, author and cat behavior expert. Some of the easiest stress symptoms to spot include excessive self-grooming, urine spraying, aggression, extreme vocalization, and eliminating outside of the litter box. Birds

According to James Morrisey, a veterinarian at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University, birds are very good at picking up stress in people, which may contribute to their own stress. It can be challenging to determine what is causing stress in birds. However, the appearance of stress bars on feathers, the sudden onset of aggression, fearful behavior, changes in appetite, and destructive behavior can indicate that stress is present.

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Available October 24, 2017 **ATOMIC BLONDE**



Road") portrays Lorraine Broughton, a top-level spy for MI6, who is dispatched to Berlin to take down a ruthless espionage ring that has just killed an undercover agent for reasons unknown. She is ordered to cooperate with Berlin station chief David Percival (James McAvoy of "X-Men"), and the two form an uneasy alliance, unleashing their full arsenal of skills in pursuing a threat that jeopardizes the West's entire intelligence operation. R, 1 hr. 55 min. Action & Adventure,

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CILANTRO LIME CHICKEN

Drama, Mystery & Suspense

Let me start off by saying how easy and delicious this was. The flavor is vibrant and bright - and using chicken thighs really adds an intensity and depth of flavor! Prep the marinade

and get the chicken in it at least 30 minutes but up to 2 hours before you make this dish. I use my fathers cast iron to sear/bake the chicken in. It really helps to get the skin nice & crispy! - Trish

INGREDIENTS

- 4-6 bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs
- 4 tbsp extra virgin olive oil divided
- 2 limes juiced
- 1/4 c fresh, chopped cilantro
- 2 cloves minced garlic
- 1/4 tsp crushed red pepper flake (or more if you like the heat)
- 1/2 tsp cumin
- 4 cups cooked white rice
- Salt & pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS

Prep marinade by whisking together 2 tbsp olive oil, lime juice, cilantro, red pepper flakes, garlic and cumin. In a gallon size freezer bag, mix the chicken and the marinade. Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes but up to 2 hours. After marinating chicken, preheat the oven to 425 F. Pour remaining olive oil into a large oven proof skillet (I use cast iron) and heat over medium-high heat. Remove chicken from bag, place on a large platter and season with salt and pepper to your liking. To the hot skillet, add the chicken (SKIN SIDE DOWN). Pour in remaining marinade. Sear the chicken undisturbed for 6 minutes, or until the skin becomes golden & crispy. Flip the chicken and cook 2 minutes more (chicken will NOT be cooked all the way through yet). Turn off the burner and transfer the skillet/chicken to the preheated oven. Bake until cooked through, 10-12 minutes (or until chicken reaches an internal temperature of 165 F near the bone). Plate this with cooked white rice, and drizzle the pan drippings all over the place!! I have to add that if you just can't do bone-in chicken thighs, you can probably opt for boneless-skinless breast, but you're going to lose a lot of the flavor in doing so! ENJOY!!



Available November 7, 2017





(KIMI NO NA WA.) From director Makoto Shinkai, the innovative mind behind Voices of a Distant Star and 5 Centimeters Per Second, comes a beautiful masterpiece about time, the thread of fate, and the hearts of two young souls.

The day the stars fell, two lives changed forever. High schoolers Mitsuha and Taki are complete strangers living separate lives. But one night, they suddenly switch places. Mitsuha wakes up in Taki's body, and he in hers. This bizarre occurrence continues to happen randomly, and the two must adjust their lives around each other. Will the string of fate between Mitsuha and Taki be strong enough to bring them back together, or will forces outside their control leave them forever separated? NR, 1 hr. 52 min. Animation, Drama, Romance



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