Head for the hills of South Dakota

Around the World

This is the 17th story in a series about popular travel destinations and other countries.

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There is much to see and do in the land of...

“Oh give me a home, where the buffalo roam…” Well, maybe not a home, but it sure would be great to visit South Dakota. The Black Hills feature the highest mountains east of the Rockies. Black Hills National Forest (pictured below) straddles the U.S. states of South Dakota and Wyoming. In the north, Roughlock Falls tumbles into the narrow, wildlife-rich gorge of Spearfish Canyon. South, the Peter Norbeck Scenic Byway is known for roaming elk and views of the gigantic Mount Rushmore sculpture. Nearby are the spiky Cathedral Spires rocks and Black Elk Peak, overlooking the granite cliffs of the Black Elk Wilderness.

What people probably think of first when it comes to South Dakota is Mount Rushmore (pictured above), where a massive sculpture in the mountain depicts the faces of U.S. presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, See SOUTH DAKOTA on 2B
While you’re in South Dakota, eat some...

According to foodnetwork.com, South Dakota’s culinary scene is a collection of dishes heavily influenced by Native Americans, Scandinavians, farmers and ranchers, hunters and gatherers, meat eaters and vegetarians, and church basement ladies. Communities have their own food stories, but in a state where traditions and recipes vary, dishes like Indian fry bread, chislic, tiger meat, walleye, buffalo burgers, lefse and mocha cakes gather people around the table to eat and drink as neighbors.

Indian fry bread
Also known as “Navajo Tacos,” Frybread only requires four ingredients: flour, water, baking soda and salt. After it’s fried, natives pile on the meat, beans, and other toppings.

Buffalo Burgers
American buffalo (bison) burger made with ground buffalo meat and seasoned with sage, topped with smoky barbecue sauce.

Chislic
Chislic is a traditional dish of cubed red meat most commonly localized to the state of South Dakota. Can be made with venison, lamb or game.

Lefse
Lefse, thin potato-dough flatbreads like Scandinavian tortillas, or Oslo injera, can be found on holiday tables throughout the upper Midwest, wherever Norwegian families settled to farm.

SOUTH DAKOTA
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Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln. Started in 1927, the sculpture in the Black Hills region was completed in 1941. Today, the site also features a museum with interactive exhibits.

Another beautiful site in South Dakota is Badlands National Park. Its dramatic landscapes span layered rock formations, steep canyons and towering spires. Bison, bighorn sheep and prairie dogs inhabit its sprawling grasslands. The Badlands Loop Road (Highway 240) winds past scenic lookouts. Several trails begin near the Ben Reifel Visitor Center. The Fossil Exhibit Trail is a boardwalk with displays on fossils uncovered in the park.

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The Corn Palace, commonly adverised as The World’s Only Corn Palace and the Mitchell Corn Palace, is a multi-purpose arena/facility located in Mitchell, South Dakota. The Corn Palace serves the community as a venue for concerts, sports events, exhibits and other community events.

One of the world’s most well-known tourist attractions, it’s hard to believe Wall Drug Store got its start with something many wouldn’t even turn their heads at today ... the promise of free ice water. But in fact, the Husteads turned free ice water into a million-dollar idea with a little determination, quick thinking and a lot of signs.

Wall Drug drew weary travelers into the small-town drug store to enjoy a refreshing break. Today, more than 2 million visitors a year stop at the popular roadside attraction for a meal or activity, 5-cent coffee, and ice water — which is still free.

Located in Wall, South Dakota, Wall Drug has always been a popular stop on the road to the more populated areas like Mount Rushmore or Rapid City.

Deadwood is a city in South Dakota known for its gold rush history. Mount Moriah Cemetery has the graves of Wild West figures like Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane. Exhibits at the Adams Museum include a huge gold nugget and a plesiosaur fossil. The 1892 Historic Adams House is a Victorian mansion with original features. South of town, the George S. Mickelson Trail leads through the Black Hills National Forest.

For more information on lodging, visitor attractions and more, visit southdakota.com.
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AC/DC
They ride on stage on a train, there’s a hyperactive, ancient schoolboy in the band and they play ‘Back in Black’ as a matter of course. If you don’t enjoy an AC/DC show, you don’t like live music.

Bruce Springsteen
Delivering the performances of his life even though he’s now in his 60s, The Boss lives up to his nickname onstage, where his epic sets include plenty of old favorites.

Radiohead
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Nirvana
Nirvana were unbeatable when they were plugged in — their 1992 Reading Festival performance was probably their defining moment — and their MTV Unplugged album confirmed they were just as good without the amps.

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Billboard rates these artists among the most exciting:

The Rolling Stones
They’re the band whose guitarist was electrocuted live onstage, whose free show at Altamont turned into the riot that killed the ‘60s, and whose recent shows prove that age is nothing but a number.

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David Bowie
Though he didn’t tour for 12 years before his death, Bowie could be counted on to bring a touch of theatre to his live performances, from the wild costumes of the Ziggy Stardust to the elaborate stadium trickery of 1987’s Glass Spider tour. Whether it’s Thin White Duke-era or Ziggy, Renaissance man Bowie always put on a heck of a show.

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Billboard is the world’s most influential music media brand reaching key executives and tastemakers in and around the music business. The Billboard brand is built on its exclusive charts and unrivaled reporting on the latest news, issues and trends across all genres of music. The following are a few of the live concert performances that Billboard has rated among the greatest and most exciting.

Source: billboard.com

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**GROVELAND TOWNSHIP**

Starting May 21, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. Wednesday, Groveland Township, 4965 Grange Hall Road, Holly, will offer West Nile Protection items for township residents. A variety of wipes, pump sprays, aerosols and lotions are available. Residents will be allowed two different items per household. In addition, pond tablets for standing water are available to residents (one blister package per household.)

Details: 248-634-4152

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**INVITATION TO BID**

**LAKE FENTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received, opened and read aloud, by Lake Fenton Community Schools at the District Administration Building located at 11425 Torrey Rd., Fenton, MI 48430 by mail or hand delivered by no later than 3:00 PM local time on Thursday, May 31, 2018 for the following work:

**Lake Fenton Middle School – Entrance Drive Modifications**

Contract documents will be available electronically for examination and distribution on or after Wednesday, May 16, 2018 by emailing: arden.becker@bartonmalow.com.

A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 2:45 PM at Lake Fenton Middle School, located at 11425 Torrey Rd., Fenton, MI 48430

The School Board will not accept any bid submitted after the indicated due time and date. Bidders will be required to submit with their Bid Proposals a Bid Security by a qualified surety authorized to do business in the state where the Project is located. All Bid Proposals shall be accompanied by the following two forms: Familiar Disclosure Form (in accordance with MCL 380.1267) and an Iran Economic Sanctions Act Form (in compliance with Michigan Public Act No. 517 of 2012). Bid Proposals that do not include these two sworn and notarized forms shall not be accepted.

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**SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - GENESEE COUNTY**

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C., is attempting to collect a debt, any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

**MORTGAGE SALE – Albert Jackson, a single man, granted a mortgage to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (“MERS”), solely as nominee for lender and lender’s successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 17, 2010, and recorded on December 17, 2010, in Document No. 201012170083492, and assigned by said mortgagee to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, as assigned, Genesee County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Dollars ($27,680.00).**

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Main Lobby of the Courthouse in Flint in Genesee County, Michigan at 11:00 AM o’clock, on May 30, 2018.

Said premises are located in Genesee County, Michigan and are described as:

Lot 13, Supervisor’s Plat of Plainview Acres, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 21 of Plats, Page 16, Genesee County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month, or under MCL 600.3241a 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later, or extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238.

If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month, or under MCL 600.3241a 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later, or extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238.

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**CITY OF LINDEN – PUBLIC HEARING**

**ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT**

The Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Monday, June 4, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., as part of the regular meeting agenda, in the Council Chambers located at 201 N. Main Street, Linden, Michigan, to consider an amendment to Section 2.2 (Definitions) and Section 3.10 (Accessory Buildings and Structures). The proposed amendment would: revise the definition of accessory buildings and structures to include temporary accessory structures, such as canvas, vinyl or similar carpentry, storage tents and shelters; and, require that temporary accessory structures be subject to the same requirements applicable to permanent accessory structures. The text of the proposed amendment is available for review at the city offices during normal business hours.

Persons wishing to comment on the matter are encouraged to attend the public hearing or address written comments to the City Clerk in City Hall at PO. Box 507, 132 E. Broad Street, Linden, Michigan 48451 prior to the date of the public hearing.

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**ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS**

**May 9, 2018**

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: Miller, Gambka, Blaska, Noble, Scheib-Snider.

Approved: Agenda.

Approved: Consent Agenda.

Approved: North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) FY 2019 budget in the amount of $352,000.00.


Approved: Regional Transit Authority Tax Opt-Out Resolution.

Approved: Elimination of the Constable Office position.

Approved: Appointed Ordinance Enforcement Officer Duties to David Plewes with salary increase.

Approved: Invasive Species Postcard mailer.

Denied: Supervisor request to work with Webmatters.

Approved: $500,000 donation to City of Escanaba to help defray legal costs incurred in Menard Inc. v City of Escanaba “Dark Store” Litigation.

Adjourned: By motion at 8:28 p.m.

Debbie Miller, MMC, CMMC

Rose Township Clerk

Dianne Scheib-Snider

Rose Township Supervisor

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**Puzzle Answers**

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.
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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.

You are now ready to solve today’s Jumble for Kids. Study the picture for a hint. Then play around with the letters in the circles. You’ll find you can put them in order so that they make funny words.

Print answer here: ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

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Looks like you gave me the words.

THE DUCK WANTED A NOSE JOB AND DIDN’T WANT A ------.

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W. Jean Calkins 1941-2018 W. Jean Calkins - age 76, formerly of Linden and Flushing passed away January 13, 2018. A memorial service will be held at 3 PM Friday, May 25, 2018 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. The family will receive friends from 1 PM until the time of service. Jean was born on October 10, 1941 in Bragg City, MO the daughter of Carl and Wanda Estes. Jean is survived by her sons; Rob (Shirle) McCartney, Kevin McCartney; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sisters, Ann Furey and Sherie Stanley. She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Bradley McCartney; brothers Carl and Gary Estes; husband, Fred Calkins. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Dr. Edward Steve Butcher II 1955-2018 Dr. Edward Steve Butcher II - age 62, of Fenton, died Thursday, May 17, 2018. Services will be held 4 PM Sunday, May 20, 2018 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel. 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Sunday from 2 PM until the time of the service. Edward was born December 15, 1955 in Livonia, the son of Edward Steve and Marilyn Estelle (Fennell) Butcher. He was a graduate of the University of Michigan Dental School and worked for Family Dental Group in Flint. He had resided in Fenton since 1985 coming from Farmington. Surviving are: four sons, Brandon Butcher of Kalamazoo, Adam Butcher of Marquette, Jason (Brian) Butcher of Linden, and Austin Butcher of Fenton; granddaughter, Estelle Rose Butcher, mother, Marilyn Butcher of South Lyon; sisters, Sheryl (Rick) Estes of Cape Coral, FL and Kim (Greg) Gordon of South Lyon; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Edward Steve Butcher. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Pamela (Snyder) Hennig 1956-2018 Pamela (Snyder) Hennig - age 62, of Fenton, passed away peacefully on May 16, 2018, at the Arbor Hospice in Saline, MI. Born in Plainfield, NJ. Pam was the daughter of William Snyder of Parkesia, VA and the late Elizabeth Snyder. Pam was raised in Spring Lake Heights on the Jersey Shore, graduated from Manasquan High School, and attended Brookdale Community College. While her husband Rick pursued his medical career, Pam established homes and many friendships in New Brunswick, NJ, Philadelphia and Allentown, PA, and Frederick, MD before settling in Fenton in 1994. Pam’s life was shaped and fulfilled by her tremendous faith. Pam gave her life to Christ in 1974, converting to Catholicism in 2004. She was an active member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton. Her Bible Studies, caring friendships and her generosity of her time and talent to St. John’s Outreach have enriched many lives. Pam’s favorite and perhaps most memorable role, however was that of “Mrs. Blue Shoes,” Fenton’s beloved storyteller at the Free Library where she entertained and entranced so many children. Pam loved and was so kind to everyone. Pam’s presence will be greatly missed. Private burial was held at St. John Cemetery. Visitation will be held 4 PM Sunday, May 20, 2018 at the Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel. 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Arrangements are being handled by Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. Mr. Lemonds was born in Kennett, MO on December 30, 1926 to Louise and Goldie (Mehreny) Lemonds. He was a veteran of the United States Army. He was employed by Hamady Brothers for 42 years. He married Manuelle Stanley on August 2, 1947. They had one child, Cathy Lemonds Vargo, now deceased. Surviving are wife, Manuelle Lemonds; one brother, Ronald Lemonds of Omaha, NE; sister-in-law, Cynthia Daniels; son-in-law, Curtis Vargo of Palos Heights, IL; special niece, Anita Magee and nephew, Richard Zuber; many nieces and nephews. Special thanks to Reverence Hospice for the wonderful care given to Mr. Lemonds. Online tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Burl E. Lemonds 1926-2018 Burl E. Lemonds - age 91, of Linden, passed away May 11, 2018 at Caretel Inn of Linden. At Mr. Lemonds request, there will be no public service. Private burial was held at Sunset Hills Cemetery, Flint. Arrangements are being handled by Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. Mr. Lemonds was born in Kennett, MO on December 30, 1926 to Louise and Goldie (Mehreny) Lemonds. He was a veteran of the United States Army. He was employed by Hamady Brothers for 42 years. He married Manuelle Stanley on August 2, 1947. They had one child, Cathy Lemonds Vargo, now deceased. Surviving are wife, Manuelle Lemonds; one brother, Ronald Lemonds of Omaha, NE; sister-in-law, Cynthia Daniels; son-in-law, Curtis Vargo of Palos Heights, IL; special niece, Anita Magee and nephew, Richard Zuber; many nieces and nephews. Special thanks to Reverence Hospice for the wonderful care given to Mr. Lemonds. Online tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Birds for first-time bird owners

Birds are friendly, loyal and intelligent pets that can learn to replicate human speech and interact with their owners in very unique ways. Such attributes have helped make birds increasingly popular pets.

Interest in pet birds has risen, as statistics from the American Pet Products Association National Pet Owners Survey 2017-2018 show that 7.9 million American households have pet birds, and roughly 20 million birds reside in homes across the country.

Although there are many different bird species that can make wonderful pets, certain birds may make better companion animals, particularly for first-time bird owners, because of their amenable personalities. Before getting a feathered friend, prospective owners are urged to learn about bird care, including researching the type of caging, exercise, food, and attention required to care for birds. This education can help bird lovers find companions who will get the care they deserve.

When considering birds, here are some of the more popular species, courtesy of PetMD and PetSmart.

PARAKEETS
The average parakeet has a life span of seven to 10 years, and their docile personalities make parakeets great companion birds. Also known as Budgies, parakeets are good for people new to bird-keeping. Parakeets are quite intelligent and can learn a few basic commands. Some may be able to pick up some human words.

Parakeets thrive on interaction with their owners and should be handled around a half-hour or more per day. Early socialization with employees at local pet stores or avian specialty shops to get detailed guidelines on caring for these increasingly popular pets.

Cockatiels
These personality-heavy birds can also be great pets for first-timers. Well socialized cockatiels recognize and respond to their owners. Cockatiels are a bit larger than parakeets and require medium-sized cages. They can benefit from socializing time outside of their cages and require mental stimulation to stay healthy.

FINCHES
For people who like to watch birds more so than handle them, finches might be the ideal fit. These little birds thrive in small flocks and are content to pay more attention to their cage mates than humans. They’ll fly from perch to post, and their delicate tweets can fill a room with vitality.

Conures
Conures are social and outgoing and love to hang out with people. They tend to be loud birds, so owners should keep this in mind. Conures can live 20 to 30 years, so they require a lengthy commitment. Mental stimulation is important to a conure so it doesn’t get bored and begin to pluck feathers. Toys, foraging puzzles and time outside of the cage can help keep conures healthy and happy.

Cockatoos
These large birds, especially the popular ones, are quite intelligent and can be even bred to perform acrobatic songs. Some are even bred to perform specific songs. When properly provided for, cockatoos can live from five to 10 years.

Those interested in pet birds may be able to pick up some human words, speak with employees at local pet stores or avian specialty shops to get detailed guidelines on caring for these increasingly popular pets.

Canaries
Canaries are another type of bird that can be watched instead of cuddled. They’re popular thanks to their prolific, operatic songs. Some are even bred to perform specific songs. When properly provided for, canaries can live from five to 10 years.

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