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By David Odziana
 ThumbPrint News Staff Writer and Field Reporter



Opening a restaurant capable of surviving the test of time is often a difficult task, but what one beloved establishment accomplished goes way beyond what any other eatery in Michigan has been able to achieve.

According to a study conducted by the Perry Group International and The Restaurant Brokers, 90 percent of independent restaurants close within their first year of operation, while those that do survive beyond the first year usually close within the first five years. With that in mind, it is nothing less than an amazing feat that the *White Horse Inn* in Metamora has been operating since its inauguration in 1850.

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FROM FROZEN GLACIER TO Water Wonderland

How the Thumb was Formed

By Robert C. Brenner, *ThumbPrint News* Guest Writer

The land that is Michigan today has existed for thousands of years – millions of years in geologic time. It had a very cold beginning, yet it produced rugged, hardy people who could survive in any weather and endure all that nature sent. But how did Michigan get its shape, and how did the Thumb actually form?



Originally our planet was a single, large land mass – a supercontinent in a vast sea of water – think about the 1995 movie *Waterworld*. In 1927, geologists gave it the name, *Pangaea*. Our earth was a dynamic,

constantly changing place, with strong interactions with space. Solar output from the sun, the sun's distance from earth and its position over our planet caused our home to be in constant flux. It produced ocean currents, winds, clouds and storms.

The elevation of the ground affected the composition of the atmosphere and hence how much solar radiation reached the earth's surface. Anything that blocked the sun could cause cooling on the surface below. Major volcanic eruptions, such as Krakatoa and Vesuvius, resulted in periods of cooling. So the earth was constantly heating up, cooling and then heating up again in a never-ending cycle.

When it cooled, great sheets of frigid ice, called glaciers,

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LETTER from the EDITOR



Lavina in 2006

My first "Letter from the Editor" for 2018 started out like this:

Lavina Victoria McKinch was born on September 5, 1918, in Port Huron, St. Clair County, Michigan, to Allen McKinch and Rose Etta Howell. Ninety-nine years later, she still lives in the same town. I can only imagine all of the changes she has seen in her lifetime. Lavina married Elmer Stanley Kodet, who was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on September 28, 1935, and had her first son when she was only 17 years old. God willing, Lavina will turn 100 on September 5, 2018. Lavina is one very special lady. Not only is she my mother-in-law, but she is also one of the most cheerful, positive people I know. Lavina makes the best out of every situation. She has seen plenty in her lifetime, including deaths of loved ones, divorces and watching some of those close to her suffer the consequences of decisions that they later regretted. Yet, she always had and still has something good to say about every person and every occurrence. She is a true role model for what the world needs right now. I am looking forward to celebrating her birthday in September and plan on doing a tribute to her life in a future issue of ThumbPrint News.



Lavina, seen above with her brother, and to the left with her four children

Well, it is now time for my October "Letter from the Editor" and I am thrilled to report that Lavina made it to her 100th birthday! Thanks to the diligent efforts of her daughter, Sharon Johnson, she had a birthday that she and all of her descendants will long remember.

It was a perfect late summer day for the get-together, with the weather cooperating for an outside picnic. Relatives came from as far away as Tennessee and Arizona to help this elegant lady celebrate her milestone. It was the first time that I have been to a 100th birthday celebration. It was also the first time in many, many years that siblings, cousins, aunts, uncles and many other relatives were all together in the same place at the same time. It was requested that no gifts be purchased. Instead, each person was asked to bring a balloon. There were balloons everywhere – tied to tables, chairs and to the arms of small tykes, who were laughing and running around the yard.

As Lavina sat amidst all of these people who came to celebrate a life well lived, she was smiling and taking it all in. I just sat back and observed for a while and thought about how in some way she had impacted the life of each and every person there. I thought about how all of us in our short or long lifetimes impact each and every person we meet.

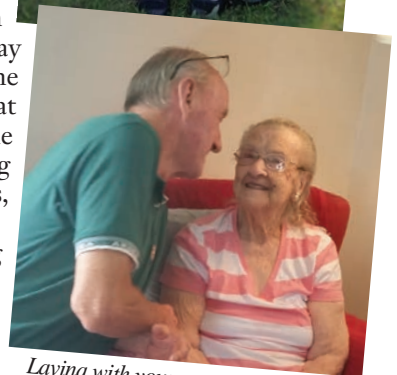
My husband, who is Lavina's youngest child, asked his mother why she thought she'd made it to her 100th birthday and her answer was very simple – "I have been a good girl."

I laughed at her answer, but then I thought more about what she was saying and she was exactly right. She has lived a good life. Her positive, cheerful nature has gotten her through the past 100 years. It has rubbed off on those who came in contact with her. She has demonstrated a life full of kindness.

Carl Rogers said, "The good life is a process, not a state of being. It is a direction, not a destination."

That is exactly what Lavina has done throughout her life – taking one step at a time, every day, in the direction of living a good life. I hope I am around to celebrate her 110th birthday as well. Happy birthday to one classy lady. We love you! 🍷

-Diane Kodet



Lavina with youngest son, Al Kodet



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By Pamela Grey-Pugliese

ThumbPrint News Columnist

Autumn is here. My favorite season has passed and great memories have been made. In just a few short months it will be time to start closing up the cottage for the season. What keeps me going are the few weekends in the winter that we head north, to get away and check on everything up there. This is a dreaded time for me, but I try to stay positive about the change of weekend schedules about to take place. Not so often anymore are the packed cooler, weekend bags and items taken to the cottage.

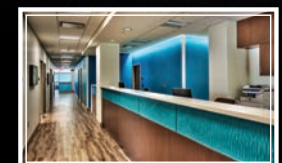
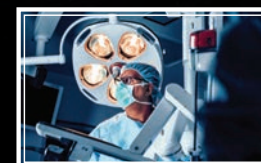
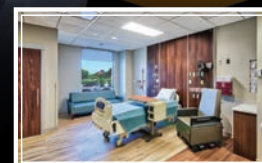
This past weekend I had a thought that kind of made me laugh. I realized that when I am up at the cottage and relaxed and stress-free, it is kind of like Disneyland for me. Everything seems light-hearted, easy-going and carefree – almost magical. As I arrive back to my city home, the schedules and issues that need to be addressed come flooding back to me to be dealt with as I try to ease into the close of the weekend on Sunday evening. That peaceful, easy feeling and reflection of the weekend dissipates quickly! It's hard to imagine that just two short hours ago I was on the porch in my glory, listening to the lake, and taking in the sights and sounds of my little cottage up north.

I never seem to get my fill of that place. I often wonder if I could live up there full time in the future. I imagine that I certainly could. It might be culture shock at first, but I would certainly get used to it. Maybe I'm simply following a "feeling" that I have when I am up there. Then again, maybe not. But I do know that the feel-good feeling I have when there is a positive one, so there is nothing wrong with wanting to recreate that in my everyday life, as hard as that may be at times!

The weather has been changing little by little every week now, and soon enough the cold temps and winter snow will be here. It will be the time for staying indoors and taking care of our city home with a little more intensity and focus.

Seasons change, time changes things and people change right along with it. I have come to grips with putting away the hummingbird feeders, lawn chairs and pulling out the sweaters. It's yet another late fall season coming to a close. I am helpless in stopping time, so I will go along for the ride and get my to-do list ready for the late fall close up. In just two short months, my little cottage will have some silent weekends without activity while visits to the place become fewer and farther between. This doesn't excite me in the least, but I will plow through it with a good and grateful attitude! Happy October, *ThumbPrint News'* readers! 🍂

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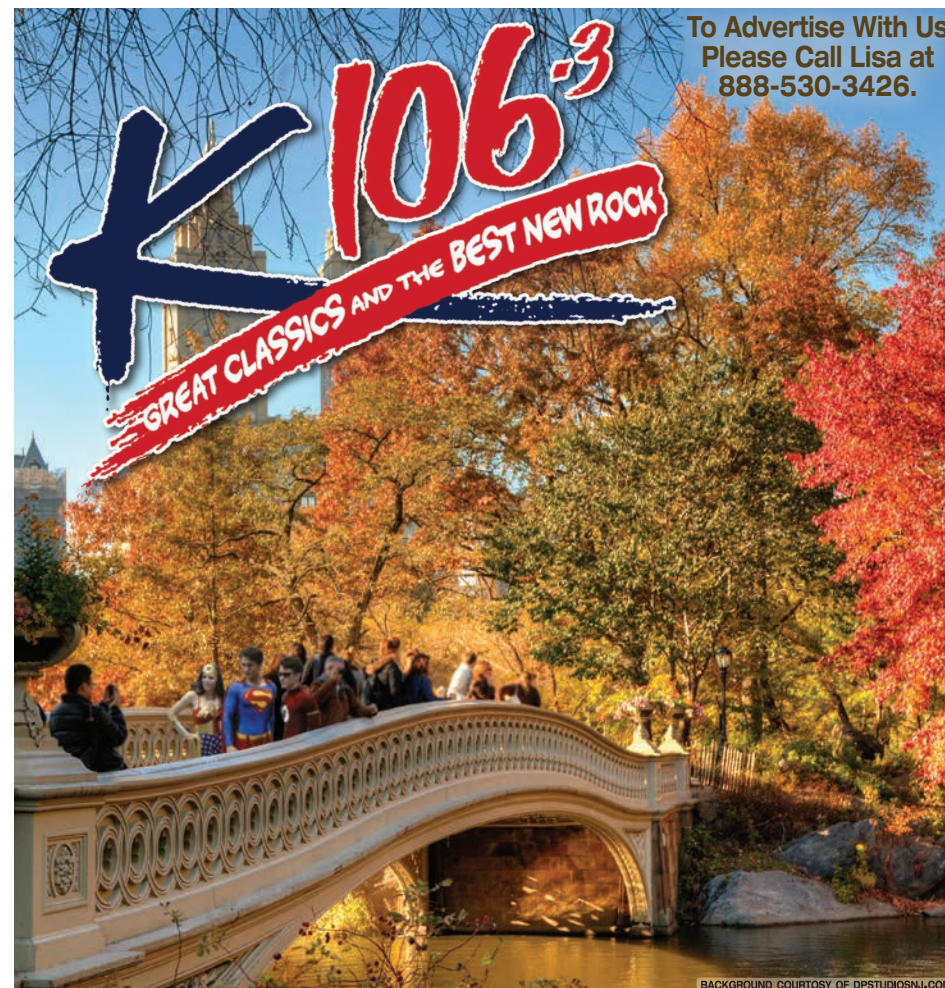
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The International Symphony Singers, under the direction of Dr. David Troiano, will begin preparation for another outstanding season of song, starting Monday, October 1st, 7:30 p.m., in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Sarnia. New voices are encouraged to come out and take part in this fine chorus, which performs several times each season with the International Symphony Orchestra. Sopranos and tenors are most needed, but all voice types are welcome.

Rehearsals alternate between St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Sarnia, and St. Clair County Community College in Port Huron, Michigan.

During the ISO's 2018/2019 Season – A "Sound" Investment, the ensemble will be featured in varied repertoire, including: Handel's masterpiece, *The Messiah*; the lyrical *Messe di Gloria* by Puccini; Bennett's *The Many Moods of Christmas*; and the stunningly beautiful, *Dvořák Mass in D, opus 86*.

Auditions will be heard starting at 6:30 p.m., on the first of October. For more information regarding participation in the Symphony Singers, or to schedule an audition time, please call the Symphony Office at (519) 337-7775 or (810) 984-8857.

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The International Symphony Orchestra gratefully acknowledges the Ontario Arts Council, Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, and the National Endowment for the Arts for their assistance in making possible our 2018/2019 Season – A "Sound" Investment. We are also appreciative of St. Clair County Community College's continued dedication and commitment to the support of the arts.



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



We are in the midst of fall now, and between the festive beverages, colorful leaves and exciting football games, septic problems are far from the forefront of most minds. I'm sure you, like most homeowners, have the "flush and

forget it" mentality. Be careful though, this kind of thinking can be dangerous and has the potential to lead to tens of thousands of dollars worth of damage.

As winter weather fast approaches, septic owners should be scheduling a septic tank pump to prevent back-ups once the ground freezes. There are many homeowners that don't feel it's necessary to regularly pump the tank and go 20 years between pumps. That has the potential to lead to a massive septic system failure, and once a field fails, you will have no choice but to replace the entire thing. Regularly scheduled maintenance on septic tanks will not only save you future funds, headaches and stress, but it will also maintain and extend the life of your septic tank and field. Another way to extend the life of your system is to know that there are several things that should never be flushed into a septic tank, such as feminine hygiene products, household cleaners, detergents, bleach, grease, diapers, cigarette butts and more.

It is safe to say that it's better to pump too often than not enough! But how do you know what's right for you? The length of time between pumps for a household varies based on a number of factors: how many people are living in the house, the size of the septic tank and field, how much water is used in the house on a daily basis, among others. On average, it is recommended to have your tank pumped every two years. If you can't remember the last time your tank was pumped, it's probably time to have it done again. Having a septic technician evaluate your situation is the best way to get an accurate recommendation for the future. At the time of the pump, the technician can also detect if there are any problems, such as roots growing into the tank, a crack in the tank or lid, if the filter needs replacing, etc.

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As previously mentioned, you shouldn't wait to have your system pumped until you are experiencing problems; maintenance should be a priority. On average, one person will use about 60 gallons of water per day, meaning a four-person household can fill an average-size tank up in about a week. ABC recommends the solids only pump for standard maintenance care, so that the good bacteria will be filtered back into the tank. If all the liquids and solids are removed from the tank, that good bacteria goes with it. If there is no good bacteria, the tank can have a difficult time keeping up with the average amount of weekly human waste entering it. If a complete system pump is required, jump-starting the process of waste breakdown can be achieved by purchasing a product that reintroduces good bacteria.

To ensure your septic system is healthy and functioning properly, call ABC Home & Commercial Services today. We will send out one of our septic specialists to complete a full inspection and service of your tank. Soon fall will fade into winter, bringing all the holiday festivities with it, meaning an increase in the amount of human waste entering your system. Don't hesitate! Now's the time to make sure you have a healthy tank for the winter. Winter pumps are possible and available, but it's no fun for anyone trying to dig up a septic tank lid through the frozen ground. Call our office at (810) 794-5678 to schedule an appointment now! 🍂

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For our September contest, we asked our readers to identify what the object pictured to the right is. Of all of those submitting the correct answer, Shirley Hoard of Applegate, Michigan, was randomly chosen and will be entered into the year-end drawing. Shirley identified that the object is a close-up of a record player needle.



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Submitted by **Melody Munro-Wolfe**, Program Manager, Lapeer Community Mental Health

Lapeer Community Mental Health encourages residents to be extra vigilant regarding seniors in their family and community. Four out of five older adults suffer from at least one chronic health condition and one in four experience behavioral health problems.

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Senior Reach's goal is to train community volunteers on how to make a referral to Senior Reach in a program named the Senior Reach Community Partners, who will contact our call center and make a referral. These include, but are not limited to the following: employees of agencies, pharmacists, landlords, bank clerks and hair stylists.

Making a referral is simply leaving a message with the name, address and/or phone number of the resident that may need assistance. Our Senior Reach Specialist will then talk to the senior to determine need and willingness for assistance. The referrals can be anonymous and the senior has the right to refuse services.

Senior Reach includes residents who are mild to moderate and are not currently residing in an assisted living or a group home. There is no income requirement or co-pay. Insurance may be billed, if available, for purposes of sustaining funds for the program.

Visit our website at www.lapeercmh.org or call (810) 245-8781 for more information. To learn more about Senior Reach's national program contact seniorreach.org.

Contact Lapeer County Senior Reach: (810) 245-8781
Open Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



By Rita MacDonald
ThumbPrint News Columnist

It's the season in my life when my sons' friends are all either getting married or having babies, so most of my recent Saturdays have been spent attending showers. Yesterday afternoon was the bridal shower for a childhood friend of my sons – one of the "kids down the street" kind of friends. His house was where my kids were, when they weren't at my house. His mom, Kathy, would call to check on her sons, or I'd call Kathy to check on mine. The boys were always in one of three places – our home, her home or the local swimming pool. In fact, for a couple of summers the boys all worked there as lifeguards. And there were always bikes on the front lawn of one of our homes.

Over the years we sat through basketball games, concerts, football games and school performances together. Kathy was with me when I told my sons their Papa had died. Between kindergarten and today, we've shared more memories together than I can count. But one of my favorites has to be the morning my son Rory was getting married.

I had no idea the photographer was going to show up to actually FILM me getting ready for the wedding. I answered the door in my housecoat and my mascara from the night before, and my house wasn't in much better shape. I was in the kitchen preparing trays of food for the men in the wedding party. "Hi. I'm here to film you getting ready for the wedding." I just remember sending the poor kid away and saying, "Yeah, I don't think so." He graciously came back a few hours later. Meanwhile, Kathy came down in HER housecoat, and together we continued putting the trays of food together for the guys. But before we were done, I ran out of plastic wrap for the trays.

Kathy ran back down to her house, and came back with Kirkland brand "Stretch-tite" plastic wrap. That was September 12, 2014! I am still not halfway through that box, and I never use it without thinking of Kathy, that fun, crazy, silly, bittersweet morning...and our friendship.

So yesterday morning, I was preparing some food for a gathering that would take place at my home in the evening for my church's small group. Like any other time, I tore the plastic wrap off and thought of Kathy. Then, I couldn't help but laugh. I ran downstairs, got another roll of it, wrapped it, and gave it as part of the shower gift to her son, writing the memory in the card. It was just another one of those moments when I took a step back and realized how blessed I am.

I live in a neighborhood that I still share with some of the same folks for 20 years now. Some of those neighbors raised their children along with me. We shared rides to schools and games. We picked things up from the grocery stores for each other. We attended funerals for each other's parents, trick-or-treated together, and shared meals and holidays. And yes, even plastic wrap.

Inside the card to Justin and Maria, I wrote a note with that memory of one of my favorite kitchen moments with his mom. Then I spent the day reflecting on how lucky I am. I have genuine friendships and the sweetest of memories, some just as simple as plastic wrap. I think I'm going to make it a tradition of giving a box of that stuff with every shower gift, and a note praying that they have neighbors as good as I've had, and cherished memories that never end, just like a box of Costco's Kirkland brand Stretch-tite! 🍷



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FORMER GLORY

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the area's first store, which also served as a stagecoach stop and eventually a restaurant. Ammerman sold his building two years later to Lorenzo Hoard, who built a few additions in order to make it large enough to house overnight guests – once his updates were completed, Lorenzo renamed it the Hoard House, charging 50 cents per night. Hoard was also appointed postmaster of the area shortly after arriving, a position he started in 1861, and continued until 1877.

In 1858, taxes on the Hoard House were \$50 a year, equivalent to approximately \$1,300 today. Big changes came to the town in 1872, when the Michigan Central Railroad constructed tracks through Metamora, which brought more people through the area than ever before. With the new form of transportation, the need for a place for visitors to stay overnight increased. Lorenzo took full advantage of the opportunity by acquiring a franchise to house and feed travelers. Lorenzo continued to operate the Hoard House until his death in 1888. At the time of his passing, his family continued to run the restaurant – at first his daughter Louisa, who was born in Metamora, as well as her husband, James Perkins, managed the company. Eventually their daughter Bessie and her spouse William Thompson took over the daily operations until 1906, when they sold the business to Samuel Miller and William Detter. It was just a few years after the restaurant changed hands that the buildings used as a stagecoach stop slowly disappeared with the introduction of the automobile.

Up until the time Miller and Detter took over the Hoard House, no alcohol was ever served in the establishment, a tradition that was put to an end with the new owners. Unfortunately for the business partners, there was a push to make the town dry that gained momentum, and soon Metamora was an alcohol-free town. Miller and Detter continued to run the business for a little more than a decade before selling it to Gilbert Olds for \$2,200 in 1917 – less than \$45,000 today. After approximately five years of operation, Olds, who is often remembered by residents for running around town with no shoes on, sold to Frank Peters around 1923. Peters ran the restaurant through the majority of the prohibition era in Michigan, remaining profitable by running specials on breakfast, which was a huge success. Not only was he able to survive the dry period in history, but he was also able to endure the Great Depression because of early visits from the Metamora Hunt Club for their morning meal.

Peters was the man responsible for changing the name of the long established restaurant. After a trip to Detroit, Peters discovered another business bearing the same name, which led him to the decision to change the name from the Hoard House to the White Horse Inn. While under ownership of Peters, who was known for being easygoing, a loose goat blew through one of the large picture windows. After he became aware of the damage, he responded by saying “it needed to be remodeled anyway.” While he installed many new windows throughout the building, Peters also constructed a small addition. With the conclusion of WWII, the bar area of the restaurant received updating as well. The area was first enlarged by knocking down some dividing walls and adding a small extension to the south, which covered the original sidewalk. With the saloon now able to accommodate more patrons, the area was adorned with a new bar as well.

After changing hands a few more times, Lisa and Tim Wilkins purchased the White Horse Inn around 2000. The Wilkins ran the restaurant for a little more than a decade before they were forced to close the doors, ending its run as the longest-operating restaurant in Michigan. In a statement, the couple said, “After 12 years of operating our business at the 162-year-old historic White Horse Inn, we are faced with a difficult decision. Sadly, we are unable to continue operating and must make the heart-wrenching decision to close our business, as of Wednesday, November 14, 2012. The White Horse is in need of immediate major repairs to ensure the safety of our

hotels around the area to serve explorers. In order to remain competitive, Barrows updated his log cabin and renamed it the Northern Exchange Hotel. Daniel Ammerman came to Barrow's Corners around the same time the road was completed and constructed

staff and guests.” Based on reports of the condition of the building, the hope that the business would ever open again seemed farfetched. The floor was in such bad shape that the ice cooler was falling through; another section was being held up by wood and a boulder, the roof was deteriorating and the foundation was so brittle that holes were being filled with random items in an attempt to keep rodents out.

After sitting vacant for a short time, restaurant owners Linda Egeland and her husband Victor Dzenowagis expressed interest in the business – the couple has lived just three miles away from Metamora for nearly 30 years on a horse farm and frequented the White Horse Inn before its closing. The couple, who own five other restaurants, including the Iroquois Club and The Moose Preserve in Bloomfield Hills, purchased the historic saloon in 2013, and started the massive undertaking of bringing the old building back to its former glory. After doing some research on possible financial aid, they discovered a \$300,000

grant available from Metamora's Downtown Development Authority, which ended up being just a small portion of the total renovation cost.

The couple's main goal was to preserve as much of the historical aspects of the building as possible, but that feat would be anything but easy. Amazingly, the original structure, erected in 1850, was the only dwelling salvageable, while all the other additions that came in later years had to be demolished. Aside from the actual building, the second story floor and windows and the original staircase were saved, as well as a small section of wooden planked sidewalk that can be seen inside the restaurant – while working on the renovation, a trap door for an old coal chute was discovered and is now utilized as a wall decoration. For the many things that couldn't be salvaged, the team

utilized material in a way that would have been done when the restaurant was constructed. A wood burning stove was purchased from a farm established in 1880, while the wood for the flooring was removed from the owner's farm by horse and cut by a fifth-generation mill owner. Famed woodworker John Yarema is responsible for constructing the massive support beams without the use of brackets, as well as the elaborate tree floor made from 35 white oak, red maple and cherry trees. In order to stick with the correct time period, vintage lamps and furniture, including a 1780 market table, were brought in to decorate the restaurant – the couple admitted that this was undoubtedly the biggest endeavor they've ever taken on. While the owners experienced some setbacks on their timeline for completion, the finished building was once again open to the public in November of 2014, after a total investment of \$3 million.

Although the 168-year-old restaurant received a massive makeover, many believe the building still hosts visitors from the past. Many patrons report the sound of footsteps, flickering lights and slamming doors. Another strange happening is previous owners have stated that the restaurant seemed to be guarded from the result of powerful storms; while the rest of the town loses power, the bar remains illuminated. It is interesting to note that it is believed that the White Horse Inn was used as a stop on the Underground Railroad, with some reports stating that there were underground tunnels that connected the business to the train station and other homes. Of those believed to remain in the saloon, many state seeing an escaped slave, a young girl, a man in a 1940's suit, as well as an elderly man believed to be Lorenzo Hoard, who died in 1888. Maybe Lorenzo is hanging around to enjoy his famous bread pudding that is made from left over bread pieces – a dish that was one of the first desserts the restaurant served and that is still made today. 🍞



Original mural painted by French artist Jean-Louis Sauvat (contributed by White Horse Inn)



Preserving original aspects was the goal during the 2013 renovation, proof seen here: A) Section of original flooring, B) Original staircase, C) Preserved coal chute hidden door and D) Upstairs with original floors. (Photos contributed by White Horse Inn)

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- Exceptional retreat w/5 bed, 4.1 baths on 120 acres.
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- Spacious kitchen w/Sub-Zero, new double ovens and granite.
- Master suite w/full balcony overlooks landscape, koi pond and pool.
- 2,000 sq. ft. lower level finished walk-out w/300 gal. saltwater aquarium.
- Private log cabin, large pond, ideal for riding, hunting and fishing.

3695 MERRITT LAKE • \$695,000



- 35 woody acres on Merritt Lake, 3,000 sq. ft. custom brick home.
- 3 bed, 3.5 bath, oak floors, inset Pewabic tile and 1st floor master.
- Lovely kitchen, huge granite island, double ovens, cooktop, stainless.
- Breakfast dining to Trex deck, sunken family/living rms w/fireplaces.
- Custom oak trim, newels, doors, antique hardware and generator.
- LL walk-out, family rm, bath, prepped for study and bed, 3+ car garage.

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- A green thumb lives here. Beautiful 4.5 acres, lovely gardens.
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- Living rm w/gas fireplace, doorwall to huge deck w/pergola.
- Master w/bath, great balcony, gorgeous views, huge 2nd bed rm.
- Family rm w/gas fireplace, 3rd bed is an office, 2-car garage.
- 30x40 pole barn, shed for gardening tools, nat'l gas, paved road.

4930 BALDWIN • \$625,000



- Two homes on 20 acres. Metamora farmhouse, 4 bed, 2.5 bath.
- 3,200 sq. ft., tile, hardwood, living rm w/sunken fireplace, big window seat.
- Bright kitchen, leaded glass cabinets, bay dining, built-in cooktop.
- Beautiful foyer, dining and sunrooms, huge master, custom bath.
- 2,200 sq. ft. guest house w/4 bed, 2 bath, 2+ car garage, 2nd garage.
- Lovely pond, horse barn, pole barn, milk house, paddock. WOW.

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- Lovely brick and stone ranch, 3,500 sq. ft. living space
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- Custom built red pine log home w/beautiful appointments.
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- Gracious Cape Cod farm on 10 acres.
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925 W. GREENSHIELD • \$525,000



- Brick ranch on over 6 acres, nestled in the Bald Mountain Rec. Area.
- 3 bed, 2.1 baths, custom kitchen w/granite, hickory and Sub-Zero.
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- 1/4 mile to pavement, more land available.

2987 WILDER • \$337,900



- Country home on 5 acres. 4-5 bed, wood floors and new carpet.
- Open kit/dining, family rm, gas fireplace, study, oak accents throughout.
- Master suite w/private balcony, open bath, jetted tub, walk-in closet.
- 2nd bed w/balcony, 2nd floor laundry, large country porch.
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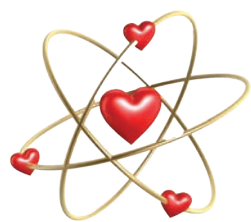
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<p>7 On this day in 1949, Iva Toguri D'Aquino, better known as Tokyo Rose, is sentenced to 10 years in prison for treason.</p>	<p>8 On this day in 1633, Massachusetts Bay Colony forms its 1st government.</p>	<p>9 On this day in 1948, NBC's WXYZ-TV channel 7 in Detroit begins broadcasting.</p> 	<p>10 On this day in 1958, Tanya Tucker, singer whose first hit, <i>Delta Dawn</i>, came when she was just 13, is born.</p>	<p>11 On this day in 1922, Alaska Davidson, the 1st female FBI "special investigator", is appointed.</p>	<p>12 On this day in 1971, the House of Representatives passes the Equal Rights Amendment 354-23.</p>	<p>13 On this day in 1812, at the Battle of Queenston Heights, a Canadian and British army defeats the Americans who have tried to invade Canada.</p>
<p>14 On this day in 1964, Martin Luther King Jr. is announced as winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.</p>	<p>15 On this day in 1917, Dutch exotic dancer and courtesan Mata Hari is executed by firing squad at Vincennes, outside Paris, on charges of spying for the German Empire during World War I.</p>	<p>16 On this day in 1701, Yale University is founded as The Collegiate School of Killingworth, Connecticut, by Congregationalists who consider Harvard too liberal.</p>	<p>17 On this day in 1877, Brigadier General Alfred Terry meets with Sitting Bull in Canada to discuss the Indians' return to the United States.</p>	<p>18 On this day in 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt bans war submarines from U.S. ports and waters.</p>	<p>19 On this day in 1512, Martin Luther becomes a doctor of theology.</p> 	<p>20 On this day in 1973, Arab oil-producing nations ban oil exports to the United States following the outbreak of the Arab-Israeli war.</p>
<p>21 On this day in 1790, the Tricolor is chosen as the official flag of France.</p> 	<p>22 On this day in 1926, after boasting about his abdominal muscle strength, magician Harry Houdini is sucker punched in the stomach by university student J. Gordon Whitehead in Montreal.</p>	<p>23 On this day in 2001, Apple releases the iPod.</p> 	<p>24 On this day in 1897, the first comic strip appears in the Sunday color supplement of the <i>New York Journal</i> called the "Yellow Kid".</p>	<p>25 On this day in 1960, Martin Luther King Jr. is sentenced to four months in jail for a sit-in.</p>	<p>26 On this day in 2001, President George W. Bush signs the U.S.A. Patriot Act, greatly expanding intelligence and legal agencies' ability to utilize wiretaps, records searches and surveillance.</p>	<p>27 On this day in 1925, water skis are patented by Fred Waller for filming on water.</p> 
<p>28 On this day in 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt rededicates the Statue of Liberty on its 50th anniversary.</p>	<p>29 On this day in 1942, American artist and television host, Bob Ross is born.</p> 	<p>30 On this day in 1873, P.T. Barnum's circus, "Greatest Show on Earth", debuts.</p>	<p>31 On this day in 1971, Saigon begins the release of 1,938 Hanoi POWs.</p>	 <p>OCTOBER</p> <p>WHAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY?</p>		

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Relationship Relativity

By **John Vincent and Bairbre' Senkus**, *ThumbPrint News* Columnists

"When you are courting a nice girl, an hour seems like a second. When you sit on a red-hot cinder, a second seems like an hour. That's relativity."

– Albert Einstein

Relativity is defined as being comparative; proportionate; having its specific nature only by relation to something else; not absolute or independent. So bottom line, relativity can only exist when something is compared with something else. All in all, a perfect function is applied for two, especially if the two fall under the category of intimate relationship. This is where relativity can sure get interesting! But just how is it that the very same two people can generate both ends of the spectrum that Einstein speaks of? Well, not to be talking in riddles ... but it's all relative – and that's the exact point of this column!

Here we will try and give different perspectives on "sore spot" subjects that can rub couples the wrong way – things like partners feeling unappreciated, not helping around the house, couples with different goals and life paths, no time or energy for romance, being overly sensitive or callous, being taken for granted, etc. We also invite readers to suggest topics as well. The format will be in a "He said – She said" style, but instead of trying to build or add to the seeming polarity and conflict, the approach will be to diffuse the fire and bring both sides closer together on the subject. We want to emphasize perspective ... not polarity!

John's Thoughts

A lot has happened within the framework of relationship. Going back just eighty years – the average span of one lifetime – the parameters of love have shifted significantly. Previously, heightened perceptions of intimate relationship were

far off notions. Higher awareness, potentiality and other synonyms used to indicate increased inner attainment were not regular visitors to the vocabulary of our parents and grandparents. Currently for many couples, there are sought after relationship covenants, looking to be integrated into daily thoughts and living. Couples have been evolving from archaic, gender-based role models, progressing from initially accepting and putting up with each other's differences ... to gaining a better understanding of them ... and now toward positively integrating these once seemingly conflicting characteristics. As this evolution continues, many partners are pursuing elevated levels of consciousness, not just from deep within themselves, but from the soul of their relationship as well.

While history may set a backdrop, what we really care most about is the "evolution" of the relationship we are in! It will be the rules and expectations that we place on our own intimate partnership (that so often change over time), that can make "relativity" a point of obstinance, rather than a meshing and merging of congruence. For the most part, couples want to be in a good, solid and rewarding, long-term relationship. But before that can happen, there are some fundamental underpinnings that must be in place for each partner:

1. *Each must truly want to stay in the relationship.* Commitment is the bedrock for an enduring partnership. Without it, time, trust and melding cannot foster.
2. *Each must be willing to truly understand their partner's point of view.* If a partner is unwilling or unable to really know where their significant other is coming from, or why, then how can they truly know their partner? Empathy creates the bridge for higher awareness, middle ground and better relationship.
3. *Each must want to grow.* Life is meant to be learned from ... and there is no better teacher than that of relationship! But this can only work when one drops their defenses (ego) and is open to the lessons, though sometimes painful, that the observant eye of relationship can bring.
4. *Each must be willing to change.* Leo Tolstoy said that everyone wants the world to change, but no one wants to change themselves. This applies to relationship as well! When done for the right reasons, change can enhance each partner's personal journey as well as their relationship as a whole.
5. *Each must strive to balance the 50/50 blend of "being" versus "having" the right partner.* Too many couples waste valuable time and attention worrying



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about their partner's "faults" or if there might be a better match out there. Instead of using this energy to help build, it becomes a destructive force and thought pattern.

These building blocks may seem obvious, but for some couples, all of these ingredients just aren't there. For as basic as they are, each and every one takes work and diligence – not just going through the motions. Pay close attention to each of these elements, for they bring the points of relativity into a more harmonious alignment!

Bairbre's Thoughts

In any relationship, being able to see the other person's perspective is imperative for achieving balance in all areas. Just because we see a situation in our own way, does not mean it's the same for our partner. As Wayne Dyer stated, "If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change". So sometimes the best fix for problems, is changing the way we think about them, which then in turn can help the problems fix themselves. All relationships have conflict. This is not necessarily a detriment. Learning to solve and navigate through conflict paves a much smoother road for couples. Think of it as creating a map to follow. This direction will then be a big help in understanding our partner's needs.

When issues arise, the first order of business is for each partner to understand the other's perspective. The following pointers can help with this:

1. *Listening quietly.* Boy, was this a hard one for me personally. I felt I grew up without a voice. So as an adult, conflict led me to the position of speaking, when instead I should have listened more. To truly understand another point of view, we must LEARN to listen! Take a deep breath, put your critical and often times emotional thoughts and reactions on hold.
2. *Learn to recognize your partner's truth and why it's important to them.* To become truly aware of why your partner has their thoughts and perspectives as they do, is to validate them. But, you must first step outside of your own ego. The ego is a giant filter that wants to slant everything its own way.
3. *After listening respectfully, speak gently and openly.* When we give understanding and emotional support, the negative charges of conflict immediately decrease. If you do this, instead of planning your counter-attack, you begin to better attune yourselves with one another.

These steps can help you achieve better balance and empathy with your partner, ultimately building more and more trust. This in turn provides a pivotal cornerstone for growing your relationship toward its intimate possibilities. And with this understanding, each becomes more ready and willing to meet the other's needs.

Overall, our ultimate goal is to help each partner raise their own accountability and perspective, and to use their relationship as a springboard for personal and relational growth. Relationship, when done right, can open your eyes to a whole new world!

Thanks for reading! Remember, if you have any topics you would like to get our viewpoints on, or have any questions or comments, please email us at relationshiprelativity@gmail.com.

In our next month's column, we will examine when listening becomes a hindrance rather than a help.



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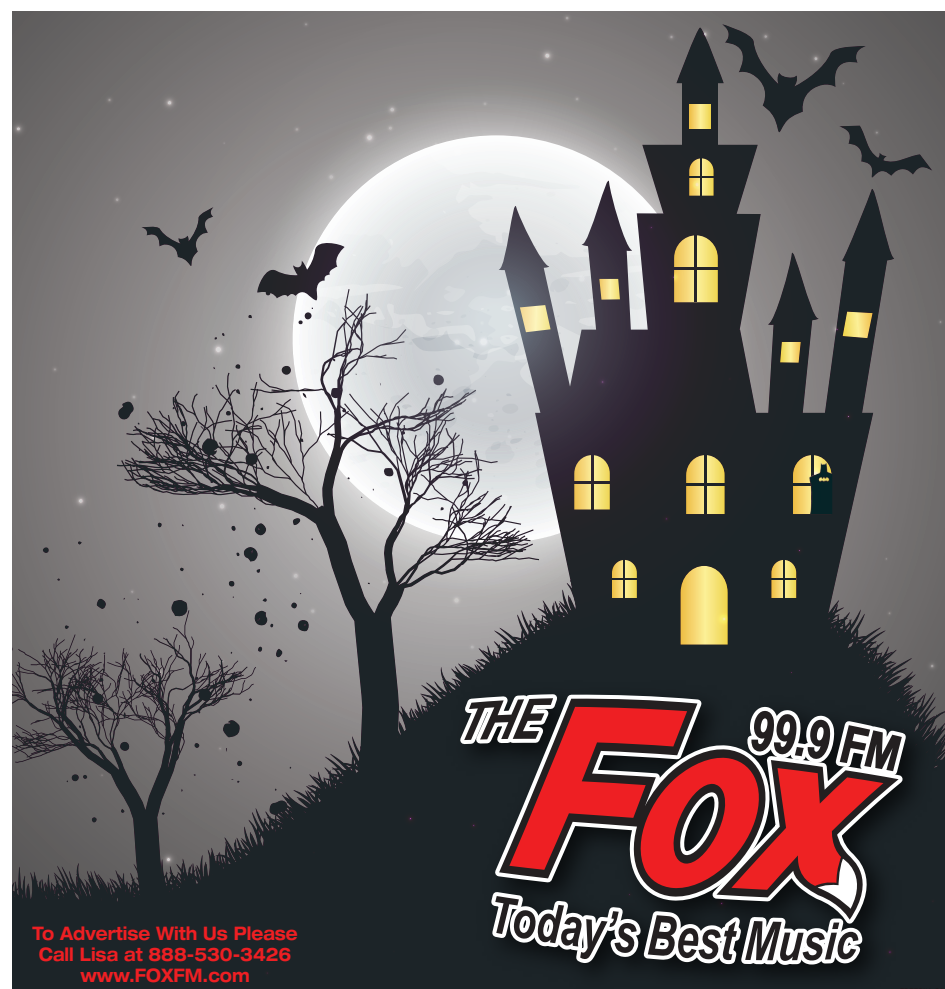
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With October being National Cyber Security Awareness Month, it's a great time for both citizens and businesses to re-examine their online security measures. One can never be cautious enough when it comes to your digital fingerprint. It's important to safeguard your data to help avoid scams, fraud and ultimately identity theft. We share a lot of information when we use the internet, so it's important we protect it.

Cyber threats targeting your personal, pertinent information continue to increase and scammers continue to get more and more sophisticated every day. It's very important to be vigilant, especially in this digital world we live in. Anyone could become a target.

Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula offers tips for individuals wanting to improve their digital security.

- **Own your online presence.** Set the privacy and security settings on web services and devices to your comfort level for information sharing. It's okay to limit how and with whom you share information.
- **Protecting your computer.** A computer should always have the most recent updates installed for spam filters, anti-virus and anti-spyware software and a secure firewall.
- **Value your personal information.** Think of your personal information like money: value and protect it. Be careful what sites you visit and be sure you are on a legitimate site before entering personal information. Be especially wary of communications that implore you to act immediately, offer something that sounds too good to be true, or ask for personal information.
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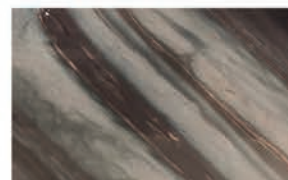
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Vocabulary Voyage

By Laura Irwin, *ThumbPrint News* Staff Writer

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viridian [vuh-rid-ee-uh n]

A noun meaning a long-lasting, bluish-green pigment, consisting of a hydrated oxide of chromium

Ex: Viridian can best be described as a medium tone of spring green. First known use: 1882

atavism [at-uh-viz-uh m]

A noun meaning a) recurrence in an organism of a trait or character typical of an ancestral form and usually due to genetic recombination b) recurrence of or reversion to a past style, manner, outlook, approach or activity: **THROWBACK**

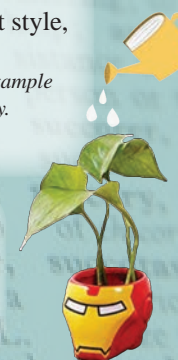
Ex: Her parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents all were white, but Sandra apparently was an example of atavism, a genetic throwback to some earlier African ancestor, perhaps as early as the 18th century.

First known use: 1833

petrichor [pe-trahy-kawr, -ker]

A noun meaning a distinctive scent of rain in the air, usually described as earthy, pleasant or sweet; produced by rainfall on very dry ground

Ex: The source of this scent is petrichor, an oil produced by plants, then absorbed by rocks and soil, and later released into the air during rainfall. First known use: 1960 - 1965



GIARDIASIS INTESTINAL INFECTION

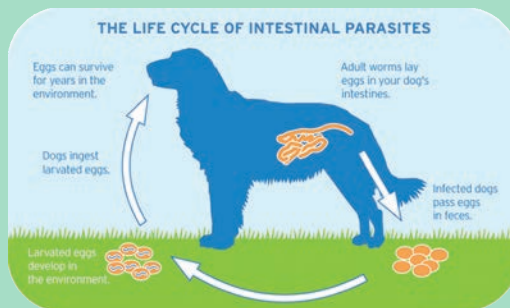
By **Dr. DiBenedetto**, *ThumbPrint News* Columnist

Giardiasis is a protozoan parasite that can infect the gastrointestinal tract of dogs, cats, wildlife and people. It is capable of causing diarrhea, vomiting, weight loss and lethargy – although many infected animals show no symptoms at all. It is common throughout the United States and can cause infections at almost any time of year. Giardia persists longer in the environment when conditions are cool and moist, which makes Michigan an especially good environment for giardia to live in. Young pets, like puppies and kittens, older pets or pets with a compromised immune system, have a higher risk of illness than healthy adult dogs and cats.

All pets, even those on year-round parasite preventives, should have at least one fecal sample performed annually as part of their wellness exam to screen for gastrointestinal parasites, including giardia. There is no perfect test for giardia, as it's an elusive parasite, the cysts are shed only intermittently from the gastrointestinal tract of an infected pet. A single fecal sample has about a 70 percent chance of detecting an infection. There are other tests, such as the giardia ELISA test, that can be performed with a routine fecal sample to increase the likelihood of diagnosing giardia to about 95 percent.

If your dog is diagnosed with giardiasis, environmental disinfection and good personal hygiene are important to prevent accidental spread to humans. For environmental disinfection, you can use chlorine bleach, 1-2 cups in a gallon of water. However, be sure that the affected surfaces can be safely treated with bleach. Lysol® and quaternary ammonium disinfectants are also reported to be effective in killing the cysts in the environment. Giardia cysts are susceptible to drying, so try to keep your pet's environment as dry as possible. For best results, thoroughly clean the pet's living and sleeping areas and then allow the areas to dry out for several days before reintroducing pets.

The primary goal of giardia treatment is to stop diarrhea. The most common medication used to treat giardia in pets is Metronidazole (also known as Flagyl) or an antiparasitic called Panacur (also known as Fenbendazole). The bad news is that these treatments don't always totally eliminate the giardia protozoa the first time around. So, if your pet has been treated for giardiasis, and symptoms disappear, just be aware that the parasite could show up again later on – and take your pet straight back to your vet if symptoms do reappear.



Editor's note: Dr. DiBenedetto is a veterinarian at Maple Veterinary Hospital located at 2981 Iowa in Troy, Michigan. The hospital website is www.mvhvet.com. For other pet-related questions, you can reach Dr. DiBenedetto at (248) 585-2622.



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FROZEN GLACIER could form. Huge glaciers on Pangea put the land under extreme stress. The freezing and thawing resulted in this supercontinent breaking and drifting apart. The resulting continental drift produced the seven continents we know today – North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia and Antarctica. Each continent became its own weather center, and each experienced its own glacial periods.

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Eleven thousand years ago, Michigan's land mass was under water and covered by a great inland sea. The weather was getting colder. Around 8900 BCE, frigid weather covered the northern latitudes, producing great sheets of ice that were often over a mile thick. This put enormous weight on the crust of the earth. It displaced the mantle, causing some land to rise in elevation or to sink into great river valleys, forming the present Great Lakes. These gouged-out depressions in the earth's surface were huge. Lake Huron is around 200 miles long and over 183 miles wide. Its depth averages 195 feet (750 feet maximum) and it sits 577 feet above sea level.

These massive glaciers moved forward from the North Pole down over Canada with slow, but unstoppable force, gouging out boulders from rock, grinding them into smaller pieces, producing gravel, sand and clay. Some of the land resisted the ice – especially in places where there were hard minerals. This gave us Isle Royale, with its huge copper deposits, and the Upper Peninsula, with its iron ore.

As more ice formed, it caused ocean levels to drop and the seawater covering what was to be called Michigan, left the salt in depressions to



gather in layers on the ground and fill fissures that would become great salt mines.

A second glacier period about 4,000 years ago caused the ice mass to again cover the area. The average air temperature dropped 54°F and huge sheets of ice developed. Snow and ice produced the Laurentide Ice Sheet, a continental glacier that blanketed millions of square miles of Canada and what would become Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan. This gouged out the five Great Lakes, scoured out valleys and moved millions of tons of earth. So much ice accumulated here that Michigan was buried to a depth of over 6,000 feet.

Somewhere around 2600 BCE, the second glacier period ended and the earth warmed. The glaciers began to melt and water levels increased. The sea level went up 400 feet. This was also about the time of the Great Flood described in the Bible – a catastrophic event that started in the Mediterranean area during the Bronze Age.

As the last great glacier over North America melted, the ice water drained away from the land and out to the ocean, leaving the present Great Lakes and Saginaw Bay – part of Lake Huron. This bay has a coastline several hundred miles long, although its shores lie 580 feet above sea level. The elevation of the state starts at about 600 feet above sea level at Lake Superior and decreases as one goes south. Lake Huron is 577 feet above sea level, Lake Erie sits at 571 feet and Lake Ontario is at 246 feet out past Montreal through the St. Lawrence River reaching into the Atlantic and sea level. This causes a natural current flow from Lake Superior down through Lake Huron, Lake Erie and Lake Ontario toward the Atlantic Ocean.

Continuous glacier action pushed against the ground surface, forming moraines (accumulation of glacial debris), eskers (long, winding ridges like railway embankments), and pressed down the mantle of earth, causing the land to tilt, producing glacial till (unsorted glacial sediment).



Eskers

One such moraine-esker is a rugged glacial ridge running through the center of the Thumb called Hadley Hills. It extends from Lapeer County northeast through the Marlette area into Sanilac County. A southern extension of this moraine is known as the Irish Hills. Two of the high points along Hadley Hills in Lapeer County are Pinnacle Point

(elevation 1,262 feet) and Cemetery Hill (elevation 1,258 feet) – both are near the town of Hadley. For comparison, Port Huron at the mouth of Lake Huron sits at 608 feet above sea level. The other two high spots on the Hadley Hills ridge are Mt. Christie (elevation 1,251 feet) near Metamora and a rise near Mayville (elevation 1,050 feet).

Yet, much of the land is generally low and sandy. Many sand ridges surrounded swamps, causing early explorers to consider the land worthless. Even early geography books declared that the interior of Michigan was an impenetrable swamp. This impeded settlement, leaving the Indians to be the early residents.

Gradually, huge forests with about 80 varieties of trees covered the land, including white and Norway pine, spruce, cedar, hard and soft maple, smooth and shagbark hickory, tamarack, birch, hemlock, basswood, white and black ash, elm, oak, beech and many more. Lumber became a top crop for construction as civilization spread across the world.

However, water was always an issue. As winter snow melted, there were no ditches to carry the water away out to the larger lakes leading down toward the open waters of the Atlantic. Spring run-offs filled the local rivers and lakes, but much of the water just laid on the ground until it eventually evaporated or soaked into the water table. Most of it created marshes and swamp land – excellent breeding places for mosquitoes. Tamarack trees, deciduous conifers that drop their needles in the fall, grew abundantly in the wet ground, creating what came to be known as *boreal bogs*. This is a low area that accumulates peat, a deposit of dead plant material and other mosses. The soil is typically acidic and low in nutrients. Often water flowing out of the bog is brown from dissolved peat tannins. A tamarack swamp is a boreal bog named after the tamarack tree. The city of Lapeer was once divided by a tamarack swamp.

These wetlands are home to special plants, such as balsam fir, black spruce, orchid, sedge, floating manna grass, hemlock, sphagnum moss (peat moss) and Canadian fauna. They are also important homes for birds, dragonflies and frogs. They also provide habitat for mammals, such as black bear, wolverine and beaver.

The waters in the lakes, rivers and streams teemed with fish and when ditches were dug to carry much of the standing water away, one hardy fish, the carp, used the ditches to swim upstream and find spawning areas, just like the salmon in the Pacific Northwest. Carp (*Cyprindae*) is a freshwater fish that grows fast and is commonly 12” long (31 cm), reaching a maximum length of 44” (110 cm). Typically when spawning, these fish are about 12” long. Carp are invasive and push out other, more desirable fish species. They are an oily fish, so were considered less tasty than bass, perch or other freshwater fish, even though they were readily available. As a kid, I remember seeing carp swimming up the ditches, pushing a small wake as they moved incessantly forward. We would sometimes catch them in pails, letting them go further upstream past blockages in the ditch so they could continue their journey. These were likely the common European carp. More exotic versions of carp include goldfish and koi. Fish were everywhere.

These conditions produced a hardy breed of people living and working in an often harsh environment. Yet the weather doesn't deter these people from going outside at any time. They embrace activities that let them do things outside, even when snow is falling, the roads are freezing or rain is making life wet and muddy.

Because of our love for the outdoors, most of the people in Michigan put their earnings into “things” – cars, trucks, motorcycles, boats, canoes, camping gear and other “outdoor” items. Their homes can be simple dwellings, but their “toys” are their real joy of living. Hunting, fishing and camping are the primary activities and land has been preserved for these things. If you study an atlas of the area you'll note game preserves all over. The state has done a good job of setting off land dedicated to hunting, fishing, camping and other forms of outdoor recreation. In the Thumb,

you'll find protected areas, such as Cass City State Game Area, Lapeer State Game Area, Minden City State Game Area, Murphy Lake State Game Area, Port Huron State Game Area, St. Clair Flats Wildlife Area, Sanilac State Game Area, Tuscola State Game Area and Vassar State Game Area. State game areas are set aside to provide and maintain habitat for white-tailed deer, ruffed grouse, woodcock and turkey.

Much of coastal Michigan is wetland – actually called the Great Lakes marsh. As such it's prone to flooding and standing water after the spring ice melt. I remember as a kid watching the water levels rise in our woods in the spring, such that there were two to 10 inches of water covering much of the lowland areas. We sloshed through it as kids and didn't think much about it – until the weather warmed and the mosquitoes came out. It was then that pollywogs appeared and grew into frogs that ate many of the mosquitoes and gave us a song each night.

When some of my ancestors settled in Kilmanauagh, near what is now Sebewaing, they were taking advantage of low-priced farmland. However, standing water was always an issue. My great, great aunt wrote a diary about her life there in the late 1800s. She said the land was flat. The settlers cut out a road from Kilmanauagh into Sebewaing, and people put up fences to separate their land. But there were no ditches to take the spring thaws away, so about three inches of water covered everything as far as the eye could see and fence posts poked out of it, marking ownership. With 219 swamps, over 300 named rivers, and more than 11,000 inland lakes, Michigan truly is what we claim it to be – a water wonderland. 🌿

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

October

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Editor's note: Before traveling beyond your hometown to attend any of these events, please call ahead for any changes in dates or times or for any cancellations.

GENESEE

Davison – October 13
28th Annual Davison High School Arts and Crafts Show, 1250 N. Oak, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Some 125 booths are expected. Admission is \$2 for ages 14 and over. For exhibitor info please call Joe at (810) 658-0440 or email smetankscraftshows@gmail.com.

HURON

Bad Axe – October 6 & 20
Tip of the Thumb Dancers, Huron County Senior Center, 150 Nugent Rd., 7:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. All ages welcome. Admission for dances \$6. Cancellations on WLEW and WMIC radio. Bring finger food and friends. On October 6 entertainment will be by Melody Magic, and on October 20 (Sweetest Day) by Emerson, Dennis & Sam. For more information call Jerry at (989) 269-7024.

LAPEER

Lapeer – October 2
Spaghetti Dinner, American Legion Post 16, 1701 W. Genesee St., 4:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. \$7 per person, \$6 seniors, \$4 for ages 4 – 7 (under 4 free). Public welcome. All proceeds go towards the Lapeer District Schools' scholarship fund. For more information email americanlegion16@gmail.com.

Lapeer – October 10
Taco Night, American Legion Post 16, 1701 W. Genesee St., 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Public invited. For more information email americanlegion16@gmail.com.

Lapeer – October 17
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Lapeer – October 20
Psychic Fair, American Legion Post 16, 1701 W. Genesee St., Lower Hall, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. For more information email americanlegion16@gmail.com.

Lapeer – October 20
Sweetest Day Tribute Show, Lapeer Elks Lodge #2567, 200 E. Nepping St., 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. showtimes. \$20 per person or a table of 8 for \$140. RSVP only. For tickets call Gary at (810) 441-9075.

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Memphis – all of 2018
Bottle and Can Drive, various locations. Woman's Life Chapter 855 is collecting bottles and cans all year long to help those in need. For a representative of our group call (586) 392-5136.

Richmond – October 2
Woman's Life Chapter 855 Meeting, Lois Wagner Memorial Library, 35200 Division, 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information call Melissa at (810) 305-2245.

Washington Twp. – October 3, 10 & 17
Confident Communicators Toastmasters Club, Washington Township offices in the upstairs boardroom, 57900 Van Dyke (between 26 Mile Rd. and West), 8:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. 1st three visits are free. For more information contact Kim at (586) 933-3286.

Romeo – October 5 – 7
"Come to the Quiet", Simpson Park Camp, 70199 Campground Rd. Men and women, ages 18+, are invited to attend this weekend retreat led by Joan Dewing. Check-in and registration will begin on Friday night at 6:30 p.m. and the retreat will go through Sunday morning. Time will be

spent in study, prayer and worship. Guests will celebrate God through music and fellowship. Cost is \$50 per person, which includes the program, lodging, meals and a distraction free, rustic environment. For local folks, we offer a rate of \$35 per person, not including lodging. For more information call the camp office at (586) 752-3202 or email spcamp@simpsonparkcamp.org.

Richmond – October 13
Second Annual Living History Cemetery Walk, City of Richmond Cemetery, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Walks scheduled every half hour. Advance ticket purchase suggested as slots sell out quickly. For tickets call Dianne at (586) 727-7755. For more information call Mary Ellen at (586) 808-2953.

New Baltimore – October 14
Flea Market/Craft/Vendor Indoor Show, New Baltimore VFW Hall, 35011 23 Mile Rd., 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. No reservations needed to set up. 8 ft. tables are \$10 each. Set up begins at 8:00 a.m. Free admission to shop. For more information email meema3t2@yahoo.com.

St. Clair Shores – October 20
Craft Show, VFW Post 1146, 28404 Jefferson, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Free admission. Strollers welcome. For more information call Catherine at (586) 777-4674.

Romeo – October 26 – 28
Fall Youth Retreat, Simpson Park Camp, 70199 Campground Rd. All youth, grades 7th – 12th, are invited to continue on your faith journey and grow in your walk with God, the Father and Jesus, his Son. Come experience camp in the fall and share in faith, fellowship, food and fun! Cost is \$65 for the weekend and will include the program, lodging and food. For registration information call the camp office at (586) 752-3202 or email spcamp@simpsonparkcamp.org.

Memphis – October 27
Euchre Tournament, Memphis Lions Club, 34758 Pratt Rd., 7:00 p.m. \$10 per player. 50/50 drawing. Prize money for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Snacks available. Everyone welcome. For more information email memphismichlions@yahoo.com.

Richmond – October 27
21st Annual "Share the Gift" Craft Show, St. Peter Lutheran Church, 67055 Gratiot, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Donation at the door of 50¢ or a canned food item for needy families. Luncheon 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Cookie Walk, baked goods, homemade German potato salad and baked beans. For more information call (810) 392-2528 or (586) 784-6098.

Shelby Twp. – October 28
Chic & Unique Presents Vintage, Repurposed and Unique Handmade Market, Packard Proving Grounds, 49965 Van Dyke Rd., 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. \$5 entry per person. Kids 12 and under free. Rain or shine. For more information find us on Facebook @ ChicAndUniqueMarket or ChicAndUniqueMI.com.

OAKLAND

Rochester – October 4, 11, 18 & 25
Coffee, Cake and True Islam, Masjid Mahmood (Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Center), 1730 W. Auburn Rd., 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. This is an ongoing weekly event for an informal and candid conversation about Islam intended for neighbors, academia, students, media and anyone else interested in learning about the faith from its followers. Join us for a warm cup of coffee, cake and some engaging conversation. Events are free and open to the public. For more information call (248) 677-1316.

ST. CLAIR

St. Clair County
October 1 – November 1
Bottle and Can Drive. Proceeds to benefit Wings of The Harbor, Transitional Living Program for homeless youth in St. Clair County. Pick up service is available for large donations. For drop-off locations call (810) 392-5136.

Lakeport – October 2
Fall Beginner Mixed Media Workshop, Burtchville Township Library, 7097 Second St., 12:30 p.m. Come and have fun learning beginning art techniques with Nancy Davies, and make an art project to take home. Beverages will be provided. All ages of adults welcome. Registration is requested. For more information call (810) 385-8550.

Port Huron – October 2
2nd Annual Volunteer Fair, Carnegie Center of Port Huron Museum, 1115 6th St., 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Approximately 20 participating organizations are featured. The format is open-house style, attendance is free, and people of all ages who are interested in learning about various non-profits' volunteer needs are welcome to attend. For more information call (810) 989-5246 ext. 305.

St. Clair – October 2
Chili Cook-Off, St. Clair Library, 310 S. Second St., 6:00 p.m. All ages welcome. Cooks must register. Free samples for the public – first come, first served. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Voting slips must be turned in by 7:00 p.m. For more information call (810) 329-3951.

Algonac – October 3
Internet Basics, Algonac-Clay Library, 2011 St. Clair River Dr., 1:30 p.m. Learn about browsers, search engines, URLs and how to navigate the internet. For more information call (810) 794-4471.

Port Huron – October 3 – November 28 (WEDNESDAYS ONLY)
Divorce Care, Colonial Woods Missionary Church, 3240 Pine Grove Ave., 6:45 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. There is a one-time fee of \$20 to cover the cost of the Divorce Care workbook and materials. Child care is provided. To register or for more information call the Counseling Center at (810) 984-5575.

Fair Haven – October 5, 12, 19 & 26
Family Storytime, Ira Township Library, 7013 Meldrum Rd., 10:00 a.m. Stories, music and crafts for children ages 0 – 5 years old and their caregivers. For more information call (586) 725-9081.

Kimball – October 5
Fish Fry, Smiths Creek American Legion Post 525, 7150 Smiths Creek Rd., 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. 1st Friday of every month, including holidays. \$8 for adults, \$3 for children under 10. Fish (deep-fried), dry batter or beer batter, also baked (no batter), baked potato, coleslaw, tossed salad, dinner roll, water, coffee and a piece of cake for dessert. Pop also available at \$1 per can. For more information email hayman11@comcast.net.

Marysville – October 5, 10, 19 & 26
Marysville Knights of Columbus #9526 10th Annual Farmers Market, Marysville Park across from the old boat launch, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Vendors wanted – all are welcome. For more information call (810) 364-6800 or (810) 824-7435.

Algonac – October 6
Valor League's 4th Annual Craft Show, Algonac VFW, 1005 Pte. Tremble Rd., 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Raffles, food and bake sale. Table rental is \$25. For more information call Beth at (810) 794-4793.

Marine City – October 6
Pumpkin Painting Palooza, Marine City Library, 300 S. Parker, 2:00 p.m. Get in the autumn spirit by spending an afternoon painting a small pumpkin. Supplies are limited, so be sure to register ahead of time and dress for messy fun! Pumpkins graciously donated by Shark Farm. For more information call (810) 765-5233.

Port Huron – October 6
Extreme Duct Tape Workshop, Port Huron Library, 210 McMorrin Blvd., 2:00 p.m. Joel Tracy will show teens how to create capes, cuffs, belts, wallets and purses out of duct tape. Over 50 colors and prints of duct tape will be available. Prizes offered for best creation and more. For more information call (810) 987-7323 ext. 124.

Avoca – October 7
70th Annual Harvest Turkey Dinner, Avoca Community Hall, 5396 Kilgore Rd., 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. There will be a turkey dinner with all the trimmings, a salad bar and a dessert bar. Adults \$12, ages 5 – 10 \$6, under 5 free. Adult carry-outs available. The profits from the dinner will go toward the upkeep and a new furnace for the hall. For more information call (810) 324-2217.

Marine City – October 9
Algonac VFW Fundraiser, Foxfire Fixin's Restaurant, 7200 River Rd., 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Come out for a night of fun and great food – and help a great cause! You order off the menu and 20% of your bill for food and non-alcoholic drinks will be donated back to the Algonac VFW. Pass the word and bring plenty of family and friends. For more information call (810) 765-9255.

Capac – October 10, 17, 24 & 31
Read to Chief, the Reader Dog, Capac Library, 111 N. Main, 2:30 p.m. School-age children drop in to read to Chief, a German shepherd therapy dog. For more information call (810) 395-7000.

Memphis – October 11
Knit a Scarf, Memphis Library, 34830 Potter St., 6:00 p.m. Be ready for the cold this winter with your own hand-knitted scarf. Don't know how to knit? Let Cindy Haberichter teach you. Already know how to knit? Join the fun! For more information call (810) 392-2980.

Algonac – October 13
Wheels in the Woods Off-Road Vehicle Show and Swap Meet, 8945 Marsh Rd., 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Open to all Off Road Vehicles, 4 x 4s, Motorcycles and ATVs. Presented by the Museum of Off Road Adventure. Swap meet – 10' x 20' spaces are available. Spectator admission is \$10 per carload. Food and drink vendor: Foxfire Fixin's Restaurant from Marine City. To register online or for more information visit themora.org or call (877) 393-MORA.

Casco – October 13
Boylesque Drag Bingo, Perch Point Conservation Club, 7930 Meisner Rd., doors open at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m.; bingo starts at 8:00 p.m. \$25 for dinner and bingo. Bring your friends and family and extra money to tip the Queens. Cash bar or \$10 wrist band for open bar. Must be 18 years or older. For more information email queenchick25@yahoo.com.

Marine City – October 13
Comedy Night in Rivertown, Marine City Banquet Center, 6385 King Rd. Features Dueling Pianos International, along with comedians Kevin Kramis and Bill Hildebrandt. Come out for an evening of entertainment and enjoy strolling edibles from Blue Pike Cantina and a cash bar hosted by Marine City

Maritime Days. Tickets on sale now at Blue Pike Cantina and Marine City Banquet Center. For more information call (810) 765-5555.

Marysville – October 13
Craft Show, Bake Sale and Used Book Sale, McGivney Banquet Center, 4521 Ravenswood Rd., 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Free admission. Event sponsored by Marysville Knights of Columbus #9526 Ladies Auxiliary. For more information call Ann at (810) 434-2924 or Rita at (810) 364-8547.

Smiths Creek – October 14
Breakfast, Smiths Creek Masonic Lodge, 335 Henry St., 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 2nd Sunday every month. Adults \$7, includes pancakes, French toast, eggs, bacon, toast, potatoes, orange juice, coffee and milk (white or chocolate). For more information email hayman11@comcast.net.

Yale – October 14
Beef Stew Dinner, Fr. Larry Dunn Hall, Sacred Heart Church, 310 N. Main St., 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. For more information call (810) 387-9800.

Marine City – October 17
Fundraiser for St. James Church of Casco, Foxfire Fixin's Restaurant, 7200 River Rd., 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Come out for a night of fun and great

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food – and help a great cause! You order off the menu and 20% of your bill for food and non-alcoholic drinks will be donated back to St. James Church. Pass the word and bring plenty of family and friends. For more information call (810) 765-9255.

Marysville – October 17 **The Nature of Chocolate,**

Marysville Library, 1175 Delaware, 6:00 p.m. Even though it doesn't grow here in the Great Lakes' region, we are connected to the nature of chocolate every time we indulge! This program looks at the history, ecology and manufacturing of one of our favorite treats. An indulgent chocolate tasting is included as part of this educational, yet sweet program presented by Nature on the Go. Sponsored by Friends of the Marysville Library. For more information call (810) 364-9493.

Marine City – October 22 **Fundraiser for Algonac Trinity** **United Methodist Church,**

Foxfire Fixin's Restaurant, 7200 River Rd., 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Come out for a night of fun and great food – and help a great cause! You order off the menu and 20% of your bill for food and non-alcoholic drinks will be donated back to the Algonac Trinity United Methodist

Church. Pass the word and bring plenty of family and friends. For more information call (810) 765-9255.

Yale – October 23

Make-It @ the Library, Yale Library, 2 Jones St., 6:00 p.m. Come and join us for a craft and lots of fun. We are going to make a jack-o-lantern with a jar and paper. For more information call (810) 387-2940.

Kimball – October 24

Make-It @ the Library: Mummy Math, Kimball Township Library, 1955 N. Allen Rd., 3:30 p.m. How many squares of toilet paper does it take to wrap you like a mummy? Learn about measurement, estimation and educated guesses with this fun activity. Ages 3 – 12. Registration requested. For more information call (810) 982-9171.

Marysville – October 25 **St. Clair County Family History** **Group,**

Marysville Library, 1175 Delaware Ave., 6:00 p.m. Topic of the evening will be "Gravestone Symbolism". The presentation will be followed by the business meeting and light refreshments will be served. Anyone interested in local history or researching their family history is

welcome to attend as a guest or may become a member. On October 28 there will be a field trip – Guided Tour of Lakeside Cemetery at 2:00 p.m.

Parking is available in front of the chapel. In case of inclement weather, the tour will be rescheduled. For more information call (810) 984-3322 or email grannyfran21@sbcglobal.net.

Port Huron – October 26

Family Pool Party Night, YMCA, 1525 3rd St., 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Leave the sunscreen at home and have some fun. Bring all your friends. Tonight will be a Halloween theme. For more information call (810) 987-6400.

Marine City – October 27 **Halloween Bash,**

Marine City Banquet Center, 6385 King Rd., 6:00 p.m. – midnight. Presented by Marine City Maritime Days. Live music by Liquor Fish and Mystic 6. Come out for a night of dancing, raffles, prizes and an all-around good time. Dress in your best costume for the costume contest. Must be 21 or older. Tickets are \$30 and include entertainment and strolling edibles. Tickets now on sale at Marine City Banquet Center, Blue Pike Cantina or contact a member of Marine City Maritime Days. For more information call (810) 765-5555.

SANILAC

Sandusky – October 13 & 27

Thumb Dance Club, Maple Valley School, 138 Maple Valley St., 7:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. Everyone welcome – bring finger foods (for 8:30 p.m.) and friends. Admission \$6 for members, \$7 for guests. On October 13 entertainment provided by The Natural Tones and on October 27 by Dick Hedrich and Son. On October 27 dancers bring pumpkin pies. For more information call Dorothy at (810) 404-4250 or Gordon at (810) 712-1427.

Port Sanilac – October 19

American Red Cross Blood Drive, St. Mary Church Parish Center, 7066 W. Main, 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Hosted by Veteran of Foreign Wars Port Sanilac Post 8872 and St. Mary Church.

TUSCOLA

No events were submitted for Tuscola County this month.

WAYNE

No events were submitted for Wayne County this month.

ThumbPrint News Meets Mike, "The Headless Wonder Chicken"



Standing with the statue of Mike the Headless Chicken (seen in entirety below), from left to right are Abigail, Preston, Bryan, Kenna and Kylin



Mike being fed with an eyedropper



ThumbPrint News has been traveling the world ever since its beginning nine years ago. In just that short time, our faithful readers have taken our paper with them to all fifty of the United States and to all seven continents, photographing themselves in front of points of interest in those places. It has been and continues to be an armchair tour of the world!

This past summer, Keith Kodet and Stephanie Shattuck embarked on an 8,200-mile road trip across the southwestern United States with five of their children. They had many exciting adventures and also saw many historic landmarks, but one of the highlights of their vacation was stopping in Fruita, Colorado, and learning about Mike, the Headless Chicken.

Here is a short history of that topless wonder:

In September of 1945, a young rooster who was pecking through the dust of Fruita, Colorado, had no idea that he was about to become famous. Clara Olsen planned on having the chicken killed by her husband Lloyd for their evening meal. However, once Lloyd had done his duty, he was in for the shock of his life.

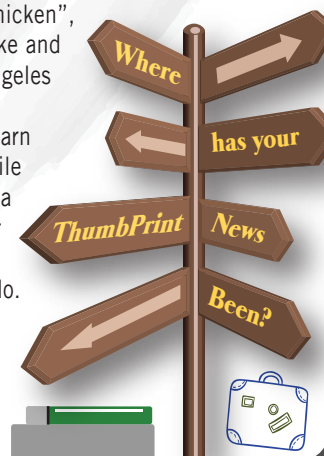
Most freshly-slaughtered poultry will stagger around momentarily before expiring – but not Mike (as he would later be named). He returned to his job of being a chicken, pecking for food and preening his feathers, just like the rest of his barnyard buddies – without a head.

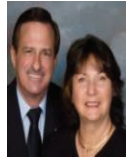
Maybe Lloyd felt sorry for Mike – or else he admired his will to live. Anyway, Mike was given grain and water by Lloyd with an eyedropper. Mike went on to live for 18 months as "The Headless Wonder Chicken", thriving and growing from 2½ lbs. to nearly 8 lbs. The Olsens found a manager for Mike and set out on a national tour, which included the cities of New York, Atlantic City, Los Angeles and San Diego, where patrons paid a quarter each to see Mike.

Mike was valued at \$10,000 and insured for the same. His fame and fortune would earn him recognition in *Life* and *Time* magazines. He also set a Guinness World Record. While returning from one of these road trips, the Olsens stopped at a motel in the Arizona desert. In the middle of the night, Mike began to choke. Unable to find the eyedropper used to clear Mike's open esophagus, Miracle Mike passed on.

Every year on the first weekend in June, Mike's spirit is celebrated in Fruita, Colorado.

If you plan a trip for business or pleasure, please consider taking a copy of *ThumbPrint News* with you and photographing it with yourself in front of a point of interest for that location. Please submit good quality .jpeg photo(s) to ThumbPrintNews@comcast.net and include a paragraph about your trip. When your photo or photos appear in the paper, we will be sure to send you a complimentary copy, so please include your full name and address with your submission. Depending on how many submissions we have, it may take a few months for yours to appear, but be assured that we appreciate each and every one.





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Don Alcorn, GRI and Barbara Alcorn, GRI

MARKET MATTERS

Real estate experts continue to say home buyers should brace for a competitive environment as the supply of homes for sale remains low, despite healthy price increases.

Homeowners who rode out the difficult times during the recession and those that bought at the bottom of the market are starting to reap their rewards. The upward trend reflects the continued high competition, as the number of active listings drop.

Many point to the lack of inventory as one of the main factors driving up home prices and negatively affecting the number of homes sold. Houses are selling fast, and a declining number are coming on the market.

With the competitive market we are in, a lot of focus has been put on the buyer. The two most important things for sellers to remember is to price their home correctly and to make sure that it is available for showings. Showings have to be convenient for buyers and Realtors®. Even though it's a seller's market, sellers still have to be smart.

Tips for Sellers – Curb Appeal is Key

Many times, buyers will do a quick drive-by to decide if a house is actually worth touring. Since the first thing buyers will see when arriving at the property is the exterior, curb appeal is crucial for making a good first impression. When reviewing your property's condition, note the condition of the exterior of the house and the front door, as well as the overall condition of the yard itself. Throughout the showing process, be sure to keep the grass and shrubbery well-trimmed.

These simple improvements can have a high return on the ultimate sale price of the home:

- Power wash siding and walkways
- Make sure house numbers are easy to read
- Plant blooming flowers and fresh greenery
- Add a fresh new doormat
- If you can't justify the cost of adding a new front door, consider replacing a plain doorknob with something more attractive or painting it to make it pop

Tips for Buyers – Be Sure It's in Writing

You've found the house you want to buy, and are ready to make your offer – be sure that your Buyer's Agent includes all of the terms and conditions of your offer in writing.

The Purchase Agreement is the official legal document setting forth the details of purchase. If there are any special items, or items of personal property to be included, be sure they are properly set forth in sufficient detail. Don't rely on verbal agreements or assume that items that were mentioned in property listing descriptions will be included, unless they are specifically set forth in the Purchase Agreement.

Buyer's Agents can be of great help in taking you through the home-buying process. Your Realtor® will advise and assist you through negotiations of price and conditions, and help you through all the remaining steps of the process once you strike a deal with the sellers. This can take some of the pressure off and make for a smooth transaction and closing.

Happy Autumn!

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

As hunting season is upon us, I would like to share with your readers two photos. Below on the left is my great-niece Olivia Ryan, 11, of Columbus, Michigan, and on the right is my great-nephew Cole Murphy, 13, of Lenox, Michigan. Both are seen with the deer they shot the weekend of Youth Hunt, September 22 and 23.

Olivia shot her eight-point buck on her grandparents' cabin property in Iosco County, Michigan. Cole shot his 10-point buck in his hometown of Lenox.

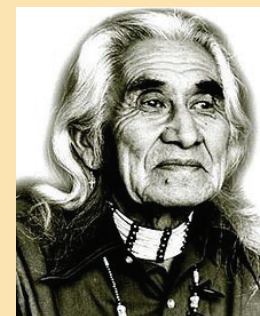
Our family is very happy for them and proud of their skill and perseverance! Happy hunting to all *ThumbPrint News* readers!

– April Ryan-Ternes of Richmond



Native American Words of Wisdom

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"The time will soon be here when my grandchild will long for the cry of a loon, the flash of a salmon, the whisper of spruce needles, or the screech of an eagle.

But he will not make friends with any of these creatures and when his heart aches with longing, he will curse me.

Have I done all to keep the air fresh?

Have I cared enough about the water?

Have I left the eagle to soar in freedom?

Have I done everything I could to earn my grandchild's fondness?"

– Chief Dan George of the Tsleil-Waututh Nation

Born: Geswanouth Slahoot in North Vancouver

HALLOWEEN HIDDEN SUPERHEROES ANSWER KEY

PG 1) CAPTAIN AMERICA IN THE HEADER

PG 13) HULK IN WHAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY?

PG 4) WONDER WOMAN IN THE K106.3 AD

PG 18) BATMAN IN THE FOX AD

PG 4) SUPERMAN IN THE K106.3 AD

PG 21) AQUAMAN IN THE ANCHOR BAY SCUBA AD

PG 4) THE FLASH IN THE K106.3 AD

PG 22) IRON MAN IN VOCABULARY VOYAGE

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