Costa Rica is said by many to be the happiest country on Earth, living by the mantra, Pura Vida (Pure Life). You’ll find smiles and hospitality everywhere, and your only problem might be finding the time to do all that you want to do in this rugged, tropical, coastline country — the most developed in Central America.

If you’re an adventurist or thrill-seeker, you’ll find lots to love in Costa Rica, from white water rafting to zip lining, scuba diving, kayaking, cliff diving and more. You’ll enjoy 1,000 miles of coastline between the Pacific and Caribbean seas for warm weather beach pursuits. The tropical reserves that make up a quarter of the country rich with wildlife — from cheeky monkeys that will steal your food, to sloths, the slowest mammals in the world, to iguanas and lizards, macaws and quetzal birds, to name a few.

Live volcanoes are also among Costa Rica’s top tourist attractions, captivating the attention of both tourists and scientists from all over the world. Aside from their natural beauty and fertility, they provide recreational grounds for many tourists’ most active pursuits.

Costa Rica... At a glance
Capital: San Jose  
Area: 19,729 square miles (about the size of West Virginia)  
Borders: Nicaragua (north), Panama (southeast), Pacific Ocean (west), Caribbean Sea (east)  
Population: 4,931,375  
Language: Spanish  
Currency: Colón (.0018 U.S. dollar)  
Official religion: Roman Catholic, but there is a freedom of expression of other beliefs  
Government: Democratic Republic  
Climate: Tropical/subtropical

When to visit
There is no real summer or winter in Costa Rica; instead, it’s the dry season from December to April and the green season from May to November. However, July and August are the peak tourism months, with most visitors choosing to avoid the wet months.

See COSTA RICA on 4B
What is Restaurant Week?

Third annual event in Fenton features more than a dozen dining out locations

By Sally Rummel
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- The Laundry
- El Topo
- CRUST-a baking company
- Fenton Hotel Tavern & Grille
- Sagebrush Cantina
- Tropical Smoothie Café
- Corner Bar & Grill
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- Fenton Winery & Brewery
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Restaurant offerings are also available on the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce website, Fentonchamber.com. The Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the event.

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RESTAURANT Week 2018

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What is Restaurant Week?

Just about every major city from New York to L.A. has a restaurant week. In Michigan — Ann Arbor, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Traverse City, Troy, Birmingham and Plymouth all have restaurant weeks. It first started out as a way for restaurants to fill up their seats during one of the toughest months of the year - January.

Today Restaurant Week helps highlight the variety and quality of restaurant choices in our community. Every restaurant is offering a special price or fixed price menu to encourage you to try ALL the restaurants in our town.

We hope to see you and your families there!
RESTAURANT Week 2018

SUNDAY January 21 -through- SATURDAY January 27

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Genius sperm banks no longer exist

By Vera Hogan
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Adolph Hitler was obsessed with racial purity. He argued that Germans were superior to all others, referring to them as the Aryan race, who he said had a duty to control the world.

The Nazis believed that the Aryans had the most “pure blood” of all the people on earth. The ideal Aryan had pale skin, blond hair and blue eyes.

We all know how that worked out.

Zoom ahead to 1980, when another attempt to purify the population surfaced.

An eccentric millionaire created a sperm bank with donations from only extraordinary men — Nobel laureates, an Olympic athlete and geniuses with off-the-chart IQs, according to CNN. It was his mission to create a generation of smarter, healthier, more productive members of society.

Robert K. Graham, a businessman who made his fortune after inventing shatterproof eyeglasses — founded the Repository for Germinal Choice in 1980. It operated until 1999, two years after his death. He was very clear about his motives — he wanted to improve the human gene pool.

“… the poorer the human gene pool, the more useless and detrimental individuals will come out of it,” Graham said in a 1980 interview.

Not surprisingly, the so-called “Nobel Prize sperm bank” attracted controversy and accusations that Graham was a racist, resurrecting the ideas that gave rise to Nazi Germany, something he denied.

The sperm bank produced some 215 children, leading quite ordinary lives today.

Most of the progeny of the “genius sperm bank” who have spoken publicly say they did quite well in school. Today, as adults, many seem to be pretty ordinary. And several claim to feel pressure to do something extraordinary with their lives. One said he feels the need to do something with the gifts that he’s been given. But another says having “genius sperm” is no guarantee for happiness and success.

See GENIUS SPERM BANKS on 6B
SPERM BANKS: The history of selling sperm

Although they are increasing in popularity in the United States, Europe and other parts of the world, sperm banks have been around for almost half a century.

In 1965, the first commercial sperm banks opened in Japan and Iowa, two decades after the pioneering work of Jerome K. Sherman at the University of Iowa in freezing and thawing sperm, known as cryopreservation.

There are many myths and facts about sperm donation. Some of them may be a surprise, while others are just common sense.

Myth: Sperm Donation Makes a Father

Fact: Before making a sperm donation, a man will be requested to refrain from ejecting semen for up to seven days prior to the appointment.

Myth: Sperm Count Is Constant

Fact: A man’s sperm count can fluctuate depending on several factors. Illness, medication, and especially the process alone can take up to three months.

Myth: Sperm Donation Is Easy

Fact: Although it may seem like an easy proposition, the truth is the screening process for sperm donation is rigorous and less than 5 percent of the men attempting to become a sperm donor are successful. The screening process includes testing for sexually transmitted diseases (STD’s), genetic abnormalities and disease. Sperm must meet specific quality standards regarding sperm count, and both physical and psychological factors are considered. A donor must be over 18, able to provide his family’s health history encompassing up to three generations, and be able to commit to the program for six months to a year. They must also be in good health.

Every sperm bank has different qualifications, but typically the screening process alone can take up to three months.

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Fact: Sperm donors are required to sign a contract regarding privacy and whether or not any pregnancy can contact them when conceived and become of age. It is important to read this contract carefully, and it is recommended that those interested in sperm donation consult with a legal specialist regarding their rights under state law. Although most sperm donations are anonymous, there are still ways to track a donor through registries and DNA databases. The law generally protects the sperm donor from identification, other than genetic information, if they have opted to remain an anonymous donor, and not liable for any child support.

Myth: Sperm Donations Are Anonymous

Fact: Although there are banks that pay hundreds of dollars for sperm donations, the majority of sperm banks will pay anywhere between $1 to $45 per specimen, while some will pay $200 per week through a six-month period for weekly donations. Sperm donation can be a way to earn supplemental income, but not a way to get rich.

Myth: Sperm Donation Pays Big Bucks

Fact: Without sperm donation, many couples and single women would have no recourse to starting a family. Whether done for altruistic reasons or for monetary gain, sperm donation is a very special gift to people struggling with reproductive issues.

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Fact: ginger-haired donors have become more desirable recently, but in 2011 one of the largest sperm banks stopped accepting red heads due to lack of demand.

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Remember the blizzard of ’78 like it was yesterday

By Vera Hogan
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My co-worker Sally Rummel will be working this week on an article about “The Great Blizzard of 1978,” and will be asking readers what they remember about that storm 40 years ago. You don’t want to miss her great story to be published in our Jan. 24 Mid-week edition. I will never forget where I was. At the time, I was working for a hospital supply company in the Chicago area, and was dating one of the company’s sales reps. John lived in Des Moines, Iowa. I happened to be vacationing there the week of the blizzard.

Early in the week, it was either Monday or Tuesday, we drove to the Minneapolis/St. Paul area to spend the remainder of the week with John’s friends, a newlywed couple. I had already changed my plane ticket (you could do that easily back then) to return to Chicago from Minnesota.

We had so much fun that I don’t even remember hearing about a blizzard. This young couple lived near the Minnesota/Wisconsin border. One day, we drove a short distance to a ski resort just over the border.

After nearly a full day of skiing, I was tired and wanted to stop for the day. John and my new friends wanted to remain on the slopes for another hour or two, so I did what anyone would do — went to the bar. It was kind of crowded in there, but I did spot an open chair at a table with three great-looking guys. I quickly went to the bar, ordered two pitchers of beer and asked the gentlemen if I could join them. I would like to say it was my charm and good looks that made them insist that I sit with them — but it was probably the beer. We made our introductions and had a nice visit.

When my friends walked into the bar later, we had dinner and drove back to the couple’s apartment. I remember the drive was slow, with snow coming down heavy and steady. No one was freaked out (like I would be today). We just drove slowly and eventually made it.

The next day it was time for me to go home. By this time we realized this storm was not letting up. We kept calling the airport and my flight to Chicago O’Hare was delayed a few times. I eventually got on a flight though and made it to O’Hare. I was about to hop in, this old lady appeared out of nowhere, kicked me in the shins, hopped in the backseat and away she went, Hag!

That’s what I remember about “The Great Blizzard of 1978.”


genus sperms banks

Continued from Page 4B

Despite all the criticism, Graham paved the way for couples to have more of a choice in determining their sperm donors — something that is commonplace today; as more and more men and women seek fertility treatment.

Sperm banks today

International Cryogenics, Inc., located in Royal Oak, is one of Michigan’s many reputable clinics. No one there wished to comment on the Repository for Germinal Choice, but they did confirm that there are no more “genius sperm banks” in operation today.

On the clinic’s website, internationalcryo.com, it is very apparent that a rigid donor screening process takes place.

The donor list (identified by numbers) shares the types of specimens available, profession of the donor along with hair and eye color, and texture of hair. Donors also provide height, weight, and ethnicity. There are nearly 100 donors on the list.

According to its website, International Cryogenics’ frozen sperm program was organized 40 years ago, and provides one of the highest quality services available to physicians and patients working in the field of infertility.

“We get most of our donors from the local medical schools, dental schools and medical residency programs or by referral from current donors or people associated with our facility. Many sperm banks strive to be the largest bank, with a long list of donors to select from. We feel it is more important to be selective in choosing our donors and provide high quality specimens that are thoroughly tested,” according to internationalcryo.com.

Sources: scientistdonor.com; salatory.org; internationalcryo.com
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PUBLIC NOTICE
TYRONE TOWNSHIP
REVISED BEAUTIFICATION ORDINANCE NO. 30

Notice is hereby given that the Tyrone Township Board, upon regular meeting held on January 16, 2018, adopted an amendment to the Beautification Ordinance No. 30. The following section is hereby revised:

SECTION 4.0 BLIGHT, BLIGHTING FACTORS, NUISANCES AND CAUSES THEREOF

Section 4.0 Blight.

4.0.1 Blighting Factors.

4.0.1.1 Nuisances and Causes Thereof.

The following section was amended to further define blight and to exclude structures for which a building permit has been issued and is unexpired and active construction is occurring. The amendments to the Tyrone Township Beautification Ordinance No. 30 shall take effect on February 20, 2018. The entire Ordinance is available to the public for review during regular business hours at the Tyrone Township Hall, 10408 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan 48430 and can also be accessed from the township’s website at www.tyronetownship.us.

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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Wednesday Sudoku, Crossword Puzzle and Jumbles are located in last Wednesday’s issue.
All other puzzles are located throughout this edition of the Tri-County Times.

Puzzle Answers

Wednesday Sudoku Answers

Wednesday Jumble Answers
- Jumbles: PRIOR, GUEST, EXOTIC, MATTER
- Answer: The puppy that shredded the morning newspaper was a — “TEAR-IER”

Sunday Sudoku Answers

Sunday Scrambler Answers

Sunday Word Search Answers

Sunday Crossword Answers

WEDNESDAY JUMBLE ANSWERS

1. PRIOR
2. GUEST
3. EXOTIC
4. MATTER
5. TEAR-IER

WEDNESDAY CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Solution Time: 21 min.

WEDNESDAY SUDOKU ANSWERS

WEDNESDAY SUDOKU Answers

SUNDAY SCRAMBLER ANSWERS

SUNDAY WORD SEARCH ANSWERS

SUNDAY CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Sunday Scrambler

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words.
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Beverly Jean Rich 1955-2018

Beverly Jean Rich - age 62, of Holly, passed away Wednesday, January 17, 2018. Services will be held 3 PM Sunday, January 21, 2018 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Visitation will be 12 PM until the time of service. Beverly was born January 19, 1955 in Detroit, the daughter of Thomas and Alfreda (Konopka) Allan. She worked as a Social Worker and Instructor. She always wanted to help people. The pain of the loss of Beverly Jean Rich isn’t that of a life cut short, though those of us she left behind desperately crave more time together. Rather, it’s the absence of a woman who, despite her small stature, was a constant, towering presence in our lives. While we try to come to terms with our grief, we can take comfort in the memories we hold of her, and some earnest words in celebration of her life, and some earnest words in celebration of her life. She was a tireless worker and lifelong learner who knew the true meaning of grit. She was an endlessly compassionate woman who gracefully endured the hardships she faced, always searching for the good in everyone. Though of humble means, she was wealthy by many other measurements - her friends and family, pursuits and passions, the veritable trove of knickknacks she acquired over the years, and especially in experience. Her life was complicated, messy and beautiful, and her legacy goes on through her sprawling family tree and the countless lives she touched. Would that we could all be so lucky. Surviving are: two children, Kelly (Michael) McKoyal, Daniel (Abby) Szafranski, Michelle Eads, Johanny (Krista) Szafranski, Deanna Laga, Samantha (Sobes) Sobieski, Sandra (Scott) Lake, Nicholas Rich, Cory Hay, Hayley Rich, Jocelynn Rich, and Kiara Rich, 18 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; siblings, Scott Allan and Chris Allan and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Deborah Allan and niece, Jaqueline Williams. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

David Lazar 1939-2018

David Lazar - age 78, of Flint, died Saturday, January 6, 2018 at Genesys Regional Medical Center. He was buried at the Assyrian Cemetery in Flint on Wednesday, January 10, 2016. David was born in Flint on March 20, 1939, the son of the late Nimrod and Nancy (Tamraz) Lazar. He married Norma Salim on October 1, 2005 in Flint. He served his country in the U.S. Army, after which he received his Bachelors and Masters Degrees from Eastern Michigan University. David was a member of Assyrian Church of the East, where he served as Deacon for many years. Mr. Lazar retired from Fenton schools, after teaching and coaching there for over 20 years and having won three state championships for girls softball. He was past president of the Assyrian American Club. Surviving are: three sons, Dean Dubois, Donald and wife, Angela Dubois, and Douglas and wife, Cathy Dubois all of Linden; seven grandchildren, Matthew and wife, Stacy Dubois, Amanda and husband, Lance Allen, Brenda and husband, MacKenzie Dubois, Andrew Dubois and fiancé, Heather Maybry, Megan Dubois, Mitchell Dubois, and Delaney Dubois; great-grandchildren, Connor Allen and Jackson Dubois; brother, Billy and wife, Irene of Linden, several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Norma; sister, JoAnn; grandfather, Reverend Baba Tamraz; and grandmother, Anna Tamraz. Contributions may be made to the Assyrian Church of the East, the Assyrian Cemetery or charity of one’s choice.

Richard Edwin Dubois 1936-2018

Richard Edwin Dubois - age 81 of Linden, died Friday, January 12, 2018. Funeral services were held 7 PM Monday, January 15, 2018 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Visitation was held 4 PM Monday until time of service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to Rheumatoid Arthritis/Arthritis Foundation. Richard was born on November 24, 1936 in Flint. He married Clara Lou Black on October 14, 1960 in Flint and she preceded him in death on November 13, 2016. He was a Veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He was a member of Bristol Road Church of Christ. Richard had resided in Linden since 1972, coming from Grand Blanc. Surviving are: three sons, Dean Dubois, Donald and wife, Angela Dubois, and Douglas and wife, Cathy Dubois all of Linden; seven grandchildren, Matthew and wife, Stacy Dubois, Amanda and husband, Lance Allen, Bruce and wife, MacKenzie Dubois, Andrew Dubois and fiancé, Heather Maybry, Megan Dubois, Mitchell Dubois, and Delaney Dubois; great-grandchildren, Connor Allen and Jackson Dubois; brother, Billy and wife, Irene of Linden, several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bruce and Edith Smoker. Online tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Theodore G. “Ted” Ostachuk, Jr. 1930-2018

Theodore G. “Ted” Ostachuk, Jr. - age 85 of Fenton, died Friday, January 12, 2018. Funeral services were held 12 PM Monday, January 15, 2018 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Reverend Jim Wiegand officiating. Burial was held at the funeral home Monday, January 15, 2018 from 4-8 PM and Tuesday from 11 AM until the time of the service. Ted was born May 29, 1932 in Tonkies, NY, the son of Theodore and Mary (Garan) Ostachuk. He received a Bachelor’s Degree in Science/Civil Engineering from GMU (Kettering). He served in the U.S. Air Force Reserves. He married Jewel Elaine McKee May 11, 1961 in Flint and she preceded him in death September 2, 1997. He retired from AC Spark Plug after 40 years of service as Plant Manager of Plant #2. Ted was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Hartland. He also was a member of the Fenton Moose Lodge and the Lake Shanon Sportsmen’s Club. He enjoyed boating, traveling, cooking, gardening, snowmobiling, going to casino’s, and d1992-d2012. Surviving are: son, Ted Ostachuk; daughter, Tamra and husband, Gary McNutt; grandchildren, Kayla McNutt, Mason McNutt, Brandon McNutt and Avana Ostachuk all of Fenton; sister, Olga and husband, Robert Mahlschade of Centerville, OH and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bruce and Edith Smoker. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Robin Lee (Bryant) Allen 1946-2018

Robin Lee (Bryant) Allen - age 71, of Linden, formerly of Detroit, passed away on December 30, 2017 while aboard a family cruise vacation. Robin was born on December 28, 1946 in Alexandria, VA, the second of four daughters, Vicki (Dane) and Patrick (a) Bryant, Robin and her sisters were raised by their mother in Royal Oak, MI. She graduated from Dondoro High School in 1966. She attended Oakland Community College and volunteered at Detroit Children’s Hospital. She married Rodney Allen on April 20, 1974. Together they had two children and resided in Detroit for 35 years before moving to Rochester. Robin graduated from the Detroit Medical Center but her passion was helping people. When her children were younger she served as a Sunday School teacher, Girl Scout leader and was very active in the Boy Scouts out of Flint, MI. In recent years she could be found volunteering at her grandchildren’s school events and was known as the Box-Top Grammy at Linden Elementary. She enjoyed cruising and traveling around the US in their motorhome. She was preceded in death by her husband, Rodney Allen; two children, Cal and Steven; two grandchildren, Karah and Spencer Bucknam; Amelia and Theodore Farley, and Marshall Allen, three sisters, Mari (Bill) McKinney of Royal Oak, MI, Linda (Don) Stefanski of Lansing and Nancy Bryant of Oxford; four nieces; extended family and many friends. Memorial service will be held at 11 AM at The Rock Church 11400 S. Linden Rd., Fenton, MI 48430, Pastor Jim Combs officiating. Those who so desire may make memorial donations to the Robin Memorial Fund to the American Lung Association. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.
Howard David Harper
1929-2018

Howard David Harper, age 88, was born on December 30, 1929 in Detroit. The family moved to a 40-acre farm near Fenton to better survive the Great Depression and stock market crash. He attended Fenton High School on June 14, 1947. That fall he entered Michigan State University for two years. He quit college to join the U.S. Navy and the Machinist apprenticeship with General Motors, Fisher Body Division included night school at the General Motors Institute of Technology. In 1949, he entered the United States Air Force for four years intending to resume his apprenticeship. He was selected to enter the Aviation Cadet program when he learned to fly and won his wings and became commissioned officer. After 22½ years of service, he retired from the Air Force on July 31, 1973, in the rank of LT Col., a command pilot with about 6,500 accident-free flying hours. Over 5,000 free flying hours. Over 5,000

Ella Tyler
1929-2018


Mildred Bell
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Patsy Bennett
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