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A Reminiscence of the Greatest Generation By Arthur Beer, *ThumbPrint News* Contributor

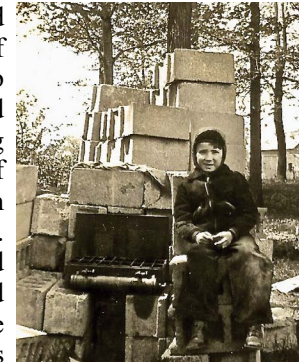
It's funny how age sneaks up on you. On me, I should say. When I wrote two articles about the history of the Thumb, I was retelling stories I had heard from my grandparents. And when *ThumbPrint News* published them, I said to myself, "Well, that's it for history." But when I read Nelson Werderman's article in last November's issue about his memories of 1952, it came as a shock to realize that's a "historical period" now, too. I always think of it as the year I graduated from high school – you know, just a few years ago. And what's even scarier, my memory goes back to the summer of 1939, when I was just four years old.

We were living in St. Clair Shores while my father, also Arthur Beer, worked as a designer and commercial artist at the Jefferson Beach Amusement Park. He was tasked with the job of turning a "haunted house" ride into the world's first (and probably only) "Yellow Brick Road" ride, in order to take advantage of the enormous popularity of the recently released musical film, *The Wizard of Oz*. The owner of the park was so happy with the result that I got to ride free on all the rides for my birthday! He also took us to New York for the World's Fair to get other exciting new ideas for his park. I still have a picture of the Tylon and Perisphere and memories of Tony Sarg's puppets, as well as the view from the top of the Empire State Building. But all this is just prologue to what I wanted to tell you.

With the money from that Yellow Brick ride, my dad

bought a half-acre lot at the end of a dirt road near the corner of Mound and the two-lane blacktop that was called Sixteen Mile Road back then. It was the only "housing development" in that part of Sterling Heights, with miles of corn fields and woods in every direction. He drew a sketch of a cottage and asked my mother if she liked it; and from that, with no blueprints, he marked out the desired dimensions with string, poured a concrete foundation, bought a big pile of cement blocks and started to put up the walls.

Since I was five, I don't suppose I was a whole lot of help, but according to my memory, the two of us built that house on Meadowview. Well, okay, a well driller came and drilled a hole near the back door that spewed a lot of grey goop until it finally hit water. We put a hand pump on top of it. Detroit Edison hooked up an electric line. My uncles drove out from the city to help put up the 2x4s that marked where the interior walls would go, but that was it – we did the rest. There was no telephone or plumbing. That first year, the roof was planked and tar papered – I guess we couldn't afford the shingles. There was no furnace, but my dad built a chimney on the west end and a big fireplace in the main room. It not only heated the house that winter, but served as the



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TRAVELING TASTEBUDS

By Bethany Wolf
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THIS MONTH'S RECIPE HELADO DE PAILA (PAN ICE CREAM) IS FROM

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For June we've gone to South America – specifically, to the equator, which is also the Spanish-speaking country named for it – Ecuador. It is home to five UNESCO World Heritage Sites, and is known for having the first two UNESCO sites ever: the Galápagos Islands and the city of Quito – the country's capital.

The Galápagos Islands, with pleasant weather year-round, are also one of the nation's four distinct regions with different climates. The other three are the Costa, (coastal) with tropical humidity; the Sierra, across the Andean mountains with cooler temperatures; and the Oriente, jungle lowlands that are part of the Amazon rainforest. Due to the varying climates, the country has very diverse and rich nature, with approximately 1,640 species of birds, 4,500 butterflies, and hundreds of reptiles, amphibians and mammals. One special species is the Galápagos giant tortoise, the namesake of the Islands (galápagos is Spanish for tortoise). They are the largest living species of tortoise and can weigh up to 919 lb. and have a lifespan of over 100 years in the wild or 175+ years in captivity.

There is record of human habitation in Ecuador dating back 8,000 years. In the 15th century, the various indigenous tribes were invaded by the Incan Empire with survivors being absorbed into the Incas. A few decades later, the territory was colonized by the Spanish Empire, achieving independence in 1820 as part of Gran Colombia, from which it emerged as a sovereign state in 1830. The legacy of both empires is reflected in Ecuador's ethnically diverse population, with most of its 17.8 million people being mestizos, followed by large minorities of Europeans, Native American, African and Asian descendants. Spanish is the official language spoken by the majority of the population, although 13 native languages are also recognized.

Helado de paila hails from the city of Ibarra (the capital of the Imbabura Province highlighted in red in the country map above) in the late 1890s or early 1900s from a teenager named Rosalía Suárez, who decided to place a large copper pot in the ice, snow and straw of the Andes Mountains and mixed in fruit juice until it froze. According to one website, "*helado de paila* is made using a handful of ingredients, and while some family recipes call for certain flavors and unique touches, the process of making the ice cream is largely the same as Suárez's first attempt." It can be made with essentially any fruit, but the most common flavors I could find mention of were mora (Andean blackberry, seen to the left), soursop, passion fruit and tamarillo.



INGREDIENTS

- 12 ounces mora (Andean blackberries, similar to mulberries) – blends down to about 2 cups of liquid
- 2 tablespoons water
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 bag of ice (small)
- Rock salt
- Ice cream cones

DIRECTIONS

1. In large bowl add the ice and sprinkle enough rock salt to cover the ice.



Example of the copper pan, image found Telerma YouTube

2. Make a well in the center for a smaller copper or bronze bowl.
3. Wash the fruit and put into blender with the water.
4. Blend until fully liquified. Strain out the seeds (optional) before mixing in the sugar.
5. Spin the copper bowl a few times until you can see it start to get icy.
6. Pour in the fruit juice and continue spinning until it begins to freeze. Once the consistency starts to change, use a wooden spoon to scrape the frozen bits into the center of the bowl while still spinning. Eventually all of the liquid will become solid – it can take around 20-30 minutes.
7. Serve in cones and enjoy!



My brother-in-law Chris enjoying his helado

Author's note: I decided to make this recipe as a dessert for Mother's Day, and my family enjoyed it outside in the lovely weather we had in Southern St. Clair County. In the store, I couldn't remember what the Andean fruit mora translated to and had my brother-in-law pick out the best raspberries for us to use instead of blackberries. From what I could find online though, our blackberries and their mora don't taste identical, so the raspberries worked just fine.

Once I blended the berries, successfully removed the seeds and added the sugar, he and I took turns spinning the bowl on what we thought would be a quick and easy dessert. However, I mistakenly thought that any metal bowl would work, and it did...eventually. I decided to use a medium-sized stainless steel mixing bowl, but ended switching to a smaller bowl from the same set about 30 minutes in when it was still 95% liquid. After another five minutes passed, the rest of the family decided to move the party outside, leaving me alone in the kitchen to see if anything would happen. Five more minutes went by with me figuring out that with the smaller bowl, nestled deeper into the ice, the liquid spun up along the sides easier and finally began to harden.

In total it took about 45-50 minutes of pretty consistent spinning for it to fully freeze. The half dozen people I told this too told me I was crazy to keep trying that long, but the result was really delicious! The consistency was smooth and it wasn't 'brain-freeze' level of cold either. I'm curiously wondering if it was the material of the bowl, the bowl size and ice depth or the spinning technique that made it take longer to freeze? I might have to try it again to see how long it takes!

Once the fruit juice finally turned into sorbet, I scooped it into cones and joined everyone outside to enjoy the nice weather and frozen treat.



AVOIDING SCAMS DURING PEAK MOVING SEASON

Just as warmer weather and increased daylight arrive around this time each year, so does the peak moving season. While moving can be fun and exciting, it can also be stressful or even disastrous if the proper precautionary measures are not taken to help protect your money and belongings.

In 2023, 1.5 million inquiries on BBB.org were made about moving companies, and 5,918 complaints were filed with BBB against moving companies throughout the year. Additionally, consumers who fell victim to moving scams and reported them to BBB Scam Tracker in 2023 lost a median of \$350.

Moving is always a stressful project. Throw in the threat of a moving scam, and things get even worse. Before hiring a moving company, careful research is necessary to avoid falling victim to scams ranging from missing items to massive price hikes, and in some cases, goods being held hostage for additional payment.

There are several versions of moving scams reported to Better Business Bureau® Serving Eastern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula every year, including:

- **No show:** Consumers receive a quote and pay a deposit, but the movers never show up.
- **Upcharge:** Consumers are charged on their credit cards for more money than the moving company originally quoted for their services.
- **Extra fees:** The moving company provides a quote based on expected weight, and after loading the truck, they inform the consumer that the load is over the expected weight and an additional fee must be paid. Most of the time, the additional fee is significantly more expensive per pound, sometimes as much as double the original estimate.
- **Stolen items:** One of the most disruptive and difficult-to-anticipate moving scams is when everything appears to be going well. The movers provide an estimate, arrive on time, and load your belongings on a truck. However, this is where the interaction turns disastrous. When the truck fails to arrive at its destination, either your belongings are gone, or the company requires the consumer to pay an additional fee to deliver them, holding the possessions hostage.

One consumer reported their experience of a moving scam to BBB Scam Tracker: “[Name redacted] moving company [name redacted] charged my credit card \$505 more dollars than the quote he promised of \$1,595. His workers also stole belongings of mine by not emptying the truck and drove away with them. They complained my \$50 each tip was not enough so [name redacted] decided to charge me extra knowing full well his workers kept my belongings too. This is also in addition to items that I let them keep from the previous apartment.”

To avoid becoming a victim of a moving scam, BBB recommends that consumers follow these guidelines:

- **Watch out for warning signs.** When reviewing a company's website, if there is no address or information about a mover's registration or insurance, it is a sign that it may not possess the proper policies to protect a consumer's belongings. Additionally, if the mover uses a rented truck or offers an estimate over the phone prior to or instead of conducting an on-site inspection, it may not be a legitimate business.
- **Keep an inventory of your belongings.** An inventory sheet is one of the best ways to keep track of your possessions. BBB recommends consumers who are moving to label the boxes their belongings are packed in and what is in each box. In general, movers are not liable for lost or damaged contents in customer-packed boxes unless there is provable negligence on the mover's part. Taking photos of the contents before packing is a great way to prove if damage was incurred during the moving process.
- **Be wary of unusual requests and extra costs.** If a mover asks for a large down payment or full payment in advance, that may indicate a fraudulent business. If an individual's possessions are being held hostage for additional payment not agreed upon when the contract was signed, contact BBB or local law enforcement for help.
- **Get everything in writing.** Make sure to read the terms and conditions of your moving contract carefully, the limits of liability, and any disclaimers. The pickup and expected delivery date should be easily identified.
- **Ask questions.** Do not be afraid to ask questions about anything you do not understand. If the moving company cannot or will not answer your questions, look for another company. Trust matters when hiring a moving company.

For more moving tips, like how to choose the best option for your move or how to rent a storage unit, visit BBB's moving hub at BBB.org/moving. To find a BBB Accredited moving company near you, search the BBB online directory at BBB.org or call (866) 788-5706. 🇺🇸



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Here we are in June already! Back in April I never thought we would ever see warm weather again, but summer is here and away we go! I get to spend more time at the cottage, staying outdoors longer and staying up a little later. Local summer events are in full swing and weekend schedules seem to be filling up fast with things to do around town.

I was so excited last month to see the arrival of the hummingbirds at the cottage! I also love hearing the first sounds of the spring peeper frogs in early May! It's the little things in life that bring us joy, I guess!

The only part about the month of June I don't love is those gross beetles known as June bugs! The ones that you can hear cracking when they come up from underground

in the early evenings. Some years they are scarce, and some years they linger until early July, replaced by the enchanting and peaceful summertime favorite, the firefly.

It's great to see and catch up with my cottage neighbors in the summer. Once the warm weather hits, everyone seems to come out of hibernation. There is nothing better than to end a summer day with your favorite beverage, feeling the cool lake breeze on sunburnt skin in the early summer evening.

There is such a sense of community with cottage owners in my area, we all have so much in common. Instead of getting rid of things we no longer want, we see if someone else can use them at their place. We lend a hand when one is needed, exchange phone

numbers for handyman companies and we all share a general purpose: to keep our places nice and updated.

The month of June also brings us Father's Day on June 16th. The cottage provides the perfect backdrop for creating lasting memories with dads. For those of us without our cherished fathers, we always have our childhood memories of fun times with our dads. Growing up, my dad bought a pontoon boat that we cruised around Coldwater Lake in lower Michigan. We always had a fun place to go to in the summer in that area, many memories were made at that summer place. Maybe that's why it is so important for me to have a seasonal cottage as an adult. It's funny how a certain smell, sight or song can take you back to when life was simple as a kid around the age of 10. If we could only go back to those times even for a minute.

Make sure you spoil and honor your father, if you are lucky enough to still have yours around. Summer is here so let's enjoy it to the fullest. I know I sure will. 🍷

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Over the last few years, our world has changed drastically. Hopefully, our perspective and priorities have become crystal clear and many of the trivial things that we sometimes tend to place a high level of importance on, have taken a backseat to what is truly most important – our health! Without our health, nothing else matters. There are many aspects to personal health, including: mental, emotional, physical, financial and spiritual. I would beg to say that for most of us there has been at least one aspect of our health that has been affected in some way recently. Keeping that in mind, below are a few keys for establishing and maintaining a good, healthy, balanced life.

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When it comes to mental health, regularly expanding our knowledge and skills does wonders to keep our mind stimulated, engaged and firing on all cylinders. Participating in hobbies and tasks that we enjoy, which also challenge us, can provide a sense of confidence, achievement and purpose when all else seems lost. It is also essential to get adequate amounts of rest, which gives our mind time to decompress and process all that it takes in daily and prepare for more to come.

Staying connected to family, close friends, pets and our local community is not only important for our emotional health, but also theirs. Support in difficult times is crucial. Furthermore, surrendering to the many things that are out of our control can go a long way in maintaining our emotional health. We create and are responsible for how we choose to feel, think and act in any given moment or circumstance. These feelings, thoughts and actions are the only things that we truly have control over. As difficult as it may be sometimes, choosing to view things as they are and not how we think or feel they should, could or ought to be, can help alleviate stress and anxiety and increase our capacity to create solutions for change, rather than remaining stuck in emotionally unhealthy cycles.

Staying physically active, exercising and consuming nutrient-rich foods, such as fresh fruits, vegetables and quality spring water, are all keys to maintaining not only our physical health, but our overall health. Healthy in, healthy out! Additionally, in order to monitor our overall physical health, it is important that we establish great relationships with our healthcare providers and have an annual physical, dental cleaning, eye exam and hearing exam to ensure that our vital organs are working at their optimal levels.

Assessing our relationship with money and being able to decipher between wants and true “needs” requires a level of self-discipline and developing new habits, especially in difficult times. Living within our means, finding good deals on necessities and being responsible managing our sometimes-limited resources, are all sure keys to good financial health. Additionally, creating and following a budget can aid in avoiding and eliminating debt, as well as ensuring that we have adequate savings for emergencies and long term needs, such as healthcare and retirement. Lastly, preparing, updating and safekeeping essential documents, such as wills, trusts and medical directives, is imperative.

Attending our chosen place of worship is so important too, as we get to sing our praises and practice prayer, meditation and grieve together. Getting out into nature is also another way to connect with the source and maintain a peaceful and harmonious spirit. We can also volunteer our time or donate items to those in need, which always feeds our soul and sows good seeds into the universe, which keeps us spiritually healthy!

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\$ If You Won a Million Dollars \$

By **James Gryner**, *ThumbPrint News* Guest Writer

“Good afternoon, Madam President and fellow members,” greeted the chairman. “Today at our Topic Titillation meeting, there will be an impromptu speech! Three members will be picked at random. Today’s topic: What would you do if you won a million dollars? Six minutes maximum time please.”

The chairman reached into a hat and picked a name: “Helen Hebert”. As light clapping ensued, Helen embraced the podium.

“Madam President, Mr. Chairman and fellow members... What would I do if I won a million dollars? Why, I’d spend it.”

A spontaneous roar from some thirty members erupted.

“But, seriously,” Helen confided. “I’d give my children ten percent each. Next, I’d pay off my mortgage and buy my dream car. And just for fun, I’d get a completely new wardrobe, nothing but high fashion. I’d go on a long sea voyage, maybe around the world. Oh yes, I’d give to a few charities and that would leave a couple hundred thousand in my bank account. Thank you.”

A generous applause was followed by the chairman’s remark, “Helen, that’s very philanthropic, and I’m glad you haven’t forgotten yourself. Our next speaker will be George Peeves.” With his head held high, George strode confidently to the podium.

After the usual acknowledgments, he praised Helen, stating he would do virtually everything the same, only with five percent going to his children. More would go to his church and favorite charities. He would pay off his credit cards, buy a new Ford, and vacation in Sheboygan. In conclusion, he smirked outrageously, stating he’d even give his mail carrier and paper boy a few bucks each.

After a few snickers, the chairman addressed a final speaker: “Tony O’Dwyer”.

“Thank you,” Tony replied, reaching the podium. “Madam President, Mr. Chairman and fellow members... If I won a million dollars, just what would I do?”

Then Tony startled everyone in the room by slamming the flat of his hand defiantly on the lectern. “I wouldn’t give a friggin’ cent of that money to my wife or my kids, and I wouldn’t give a cent to any church or charities. I don’t even think I’d get new wheels or travel the world either.”

There was a momentary silence, followed by moans and groans from the audience.

Then, junior member Harvey Haddock sprang to his feet, yelling, “You parsimonious skinflint, O’Dwyer! You’re nothing but a cheap, selfish lout.”

With a voice that shook the room, the chairman quickly intervened, “Please sit down, Mr. Haddock. This is not permitted in our organization! Any more outburst, and you’ll be asked to leave.” Harvey cowered into his seat.

“Thank you, Mr. Chairman,” Tony replied. “Now, let me tell you about my in-law, Denise McPhail. Twenty years ago, her husband drove his car into a tree and died instantly. Denise collected two million dollars from the settlement, and that’s when a few friends started offering financial advice. But, she paid no heed, living life to the hilt, with no regard for the future. She squandered away every scent. Today, she lives alone in a run-down apartment, working nights at a hamburger joint.”

Some members sighed and shook their heads in disgust.

“Now, I’m sure you’d like to know what I would do if I won a million dollars,” continued Tony, “not just what I wouldn’t do. When I said I’d not give a cent, this wasn’t entirely true. You see, the initial million dollars I look at as ‘principal’: not to be touched or squandered, but wisely invested in stocks that grow and produce dividends over decades. I would only use these ‘returns’ for my needs, my family and donations. Do you know why? Because that principal and those returns will never run dry – they will continue indefinitely. As dividends are received, portions would be dispersed. Church leaders and charities don’t generally know how to make money; they just beg or solicit donations. With my strategy, instead of a lump sum that would disappear in their hands, they would get a perpetual return – at least for my lifetime. And that, Madame President, Mr. Chairman and fellow members, is what I would do if I won a million dollars.”

Now, the moans and groans changed to hosannas and hurrahs. Clapping and shouts of approval continued and, with the president’s hand on Tony’s shoulder, all thirty members, including Harvey Haddock lined up to shake hands with the speaker who proposed a better way to live and a better way to give.

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ThumbPrint News
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books, bacon & friendship

I'll never forget the day back in 2017 when I was sitting in the corner booth at Foxfire Fixin's in Algonac, Michigan, enjoying some bacon when I met the owners, Al and Diane Kodet. We exchanged contact information and within a couple of weeks, they invited me to start writing for their paper, *ThumbPrint News*. For so many years now, I've gone through my days and weeks, trying my best to come up with encouraging words and finding stories that cause one to go from tears to laughter unexpectedly because everyone who knows me, knows that "laughter from tears is my favorite emotion!" (A quote from *Steel Magnolias* – one of my all-time favorite movies).

Over the years, I've received letters from people nearby and a few from readers several states away, every one of them filled with encouraging words – to me! I'm a pretty-stationery-loving, picky-about-my-pens, still-letter-writing girl, so getting a surprise letter forwarded to me through the newspaper always, always, always makes my day. Handwritten letters? Yeah, they rank right up there with sugar-coated gummy bears in my book! I once even received one from a relative I didn't know I had, who recognized our shared aunt and uncle's farm when I wrote about their pet duck, "Dinky". That one was certainly fun! (You can find that article on page 21 of the January 2020 issue.)

Over the past year, one of the special gifts I received was one of friendship. Instead of finding an envelope in the mail with a handwritten letter inside, a Facebook message came through from a reader named Ruth. So, we started chatting, and we became fast friends.

I quickly discovered that my new friend lives in Kentucky and shares the same faith as me. Encouraging words went back and forth, and soon we exchanged cell phone numbers. Prayer requests, reports of answered prayers and struggles soon became the almost daily exchange between us.

A couple of months ago, Ruth let me know she would be going on a trip for some personal business. And it just so happened?? ...Come on now, folks.

NOTHING "just happens"... But like I said – it just so happened that her trip was to Michigan and she would be about 20 minutes away. We continued to keep in close touch, and after months of being friends, we finally got to meet each other in person! It was, truly, the highlight of my dark and dreary, cold, wet, sunless, can't-make-up-it's-mind-weather and blustery months here in Michigan. Over bacon and eggs, my friend Ruth and I exchanged some of our favorite books and got to know one another even better in person.

I've been known to make friends in some of the most unusual ways, and I've got stories (shocker, I know) that would really make you laugh at the origins of some of them. But this one? This one will go down in history as one of the sweetest.

So, thank you, *ThumbPrint News*, for being the just-so-happened catalyst to put together two old souls who would become fast friends! And thank you, Al and Diane and family, for encouraging friendships and relationships in our community. What a sweet gift your paper continues to be to me! 🍷



ALZHEIMER'S AND BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH

widespread neurological condition. This disease has devastating effects, not only on the patient but also their families, friends and caregivers.

Alzheimer's was first diagnosed in 1906 by psychiatrist and neuroanatomist, Alois Alzheimer. More than 6.9 million Americans 65 or older have it, 7/8 are women, with older Black and Latino Americans 1.5-2 times more likely to have the disease than older White Americans. The Alzheimer Association was founded in 1980 by a group of families, caregivers and individuals interested in researching this disease.

Alzheimer's is a specific type of dementia that worsens over time. It is a physical illness that damages the brain. The disease injures neurons in the brain, causing connections between networks to break down, eventually shrinking the brain and damaging the cerebral cortex which affects social behavior, communication and language.

The cause of Alzheimer's has not been determined but there are certain risk factors to be aware of: mainly, lifestyle factors such as age, family history, dietary habits, education level and head trauma, as well as high blood pressure and high cholesterol.

Some things you can do to lessen your risk factors is to make healthy food choices, get physical, be socially active and challenge your brain with puzzles, hobbies and learning new things.

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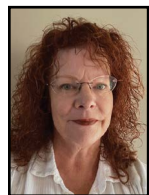
1 On this day in 1968, Simon & Garfunkel's single "Mrs. Robinson" hits #1 on the *Billboard* Hot 100 chart.

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| 2 | <p>On this day in 1886, U.S. President Grover Cleveland weds Frances Folsom; it is the first presidential marriage to be held at the White House.</p> | 3 | <p>On this day in 1926, Beat Generation poet Allen Ginsberg is born in Newark, New Jersey.</p> | 4 | <p>On this day in 1969, a 22-year-old man sneaks into a wheel pod of a jet parked in Havana, Cuba, and survives a 9-hour flight to Spain, despite thin oxygen levels at 29,000 feet.</p> | 5 | <p>On this day in 1981, the first cases of the illness now known as acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) were officially reported by the U.S. Center for Disease Control.</p> | 6 | <p>On this day in 2002, the Eastern Mediterranean Event takes place when a high-energy upper atmosphere explosion of an asteroid (10m wide) takes place over the Mediterranean Sea.</p> | 7 | <p>On this day in 1913, the first verifiable ascent of the main summit of Denali (Mt. McKinley), North America's highest mountain, takes place led by Hudson Stuck and Harry Karstens.</p> | 8 | <p>On this day in 1992, the first World Ocean Day takes place.</p> |
| 9 | <p>On this day in 1790, <i>Philadelphia Spelling Book</i> is the first book copyrighted under the constitution.</p> | 10 | <p>On this day in 1916, the Great Arab Revolt begins against the ruling Ottoman Empire.</p> | 11 | <p>On this day in 1962, inmates Clarence Anglin, John Anglin and Frank Morris escape from Alcatraz, the island prison; they are the only ones who ever seemed to successfully escape.</p> | 12 | <p>On this day in 1880, Worcester Ruby Legs pitcher Lee Richmond throws the first perfect game in MLB history in a 1-0 win over Cleveland Blues.</p> | 13 | <p>On this day in 2018, a raccoon in St. Paul, Minnesota, climbs a 23-story office building becoming an internet sensation.</p> | 14 | <p>On this day in 2012, the world's first stem-cell assisted vein transplant is undertaken by Swedish doctors on a 10-year-old girl.</p> | 15 | <p>On this day in 1878, the world's first moving pictures are caught on camera, done to see if all four a horse's hooves leave the ground while trotting.</p> |
| 16 | <p>On this day in 1373, the Anglo-Portuguese Treaty of Perpetual Alliance is signed between England and Portugal; it is the oldest continuous treaty in effect to this day.</p> | 17 | <p>On this day in 1837, Charles Goodyear obtains his first rubber patent.</p> | 18 | <p>On this day in 1583, Richard Martin of London takes out the first life insurance policy on William Gibbons; the premium was £383.</p> | 19 | <p>On this day in 1865, Union General Gordon Granger declares slaves are free in Texas, now the date the end of slavery is celebrated across the U.S. as Juneteenth.</p> | 20 | <p>On this day in 2020, the highest-ever temperature is recorded in the Arctic circle, 38°C (100.4°F) in Verkhoyansk, Siberia.</p> | 21 | <p>On this day in 2002, Disney's animated movie <i>Lilo & Stitch</i> is released.</p> | 22 | <p>On this day in 1847, the first ring donut is (supposedly) created by Hanson Gregory.</p> |
| 23 | <p>On this day in 1960, the first contraceptive pill goes on sale in the U.S.</p> | 24 | <p>On this day in 1987, American comedian, actor, writer and composer known as "The Great One", Jackie Gleason, dies at age 71.</p> | 25 | <p>On this day in 1951, the first color TV broadcast, <i>Premiere</i>, a musical variety special hosted by Arthur Godfrey, takes place on CBS.</p> | 26 | <p>On this day in 2016, the Panama Canal's third set of locks opens for commercial traffic, doubling the Canal's capacity at an estimated cost of \$5.25 billion.</p> | 27 | <p>On this day in 1954, the first atomic power station opened in Obninsk, near Moscow, Russia.</p> | 28 | <p>On this day in 1820, horticulturist Colonel Robert Gibbon Johnson proved that tomatoes are non-poisonous by eating one on the courthouse steps in Salem, New Jersey.</p> | 29 | <p>On this day in 1990, Dr. Penny Jamieson is appointed the world's first female diocesan Anglican bishop.</p> |

Editorial note: This calendar's purpose is to provide entertainment for our readers and to mention lesser-known historical events. We are aware that there also may be well-known events that have happened on these days, and not listing them does not indicate that we are unaware of their importance.

Be Gentle with Your Soul

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Why is it so hard to be gentle with ourselves? After someone we love makes a big mistake, we extend grace to them, and many times, we automatically do it. Where is that reflective support when we look in the mirror after causing a troubling situation?

The backstory to this question began in 2018. Shortly after my mom moved to Heaven that year, my siblings, myself and my husband were cleaning up the house to sell. Robert, my husband, knew that my tiny backyard was a precious place to me and offered to transplant numerous perennials into our yard. I knew seeing those plants in my yard every day would be continually meaningful. I agreed that we should move them and keep a these special plants that had belonged to my parents.

But that wasn't the only reason they were special. The hydrangeas, peonies, tiger lilies and coral bells had originally been planted at my grandparents' two Detroit homes. Adding those precious plants to my garden would mean I'd have the honor (and responsibility) of being the third generation to care for them.

Robert dug big holes and sprinkled lots of amendments around their roots so they could stretch out and take hold. And how they grew! Every day, I talked to my parents and grandparents and pointed out a fuller bush or that a weak stem was now steadfastly holding up a vivid blossom.

But none of the plants grew at the speed and fortitude as my Grandpa Griggs' white snowball hydrangea bushes. He passed away when my mom was 13 years old, so none of his seven grandkids got to pick his grandparent nickname. Regardless, I knew what he looked like and pictured him digging a hole for that original plant in his backyard. Within a few years, my dedication paid off, and Robert was again working up another sweat. One hydrangea bush grew so large that Robert dug four new holes and divided the plant.

During the summers of 2022 and 2023, I watched those four plants grow and mature as if I'd had them for ten years. I utterly loved showing my friends how the heritage plants were growing and telling them how their smells and showiness helped me connect with my

parents and grandparents.

Then, late last summer, came two thunderstorms. After the first storm, about 20% of our backyard flooded and two of the hydrangeas were in standing water. I removed dirt around the plants and bailed out water again and again. Immediately, water would bubble up from deep underground. I finally reached the point where it was just thick mud – no more water – until the second storm came a few days later. The backyard flooded again, Robert's tomato cages were now flat on the grass and those two Grandpa Griggs' snowball plants were once again in standing water. I bailed and bailed, but I knew I was fighting a losing battle.

Soon enough, the fall and winter came, and I spent time wondering if those two plants would come back in the spring. I set my expectations for a big no but felt certain the other two bushes would be fine. I even daydreamed about Robert getting sweaty when those two remaining bushes needed to be divided.

This spring came, and I waited for new leaves to sprout. As I expected, the two bushes caught in the flood had brown, straw-like stems that easily snapped and no leaves. Unfortunately, the other two, which I thought were far enough away from the floods, looked exactly the same: all four plants seemed lifeless. My heart sank a little deeper every day when I checked for signs of green and found none. Robert, ever the cheerleader, encouraged me to give them a few weeks.

It's been six weeks, and the plants look tired, even browner and truly dead. I scraped the sides of stems, hoping to find green, but nothing. As a gardener, I'm prepared to lose a plant occasionally. But losing four plants is genuinely disappointing. Losing four heritage plants is truly heartbreaking. I feel like I let down my grandparents and parents. During the floods, it never dawned on me to pull the dirt away from the two other plants to help their roots dry out. I simply thought they were not affected because they were far enough away from the flood. What I wouldn't do to go back to those stormy days and tend to those other two plants.

So, when I'm not teary-eyed, I'm knocking myself...no longer believing I can call myself a gardener, which is

one of my favorite identifiers. Robert calmly reminds me that nature always wins. Yet it's hard to picture our backyard without those showy large bushes. He reminds me that the plants were in poor shape in 2018, but my care gave them five strong years. And, most of all, he reminds me that even when we do all we can, sometimes we still lose.

So, after a few weeks of heartache, I know it's time to remove the lifeless stems. I'm going to keep a vase of the sticks so I can have some sense of those plants around me. I'm picturing myself looking at the vase with my hand on my heart...a good moment to remind myself to be gentle with my soul. I can hear a tender whisper that doing all I can is all I need to silence the late-night questions and get that much-needed restorative sleep. My guess is that I'm not the only one who did their best yet ended up in tears...not the only one who needs that murmur for self-kindness...and not the only one who needs to melt into some sweet dreams. Gentleness...what a compassionate and helpful word. 🌱



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BREAKING DOWN SCAR TISSUE

Submitted by **Christopher J. Zimmer DC**, Owner of Zimmer Chiropractic

When patients suffer from acute injuries, such as burns, trauma and surgical procedures, they can be dramatically impacted both physically and emotionally. Any technology that can safely affect and improve the outcome positively should be considered.

Scar tissue is formed when normal, healthy tissue is destroyed by injuries, diseases, surgeries or infections. After an injury, the body's primary goal is to close the wound to prevent infection. When the body tries to heal, it quickly makes a very tough material called collagen, which causes normal, healthy tissue to become fibrous and tough. Scar tissue can be formed both on the surface of the skin and within internal organs and is unique because it does not function as normal tissue would. Scar tissue typically does not have sweat glands, hair follicles or blood vessels. This lack of blood vessels causes a lack of circulation throughout scar tissue, which makes the tissue difficult to heal and more prone to repeat injury. Using stem wave therapy, also known as extracorporeal shock wave therapy (ESWT), on scar tissue is a great way to prevent repeated injuries and promote a more effective healing process.

Stem wave therapy's ability to recruit and activate stem cells accelerates the timeline to produce original, healthy, normal tissue complete with sweat glands and hair follicles. This allows for a higher percentage of original tissue and less scar tissue.

This therapy delivers non-invasive, low-intensity, acoustic shock waves that accelerate healing and has been demonstrated to reduce scars and associated complications. It promotes healing by initiating biological responses at the cellular level. Treatment can be performed in an outpatient facility, without anesthesia and in conjunction with other traditional wound care procedures.

Dr. John David Mullins, MD, FACS, (Atlanta), a board-certified plastic surgeon with 40 years of clinical experience, uses this therapy for treatment for wound care and is seeing results in reducing scar visibility, decrease in pain, increase in range of motion and improvement in elasticity. Even the difficult

recurrent keloids and hypertrophic scars have been improved by this therapy. "There have been a multitude of topical therapies, injections and external applications that have been tried with varying degrees of success. This is the first therapy to offer a cellular response to regeneration via an external painless application with efficient, broad energy."

While the technology of harnessing shock waves isn't new, its application in wound healing and cell regeneration is more recent. Originally studied solely for its healing power when applied to acute (surgical or accidental) and chronic wounds (ulcers, bed sores, etc.), researchers found an unanticipated and often overlooked benefit – one that has the potential of improving the quality of life for patients – the reduction of pain, appearance and limited range of motion associated with most scars and sites of soft tissue healing. While the initial trauma of the affected site can be healed by conservative means, ESWT has shown to not only produce the same results more quickly and efficiently, but it also far surpasses other methods of scar healing resulting in less cost, little to no side effects and more positive patient outcomes.

With the expanded usage of stem wave therapy in the intentional improvement of scar size, elasticity and pigmentation, it also offers a valuable tool to augment current treatments for cosmetic procedures, Cesarean sections, keloid treatment, skin grafts and reconstructive surgeries. It is a ten-minute, easy-to-use, office-based convenient solution that restores confidence and offers patients a way to live their best life.

Stem wave therapy is a reliable and non-invasive option for treating scar tissue. With years of studying, research and implementation, this therapy has proven itself as a viable, practical asset in any patient's journey to recovery. 🌱

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oven we didn't have. My mom and dad slept in the one bedroom (marked off with blankets stapled to the 2x4s), and I slept in the loft that overlooked the main room.

We had a homemade outhouse in the backyard. That didn't seem strange to me, since North School, on the corner of 15 Mile and Mound where I went to first grade that fall, also had two privies at the back of the playground. And speaking of school, yes, I walked the mile to school (although it wasn't uphill) because there was no school bus. We had one old car, my father worked in the city and dropped my mother off at Murthum, where she taught history and English. Murthum, Warren High School back then, started their classes started about an hour earlier than grade school so the big kids could get off earlier to help their parents on the farms.

I have to take a moment here to pay tribute to Miss Margaret Black, my teacher for the first three grades. North School had two rooms: one for K through 2nd grade and one for 3rd through 5th. Miss Black taught all six of those classes with the help of somebody's mom who watched the room she wasn't in. She covered the prescribed curriculum, read stories to each group, watched over nap time and wild games at recess, fixed booboos and praised every step forward that we made, all without so much as disarranging her meticulous finger curls. Was she a good teacher? Well, when I moved to Pennsylvania during the war, they decided I should skip 4th grade and go straight into 5th. (So, I'd say yes, despite that probably being why I still have trouble with long division.)

Back to the house on Meadowview. In the spring my father showed me how to tap the maple trees and boil down syrup. He made dandelion wine from the weeds in the front yard and harvested the blackberries that grew wild. We built a henhouse and a rabbit hutch, stocked them, fed them and butchered them. (Yes, at six I was wringing chickens' necks.) My mother would then can them so we would have meat for winter. We walked the woods behind the house, shot pheasants and rabbits, picked wild grapes and wove baskets from the vines to carry them home.

How did my dad, a city kid educated at Detroit Northern High School, know how to do all those things? He dropped out of school at 16 to ride the rails, but he was a voracious reader and a great fan of boys' adventure books. He had always wanted to live in the country. He loved to quote a pioneer who said, "When you can see the smoke from your neighbor's chimney, it's time to move."

The next December we finally got the roof shingled. One Sunday, when they were free from work, my dad and a friend were up there hammering away. I was standing down below, wishing I was allowed on the roof. My mother came out the back door and called, "Art, I think you better get down here and listen to the radio." FDR was telling us about Pearl Harbor. My dad left the decorating business and became a draughtsman at the Tank Arsenal on Van Dyke. He was fast approaching 38 – the age at which men were no longer eligible to enlist. However, the month before his birthday, he joined the Army. He said, "I was too young for the last one, and I don't want to miss this one."

We had to sell the house on Meadowview. For the next two years, my mother and I lived without my father. First with her parents in Interlochen, Michigan, before moving in with his relatives in Meadville, Pennsylvania. This was all while the Army tried to figure out what to do with a 38-year-old private. The

men in his company always called him "Pops", and his officers were usually younger than he was. But because decorators in those days spent a lot of time hanging miles of cloth ceilings and bunting from the girders of the old convention halls, he could climb a rope using just his arms and was up to all the pushups and obstacle courses they threw at him in basic training.

He was transferred from Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri, to Engineer School in Virginia, to assignment as a camouflage instructor in South Carolina, to the teaching cadre at Indiantown Gap in Pennsylvania, where, as a corporal, he taught officers how to throw up bridges under fire, use cheesecloth and coffee grounds to hide whole battalions in open countryside, and the psychology of placing mines and booby traps right where the

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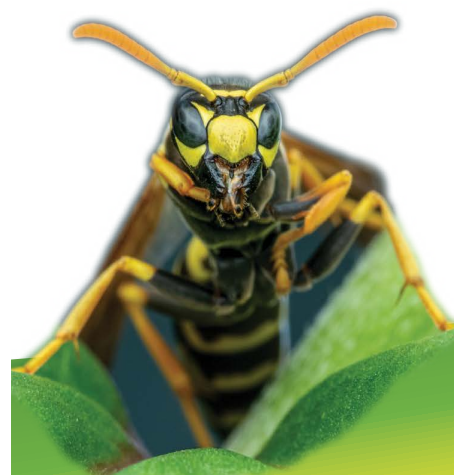
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Inspired Creativi-Tea

By **Theresa Nielsen**
ThumbPrint News Columnist



I was out walking my dogs, searching for some inspiration for a new quilting project. The fresh air, new spring leaves, and flowering trees in so many beautiful shades of pink and purple have really amped up my excitement about this project. I just love them all.

For several years I had a lovely Redbud tree in my front yard. It was the perfect tree, so striking against the backdrop of the white house. Until one particularly bad storm damaged a large branch and then about six months later, another storm took out another limb. My poor tree. I couldn't save it. I still miss it but I do enjoy seeing all the others on my walks.

I've decided I want to design a small quilt with my long-lost tree in mind but it's been hard to pin down the right idea, just like whether or not to drink my afternoon tea from a teacup or a mug. That is a decision that also requires some thought. If I'm going to sit down to read a book and relax, I'll use the teacup. But if I'm going to work on a quilt project, I better use a mug and double up on the tea because I never go to my sewing room to work on a twenty-minute project. I always end up losing track of time in there and now that the idea is planted in my mind, I will need to spend some time feeling my way through the fabrics to find just the right one. Can't rush into this, I want to make it perfect.

I asked a few friends of mine which they preferred, a teacup or a mug. My friend Madeline always uses a teacup, nothing else. Why do you ask? Because another person I know only uses a big mug, like you would use for hot chocolate, as in bigger is always better. I digress.

Back to my tree quilt vision. This won't be just any tree, it will have lots of branches and pretty green leaves and it surely needs a birdhouse or two with birds. There will be puffy clouds and bright sunshine, maybe even a basket of fresh fruits nearby. Of course, before I find just the right fabric, I'll most likely get distracted by the quilt blocks waiting to be pressed or the doll who needs her hair. It's simply another day in the life of a quilter. I find it very difficult to keep my sewing room in order because I'm always working on several projects at once. My brain works better that way even though I spend a lot of time

at night thinking of all the unfinished projects I have to do. It's no wonder I haven't been sleeping as much as I should!

After searching for what seemed like a long time, I still hadn't found the perfect shade of green for the leaves or the proper brown for the trunk, so to help me refocus my mind I acted on another inspiration. I hurried to the kitchen to bake a chocolate cake from scratch to go with my cup of tea that I would have after dinner. I love baking from scratch or with an old family recipe. I do have a mixed bag of tricks when it comes to my recipes though, just like my sewing room, they are not in order.

One thing is for sure, I'm having chocolate cake for dessert, with a large mug of hot tea while I decide which other colors to use for this new tree project. I think I have narrowed it down to five choices, maybe inspiration will hit me on my morning walk with the dogs. Hmm, pink or purple? Maybe a bit of both. Wait, I think I'll have that cup of tea for inspiration right now. Perhaps green tea will do the trick. 🌱



Editorial note: To read more of Theresa's writing, you can find her books about growing up sewing in a small town on Amazon and Barnes & Nobel's website. To reach Theresa, you can email her at catbirdinn@sbcglobal.net.

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THE SIGNIFICANCE OF TWO WORDS

By David Gillis, *ThumbPrint News* Columnist

Faith in God is a tremendously important aspect of my life. Without that faith, I would be totally lost and more confused than I may already appear to be. In addition to any reference to God and of secondary, but related, importance in my life are the principles this country was founded on.

Although it is well over seven decades ago, I can recall the day when I gained a new understanding of the commitment I made each weekday for more than one-half of my young life. I began each school day by reciting, along with classmates, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. In fact, we also devoted a moment to silent prayer, but that's another story that can be told at another time. Many of those younger than I am may not even comprehend the importance of that being done in a public school classroom. Possibly a lesson can be learned about respect and how to find significance through faith if we could only find a way to demonstrate the true meaning of this classroom practice today.

As I look back, at the beginning of a specific day that is still vivid in my mind, Mrs. Florence Smith, my sixth-grade teacher, explained that our Pledge of Allegiance had been altered by Congress and that President Eisenhower had signed it into law. She explained that the modification was introduced to express the true intent of this nation's Founding Fathers more fully and that it was consistent with the text of the Constitution of the United States. The amendment added just two words, "under God". Well, that was not too complicated and, at age eleven, I could remember that. So, that day I recited the Pledge of Allegiance with the new emphasis on God.



As I walked to school the next day, I thought about the change. I guess it kept going through my mind because I was concerned about remembering to say the right words when I recited the Pledge. But, as I thought about it, even at a young age I began to gain a different perspective of what the Pledge really meant.

Not only was I making a commitment of loyalty to my country and the flag that represents it, but I was also doing so with the understanding that God was an important part of making my country all that it was and all that it was intended to be. Now, I not only found the pride of country, which existed for almost everyone in the mid-1950s, I could also couple it with the importance of God, which my mother had taught me. My thoughts were not that profound at that time, but I know now that the understanding was clear. Yes, this was one step in finding significance through faith although I did not know it at the time.

Mrs. Smith was a special teacher, dedicated to a profession that she treated as a calling. She was a strong woman of faith and was the teacher I respected probably more than any other. Each morning, she would point to the United States Flag and simply say, "Please stand." Out of respect for her and our nation, we would then recite the Pledge and now, including the new words, with a different focus. Her very special effort to explain the reasons for the modification in our Pledge made the change easier to understand in 1954 and is greatly appreciated more than 70 years later. But was Mrs. Smith wrong?

Native American Words of Wisdom

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— Thoughts passed down from an Ojibwe Elder



Five Ojibwe Chiefs, 19th Century

A notable chief of the Ojibwe tribe was Chief Matchekewis, aka *Madjeckewis*, *Mash-i-pi-nash-i-wish* or Bad Bird. His participation in Pontiac's War during the capture of Fort Michilimackinac from the British in 1763 made him famous. He later became an ally of Great Britain during the American Revolutionary War but was defeated by the Spaniards at the Battle of St. Louis in 1780. He signed the Treaty of Greenville in 1795, ceding Bois Blanc Island and all his original lands to the budding United States.

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Since 1940 our Pledge of Allegiance has been challenged. However, none has been as great as that presented years ago by a California attorney and avowed atheist who argued against the two words added in 1954, as well as wanting to prevent his daughter's teacher from leading her class in reciting the Pledge. Although his argument was successful before a three-judge panel of the progressive-leaning Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, it didn't do very well when Congress decided to deal with it. The U.S. Senate unanimously passed a bill that affirmed the action of Congress in 1954. The House of Representatives followed the Senate's action and President George W. Bush signed it into law.

So, was Mrs. Smith wrong when she explained the importance of God's involvement in the formation of our nation and His presence in our Pledge to it? No, I don't think so! I only wish we had more teachers like Mrs. Smith today who would take the time to provide an understanding of why "in God we trust" is on our currency and "under God" in our Pledge. Oh, Mrs. Smith, how I wish we had more educators like you who had the ability to instill real values and ideals in the minds of young Americans. No, you were not wrong, and you provided a strong demonstration of meaningful significance through faith in my life. As we approach the **National Flag Day recognition on June 14**, I thank you for the significance of that memory. 🇺🇸

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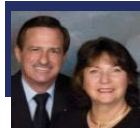
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St. Clair County

Since 1955, St. Clair County has benefited from the services and support of The Arc, a nationwide, community-based non-profit helping consumers with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families. The Arc of St. Clair County, located in Port Huron, offers FREE services to more than 500 children and adults throughout the year helping them on their quest to live full and inclusive lives.

The Arc fosters change and expands opportunity in every aspect of our consumers' lives, allowing them to strive for and ultimately attain their goals of going to school, finding a job and living on their own. The Arc of St. Clair County champions the civil rights of people with I/DD in areas such as special education law, housing, health care, recreation and more. The Arc works through a variety of channels to foster respect, raise awareness and change attitudes about people with I/DD to remove barriers to a society that truly embraces full inclusion and acceptance.

The only way The Arc can continue to be an important resource for these vulnerable consumers is through the support of the community. They have many events and sales throughout the year to gain and retain the funds needed to continue. Their next upcoming event is the 26th Annual The Arc Golf Classic on June 1st and it has become the most important and largest fundraiser of the year. (Learn more in their listing on page 21 of this issue.)

You can learn more about this amazing organization and all of its upcoming events, as well as how to volunteer or donate by visiting www.thearcsc.org.



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MARKET MATTERS

The National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) reported that home prices continued to rise in the first quarter of 2024. The national median prices rose 5.0% year over year to \$389,400. Of the 221 metro areas that NAR measures, 30% had double-digit year-over-year price increases in the first quarter of this year.

NAR also reported that nationally, monthly mortgage payments on a single-family home in the first quarter increased 9.3% to \$2,037 compared to \$1,864 a year ago. The effective 30-year fixed mortgage rate increased to 6.83% in the first quarter of 2024, compared to 6.44% one year ago. Median family income to qualify was \$97,781 compared to \$89,486 a year ago, and median family incomes rose to \$100,968 in the first quarter of 2024, compared to \$95,954 a year ago.

For many reasons, we are lucky to be here in the Midwest! One of those reasons is that housing is more affordable. In our MIRealsource area*, the median sales price in the first quarter 2024, compared to the first quarter 2023, increased 6.8% to \$221,000 from \$207,000 on a single-family home and 10.7% to \$239,900 from \$216,750 on a condo.

The Fannie Mae Home Purchase Sentiment Index® (HPSI) was flat in April at 71.9. 67% of consumers indicated that it's a good time to sell a home, while 20% said it's a good time to buy a home. These two indicators are up 10 percentage points and 3 percentage points, respectively, since the end of 2023, despite mortgage rates.

Residential mortgage interest rates have continued to bounce around the 7-7.25% range for a 30-year fixed rate mortgage and 6.5-6.75% range for a 15-year fixed rate mortgage.

CURB APPEAL - FIRST IMPRESSIONS

First impressions count, so don't miss the opportunity to set the stage for the impression your home will make on prospective buyers (or for that matter, visitors). Start with landscaping – a neatly-trimmed lawn, plants, flowerbeds and shrubs. Follow that with a swept walkway and fresh, clean, cobweb-free entryways as visitors look around while doors are being opened for them. 🌿

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To ThumbPrint News,
I picked up a copy of your paper at River Crest Family Restaurant (16 Mile and Harper) and I really enjoyed it. Thank you and keep up the good news.
Sincerely, Marvin Kescher – Sterling Heights.

Marvin, Thank you for your kind words and for subscribing!
Sincerely, TPN Staff

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THUMBPRINT NEWS PET PHOTO CHALLENGE

Meet Dallas from Port Huron, MI, who will be celebrating her 8th birthday on June 13th.

Dallas is always ready to go for morning walks and sometime afternoon runs. She is therefore prepared for bed around 8:30 p.m. Dallas truly likes this time of day best! She numbs our hands as we get comfortable in bed and stands in between my eyes and the newspaper I am reading. She does this because she wants to read before she calls it a day. She is so amazing!

Thank you, Tricia T., for sharing Dallas with us.

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BACK IN THE DAY

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enemy thought they weren't.

Finally, in the fall of 1945, we all met up again in Warren, where we rented a historic farmhouse on Chicago Road at Ryan. My mother resumed teaching in the new Victory High School, I attended 6th grade at Murthum, and my dad got his old job back at the Johnson Decorating Company in Detroit, where he had spent the '30s mostly designing auto shows.

That spring of 1946, after defending our country for five years and having been out of the decorating business all that time, his designs were chosen, from among many contestants, for the 50th Anniversary of the Automotive Industry – visuals, lampposts, street decorations, ramps, runways and band platforms. Above the page-wide headline **ONE MILLION ATTEND PARADE**, *The Detroit Free Press* ran a red banner that read:

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We were able to buy that farmhouse on Chicago Road. I knew there was no going back to the cottage on Meadowview. We had a good life in that farmhouse... but when I'm in that old neighborhood I can't help getting nostalgic. A few times I've even driven by with my grandchildren (and lately my great-grandchildren) to show them the house my dad and I built when I was five. It's a teeny little place on a washboard dirt road, but I still miss it. And I miss my dad, my own personal member of the Greatest Generation. 🇺🇸

Editorial note: Arthur is a professor emeritus of the University of Detroit Mercy, a longtime published playwright, director and professional actor, born in Michigan and an amateur historian, living in Warren.

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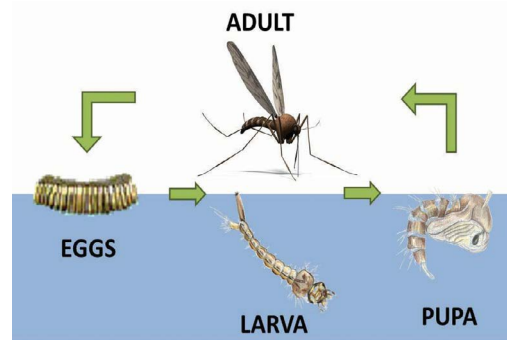
Informational Tips and Advice on Common Household Pests from Nicole Szymczak, President, ABC Home & Commercial Services



June is the perfect time to enjoy the great outdoors, but every year the same pests arrive to drive you and your family back inside. Mosquitoes use many methods to locate us. They are attracted to the carbon dioxide humans and animals emit. They also use receptors and vision to pick up body heat, perspiration and skin odor to find a potential host. If you're outside at this time of year in Michigan, you know they will be relentless in searching out your blood as the perfect snack. There are more than 3,000 species of mosquitoes worldwide and more than 60 species are in Michigan.

An interesting bit of information is that male mosquitoes feed and survive on plant materials and nectar. This means that only females feed on blood because it is required for most of them to produce eggs. If they didn't bite us, they would not be able to reproduce. Mosquitoes can harbor and transmit several life-threatening diseases, such as West Nile Virus, St. Louis encephalitis, La Crosse encephalitis, eastern equine encephalitis (EEE), Zika and heartworm, to name a few. They can transmit these diseases to humans, pets, livestock and wildlife. It only takes one bite from an infected mosquito to spread the disease they are carrying.

Mosquitoes go through four stages of development: egg, larva, pupae and adult.



That means there are several types of products and treatments available, depending on what stage they are at in their life cycle. The earlier you stop the development of these blood suckers the better! It is best to target these pests in the larvae and pupae stages before they become free-flying insects.

Mosquito larvae are typically found in shallow, stagnant water, which makes standing water around

your yard an optimal breeding ground! Mosquito eggs must be in water to hatch, so they will lay their eggs either directly in water or in areas subject to flooding. Knowing this can help you reduce the risk of mosquitoes taking over your yard. Try to eliminate any standing water you can find, such as buckets or any type of container that collects water when it rains. Make sure you're pouring the water out if it collects, or angle the container so it can no longer collect water. Being proactive in this area can help you minimize mosquito activity.

Adult mosquitoes are most active during dawn and dusk. If you are out and about during these times, be sure to keep yourself protected. Wear long sleeves and long pants and some type of bug repellent. And don't forget about your pets! There are products on the market that will protect your pets from these pesky insects and the diseases they carry as well. Taking these simple precautions will save you a lot of suffering and distress.

Due to the nature of this annoying insect, control can be hard to gain. It can require multiple professional treatments throughout the summer to reduce their impact. ABC Bees, a division of ABC Home & Commercial Services, is equipped to create specialized treatment plans that are specific to each home, yard and landscape! Call ABC Bees at (810) 794-5678 now to schedule an appointment before the eggs start hatching. Unfortunately, there is no such thing as a complete elimination of this insect, but regularly scheduled treatments will offer a significant reduction in activity. The sooner you call and schedule your appointment, the sooner you'll be able to get a handle on those pesky mosquitoes and enjoy more of your time outdoors! 🌱



Mosquito larvae face close up

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BURTON

4 Flint Genealogical Society Banquet Italia Gardens, G-3273 Miller Rd., 6PM. Join us in celebrating the end of the genealogy year! \$20/person. Monthly meetings will resume on September 3. For more info visit flintgenealogy.org or email webmaster@flintgenealogy.org.

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HADLEY

1 A Grand Old Day in Hadley Hadley Mill Museum, 3633 Hadley Rd., 9AM – 4PM. Join us in celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Hadley Mill! We'll have live music, a car & tractor show, vintage collectables on display, an art show and art for kids, old toys and more! For more info visit HadleyHistorical.Eventbrite.com or find Hadley Township Historical Society on Facebook.

6 The History of the Hadley Mill Hadley Township Offices, 4293 Pratt Rd., doors open at 6:30PM, program is from 7:00PM – 8:30PM. Join us in welcoming author Allie Seibert for this program. It is open to the public and is free, but donations are appreciated. For more info find Hadley Township Historical Society on Facebook or email HadleyHistorical@gmail.com.

IMLAY CITY

1 Eagles #4082 Dinner & Band Eagles Hall, 170 S. Almont Ave., 4:30PM – 11PM. Join us for dinner until 6:30PM. We'll be having a lasagna dinner with salad and dessert for just \$12. The Torch Band will be playing beginning at 7PM. Can't wait to see you. Don't forget to ask about the ongoing raffles and the Backpack Extravaganza! For more info call (810) 724-1954.

28 Eagles #4082 Blood Drive Eagles Hall, 170 S. Almont Ave., 10AM – 4PM. Give back by giving blood. Set up your appointment online at RedCrossBlood.org by searching our zip code: 48444 and selecting "Fraternal Order of Eagles 4082". If you need help setting up your appointment call Betty at (810) 834-7668 or Kelly at (810) 417-6498, custom line 2.

LAPEER

2, 9, 16 & 23 Sunday Flea Market The Lapeer Center Building, 425 County Center St., 8AM – 2PM. We'll have 50 booths inside and outside selling a huge variety of items to the public. This long-running community event is sponsored by The Lapeer Center Building, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization for over 70 years. We do still have space available if you'd like to participate! For more info email lapeercenter@charter.net or call (810) 664-2109.

METAMORA

14 1st Annual Summer Kickoff Luau Metamora Golf & Country Club, 1600 Club Dr., 6PM – midnight. Join Habitat for Humanity of Lapeer-Tuscola for their event that will have door prizes, an auction, raffles, games, contests and more! There will also be a DJ, photo booth and bonfire! Have fun for a great cause! \$40 or \$350/table of 8. For more info visit <https://bit.ly/habitat-june>.

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CHESTERFIELD

1 & 2 Lac Ste. Clair Habitants et Voyageurs de Detroit The Chesterfield Historical Village Green, 47275 Sugarbush, 10AM – 4PM on SAT and 10AM – 3PM on SUN. Join the Chesterfield Historical Society as they host this event where the Great Lakes Fur Trade Era will be showing skills, period clothing and more circa 1750s. Donations: \$1/adult or \$2/family. Food and drink will be available for purchase. For more info on the Society email kathyvosburg@gmail.com. For more info on Lac Ste. Claire Habitants, email tustin777@yahoo.com.

13-15 Blankets with Care Donation Drive 32648 Coach Dr., 10AM – 6PM on THUR and FRI, 10AM – 5PM on SAT. Join us at the 4th Chesterfield Township Community Yard Sale where we'll be taking donations of unused items for the homeless with McWarm! Please help us bring joy to the homeless, elderly, veterans and those in need. For more info follow "blanketswithcare" on Facebook or email blanketswithcare@gmail.com.

22 Crocker House Museum Tea Talk Crocker House Museum, 15 Union St., luncheon at 12PM, program

at 1PM. Join us for the program "To Find a Use for Every Plant: A History of the Old Herbals" with Dave Putt. \$40 for tea, lunch and presentation. Tours and gift shop will be available. For more info and tickets call (586) 465-2488 or visit crockerhousemuseum.org.

FRASER

18 32nd Annual "Bid for Life!" Auction and Dinner Vintage House Banquet Hall, 31816 Utica Rd., doors open at 5:30PM, dinner served at 7PM. Join Right to Life of Michigan for their live and silent auctions, 50/50 raffle and a family-style dinner. \$55 or \$400/table of 8. For more info visit rtl.org, call (586) 774-6050 or email MacombRLM@rtl.org.

MEMPHIS

5, 12, 19 & 26 Wednesday Night Bingo Memphis American Legion Post 566, 34330 Bordman Rd., 5:30 p.m. – 9:15 p.m., games start at 6:30 p.m. Concession stand available, light dinner served at 7:30 p.m. for \$5/person. For more info call (810) 392-3237.

7 & 21 Fried Cod Dinner Memphis American Legion Post 566, 34330 Bordman Rd., 3PM – 6:30PM, for eat in or call ahead (starting at 12PM) to set up a pick-up time. Chicken tenders available too. \$15/adult, \$7/child (ages 6-12), and children 5 and under eat free with paid adult, eat in only. Call early for the best selection of (limited) desserts! For more info call (810) 392-3237.

7, 14, 21 & 28 Friday Night Euchre Memphis American Legion Post 566, 34330 Bordman Rd., doors open at 6:30PM, start time is 7PM. \$10. For more info call (810) 392-3237.

RAY TWP.

5, 12 & 26 Youth iPad Fun Ray Township Public Library, 64255 Wolcott Rd., 6PM – 8PM. Youth can come explore coding, photography, video and more for FREE through our Clovers CODE program presented by the 4-H MSU Extension. Apple iPads will be provided. Registration is required. For more info visit raylibrary.org or call (586) 749-7130.

RICHMOND

All Month Long Woman's Life Chapter 855 Bottles and Cans Drive Helping those in need in our community. Make a difference today by donating. For larger donations, we have a pick-up service. For pick-up or area drop off locations in Richmond and Memphis, call (810) 543-1128.

4 Woman's Life Chapter 855 Meeting Lois Wagner Library, 35200 Division Rd., 6:30PM. Everyone is welcome to attend. We are a friendly group of women who enjoy doing charitable acts for those in need in the community. We are looking for new

members to help us in our cause. For questions, please call (586) 872-3867.

ROSEVILLE

20 Murder Mystery Roseville Library, 29777 Gratiot Ave., 6PM. Teens and adults, come help us solve the case! This gruesome library murder will have you guessing who could have committed such an awful crime. Will your assumptions be right or has your imagination gone wild in this baffling case? Registration opens May 30. For more info and a full list of library events, visit rosevillelibrary.org/wordpress/programs-events or call (586) 445-5407.

20 & 27 Story Time Adventures Roseville Library, 29777 Gratiot Ave., 10AM. Join us for storytime and an adventure! The Roseville Police Department will be here on the 20th, followed by the Fire Department on the 27th. For ages 0-5 and caretakers. Registrations open May 30 and June 6. For more info and a full list of library events, visit rosevillelibrary.org/wordpress/programs-events or call (586) 445-5407.

25 Detroit Pizza: A Doughtown History Roseville Library, 29777 Gratiot Ave., 2PM. Calling all adults to join us in welcoming Karen Dybis as she discusses the history of Detroit pizza and the restaurants that made it famous in this delicious talk based on her book. Sorry, no pizza will be served at this program. No registration required. For more info and a full list of library events, visit rosevillelibrary.org/wordpress/programs-events or call (586) 445-5407.

WASHINGTON

1 & 2 Barn and Book Sale The Loren Andrus Octagon House, 57500 Van Dyke, 9AM – 4PM. Visit the Barn for antiques, tools, mowers, snowblowers and more! Then venture to the Milkhouse where there will be a huge book sale going on! And from 10AM – 3PM the MSU Extension Master Gardeners will have a perennial plant sale going on and the Octagon House will be open for \$5 self-guided tours, with docents on-site. All proceeds go to the restoration of the House and grounds. For more info visit octagonhouse.org, call (586) 781 0084 or email info@octagonhouse.org.

9 & 23 The Greater Washington Area Historical Museum Open House 58230 Van Dyke, 1PM – 4PM. The Museum is open for tours! Admission is free, but donations are welcome. Come check us out! We're always looking for new members and volunteers who are interested in local history. For more info email washingtonmuseum@gmail.com, call (586) 786-5304, visit washhistsoc.org or find us on Facebook.

13 The Greater Washington Area Historical Society 3rd Annual Golf

Outing Greystone Golf Club, 67500 Mound Rd., 8AM – 5PM, golf starts at 9:30AM. Come out and play to help us replace the roof on the Washington Museum. \$125 for breakfast, golfing, lunch and dinner or \$40 for just dinner. We'll also have prizes! For more info call (586) 206-5185, find us on Facebook, visit washhistsoc.org or email ssprevit@hotmail.com.

OAKLAND

OXFORD

7, 14, 21 & 28 Friday Fish Fry American Legion Post 108, 130 E. Drahrer Rd., 12PM – 8PM. Average cost is \$12. We have walleye, cod and shrimp, combo plates and carry out is available. Building is sanitized daily. For more info call (248) 628-9081.

ROYAL OAK

8 Rails Through Royal Oak Exhibit Opening Royal Oak Historical Museum, 1PM. Come learn how the railroad and DUR boosted Royal Oak's development! Rail historians will be here to answer questions, model trains will be on display and refreshments will be served. This exhibit will be open in June and July, so visit any TUE, THUR or SAT between 1PM – 4PM. For more info visit royaloakhistoricalsociety.com or call (248) 439-1501.

TROY

8 & 22 Oakland County Traditional Dance Society Dances First Methodist Church of Troy, 6363 Livernois Rd., 7PM – 10PM. Join the OCTDS for their monthly dances! Lessons for beginners start at 7PM, dances begin at 7:30PM. The 8th will be our Lively-Hi Steppin' Line Dance, and the 22nd will be Slidin' into Spring Contra Dance with music from Nutshell, an Irish group from Ann Arbor. \$10 or pay what you can for refreshments and to support the bands. Bring snacks and get \$1 off admission. For more info email info@octds.org.

ST. CLAIR

ALGONAC

4 Woman's Life Chapter 883 Meeting Church of Christ, 1601 St. Clair River Dr., 6PM. Everyone is welcome, and we're always looking for new members. For more info contact Paula at paulaburgess@comcast.net, (810) 278-4466 or (810) 794-9641.

15 Boat4Vets 13th Annual Lake St. Clair Outing Algonac VFW Hall, 1005 Pointe Tremble Rd., 9:30AM, with boat rides from The Algonac Harbour Club, 1999 Pointe Tremble Rd. RSVP by June 5. This is free to all veterans and their spouse or caretaker! For more info email walker00@comcast.net or call

(810) 512-4660.

22 39th Annual Algonac Antique/Classic Boat Show Algonac Harbour Club, 1999 Pointe Tremble Rd. Join us at the home of the original Cris-Craft Plant, "Where It All Began" featuring Gar Wood and over 100 years of boat building. There will be activities for kids, free boat rides, you can visit the Ship Store or the museum. For more info email steve@tuzinowski.com or call (810) 560-5397.

22 Log Cabin Day & Quilt Show 4710 Pointe Tremble Rd., 1PM – 4PM. Join the Algonac-Clay Historical Society for this fun event that features The River String Dulcimers Quilt Show, farm equipment and ice cream social! For more info visit achistory.com or call (810) 794-9015.

CASCO

1 & 15 Euchre Tournament St. James United Church of Christ Basement, 9008 Meisner Rd., play starts at 6:30PM. Join us for lots of fun where laughter is pretty much a guarantee! \$10/player, 25¢/Euchre. For more info call (586) 727-1623.

KIMBALL

15 Justified Quartet Live in Concert Wadhams Baptist Church, 5461 Lapeer Rd., 6PM. Join us for a great show by this gospel quartet from Akron, MI. For more info call (810) 982-4253 or visit justifiedqt.net.

MARYSVILLE

5, 12, 19 & 26 Knights of Columbus #9526 Wednesday Bingo The Knight Club, 1195 Gratiot Blvd., 6:20PM start time. (Doors open 2 hours prior.) For more info call (810) 364-6800.

NORTH STREET

5 St. Clair Kennel Club General Meeting Dorsey House, 6008 Beard Rd., 6PM – 8:30PM. Calling all dog lovers to come see what we're all about! For more info visit our website stclairkc.org or email stclairkennelclub@gmail.com.

PORT HURON

All Month Long Diaper Drive by the St. Clair County Health Department's Maternal and Infant Health Program (MIHP) drop off at St. Clair County Health Department, 3415 28th St., during their regular business hours: MON 10AM – 6:30PM or TUE – FRI 8AM – 4:30PM, or you can schedule a pick-up. Donation requests: new packages of baby diapers (all sizes), baby wipes, rash creams or baby hygiene items. 100% of donations will be given to eligible MIHP participants. Monetary donations can be made to St. Clair County Treasurer at paypal.com/paypalme/sccmitreasurer. For more info call (810) 987-4903.

126th Annual The Arc Golf Classic

Elks Lodge #343, 3992 Beach Rd., registration begins at 7:30AM. Join The Arc of St. Clair County for this event that honors the legacy of Rich Schock, who was an avid golfer and a longtime Arc employee. Rich saw the number of golfers and sponsors grow each year before his death in 2008. It has continued to grow each year since. We'll have competition, prizes, raffles and auctions in support of The Arc. \$100/person to golf or \$30/person for lunch only. For more info visit thearcsc.org or call (810) 989-9144.

3, 10, 17 & 24 Play Bridge Council on Aging, 600 Grand River Ave., 12PM – 3:30PM. Join us to play this fun card game, duplicate-style, experienced players only. No partner needed. \$5. For more info, to register or for on-going free bridge lessons, contact Tom at tjbroyles@aol.com or (810) 326-0121.

3, 10, 17 & 24 Play Bridge Palmer Park Recreation Center, 2829 Armour St., 10AM – 2PM on the first MON, 11AM – 2PM all other dates. Join us to play this fun card game, party bridge-style, no experienced needed. No partner needed. \$1 to play. For more info, to register or for on-going free bridge lessons, contact Tom at tjbroyles@aol.com or (810) 326-0121.

5 The St. Clair County Retirees' Association Meeting Council on Aging Senior Center, third floor,

600 Grand River Ave., doors open at 11:30AM, lunch is served at 12PM. Our speaker will be Jean Sturtridge from the St. Clair County Regional Educational Service Agency. \$5. For more info email sccra917@gmail.com.

6, 13, 20 & 27 Cornhole Tournament Charles A. Hammond American Legion Auxiliary Unit #8, 1026 6th St., 7PM. Join us to play some cornhole! \$5 to play. Open to the public and all levels of experience are welcome. For more info call (810) 982-9553.

7, 14, 21 & 28 Euchre Charles A. Hammond American Legion Auxiliary Unit #8, 1026 6th St., 1PM. Join us for this fun card game! \$5 to play. Open to the public. For more info call (810) 982-9553.

16 AYCE Breakfast Port Huron Masonic Lodge #58, 927 St., Port Huron, 9AM – 1PM. Join us for our All You Can Eat Breakfast! We'll have choice of eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon, potatoes, amazing coffee, as well as juice and water. \$10. Discounts for veterans, service members and seniors. For more info call (810) 982-5044.

17 Port Huron Elks Lodge #343's 63rd Consecutive Blood Drive Port Huron Elks Lodge #343, 3292 Beach Rd., 12PM – 6PM. We have collected over 250 gallons of blood since 2013. To make an appointment, please call (800) RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)



Vocabulary Voyage

Compiled By Laura Irwin, ThumbPrint News Staff

"We now accept the fact that learning is a lifelong process of keeping abreast of change. And the most pressing task is to teach people how to learn." – Peter Drucker (1909-2005)

ambit am-bit | 'am-bət

A noun meaning: 1 : CIRCUIT, COMPASS 2 : the bounds or limits of a place or district 3 : a sphere of action, expression or influence : SCOPE. First known use: 1597 (sense 1) from Latin *ambitus* "circuit, circumference, strip of ground around the outside of a building" Ex: *An attorney must operate within the ambit of the law.*

carom car-om | 'ker-əm

As a noun the meaning is 1 : a shot in billiards in which the cue ball strikes two object balls 2 : a shot in pool in which an object ball strikes another ball before falling into a pocket.

As a verb the meaning of caromed; caroming; caroms is 1 : to strike and rebound 2 : to make a carom, 3 : to proceed by or as if by caroms. First known use as a noun: 1779; as a verb: 1860, from Spanish *carambola*. Ex: *Vehicles striking the guardrails can carom across the traffic lanes.*

epicene ep-i-cene | 'e-pə-sēn

An adjective meaning: 1 : having characteristics of both sexes or no characteristics of either sex; of indeterminate sex. 2 : GRAMMAR designating nouns and pronouns that may denote individuals of either sex. First known use: (sense 1) 15th century from Greek *epikoinos*, from *epi-* + *koinos* common. Ex: *Many young people are choosing an epicene appearance.*



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ST. CLAIR

1 Euchre Tournament Hosted by Cornell Marysville Chapter #93 OES St. Clair Masonic Temple, 1800 St. Clair Hwy., doors open at 12:30PM, play starts at 1PM. This event is open to the public and admission is \$10. We'll also have refreshments, door prizes and a 50/50 drawing. Don't miss out on this fun event! For more info call Diane at (586) 337-2729.

4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25 & 28 Play Bridge St. Clair Community Center, 308 S. 5th St., 12PM – 3PM. Join us to play this fun card game. On TUE we play party bridge-style, no experienced

needed for \$1, and on FRI we play duplicate-style, experienced players only for \$5. No partner needed. For more info, to register or for on-going free bridge lessons, contact Tom at tjbroyles@aol.com or (810) 326-0121.

SMITHS CREEK

7 Fish Fry American Legion Post 525, 7150 Smiths Creek Rd., 4:30PM – 7PM. Join us for some delectable fish! \$11/adult and \$5/child (12 & under). For more info call (810) 367-6351.

9 Smiths Creek Masonic Lodge Monthly Breakfast Smiths Creek Masonic Lodge #498, 335 Henry St. (across the street from the Pink Elephant), 8AM – 12PM. Join us for delicious eggs, bacon, potatoes, French toast, pancakes (plain &

blueberry), along with coffee, orange juice, white and chocolate milk. AYCE for only \$10/adult and \$5/child under 12. For more info email clintonsharrard@comcast.net.

YALE

14 & 28 K of C Council 8710 Fish Fries Fr. Dunn Hall, Sacred Heart Church, 310 N. Main St., lunch: 12PM – 1PM or dinner: 4PM – 7PM (or until sold out). Come on out for fish, slaw, mac & cheese, fries, potatoes, rolls, drinks and dessert! Dine-in or carryout. Thank you for your support! For more info email melln1@yahoo.com.

SANILAC

PORT SANILAC

15 2024 Dancin' the Decades

Sanilac County Historic Village and Museum, 228 South Ridge St., 12PM – 6PM Join us for this electrifying music festival fundraiser featuring three stages full of 20th century tunes! Help us raise funds for our museum! \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. For more info visit sanilaccountymuseum.org or email schsbrittany@gmail.com.

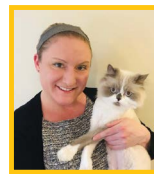
SANDUSKY

8 & 22 Thumb Dance Club & Euchre Maple Valley School, 138 Maple Valley St., 1:30PM – 5PM. Please join us for fun, fellowship and live music for only \$5. We would love if you bring a snack to share or a dish to pass for the potluck dinner at 3PM. This is a smoke and alcohol-free environment. All ages are welcome! For more info call (810) 310-2715.



How to Keep Your Pets Safe in Hot, Summer Weather

By Dr. Elizabeth Gray
ThumbPrint News Columnist



As we head into the “dog days” of summer, we look forward to outdoor activities, warm weather and celebrations. Keeping a few things in mind can ensure your family pet enjoys the season too! Remember, dogs have a very limited ability to sweat. They rely on panting to cool down. When it's hot for humans, it's even hotter for our pets.

According to the AVMA, every year hundreds of pets die from heat exhaustion because they are left in parked vehicles. **The temperature inside your vehicle can rise almost 20°F in just 10 minutes and almost 30°F in 20 minutes.** The longer you wait, the higher it goes. Your vehicle can quickly reach a temperature that puts your dog at risk of heat stress, even on a day that doesn't seem that hot. Cracking the windows makes no difference. An independent study showed that the interior temperature of vehicles parked in outside temperatures ranging from 72°F to 96°F rose steadily as time increased and cracking the windows had very little effect on the temperature rise inside the vehicle.



My summer cut is stylish, and it also keeps me cool!

WARM WEATHER PRECAUTIONS:

- Provide access to fresh water and shade when outside
- Never leave your dog in the car as cars can overheat quickly
- When possible, outdoor activities should be done during the cooler hours of the day
- Avoid hot surfaces, such as asphalt, that can burn your pet's paws
- Some pets would benefit from a warm-weather haircut or sunscreen

Some breeds and certain conditions make pets more prone to heat stress. If your pet falls into one of these categories, it is even more important to monitor them during warm weather:

- Obesity
- Brachycephalic (flat-faced) breeds, such as pugs, English bulldogs, French bulldogs, Persian and Himalayan cats
- Breathing difficulties/respiratory disease, such as laryngeal paralysis, collapsing trachea, asthma
- Heart problems/cardiovascular disease
- Thick/long hair coat (long haired breeds)

SEEK EMERGENCY VETERINARY CARE IF YOU SEE THESE

SIGNS OF HEAT STRESS:

- Anxiousness
- Excessive panting
- Restlessness
- Excessive drooling
- Unsteadiness/shaking
- Abnormal gum and tongue color – anything other than pink
- Collapse

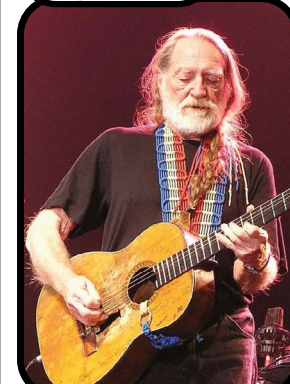
Editorial note: Dr. Gray's clinic has moved to a new location with a new name! You can find her at Cobblestone Veterinary Hospital at 8504 Lapeer Road in Kenocree. They are still providing house calls with In The Pink Mobile Pet Care. To reach out to Dr. Gray, please call (810) 985-3011 or visit her website at inthepinkpetcare.com.

THUMBPRINT NEWS CONTEST

Each month, *ThumbPrint News* prints a photo of an object, person or a place for our readers to identify. If you think you know the answer, go to our website www.thumbprintnews.com and enter your answer. Of all persons submitting the correct answer by the 12th of the month, one person will be randomly selected to be entered into a drawing for a wonderful surprise gift at the end of the year! On December 13, 2024 one winner will be drawn out of all the monthly winners and that lucky person will be notified via email, and we'll share the winner's name in our January 2025 issue.



For our May 2024 contest, we asked our readers to identify which celebrity is pictured to the left. Of all the correct entries, Christopher Pickering of Harrison Township, Michigan, was randomly chosen as the May winner. Christopher correctly identified this to be a young adult picture of Willie Nelson.



Willie Nelson was born in April of 1933 in Abbot, Texas. His grandparents bought him his first guitar from Sears when he was six, because he liked singing cowboy songs so much. He wrote his first song at age seven and joined his first band at ten. He was a lead singer and guitar player with a band called Bohemian Polka during his high-school years. After graduating, he joined the Air Force but was discharged due to back problems. Following a 2-year stint at college, he dropped out because his music career was becoming more successful. He signed his first recording contract in 1962 and joined the Grand Ole Opry in 1965. He turned to 'outlaw country' in the the early '70s.

He's been married four times and has eight children. His first wife, Martha Matthews is said to have been abusive, one time sewing him into the bedsheets and beating him with a broomstick.

When his assests were seized by the IRS in 1990, for non-payment of some \$32 million in back taxes, he hid his famous guitar, Trigger, until his debt was cleared. Trigger is reported to be signed by 100s of other performers and is considered one of the most valuable guitars in the world.

In April 2024, he celebrated his 91st birthday this year and is still performing with 36 concerts scheduled nationwide.

For our JUNE 2024 contest, we are wondering if our readers can tell us what we have pictured below. If you think you know, visit our website, thumbprintnews.com, to answer.



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Jeffrey Leonardi is a travel sales professional and the owner of Travel Time Vacations & Cruises. He's been booking annual adventures and trips of a lifetime for his clients for 28 years.



"I was No. 1 at AAA at one time, and then I was in the Top 10 in the world in what they call the 'Best of the Best for American Express,'" Leonardi said. "I do everything from escorted tours to independent tours, air travel to the Caribbean and Europe. I have dual citizenship, in Italy as well as the United States. I specialize in Europe, the Mediterranean, as well as London, England.

"I'm very tenacious. Any challenge that is given to me, I'm up to the challenge," Leonardi said. "I'll do whatever it takes to make sure that clients know I am their advocate for their travel needs, and I will be there for them."

Leonardi has booked more than 20,000 trips in his career and has traveled extensively himself.

"I've been on over 40 cruises. I've been to Europe more times than I can count. I've been to Hawaii 57 times, and I've traveled the world," Leonardi said. "I work like an old-fashioned travel agent. I work from the day you book with me to the day you get home. I take care of everything."

Leonardi said he knows how to make sure everything goes smoothly, and also how important it is to prepare in case things don't. He knows when and how to use travel insurance, and how to make sure the fine details are taken care of to protect his clients.

"I've seen it all. Once in a while, I get a surprise. I'll deal with it, but I don't stress about it, and I make sure my clients don't stress at all," Leonardi said. "I'm there for them. That's my job, and I enjoy my job."

Proof of his skill and the level of satisfaction enjoyed by his clients can be found in his 95% repeat client and referral rate.

"It's the longevity I have in this. I have a master's degree in travel and tourism," Leonardi said. "If you're going through the internet, you have nobody to talk to and to cover you. I am your first and last contact, and I take care of it all."

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