It’s only going to get colder as the harsh Michigan winter sets in, so it seemed like a good time to bring up coffee, the warming, energy-giving drink.

The origin of the coffee drink is uncertain, but an Ethiopian legend gives credit to goats, which after eating the ripe coffee cherries, couldn’t sleep through the night.

By the 1500s, coffee was being grown and traded in Egypt, Syria and Turkey.

According to the National Coffee Association USA (NCA), tea was the drink of choice in the English colonies until the Boston tea party.

Can be prepared in several ways, including auto-drip, French press and pour-over.

By Tim Jagielo

Coffee is made from the roasted, ground seed of a coffee cherry. The grounds are infused with boiling water, and eventually separated for drinking.

The cherries take a full year to mature, according to the NCA. Coffee cherries grow along branches in a continuous cycle. There can be flowers, green immature fruits as well as ripe, red fruits on the same tree. There are between 25 and 100 species of coffee plants.
Stress relievers make life good again

For this weekend’s Street Talk question, we asked people what they do to relieve stress. It’s a very good question since many people are stressed out this time of year. Not only are many in the position of paying off their Christmas debt, some are focused on losing the 10 or 20 or so extra pounds they picked up over the holiday, and others worry about the taxes that are looming ahead.

It’s not really a good idea to down a bottle of wine every time you’re feeling anxious, and there are many other ways to relieve stress.

My top “go to” stress reliever is taking a nice long nap with our sweet dog. There is nothing like climbing onto the couch with my little buddy wrapped in my arms and taking a good afternoon snooze. My husband and I agree that he is better than a sleeping pill. No sooner does your head hit the pillow and it’s lights out.

Another stress reliever for me is reading a good murder mystery. There is sometimes nothing better than jumping into another world of fiction. It distracts me from my own troubles. That’s the same reason I find watching Investigation Discovery (ID TV) so captivating, and relaxing. Sounds kind of gruesome to enjoy watching the details of a true crime unfolds with evidence and eventually solve the crime. But this program always shows me how my life can’t possibly be worse than the poor families telling their devastating true stories on ID TV.

When I’m working, the music I like to listen to can be a distraction and I can’t think straight to write. But I do find that putting in my ear buds and listening to the sounds of the ocean, or the deep forest at night, or even the jungle, is very relaxing and doesn’t distract me from my work. Plus, it drowns out all the other noises around me. Check it out. There are dozens of different sounds on YouTube that run for hours at a time.

Just think of a sound that makes you happy and Google it. You’ll find it, I promise.

Hey Teenage Hot-Liner who thinks you’re smarter than any 60-year-old. If socialism is so great, why are all the people in socialist countries trying to come to America?

So, I am a Rube whining about socialism? As teenagers, we were taught in school what socialism is and does. The teenagers of today are not. All you have to do is look at South America for some real good examples of what socialism is all about.

Just because the majority of people voted to legalize marijuana in Fenton doesn’t mean the City Council is not going to do what they think is best for the city. If you don’t like it, vote them out.

Boomers did not destroy Flint. I was born, raised and remained a Flint resident for 45 years. I am a boomer and contributed generously to Flint charities and civic organizations. Democratic leadership and liberal policies destroyed Flint. Similar to Detroit, Chicago, San Francisco, etc. liberals, including Andrew Heller, will destroy Fenton as well and move on to the next area.

‘Do we settle for the world as it is or do we work for the world as it should be?’

You will likely think this is pretty corny, but when I get stressed out by this fast-paced world and need to slow down, I enjoy watching reruns of TV shows like “Little House on the Prairie” and “The Waltons.” Even though life was hard during the mid-1800s (Little House) and the Depression years (Waltons), the featured families worked hard, and even though they struggled financially, they were happy with what little they had and their simple way of life. I like that.

Last, but not least, is ice cream. Forget those 10 to 20 pounds — this is an emergency. There is nothing more calming that a big bowl of Moose Tracks or Mackinac Island Fudge ice cream, covered with sliced bananas and doused with chocolate syrup, to make me sit back and say, “Aaaah, life is good!”

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Five most popular free health apps

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Getting healthy is one of the nation’s top resolutions every new year. Here are five of the most downloaded free health apps to get you started.

1. **Fitbit**

The free Fitbit app is number one in the health category for free downloads. It collects information on the user’s heart rate, number of steps taken, how much sleep someone gets and amount of exercise. MobileTrack lets users utilize the Fitbit app without the device that goes on your wrist. The app uses the phone’s sensors to track basic activity data, such as steps, distance and calories burned. The app cannot track sleep or active minutes by itself.

2. **My Fitness Pal**

Under Armor bought this app in 2015 for $475 million. With more than 225 million users, this app allows users to count their calories for free. It has more than five million foods in its database, which is considered the world’s largest. Users find these foods to register them. The app also has a dieting journal and healthy recipes.

3. **Calm**

Apple named this meditation and mindfulness app “App of the Year.” It is the third most downloaded free app, and was created by British tech entrepreneurs Michael Acton-Smith and Alex Tew. In 2017, it was downloaded up to 30,000 times a day. This app includes a Sleep Stories feature, among other tips and tools to help people relax and meditate. More and more companies are paying attention to the mindfulness field, including Salesforce, Arianna Huffington’s Thrive Global, and Silicon Valley.

4. **Flo Period and Ovulation Tracker**

Coming in at the fourth most downloaded free health app, this tool helps women track their menstruation and ovulation periods throughout the month. Users can track cycles and symptoms over time, and integrate it with a person’s lifestyle, including tips for sleep, hydration and exercise. It’s also helpful for women wishing to get pregnant.

5. **Headspace**

The fifth most downloaded free health app offers guided meditation sessions and mindfulness training. Many big companies, such as Google, Airbnb, Spotify, LinkedIn, Aetna, Unilever, United Airlines and more, all utilize Headspace for their employees.

Source: cnbc.com, fitbit.com, itunes.applestore.com

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COFFEE
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Coffee is grown in several countries, but Brazil and Columbia produce the most. The only U.S. coffee crop is in Hawaii, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The island state was projected to produce 24.3 million pounds in the 2017-2018 season.

There are two important coffee species in the commercial industry — Arabica and Robusta.

Arabica is descended from the original coffee trees from Ethiopia. These are lower in caffeine than Robusta and make up about 70 percent of sales. They grow in mild, higher altitude climates.

Robusta coffee, like the name implies, is more robust than Arabica. It can handle a harsher climate, and is used for mixes and instant coffee, yielding 50 to 60 percent more caffeine.

Ripe coffee cherries are often picked by hand. They are then sorted, processed and the beans are dried. The beans are milled and prepared for export and are green in appearance.

How can coffee be made?

“Coffee is a very interesting product; it has a lot of science and experimentation behind it,” said Jacob Stevens, coffee lead at The Laundry. “There’s so many different ways of roasting it and brewing it creating so many different combinations.”

Tips for preparing coffee

The “golden rule” for preparing coffee is to use one to two tablespoons of coffee per six ounces of water. Ideally, the water would be clean and filtered, and the device, whether a press or coffee pot, should be cleaned with hot water regularly.

French press coffee should brew two to four minutes. Auto-drip should brew about five minutes, according to the NCA.

Ground or whole beans?

Once coffee beans are roasted, they must be ground in a coffee grinder to be brewed for a coffee drink.

Retailers sell them both ways — ground and whole. Stevens said that the best flavor comes from grinding your own beans. They’ll last longer in bean form, compared with ground.

Light or dark roast?

“Light roast can be more caffeinated but the flavor sometimes isn’t very good as it will be more grainy taste and it also can be more acidic,” Stevens said. “Dark roast generally will have a more bitter taste and more oily.”

Top selling coffee brands

When it comes to American coffee drinkers, price and convenience dominate coffee purchase decisions, according to 360connect.com. On the whole, Americans value affordability and convenience. Ground coffee brands tend to be more reasonably priced, and are pre-ground which takes a step out of coffee preparation.

While Starbucks is considered high-end coffee, it speaks to the convenience factor Americans love by offering a multitude of locations so you can pop in anytime for a quick cup.

Here are the top selling brands of coffee:

- Keurig — rules single serve coffee. It’s the North American leader in single-cup brewing. Most people are familiar with the K-Cup portion packs.
- Folgers — the iconic American brand. They have more than 150 years of making great tasting coffee.
- Starbucks — roasts high-quality whole bean coffees. They sell more than just coffee; they sell the coffeehouse experience.
- Maxwell House — a household name in coffee since the 1920s. Everyone knows it’s “good to the last drop.”
- Dunkin Donuts — the world’s leading baked goods and coffee chain. They serve more than 3 million customers per day.
- Eight O’Clock — created by the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company in 1859. They only use 100-percent Arabica coffee.

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Open networks are vulnerable to hackers wanting your personal information

By Hannah Ball

Websites and apps that require a username and password generally make people believe that service is more secure. However, if the device is connected to public or free Wi-Fi, that security is not guaranteed. These “hotspots,” found at coffee shops, airports, malls, restaurants, hotels and more, allow users to access the internet for free.

A common threat to these networks are man-in-the-middle attacks, according to Norton, the computer security company. This is a form of eavesdropping. When you use a computer and make a connection to the internet, information is sent from the computer to the service or website. Attacks can happen between those transmissions and “read” them. This means there’s less privacy while using public Wi-Fi.

Unencrypted networks are also a problem. With an encrypted network, the information sent between your computer and the wireless router is a “secret code,” according to Norton. Most routers come with encryption turned off and it must be turned on when the network is set. There’s no guarantee that a store’s public Wi-Fi has an encrypted network.

Hackers will use special software kits to help them eavesdrop on Wi-Fi signals and access what someone is doing online. This gives them access to your login information for websites and apps you visit while on public Wi-Fi.

Some hackers will find ways to put malware on your device using a security hole in your device. There are also people who set up “rogue access points,” which look like legitimate public Wi-Fi spots but are actually malicious hotspots. To ensure this doesn’t happen, ask which network is the correct one.

How to avoid hacks from public Wi-Fi

The best way to stay safe is to use a virtual private network (VPN), which is a service that gives you access to the internet and hiding your online actions. They change your computer’s IP address so you can browse anonymously. VPNs keep all of your information safe. Two free VPNs are Hotspot Shield and Betternet VPN.

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Infants and babies most vulnerable to screens

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“If you give a child an app where they play with virtual Legos, virtual blocks and stack them, and then put real blocks in front of them, they start all over,” Dowling said.

Dr. Dimitri Christakis, who works at Seattle Children’s Hospital was lead author of the American Academy of Pediatrics most recent guidelines for screen time, said that we’re in the midst of an “uncontrolled experiment”

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Weekend Crossword

ACROSS
1. He drew “U” on the line 89. Fan blade
2. Many are small 90. Heavily
3. Down to earth 91. Apart from that
4. Squirrely 92. Opposite of old, in U.S.
5. Squidder 93. Pop’s bro
6. YES — 94. Chickens that “talks too much”
7. Believes (in) 95. “Chicken in the hat”
8. Master 96. Big continent
9. Indigestible 97. Bigger
10. Master 98. Big continent
11. Indigestible 99. Big continent
12. Bigger 100. Master
13. Indigestible 101. Bigger
14. Big continent 102. Master
15. Bigger 103. Indigestible

DOWN
1. Pop-up 104. Big continent
2. Lipstick 105. Big continent
3. Coke, e.g. 106. Big continent
5. “Newshour” network 108. Big continent
6. Two-choice grading system 109. Big continent
7. Malachite 110. Big continent
8. Once in the past 111. Big continent
9. 10. Help sheet
11. Brooch 112. Big continent
12. Dog bed 113. Big continent
13. Pig (in a) 114. Big continent
14. Dog bed 115. Big continent
15. Dog bed 116. Big continent

Puzzle Answers

WEEKEND CROSSWORD
ANSWERS

Scramblers: SCOPE, DETER, TACKLE, GLOOM
Answer: COMPACT

WEEKEND SUDOKU
ANSWERS

WEEKEND WORD SEARCH
ANSWERS

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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 box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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Guenter Beholz - age 85, of Fenton, passed away unexpectedly on December 19, 2018 in Florida. A celebration of life will be held from 4-7 PM Saturday, January 5, 2019 at The Fenton Community and Cultural Center. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to Michigan State Parks and Trails. Guenter was born October 20, 1933 in Magdeburg, Germany. At the age of 19 he escaped the communist rule of East Germany to West Germany, leaving his family behind. There he continued his trade of watch and clock repair. He came to the US at the age of 25 where he met his wife, Joan. They were married on December 29, 1963 in Flint; she preceded him in death on July 26, 2014. Guenter owned and operated Beholz Jewelers. Until his passing, Guenter enjoyed working five days a week. He cherished his family and friend and partner Reeny Sovet. He loved his friends, customers and community. His work was his passion. He also enjoyed camping, spending time outdoors and loved classical music. Surviving are: three children, three grandchildren and his wife, Elizabeth Beholz of North Ridgeville, OH; Leesa and husband, Greg Jett of Panama City, FL; Timothy and wife, Michelle Puckett of Clio; four grandchildren, Pierce, Isabelle, and Sabrina Beholz and Arin Pierce; of Clio; four grandchildren, husband, Greg Jett of Elizabeth Beholz of North.

James Deton Stacy - age 82, of Swartz Creek, formerly of Friendship General Motors Truck Plant after 31 years of service. He was an active bowler and coached Little League in Fenton for many years. Surviving are: wife of 63 years, Virgie; five children, Theresa (Bobbi) Larrick of Millington, Jean (Eric) Pwhite of Swartz Creek, Jamie Stacy of Swartz Creek, Penny (Robert) Harper of Midland and Terriena (Bill) Thurman of Holly; 14 grandchildren, and many great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by: his parents; grandson, Nathan; granddaughter, Rachel; and brother, Wille. The family extends a special thank you to Heartland Hospice Team. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Thomas Leroy Shepherd - age 82, of Fenton, died Monday, January 1, 2018. Services will be held 2 PM Saturday, January 12, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Pastor Mark Cox officiating. Visitations will be held at the funeral home from 12 PM Saturday until the time of the service. Those desiring may make contributions to Adopt-A-Pet or Genesee County Humane Society. Thomas was born July 7, 1936 in Flint, the son of Judson and Mary (Krawczyk) Shepherd. He served in the U.S. Army Reserves. He married Carol Ann Klug January 29, 1966 in Flint and she preceded him in death January 12, 2008. Thomas retired in 1998 from the GM Proving Grounds in Milford as a test driver. He was a member of the Fenton Eagles Club. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and family.

Surviving are: daughters, Tammy and husband, John Matthee of Fenton and Teresa Palmer and fiancé, Ryan Vondrasek of Flint; grandchildren, Jacob, Taylor, Courtney, Niki, and John; niece, Amy Foster of Byron, and nephew, Doug and wife, Chrisy Collins of Melbourne. He was also preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Janet Collins. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Louis James Prodanais - age 101, died peacefully on January 9, 2019 in Park in Grand Blanc, on January 1, 2019. Cremation has taken place and a private family memorial service will be held at a later date. Those desiring may make contributions to The Rock Church of Fenton or The Medical Team Hospice. Louis was born to Stephania Anthony and Benedets Prodanais on October 23, 1917 in Chelsea, MI. He married Alice Ann Nardone on October 12, 1940; she preceded him in death on December 19, 2010. Louis served in the United States Navy 1945-1946 and retired from Bigelow Carpet Company. He was an active volunteer and enjoyed bridge with friends at Loose Senior Center in Linden. Surviving are: two daughters, Patricia (Rich) Farra of Oregon and Irene (Phil) Laczko of Fenton. He leaves seven grandchildren, Marc (Michelle) Farra, Beth Cameron and Brad (Whitney) Farra all of Oregon; Todd (Mollly) Lasco of The Woodlands, TX, Kelly Grinnall (Matt) Lasco, and Jay (Jennifer) Lasco all of Linden. His 13 great-grandchildren were the light of his life - Cole, Lauren and Jade Cameron, Aubree Farra all of Oregon, Jack, Luke and Finnegan Lasco of Texas, Emma, Grace and Morgan of Fenton. Max Lasco, Olivia and Alice Lasco all of Fenton. The Lasco family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all of the Medical Team caregivers at Abbey Park for their genuine concern and loving ways in caring for their father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Mary Mansueti - age 89, of Fenton, died Tuesday, January 1, 2019 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton with Fr. David Harvey celebrant. Interment will follow at St. John Cemetery. Visitation was held 2-4 and 6-8 PM Friday, January 4, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton where a rosary was prayed at 7 PM. Visitation will also be held from 9:30-10:30 AM Saturday at the church. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to St. Vincent de Paul at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Mary was born August 29, 1929 in Patrica, Frosinone, Italy; the daughter of Luigi and Antoniette (Bell) Biancucci. She married Lenio Mansueti on September 23, 1950 in Arma, in Padua, and he preceded her in death on September 23, 1998. She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Surviving are: daughter, Antoniette Toni (Paul) Bowsier, age 66, in Ireland, law, Janie Mansueti; five grandchildren, Daniele (Nate Hallmark) Allen, Jeremy Bowsier, Angela (Vince) Haiss, Robb (Nate Hallmark) Allen, and Sami (Corey) Garbutt; one niece, Janie Mansueti; five great-grandchildren, Danielle (Nate Hallmark) Allen, Jeremy Bowsier, Angela (Vince) Haiss, Robb (Nate Hallmark) Allen, and Sami (Corey) Garbutt; one niece, Janie Mansueti; five great-grandchildren, Danielle (Nate Hallmark) Allen, Jeremy Bowsier, Angela (Vince) Haiss, Robb (Nate Hallmark) Allen, and Sami (Corey) Garbutt; one niece, Janie Mansueti; five great-grandchildren, Danielle (Nate Hallmark) Allen, Jeremy Bowsier, Angela (Vince) Haiss, Robb (Nate Hallmark) Allen, and Sami (Corey) Garbutt; and brother-in-law, Delio Barletta, Sr.

Lori Mansueti. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Melvin Dale Boyce - age 96 of Linden, died December 31, 2018. Services will be held at 11:30-12:45 AM Monday, January 7, 2019 at Argentene Church of the Nazarene, 162-2322 S. Swan Rd., Linden, MI. Reverend Robert Lindsay, Reverend Krishna Plaskett and Reverend Brandon Hird officating. Visitation will be from 2-6 PM Sunday, January 6, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad Street, Linden as well as 10:30-11:45 AM Monday at the church. Interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery Holly, MI. Those desiring may make contributions to Argentene Church of the Nazarene. Melvin was born on May 12, 1922 in Kinsella, Alberta, Canada to John and Vernia A. (McCabe) Boyce. Melvin came to the Flint area at six months old. He was a graduate from Flint Central High School and is a veteran serving in World War II from 1942-1947. He married Katherine (Katie) Ohrt, May 28, 1949 in Argentina. He worked for General Motors for many years as a pattern maker for 42 years. He was a clarinet player playing in the US Armed Forces Band and also the first clarinet player for the Flint Symphony Orchestra. He loved photography and wood working. Surviving are his children, Deborah (Richard) Castile of Tittusville, FL; Steven (Beth) Boyce of Geneva, IL; Dave (Jean) Boyce of Lockport, IL; Dallyn (Steven) Murphy of Linden, Mark (Lorrie) Boyce of Linden, and John Stanley Boyce; great-grandchildren, twenty-seven great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren, two sisters-in-law, Lanola Boyce of NC and Ruby Boyce of St. Joseph, MI. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Wayne Boyce, Ron Boyce and Gene Boyce, and John Stanley Boyce; great-grandson, James Zatkoff. Online tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


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