STRAWBERRY SEASON... short and sweet

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Sweet red Michigan strawberries are a sure sign that, indeed, summer has arrived.

The strawberry season is in the air at Spicer Orchards & Farm Market in Hartland Township, with strawberry fields ripe for the picking as of Monday, June 11. Fresh strawberries are also available by the quart inside the farm market.

This year’s strawberry season will last about four weeks, according to Will Cartwright, crop manager. “We plant different varieties to grow throughout the season,” he said.

Always phone ahead or check the farm market’s website to make sure of picking and pre-picked availability. At Spicer’s, U-pick prices are $2.25 per pound, “slightly higher in the market for pre-picked berries to make up for our picking costs,” Cartwright said.

This season’s crop is a few days behind normal because of April’s chilly temperatures, said Bob Tritten, district fruit educator for Michigan State University Extension. But the record warm weather in May, including more than a week of really hot weather, got the strawberry crop closer to where it should be.

The U.S. is the world’s largest producer of strawberries, with fields located primarily in southern and coastal areas of California, then Florida. The remaining crops come from Oregon, North Carolina, Washington, New York, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Ohio.

But the difference in flavor and texture from locally grown strawberries compared to others will leave you craving a ripe, red Michigan strawberry in season.

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Strawberry picking season at Spicer Orchards started this week. The 2018 season was delayed by a week due to the cooler, wetter spring season.

BEST STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE

Recipe courtesy of Taste of Home

INGREDIENTS
1 cup all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon sugar
1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup plus 2 teaspoons cold butter, divided
1 egg
1/3 cup half-and-half cream
1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
1 tablespoon confectioners’ sugar
1/8 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 cups fresh strawberries, sliced

PREPARATION
In a small bowl, combine the flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Cut in 1/4 cup butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. In a small bowl, combine egg and half-and-half; stir into crumb mixture just until moistened.

Spread batter into a 6-in. round baking pan coated with cooking spray, slightly building up the edges. Bake at 450 degrees for 13-15 minutes or until golden. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pan to a wire rack.

In a small bowl, beat whipping cream, confectioners’ sugar and vanilla until soft peaks form. Cut cake horizontally into two. Soften remaining butter. Place bottom layer on a serving plate; spread with butter. Top with half of strawberries and cream mixture. Repeat layers of cake, strawberries and cream.

Yield: 4 servings.
He’d probably go to jail

Today is Father’s Day and, as always, I miss my own father, Willi Pforr, very much. He died in 2010. I also miss my father-in-law, Larry Hog- gan, who died in 1993. I am somewhat bitter about their deaths because my kids were totally cheated by not having these two fun-loving grandfathers to look up to and hang out with today. About my father, Monika, who was about 5 at the time, would help him wearing only her shorts, no shirt. Can you even imagine if this happened today, people driving by, seeing a half-bald girl helping a half-naked man throwing soap and water all around.

When we got a little older, my mom and dad would go out for the evening. When they got home, we would already be in bed, but not sleeping. Only Mom would come in the house. “Where is Dad?” Then we would hear it, the faint scratching on the window outside of our bedroom. We knew it was him. He was terrified and screaming just the same.

That’s because our older sister, Renate, let us watch “Thriller” (with Boris Karloff) and the “Alfred Hitchcock Hour.”

Other times Dad would open the bedroom door and just stand in the doorway. He was pretty tall so with the light from the background, he looked like a giant shadow in the doorway. He said nothing for the longest time, just stood there. Then he would jump on the bed and start the merciless tickling. We squealed with joy — we loved it.

If any of that stuff happened today — yeah, he’d probably go to jail. Love you, Dad. Happy Father’s Day wherever you are.

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CELEBRITY BAD DADS

**JOHN ADAMS**

The founding father was not such a great father himself. He wrote very critical letters to his sons. Two of them were alcoholics and one died of it. His third son, John Quincy Adams, became president, but bore a huge chip on his shoulder, placed there by his father. While it is popular to laud Adams as a hero, it’s also important to realize that good revolutionaries are often bad fathers. Even his contemporaries—Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison—all thought John Adams was more than a little crazy.

**JOHN PHILLIPS**

“The Mamas and the Papas” founder and musician, John Phillips, reportedly taught his daughter Mackenzie Phillips how to roll joints at 10 years old, then introduced her to cocaine at 17. Mackenzie revealed an explosive family secret in her memoir “High on Arrival.” She said he had a consensual 10-year sexual relationship with her father after he raped her while she was unconscious from a drug binge. The incestuous relationship ended when Mackenzie learned she was pregnant and suspected John may be the father. Mackenzie got an abortion on Phillips’ dime, she said.

**WOOODY ALLEN**

In February 2014, Woody Allen’s adopted daughter, Dylan Farrow, published a New York Times piece alleging the famous director molested her when she was seven years old. Few people are on Woody’s side in this debate.

**JOE JACKSON**

“Poppa Joe” Jackson assembled one of the greatest music groups of all time and molded his youngest son Michael into the greatest entertainer of all-time. Allegedly abusive and cruel, he’s easily the most polarizing celebrity father in music history. After Michael’s tragic death, he requested that his son’s estate cover living expenses of $26,000 per month despite being left off the will.

**MARVIN GAY, SR**

The father of the celebrated singer, Marvin Gay, Sr. was a difficult man. He was a Pentecostal minister, who saw his own father beat his mother. As a result, Gay Sr. was a tough man. His son wrote, “living with Father was like living with a king, an all-cruel, changeable, cruel and all-powerful king.” Like his father before him, he was abusive and an alcoholic. He rebuffed his son’s success, noting that he had sold his soul to make pop music. He eventually murdered his son during an argument.

**MERRILL LOHAN**

Lindsay Lohan’s “scumbag” pops refused to pay child support, pimped his own daughter in the industry and blamed everyone else (including his wife) for destroying their daughter. If anyone is responsible for Lindsay Lohan’s spiral into dysfunction, it’s him.

**BING CROSBY**

Good singer. Bad dad. Bing Crosby’s son Gary wrote a memoir of his life with his father that depicted him as abusive and cruel. Gary’s brother Phillip disputed this characterization, but Crosby’s two other children Dennis and Lindsay confirmed Crosby’s abuse. The Bing Crosby website asserts that Gary was influenced to exaggerate Crosby’s abuse and later recanted some of his memoir. Whatever the truth, the underlying fact is that Crosby may have massive career success, but it won him no father-of-the-year awards.

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Arlo D. Simmerman

Arlo Simmerman is a full-IB Diploma candidate. While in high school, he has completed IB coursework including English, history, biology, French, math and theatre. He has also taken AP government, videoproduction and four years of marching band. Simmerman will continue his studies at The University of Denver in Denver, Colorado in the fall. He plans to pursue an undergraduate degree in biology and eventually a degree in medicine. Simmerman’s parents are Brian and Denise Simmerman.

Salutatorian
Luke M. Dillingham

Luke Dillingham is a full-IB Diploma candidate. His coursework in high school includes IB courses in English, history, biology, math, economics and Spanish. He has also successfully completed AP government, chemistry and four years of marching band. Dillingham will continue his studies at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, where he has been accepted into the School of Literature, Science and the Arts (LSA). Eventually, Dillingham plans to study law. His parents are Tim & Karen Dillingham.

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Where are they now?

Fenton High School Class of 1998 valedictorian and salutatorian check in

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The year was 1998 and while most of us were watching “Friends,” “Seinfeld” and “That ‘70s Show” on TV, two Fenton teens were busy doing their homework.

They are the Fenton High School Class of 1998 Valedictorian, Ginger (Peters) Bosn, and Salutatorian, Tracie (O’Brien) Perry.

While Bosn stuck around the local area, living with her family in Brighton, Perry ventured toward the Pacific Ocean and lives with her family in Hawaii.

Ginger (Peters) Bosn

After graduation as the valedictorian of 1998, Bosn attended Kettering University where she obtained her degree in Mechanical Engineering with a Biomed Specialty.

“I worked for biomedical companies in the Ann Arbor area for 12 years after graduating,” Bosn said. “In 2013, after the birth of our fourth child, I exited the workforce to focus 100 percent of my time and energy at home.”

Bosn and her husband, Ryan, now have five children. They reside in Brighton. He is a graduate of Pius X High School in Lincoln, Nebraska. He is a graduate of Kettering University and the University of Michigan and works as an engineering technical expert at General Motors.

“My husband, Ryan, hails from the great state of Nebraska. Go Big Red,” she said. “We met at Kettering University and we were married in 2004. We are the proud parents to five children, ranging in age from 17 months to 11 years.”

“I enjoy coaching basketball, going to the gym, playing board and card games, and every so often having a good glass of wine or lunch with friends,” Bosn said of her free time.

“I adore watching life through my children’s eyes,” she said. “Their developing friendships, sporting events, dance, music, gymnastics, and whatever else that peaks their interest, provide an awesome glimpse at the people they are becoming.”

Bosn has some advice for the Class of 2018:

“After graduation it’s easy to get stuck in indecision,” she said. “Making decisions and moving forward is empowering, scary, and fun all at the same time.

“I’ll quote my favorite band ‘The Avett Brothers.’ ‘Decide what to be and go be it!’ Decide what is important to you. Decide what kind of person you want to be. Decide what you want for your future family life. Decide what careers suit your talents. Now go be it.”

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Dr. Kyle and Tracie (O’Brien) Perry are pictured above. Tracie was the salutatorian for Fenton High School’s Class of 1998. They are pictured here with their three children.

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Tracie (O’Brien) Perry

We caught up with Tracie (O’Brien) Perry, the 1998 Fenton High School salutatorian in Hawaii. After high school, she graduated from Michigan State University in 2002 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish. She completed her teaching certification program in 2003.

“I live in Kanohe, on the island of Oahu in Hawaii,” Perry said.

Because Oahu is about 200 miles from the Kiluana Volcano recently erupting on the big island of Hawaii, Perry said her family is safe.

“But the people of Hawaii Island need help now and in the future,” she said.

Prior to moving to Hawaii, Perry taught high school Spanish in Okemos and Walled Lake before having children and becoming a stay-at-home mom.

“Currently, I lead a women’s Bible study and volunteer at my kids’ schools,” she said. Her husband, Dr. Kyle Perry, works as an emergency medicine physician at Queen’s Medical Center in Honolulu.

“We have three children, 10, 8 and 3 years old,” she said.

For fun, Perry said she likes to stand up paddle board (SUP), kayak, snorkel and hike with her family.

“We also love traveling — Hawaii is a great jumping point for exploring Asia and the Pacific,” she said.

What advice does Perry have for today’s graduating high school seniors?

“Don’t be afraid to take chances and try new things,” she said. “Be willing to learn from your mistakes along the way.”

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CITY OF LINDEN ORDINANCE NO. 385

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, 2015 EDITION AND TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 338.

THE CITY OF LINDEN ORDAINS:


The City hereby adopts the International Property Maintenance Code, 2015 edition, as published by the International Code Council, Inc., copies of which are on file in the office of the City Clerk. The City hereby refers to, adopts, and makes a part hereof, as if fully set out in this ordinance, each and all the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of the International Property Maintenance Code, 2015 edition, except for the additions, insertions, deletions and changes prescribed in section 3.

Section 2. Definitions.

a. Code Official shall mean the City of Linden Building Official, or any designee of the City Building Official.

b. Jurisdiction or City shall mean the City of Linden.

c. Structure shall mean any building or structure for which a permit must be obtained for construction under any ordinance or code of the City.

Section 3. Modifications and Amendments to Code.

The following sections and subsections of the International Property Maintenance Code are deleted and replaced with the following:

Section 101.1. These regulations shall be known as the Property Maintenance Code of the City of Linden, referred to as the Code.

Section 101.2. The provisions of the Code shall apply to all existing and future structures in the City and shall constitute minimum requirements and standards for such premises, structures, equipment and facilities for light, ventilation, space, health, sanitation, protection from the elements, life safety, fire and other hazards, and for safe and sanitary maintenance, the responsibility of owners, operators and occupants, the occupancy of existing structures and premises, and for administration, enforcement and penalties.

Section 102.3. Repairs, additions or alterations to a structure, or changes of occupancy, shall be in accordance with the procedures and provisions of the Michigan Residential, Building, Plumbing, and Mechanical Code, the State Electrical Code, and the International Fire Code. Nothing in this Code shall be construed to cancel, modify or set aside any provision of the City Code of Ordinances or City Zoning Ordinance.

Section 103.5. The fees for activities and services performed by the department in carrying out its responsibilities under this Code and the fines charged for failure to comply with this Code shall be those adopted by resolution of the City Council, and the City Council may amend by resolution those fees and fines from time to time.

Section 104. Violations of this code shall be a municipal civil infraction subject to the provisions of Ordinance No. 383.

Section 112.4. $100.00 and $50.00 respectively.

Section 302.4. 8 inches.

Section 304.14. March 15 and November 15, respectively.

Section 602.3. January 1 and December 31, respectively.

Section 602.4. January 1 and December 31, respectively.

Section 4. Repeal.

The City Council hereby repeals Ordinance No. 338 in its entirety.

Section 5. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days following publication.

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Linden held on June 11, 2018, CUSSON moved for adoption of the foregoing ordinance and SIMONS supported the motion.

Voting for: 6
Voting against: 0

The Mayor declared the ordinance adopted.

Danielle N. Cusson, Mayor

Lynn M. Henry, Clerk

FENTON AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED 2018-2019 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Monday, June 25, 2018, at 5:50 p.m., at the Administration Building located at 3100 Owen Road, Fenton, Michigan, the Board of Education of Fenton Area Public Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the District’s proposed 2018-2019 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2018-2019 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2018-2019 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Administration Building, 3100 Owen Road, Fenton, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Dana L. Jones, Board Secretary
Fenton Area Public Schools
Board of Education
VILLAGE OF HOLLY COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given the Village Council for the Village of Holly adopted the following meeting schedule for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019 at the regularly scheduled meeting held on June 12, 2018.

The meetings will be held at the Village Council Chambers, 920 E. Baird St, Holly, Michigan at 7:00 pm unless otherwise posted.

July 10 and 24, 2017
August 14 and 28, 2017
September 11 and 25, 2017
October 9 and 23, 2017
November 13, 2017
December 11, 2017
January 8 and 22, 2018
February 12 and 26, 2018
March 12 and 26, 2018
April 9 and 23, 2018
May 7 and 21, 2018
June 11 and 25, 2018

Deborah J. Bigger
Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Holly
BUDGET HEARING OF ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

The Argentine Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2018/2019 at the Argentine Township Hall, 9048 Silver Lk Rd, Linden on June 25, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. during the Township Annual Meeting. The property tax millage rate of 0.6629 is proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the Township Hall.

Denise Graves, Clerk
Argentina Township

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BUDGET HEARING

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MIDWEEK AND WEEKEND CROSSWORD Puzzles and answers are located throughout this edition of the Tri-County Times. All other puzzles are located in Midweek’s issue.
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Kenneth Matthew St. Clair - age 91, of Mesa, AZ, passed away June 3, 2018. Full obituary can be seen at: www.mountainviewfuneralhome.com.

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Cats can have some strange eating habits, preferring dog kibble to their own canned food or munching on a blade of grass here and there. However, when culinary choices are especially strange, and particularly when cats have the urge to eat nonfood items, a condition called pica may be to blame. Pica can be quite common in cats. While certain cats may be predisposed to pica, others, particularly cats that may have been weaned too young, can suck or consume many items. These include wool, fleece, stuffed animals, or even hair. Asian breeds are known to do this more often than other breeds.

Other suspected causes of pica stem from mineral deficiencies, and cats may be eating abnormal items to provide for sustenance they’re lacking. However, pica also may be linked to feline leukemia and feline immunodeficiency virus, according to the Canidae pet food company. Other suspected causes of pica concern diabetes and brain tumors. Cats also may feed on items due to behavioral compulsive disorders. Boredom and lack of stimulation may drive cats to seek entertainment elsewhere, which may lead to compulsive grooming or eating weird things.

Pica tends to show up most frequently in young cats, but that does not rule out problems in older cats. Concerns about eating strange things should be addressed with a veterinarian, who may ask if there are any stressful or environmental changes that may have instigated this sort of behavior. Testing may be done as well to rule out underlying medical conditions.

Removing targeted items and giving cats something else to divert attention may help alleviate pica. Eating non-food items, and even some natural items, such as plants or potting material, can lead to intestinal distress. That is why it is key for owners to help their cats get the help they need as soon as symptoms are noticed.

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