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Not your grandparents’ 

Fall nuptials and alternative venues make weddings in 2018 unique and economical

By Tim Jagielo

Flint — From atop the terrace of the Flint Farmer’s Market, the sun shone brilliantly and colorful flags flapped gently in the wind.

Beyond the terrace, two stories up, the city is seen in its best light as Ryan Tackabury and Elizabeth Kish are married before 200 friends and family members on Saturday, Sept. 22.

The weather could only be described as ideal, with the best of both summer and fall rolled into one evening.

The traditional summer wedding at a church and reception hall is still popular, but a growing trend is holding weddings at unique venues, outside the traditional peak times of the year.

“It is a great location with a great atmosphere, and the natural charm of the venue made decorating a breeze,” said Kish about the venue. “It really helped to make the wedding a fun and whimsical night, just like we wanted.”

Elizabeth Kish

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Ryan Tackabury and bride Elizabeth Kish pose for a photo beside the popular “Flint” sign in downtown Flint during their wedding photos Sept. 22. Holding their wedding in late September offered the couple ideal weather. Photo: Tim Jagielo

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Compiled By Vera Hogan

Americans use idioms in their everyday language and may not even realize it. A good number of them involve our limbs, especially legs. Here are a few of them and their “unofficial” origins.

Cost an arm and a leg

If something costs an arm and a leg, it is extremely expensive. The exact origin of this idiom is unknown; however, most people believe that it started being used around the time of the First or Second World War. There were many soldiers who lost an arm and a leg during the war – this was a very high “cost” to pay for their country.

Breaking a leg

Break a leg is said to actors for good luck before they go on stage, especially on an opening night. Theatrical types are well known for their belief in superstitions, or at least for their willingness to make a show of pretending to believe in them. The term “break a leg” appears to come from the belief that one ought not to utter the words “good luck” to an actor. By wishing someone bad luck, it is supposed that the opposite will occur.

To pull one’s leg is to deceive someone. The two most commonly repeated of the literal ‘leg pulling’ theories are: Thieves used to pull at people’s legs to trip them and then use the quarry’s disorientation as an opportunity to rob them. The “pulling my leg” theory is that people, the so-called “hangers on,” were hired at executions to hang onto the victim’s legs in order to give them a quick end.

Shake a leg

Shake a leg is an idiom which means to hurry up, to get going. The first use of shake a leg to mean hurry up is found in the New York Magazine in 1904. The origins of the phrase shake a leg are murky, though there are claims that the term comes from the American Civil War, when after a battle, stretcher-bearers would violently jostle a leg or arm to see if they could elicit a response from a victim on the field and thereby ascertain if he were alive or dead.

Don’t have a leg to stand on

This phrase is a folksy way of describing something that has no support. The metaphor probably refers to furniture rather than human legs. Years ago we used to have four-legged, three-legged and even one-legged stools. All of these had functionality, but a stool without a single leg to stand on was incapable of supporting you.

Three-legged stools are used most often for milking cows, while one-legged stools are to put under your hinie and allow you to lean or sit un-stably while watching races or other interesting outdoor activities where there are no “stands.”
Jon and Mallory Beach of Davisburg were married in Lake Orion, utilizing classic fall coloring and style for their October 2015 wedding.Courtesy Photo: Jillian Bowers

They enlisted friends to handle decorations and invitations, and because of the venue, extra decorating would be minimal.

Beale St. Smokehouse BBQ in Fenton catered the event in the space where market visitors usually sit and eat lunch. After dinner was cleared, the space became a dance floor.

According to brides, the most economical times of the year to book venues are fall and winter months, excluding December, where you’ll compete with holiday parties.

Peak seasons also vary by region — in the south, July and August are “off peak” because it’s so hot out.

Lake Fenton graduate and Davisburg resident Mallory Beach and her husband, Jon, had a true fall-themed wedding.

“October is by far my favorite month,” Beach said. “I was able to incorporate all of my favorite things into our wedding such as the fall colors, orange flowers, cooler weather, coffee and pumpkin pie.”

Beach is a senior HR analyst at Harman International, and her husband, Jon, is a supervisor at Fortech Products.

They were married at the Indianwood Golf and Country Club in Lake Orion, before a fireplace. “I felt like I didn’t need to focus too much on decorations since the venue was so unique already,” she said.

Fall wedding tips, according to Martha Stewart

• Book vendors early: peak fall color times will be booked quickly, so book early.

• Make guest comfort a priority: Fall is pretty, but realize that wind and rain and cool weather are a possibility. Have a plan for rain, if your venue is outdoors, and consider extra heaters.

• Use the season’s colors and harvest yield: fall isn’t just about centerpieces — there’s also the natural beauty of a fall sunset to consider.

• Also consider coordinating the menu with some fall touches, like chartruese mushrooms, various types of squash, or slow-roasted meats.

Jon and Mallory Beach of Davisburg were married in Lake Orion, utilizing classic fall coloring and style for their October 2015 wedding. Courtesy Photo: Jillian Bowers

MICHIGAN VOTES

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, Sept. 14.

With the Legislature holding intermittent sessions during the general election campaign season, the Roll Call Report continues its review of key votes from the 2017-2018 session.

Senate Bill 103: Revise school truancy and chronic absence rules

To prohibit a public school from suspending or expelling a child solely for truancy or chronic absence. Senate Bill 104 would require school officials to attempt to meet with a parent, and authorize legal action if other steps don’t work. The House has not voted on this bill.

Passed 28 to 9 in the Senate on May 18, 2017

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) X YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) X YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) X YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) X NO
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) X YES

Senate Bill 275: Ban police sex with prostitutes

To repeal an exemption that allows police to have sex with a prostitute as part of an investigation.

Passed 38 to 0 in the Senate on April 26, 2017

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) X YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) X YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) X YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) X NO
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) X NO

Senate Bill 1149: Young Amendment, let Detroit get state aid for former students

To allow the Detroit school district to keep getting per-pupil state money next year for students who had been enrolled in one of its schools that closed, but now go to a different school district.

The amendment failed 11 to 27 in the Senate on May 3, 2017.

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) X NO
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) X NO
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) X NO
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) X YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) X NO

Senate Bill 1163: Authorize “Choose Life” license plate

To require the Secretary of State to develop a “Choose Life” license plate, with the profits from its sale spent on “life-affirming programs and projects.” This bill was vetoed by Gov. Rick Snyder.

Passed 25 to 11 in the Senate on April 27, 2017

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) X YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) X YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) X YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) X NO
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) X YES

Passed 65 to 43 in the House on May 25, 2017

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51) X YES
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Home Sweet Home
Our very sweet, very spoiled ‘puppies’

By Vera Hogan

When I was a kid we could not have a pet dog or a cat because our mom was allergic to them. I don’t know if it was the hair, the dander or what, she just couldn’t be around them. Since my husband and I have been married we have had three dogs. The first two, Beau and Skipper, were good dogs but they were much too big and rambunctious for our little house at the time.

Our dog today, Diesel, is the king of the household, and the backyard. Our youngest son got him when he was a puppy. Diesel is now 8 years old. Aging hasn’t stopped him though. Open the balcony door and yell “squirt!” and he’s out like a rocket, running around the backyard like a young pup. Although he is very fit, he has never caught a squirrel. I don’t think he really wants to, it’s just the thrill of the chase.

Earlier this month I had cataract eye surgery. A week before that surgery, I woke up a few mornings with Diesel sitting on my pillow over my head. It’s like he knew something was going to happen. Anyway, we love our Diesel and spoil him exceedingly when we can. His latest treat is a very expensive off-white mohair skirt that I somehow inherited. It’s a long tube-shaped skirt with an elastic waistband, and it looks terrible on me. I tried giving it away unsuccessfully recently and was about to give it to Goodwill when I thought of something.

I pulled that mohair skirt over a long pillow that belongs to Diesel. He is moody off-white in color with a few black and brown spots. He absolutely loves that pillow and sleeps on it every night. It must be very soft on his face and feel like another dog maybe. Yes, our sweet little dog is spoiled, but he deserves it.

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**notice: argentine township taking bids**

Argentine Township is seeking sealed bids for the remodeling of a section of the Fire Hall into office space per specifications, which are located at the Fire Hall, 9048 Silver Lake Road Linden MI. This work should be conducted in a reasonable time frame established by the Township Board and the Contractor being awarded the bid. Those wishing to bid must be licensed and insured through the State of Michigan, pull the necessary State permits and provide proof of such. All sealed bids must be returned to: Argentine Township Clerk, 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden MI. 48451 no later than 4:00 p.m. on October 15th, 2018. The Township reserves the right to accept/reject any and all bids.
Groveland Township

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018 GENERAL ELECTION

To the Qualified Electors of Groveland Township, County of Oakland:

Notice is hereby given that the last day to register for the November 6, 2018, General Election will be Tuesday, October 9, 2018.

If you are not currently registered to vote or need to register at a new address, you may do so at the following locations and times:

In Person:
- County Elections Division, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, MI 48341, Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 4:30pm. Phone: 248-634-4152.
- Groveland Township Clerk’s offices 4695 Grange Hall Rd., Holly, MI 48442 Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am - 4:00pm, Wednesday 9:00am – 7:00 pm.
- McIntyre’s Soft Water Service, 1014 N. Bridge Street • Linden 810-735-5778
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By Mail:
- Voter Registration Application - Mail to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline.

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The election will be conducted in all voting precincts of Groveland Township for the purpose of electing candidates for the following offices: United States Representative in Congress-8th District, United States Senator, Governor, Lt. Governor, Representative in State Legislature-51st District, State Senator-14th District, County Commissioner, State Board of Education, University of Michigan Regents, Michigan State University Trustees, Wayne State University Governors, Justice of Supreme Court, Judge of Court of Appeals - 2nd District, Judge of Circuit Court – 6th Circuit, Judge of Probate Court, Judge of District Court – 52nd District, Oakland Community College Board of Trustees, Mott Community College Board of Trustees, Brandon School District Board Member, Holly Area School District Board Member, Goodrich Area Schools Board Member, Brandon School District Operating Millage Renewal Proposal, Holly Area School District Bonding Proposal.

Puzzle Answers

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

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To the Qualified Electors of HOLLY TOWNSHIP, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2018
FROM 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING APPLICATIONS FOR THE REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS IN SAID TOWNSHIPS NOT ALREADY REGISTERED.

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• At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.
• At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.
• At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

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THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018 GENERAL ELECTION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ALL VOTING PRECINCTS 1 – 4 OF HOLLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CANDIDATES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICE:

Governor, United States Senator, Representative in Congress 8th District, State Senator 14th District, Representative in State Legislature 51st District, County Commissioner 2nd District, Park Commissioner Partial Term Ending 11-20-20 and the following proposals: Village of Holly Charter Amendment – Meeting Schedule of the Village Council and Holly Area School District – General Obligation Unlimited Tax Bonding.

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Holly Township Clerk
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Weekend Sudoku

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Weekend Crossword

PUZZLE CLUE: DRUNK IN THE KITCHEN

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- 2 cloves garlic
- 5 small onions (cut into 2 inch pieces)
- 2 red bell peppers (cut into 2 inch pieces)
- skewers

**DIRECTIONS**

In a large bowl, whisk together oil, honey, soy sauce, and pepper. Before adding chicken, reserve a small amount of marinade to brush onto kabobs while cooking. Place the chicken, garlic, onions and peppers in the bowl, and marinate in the refrigerator at least 2 hours (the longer the better).

Preheat the grill for high heat. Drain marinade from the chicken and vegetables, and discard marinade. Thread chicken and vegetables alternately onto the skewers.

Lightly oil the grill grate. Place the skewers on the grill. Cook for 12 to 15 minutes, until chicken juices run clear. Turn and brush with reserved marinade frequently.

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally and diagonally throughout the puzzle.

- 10 words
- 11 words
- 12 words
- 13 words
- 14 words
- 15 words

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**DVD RELEASES**

**SKYSCRAPER**

Global icon Dwayne Johnson leads the cast of Legendary’s *SKYSCRAPER* as former FBI Hostage Rescue Team leader and U.S. war veteran Will Sawyer, who now assesses security for skyscrapers. On assignment in China he finds the tallest, safest building in the world suddenly ablaze, and he’s been framed for it. A wanted man on the run, Will must find those responsible, clear his name and somehow rescue his family who is trapped inside the building...above the fire line. *PG-13, 1 hr. 43 min.*

Action & Adventure, Drama

**LEAVE NO TRACE**

Will (Ben Foster) and his teenage daughter, Tom (Thomasin Harcourt McKenzie), have lived off the grid for years in the forests of Portland, Oregon. When their idyllic life is shattered, both are put into social services. After clashing with their new surroundings, Will and Tom set off on a harrowing journey back to their wild homeland. The film is directed by Debra Granik from a script adapted by Granik and Anne Roselini. *PG, 1 hr. 49 min.*

Drama

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Help reduce animal overpopulation

Companion animal overpopulation is a problem that continues to tax the resources of communities throughout North America. Each year, millions of animals are euthanized in animal shelters because there are simply not enough people to adopt them.

One of the easiest ways to prevent pet overpopulation is to spay and neuter animals. Cats can reproduce at very fast rates. According to the Cat Rescue, Adoption & Foster Team of Central Oregon, two uncontrolled breeding cats can create the following situation if they have two litters a year at a survival rate of 2.8 kittens per litter: 12 cats in the first year, 66 cats in the second year, and 2,201 cats in the third year. Cats reach puberty between 4 and 12 months of age. Female cats reproduce between January and September, and might come back into “heat” every 14 to 21 days until they have bred or daylight decreases considerably. Cats can give birth 60 days after they have bred.

With regard to when to spay or neuter ani- mals, experts advise taking “the earlier the better” approach. The North Shore Animal League America’s SpayUSA says that, for many years, veterinarians were taught that cats and dogs had to be one year old to be spayed or neutered. But it is now known that kittens and pups can be spayed or neutered at the age of two months (or two pounds). The American Veterinary Medical Association has endorsed this practice, which is referred to as “early age neutering.” When spayed or neutered early, animals recover more quickly from surgery than they would if spayed or neutered later in life.

The Canadian Federation of Humane Societies offers that spaying or neutering is the responsibility of all pet owners. But for some owners, the cost of spaying or neutering can be a deterrent. Several municipalities, humane societies and SPCAs now offer low-cost spay/neuter programs or clinics to address this issue. One such organization is the Beat the Heat Alliance, Inc., which offers spay/neuter access, assistance and education in northeastern Tennessee. The group also sponsors the Beat the Heat annual event.

By controlling the rate of reproduction, communities can help alleviate the strain that is posed by pet overpopulation.
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