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Twisted Earth and Co. is officially open at 722 E. Grand River Ave. in Howell. PROVIDED BY TWISTED EARTH AND CO.

There's a new rock, crystal shop in former Stitch in Time

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There's a new business in the former Stitch in Time at 722 E. Grand River Ave. in Howell.

The beloved specialty yarn store closed after more than three decades in October 2024. Now, rock lovers can find everything they need and more at Twisted Earth and Co. — which opened at the beginning of November.

Twisted Earth combines two local

businesses — The Rock Garage and Whimzicals — under one roof. Whimzicals launched in 2013, operating at craft shows and other events before expanding with The Rock Garage.

The family-run shop carries rocks and minerals from around the world, as well as handmade jewelry, pottery, gifts, food items, home decorations, all-natural skincare, stickers, pet treats and more.

In terms of rocks, customers can find everything from tumbled stones to one-of-a-kind crystals.

“Our mission is to share our love of nature's beauty and handcrafted artistry with our community,” the shop's website reads. “We believe in supporting local makers, celebrating creativity and spreading a little joy and wonder with every piece that finds a new home.”

Twisted Earth is open 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sundays. Learn more at [twistedearth-co.com](https://www.twistedearth-co.com).

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Genoa Twp. plans to appoint new trustee

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Genoa Township is reviewing applications for a vacant seat on the Board of Trustees, following the appointment of former trustee Rick Soucy to the municipality's clerkship.

Officials plan to interview candidates during a meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 15, according to discussions Dec. 1.

Janene Deaton resigned from the clerkship in October, telling The Livingston Post that Genoa Township Hall is “(filled with) gossiping, pushback and nastiness.” Her resignation was accepted Nov. 3, and she left following the vote.

Township Manager Kelly VanMarter told officials the municipality received 12 applications for the open trustee seat. To eliminate bias, she numbered each application and removed names and addresses for trustee review.

Each official agreed to name 1-2 candidates they're interested in interviewing for the seat. Those interviews will take place during the open meeting Dec. 15. The board must appoint a trustee by Dec. 18, or the matter will be turned over to Livingston County.

Residents asked to complete survey on Genoa Township Master Plan

Township Supervisor Kevin Spicher reported the municipality has received more than 700 responses to a master plan survey, far short of an initial goal of 2,000.

The deadline for residents to complete the survey is also Dec. 15. The online survey is available at surveymonkey.com/t/genoatownshipmasterplansurvey.

Spicher said representation from residents in the area north of Grand River Avenue “is still a little lacking,” while the southwest portion of Genoa Township is

Attorneys question hyperbaric chamber manufacturer

Testimony resumes after three-month break

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After a nearly three-month break, testimony resumed Monday, Dec. 1, in the criminal case involving the CEO of the Oxford Center and three employees in the death of 5-year-old Thomas

Cooper, who was undergoing his 36th treatment inside a hyperbaric oxygen chamber in January when it burst into flames, killing him.

Majid Mashayekh, vice president of quality assurance and regulatory affairs for Sechrist Industries, which manufactured the hyperbaric chamber that Thomas was in, testified the company notified Oxford Center CEO Tamela Peterson in November 2022 that the chamber had exceeded 20,000 uses, and could no longer be serviced by Se-

christ.

“There are specific requirements for how many hours or how many cycles the unit can be used ... before the device requires a major overhaul,” Mashayekh said.

That particular chamber, he said, had exceeded that limit nearly three years before Thomas climbed inside for the final time.

Sechrist provides a logbook to its

customers so they can track the number of times each chamber is used, Mashayekh said. The chambers also each have a built-in cycle counter, which acts like the odometer of a car, measuring a use every time a chamber is pressurized. The life-cycle count is tracked by Sechrist's field engineers when they come to service the machines.

Defense attorneys questioned Mashayekh about the accuracy of Sechrist's

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