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Tally Ho! One Family's Journey serving good food & spirits

By Derek Smith, ThumbPrint News Contributor

“Tally Ho” is a cry from the huntsman to his fellow hunters, indicating that the quarry has been spotted and you can start to give chase. This traditional British saying was known and used everywhere, including the Thumb of Michigan in it’s earliest days. This phrase was chosen as the name of a place with “good food and spirits” way back in 1939.

Here is the story of Greek immigrants, Frank and Bessie Bajis, who opened the Tally Ho Inn (now Tally Ho Bar & Grill) in Lakeport, Michigan, and the thousands of miles and many years it took them to get there.

Frank Bajis (Bachacas) was orphaned as a child in Pergamon, Greece, which is now part of Turkey, 16 miles from the coastline of the Aegean Sea in Izmir Province. He later grew up in Mytilinli, a city on the Greek island of Lesbos, near the coast of Turkey. There, Frank met and married his wife Bessie, beginning a life and union that lasted for over 50 years and thousands of miles.

Together, they fled Greece during WWI and began immigrating to the United States, only to be stranded in Argentina for several years. During their time in South America, a son, George F. Bajis, was born in Uruguay. From there, they traveled to Chile, where their second son, Contantino, was born. The family finally arrived in Massachusetts in 1920 and, after several moves, eventually settled in Michigan, choosing Port Huron as their new home. I do not know why they chose the Port Huron area, but we “foodies” are thankful for that decision.

Constantino Venizelos Bachacas on August 12, 1917, in Antofagasta, Chile. Constantino was later christened John Bajis, a name that seemed more user-friendly to his classmates at Harrison School.

Some of George and John Bajis’ early childhood memories included riding the Port Huron and Detroit streetcar from the

depot on Military Street into the city and traveling to Detroit on the 306-foot *Tashmoo*. When back at the dock at the foot of Grand River, John, George, and their friends would dive for coins thrown from the deck of the *Tashmoo* into the fast-moving waters of the St. Clair River. Some of these young divers had pockets sewn into their bathing suits where they stored their silvery treasures; others would clench the coins in their teeth, hoping not to swallow their booty and choke.

From 1932 to 1934, the Bajis family lived on the second floor of 932 Military Street. It was built during the Civil War era, making it one of Port Huron’s oldest buildings and is now better known as the



Left is 932 Military Street, late 1980s and right is it restored as The Raven Café



Raven Café.

During prohibition,

Frank partially repurposed their home into a distillery for *mastica* (*mastiha*), a Greek liqueur. It was made from a mash of raisins, sugar and

water. The spent mash from the distillation process was lowered to the street in fire buckets, and the boys distributed it into the garbage cans of nearby unwary neighbors.

Most of Frank’s customers were fellow Greeks, who came to the 932 Military St. residence for card games, *mastica*, and Greek coffee. John and George would earn tips by serving coffee and *mastica*, as well as running various errands for the visitors.

Frank opened a hotdog stand at Military and Pine, which eventually became a restaurant at the Burke Hotel at 941 Military Street. Frank and his son John operated the eatery for about ten years. The Great Depression, which began in 1929, bankrupted Frank’s bank and his savings there and eventually

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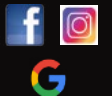
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"Please! You help me get to Colorado?"



By Rita MacDonald
ThumbPrint News Columnist

"I wanna call Auntie Ley!" I hear it every time I visit little Miss Maci. The couple times of year her uncle and aunt visit us here always leave her wanting more time, snuggles, giggles and love. And a trip to Colorado to see them this summer has left her missing both of them and their black lab, more than ever. Holly, my daughter-in-law and Maci's mom, says Maci makes a sad face and shares her heartache of missing them all with random cashiers while in line at the grocery store. "I have an aunt and uncle in Colorado," she says. So, when I visit, she's after my phone because she knows she can see their faces and hear their voices live!

A few weeks ago, Maci dialed them, and while talking she took the phone into her room. There, she put the phone down and then changed clothes into her favorite red and black flannel "cozy jammies", as she calls them, put her Colorado book in the moose backpack she got while on vacation there, threw it on her back, and begged Auntie Ley, "Pleaseeeee...you help me get to Colorado?" It was sweet and precious and heartbreaking all at the same time.

What the heck did we do before we had cell phones and FaceTime? That sweet little thing has a room FULL of toys, as well as a basement and upstairs with every toy imaginable. She lacks for nothing and has no reason to ever be bored or have nothing to do. But my granddaughter is the wisest 2-year-old toddler you'll ever meet because she knows what matters more than anything in the whole wide world...

TIME with the PEOPLE she loves the most, and of course, like every other MacDonald gal (young OR old)...a nice, cozy, warm flannel nightgown.

This. This is how we should feel about our Savior. I've got a wise little granddaughter teaching me things...

"He called a little child to Him, and placed the child among them. And He said, 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.'"
- Matthew 18:2-5



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- Frank "Big Thunder" Loring (1827 - 1906) Wabanaki, Algonquin


He was a leader among the Wabanakis who commercialized their public identities to make a living. He was a performer, producer and promoter of "Indian entertainments". When not performing, he was a hunter, guide, medicine man and tribal leader.



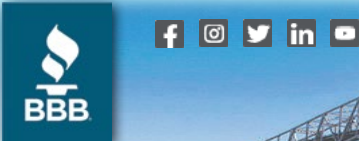
Vocabulary Voyage
Compiled By Laura Irwin, ThumbPrint News Staff

"Somewhere inside of all of us is the power to change the world." ~ Roald Dahl



<p>inclusion in-clu·sion in-'klū-zhən</p> <p>A noun meaning 1 : the state of being included or the act of including, 2 : to value and respect others regardless of personal characteristics or circumstances. First known use: 15th century, from Latin <i>inclusio</i> from <i>includere</i>. Ex: <i>Social inclusion promotes tolerance and reduces bullying.</i></p>	<p>inhibition in-hi·bi-tion ,in-hə-'bi-shən</p> <p>A noun meaning 1 : unable to act in a natural, relaxed way, 2 : a feeling of worry or embarrassment that stops you from doing or saying what you want, 3 : being inhibited, 4 : restricted behavior. First known use: 1350 - 1400, from Latin <i>inhibitio</i>. Ex: <i>Social inhibition is related to a lower sense of belonging and to internalizing problems.</i></p>	<p>innovation in·no·va-tion ,i-nə-'vā-shən</p> <p>A noun meaning 1 : creating a new method, idea or product, 2 : the introduction of something new. First known use: 15th century (sense 2), from Latin <i>innovatio</i>. Ex: <i>Innovations often become suppressed in times of geopolitical and economic stress.</i></p> 
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BBB TIP: SAFE HOLIDAY SHOPPING

The 2024 holiday shopping season will seem shorter, with Thanksgiving occurring on November 28th this year. We will likely see stores advertising sales early and potentially extending store hours to maximize shopping days.

Like every year, many people plan to start their holiday shopping early. Consumers will see deals well before Black Friday sales. Retailers also expect to see even more people shopping online, with e-commerce sales expected to continue to increase compared to previous years.

With online shopping increasing, scams will also be prevalent. According to the BBB Scam Tracker Risk Report, online shopping scams accounted for 41% of all scams reported to BBB Scam Tracker in 2023. Shortages could make purchase scams even more common as desperate shoppers might turn to shady websites hoping to find this year's must-have gift.

"As the holiday season approaches, it's understandable that consumers will want to find the best deals," said Nakia Mills, Marketing Director at Better Business Bureau[®] Serving Eastern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. "However, it's important to remember that scammers will also be ready to take advantage of all the holiday shopping excitement. By doing your research, looking for the BBB seal, and being cautious of offers that seem too good to be true, you can help protect yourself from holiday scams."

BBB recommends the following holiday shopping tips to stay away from scams and unlock holiday success:

- **Look for the BBB Seal.** BBB Accredited Businesses pledge to uphold the BBB Standards for Trust and to deal fairly with consumers. If a business displays a BBB seal, verify it by going to [BBB.org](https://www.bbb.org).
- **Research before you buy.** Use [BBB.org](https://www.bbb.org) and shopper reviews to do your homework before paying. Read our tips for shopping safely online at [BBB.org/onlineshopping](https://www.bbb.org/onlineshopping). Check for return policies and warranties.
- **If the deal looks too good to be true, it probably is.** Price was the top motivating factor for people who made a purchase and lost money. Don't shop on price alone.
- **Beware of fake websites:** Check the URL, watch for bad grammar, research the age of the domain, and search for contact information. Also, beware if you get a "card declined" message while purchasing; it could be part of a new twist on card theft involving declined cards.
- **Professional photos do not mean it's a real offer.** Website photos can motivate users to engage with scammers. Don't be swayed by a flashy website or ad.
- **Make sure the website is secure.** Look for "HTTPS" in the URL (the extra s stands for "secure") or a small lock icon in the address bar. Never enter payment or personal information into a website with only "HTTP" – it is NOT secure. Slow down to be sure!
- **Be careful purchasing sought-after products, especially on social media.** The risk of online purchase scams rises during the holidays. Don't be tempted to use an unknown or insecure site just to get a good deal.
- **Use secure and traceable transactions and payment methods.** Those who paid with a credit card were less likely to lose money. Be cautious when using digital wallet apps, prepaid money cards or other non-traditional payment methods.
- **Report unsatisfactory purchase experiences to BBB.** If you are unhappy with a purchase, file a complaint at [BBB.org/complaints](https://www.bbb.org/complaints). If you never got what you paid for, consider reporting it to BBB Scam Tracker to help other consumers avoid being scammed.

Read more holiday tips in BBB's Holiday HQ at [BBB.org/holidaytips](https://www.bbb.org/holidaytips). If you believe you've been targeted by a scammer, visit [BBB.org/ScamTracker](https://www.bbb.org/ScamTracker) to report it or call your local BBB office at (866) 788-5706. 📍

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SAVOR THE SOUNDS OF THE HOLIDAYS

Every November we're reminded to call forth all that we are thankful for. As I reflect on my life, what I'm most thankful for is my health and the health of my loved ones. I do not take it lightly or for granted that each morning I'm blessed to wake up and my senses are firing on all cylinders. Of all five of them, my sense of hearing allows me to experience life in a way that I could not imagine losing or doing without.

Hearing loss can be caused by age, employment, infections, head injuries or health issues and is now linked to ailments including: cardiovascular disease, diabetes, dementia and Alzheimer's. Scientific studies have proven that if hearing loss goes untreated, a condition called "auditory deprivation" occurs, starving the auditory centers of your brain and your ability to understand speech.

It's always important to be proactive about your health and take advantage of your local hearing care providers that offer free hearing screenings. Screenings help detect the start of hearing loss and prevent further hearing issues. Do you feel like you should schedule a hearing test, but feel curious what the visit entails? It's normal to hesitate on taking the first step, but rest assured, there's nothing to worry about and you'll be thankful you did!

Editorial note: Beltone Skoric Hearing Aid Center has been serving the hearing-impaired community in Michigan for over 30 years. They have made it their mission to educate about the negative effects of untreated hearing loss. For more information, please visit their website www.beltoneskorichearing.com or call to schedule a free hearing exam at one of their 38 locations: (810) 356-0559.

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— to the Office Visit —

STEP 1: Lifestyle Assessment. Understanding more about your lifestyle and hearing priorities helps a specialist provide individualized care. Are you outdoorsy? Do you frequent restaurants and public places? Do you enjoy television, music, movies and lectures? All of these kinds of things and more play into the development of hearing loss and the type of hearing aids right for you, should you need them.

STEP 2: Review of your general health and hearing history. Many people are surprised by how much our overall health and the medications we take can impact our hearing. Several common conditions can adversely affect our ability to hear.

STEP 3: Hearing Evaluation. A hearing evaluation includes several tests that measure how well you hear a variety of sounds such as tones and speech. It will consist of a visual examination of your ear using an otoscope, an air and bone conduction test and word discrimination test.

STEP 4: Hearing Test Results. After your hearing evaluation, your specialist will review your results on an audiogram, which is a visual representation of how well you are hearing. Based on the findings, either your hearing is in tip top shape and you should repeat testing once a year, or you will proceed to the fifth step.

STEP 5: Diagnosis & Treatment Plan. If a hearing loss is found and hearing aids are able to treat your loss, the specialist will give a comprehensive diagnosis and suggest a wide range of hearing products to fit your hearing care needs, lifestyle and budget.



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**COTTAGE
Living**

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The month of being thankful for all we have is upon us. Though, being grateful for everything I have is something I try to do every month, which I've found just attracts more things to be grateful for. I encourage everyone to try and focus on it for more than just this month.

My cottage is going through its final winterizing ritual, and I can say that makes this time of year not my favorite. The mouse holes are closed up, lawn furniture is brought in and freezable items are brought home and put in the rightful bins. I am so grateful for the opportunity that I have a job that allowed me to work from the cottage all summer! Meaning I practically lived there for the whole season. It was still not enough for me! But I live much closer to my little piece of Heaven now, so I am grateful for that as well.

While I'm sad to close up shop, I'm incredibly grateful for the memories I made this past summer. Time was spent laughing with new friends by the fire pit while watching the starry night sky in its glory. The porch and the lawn chairs certainly earned their winter nap, as did my new Amish-built outdoor glider that truly had a good break-in period this summer!

This month is an important one for all of us, not one American can hide from it...the Presidential election. Here's to a great awakening at the polls. It may be a rough ride at first, but hang in there, Patriots, our time is near. There is light at the end of the tunnel.

We also have Daylight Savings Time ending the first week of this month. (cringing as I type this). A lot of people say they are excited about the extra hour of sleep, I would give up three hours of sleep if that means longer days and more daylight. But we must follow this ridiculous federal law. So be it. I can't wait to start my spring countdown on January 1st, 2025. 🐣

Happy Thanksgiving ThumbPrint News Readers!

NOTES FROM OUR READERS

To David Gillis,

In reference to your article Finding Gratitude, I want to thank you for the reminder and say, I will take time to watch a sunrise and later turn and watch it set. Great column!

Mike L.

To Chaplain Gillis,

Wanted to send a Thank You note for the great article in *ThumbPrint News*.

My wife just read it and passed it over to me, and I am glad she did.

God is the answer and he will deal with everything on his time frame. We have to trust in him and with faith and LOVE it will be fine. As the young people say -->>> HE'S GOT THIS SO HOLD ON AN ENJOY THE ADVENTURE.

At my age, the ADVENTURE has been both great and rough at times, with all the doctor visits and all, but he has not forsaken me so THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES -->>> IN HIS HANDS.

Thanks again for your Great Message that God inspired you to pass along.

Harold & Gail

Thanks to Mike and Harold & Gail for your comments and for reading TPN. I very much appreciate you taking the time to write to me.

Sincerely, David

Dear Patricia Cosner Kubic,

In reading your Election Day article in the *ThumbPrint News*, it is quite confusing to follow the math that you used to determine the length of time it took women to vote after the ratification of the U.S. Constitution, which occurred on

May 29, 1790. Using that date as a starting point and using the date that the 19th Amendment was ratified on August 18, 1920 then the amount of time between the two events is roughly 2½ months short of 130 years, not the five plus decades that you cited.

Could it be that you confused the Revolutionary War with the Civil War between the States? The time line between that war and the right to vote for women would equal the five plus decades that you refer to. Please provide clarity with respect to the events that you mention and to the elapsed time between the two. It is an important distinction and extremely relevant for historical reasons.

Yours very truly, Paul S.

Hi Paul,

Thank you so much for your note. I know that I speak for everyone at the *ThumbPrint News* when I say that accuracy is one of our most important goals.

Regarding the length of time that it took woman to get the right to vote, it looks like we are in agreement – around 52 years. I got that number from biography on Carrie Chapman Cat written by Mary Gray Peck. I quoted a paragraph from the introduction in that book that begins with the campaign taking 52 years. The fight began several years after the Civil War ended in 1865 and not after the ratification of the Constitution (5/29/1790).

In terms of the beginning point of that vital campaign, I do think that I made a mistake on the timeline. I did quite a bit of research on Wikipedia and remember reading about the Revolutionary War which lines up with your point. To be quite honest, I think I was strongly focusing on how the Constitution automatically gave the right to vote to men, but not women. I should have been more focused on the timeline of events and for that I apologize.

Paul, thank you again for taking the time read my column and for writing to me. *ThumbPrint News* is an important part of the “Thumb Community” and I hope that you continue reading it.

Sincerely, Patricia

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Fame? Fortune? Oh, what could've been!

By **Bob Jones**, *ThumbPrint News* Columnist



"Get in closer there, Bob," Mrs. Jackson, our music teacher, said as she put me at the end. "The alto part is yours."

Now let's rehearse these songs for the upcoming assembly; "Battle Hymn of the Republic", "America the Beautiful" and "God Bless America" – this is our school's annual patriotic get-together with the entire student population looking on – 2,500 students strong in our high school.

The student leader of our quartet was a goal-driven, detail-oriented, perfectionist. He urged me to "elevate my game" since this was our first big show.

For the next year, the four of us sang at dances, small parties for special occasions and one musical, all written and staged by our leader – a performer possessed, but with ascending skills putting together these acts. He had a drive always to improve – to be better with the next performance than the last.

"Sorry old friend – I'm going to have to let you go," our leader was dumping me in favor of a six-foot-ten-inch dude who could sing bass.

This was a personal disappointment to be sure, but upon reflection, it was just a minor blip on my radar screen of experiences in a high school career, as is usually the case, filled with highs and lows of growing up; maturing; becoming an adult venturing out into a much bigger world of a career and other adult responsibilities.

Our leader, though, he was able to elevate his

game. Hewentontofameandfortuneastheleadsinger of the group The Imperials, backing Elvis Presley in many of his spiritually-oriented gospel shows. Can I say I have, in a much more limited sense, some empathy for The Beatles' original drummer Pete Best or another former and soon-forgotten member, back in their musical formative years with that august group?

But, at least, I have those pictures in our senior yearbook to reminisce about. "There I am." I point to our group picture taken at one of our assemblies back in the day, singing – trying to stay in tune with the rest of our quartet.

Fond memories indeed. I will always cherish this experience from my high school days. Do you suppose that lead singer remembers me after all these years? Nah, give it a rest. Just look back ever so briefly and relish those moments – locked away in my experiential time capsule.

My wife has heard this "could have been famous" story a thousand times – a supposed life in the fast lane; fame; fortune – with Elvis, no less.

Hey, wait a minute. My grandchildren haven't heard this story yet, okay, I'll bring it to life one last time.

"Oh, Justin, Brandon, Joshua, Gramps has a story to tell. Get over here. Have a seat. I've got another yarn to spin. You know that famous singer Elvis Presley, well..." 🐼



Jim Murray, second from the left, was the lead singer who went to Eastern High School in Lansing with Bob Jones.



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Injuries can have a serious impact on lifestyle and health, which means that physical rehabilitation is an essential step toward recovery. However, physical rehabilitation is a difficult and often painful process for most people, especially when it comes to orthopedic therapy.

Shockwave therapy is an increasingly popular and helpful option that orthopedic specialists, sports medicine practitioners, physiotherapy doctors and others are implementing in their offices. Not only does this type of therapy provide a non-invasive form of treatment for patients, but it's also a more cost-effective option that alleviates pain without opioids.

This is a method of pain relief, mobility rehabilitation and recovery for the body, most often for injuries or chronic pain. What does shockwave therapy do? The primary technique works by sending low energy/sound waves to injured or stressed soft tissues to promote the natural healing process and increase circulation. The process also helps relieve pain by stimulating nerve endings.

Another name for this therapy is extracorporeal shockwave therapy (ESWT) since it's a treatment used on the outside of the body and can be used for a variety of symptoms and treatments. The two main treatments are first, to alleviate immediate pain by targeting nerve endings, and second, to stimulate the body's natural healing process. The main targets in the body include bones, tendons and other soft tissues, which are encouraged to regenerate and repair via the shockwaves. More specifically, shockwave therapy can be used for:

- *Inflammation reduction*
- *Stimulation of collagen*
- *Improved blood flow*
- *Breakdown of calcium build-up*
- *Increased cell growth and production*

There may be some instances where injuries do require more extensive measures, but shockwave therapy doesn't have to be the one-and-only solution. Instead, ESWT can be used as one of several important steps of recovery. Physicians and specialists can use ESWT practices as adjunctive therapy or use it as replacement therapy, depending on the situation. For example, a sports injury or some type of recurring pain like tendonitis may require surgery to fully treat the pain. However, ESWT can be used adjacently to manage pain and streamline the healing process.

Some of the main areas of medicine where shockwave therapy is most effective include orthopedics, physiotherapy, sports medicine, urology and veterinary settings. Those who deal with chronic musculoskeletal conditions are great candidates for shockwave therapy, and the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) is a big supporter of shockwave therapy for tendon-related issues. Patients who suffer from some form of tendinopathy often benefit from ESWT, with conditions such as:

- *Tennis elbow*
- *Tendonitis*
- *Plantar fasciitis*
- *Achilles tendinopathy*
- *Golfer's elbow*
- *Non-union stress fractures*
- *Retrocalcaneal bursitis*
- *Calcific tendinopathy*
- *Greater trochanteric pain syndrome*
- *Jumper's knee*
- *Morton's neuroma*
- *Patella tendinopathy*
- *Iliotibial band syndrome*

Specific patients likely include athletes who aren't finding relief from other recovery practices (such as icing often, braces and other physical therapy) but who also aren't in a position to have an operation. Someone in the middle of their sport's season, for example, won't want to operate until later if possible.

There are many benefits to this therapy, and the results patients can get can make a world of difference. Some of the key benefits that come with ESWT include:

- **Non-invasive & holistic treatment.** Instead of being faced with difficult and expensive surgery, anesthesia or numbing agents, shockwave therapy can be either a helpful piece of overall treatment or a long-term solution in certain scenarios.
- **Prevents unnecessary prescription drugs.** While there are some cases where opioids or prescription drugs are needed, there are times when this type of therapy is enough, which means patients can avoid the tedious, disorienting and often addictive effects that come with pain medication.
- **Improved quality of life.** Perhaps most importantly, patients can enjoy their preferred lifestyle without having to live with constant chronic pain. Athletes can continue competing, others can continue performing in their careers, and everyone else dealing with debilitating pain can find some well-deserved and straightforward relief.

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Keeping Your Senior Pets Healthy

By **Dr. Elizabeth Gray**, *ThumbPrint News* Columnist

As our pets age, their daily needs can change. As you can see by this chart from the AVMA, both dogs and cats are in the equivalent of their “50s” at the age of 7. By 15 years old, pets are well into their “70s”.

Just like us, pets require more frequent medical care as they age. Because pets age

CAT YEARS	HUMAN YEARS
7	54
10	63
15	78
20	97

DOG YEARS	HUMAN YEARS (small to very large dogs)*
7	44 to 56
10	56 to 78
15	76 to 115
20	96 to 120

Age: Estimated Human Equivalents for Older Pets

*Small: 0-20 lbs; Medium: 21-50 lbs; Large: 51-90 lbs; Very large: >90 lbs

much faster than humans, some geriatric pets can benefit from increasing wellness exams to every six months. This can help detect problems sooner, allowing proper treatment. Some examples of these common issues include dental disease, arthritis/lameness, eyesight and lumps or masses.

Dental issues can arise quickly and cause pain. Look for subtle changes in appetite or eating behavior. As most of us know, dental issues can be sensitive or painful. This can make your pet hesitant to drink water or chew properly. Regular dental care, especially for geriatric pets, can help keep your pet’s quality of life in top-notch form.

Arthritis is a major concern for our aging pets. Some signs of arthritis include not jumping up on furniture, not asking to go outside as frequently, or stiffness when rising or lying down. One of the best ways to prevent or combat arthritis is maintaining

a proper weight. Less weight means less stress on the joints. There are also several options for supplements to support joint health for both cats and dogs. Ask your vet if one is right for your pet. Over-the-counter options can be beneficial but take care to read the labels. While some formulations may seem less expensive, they may contain a fraction of the active ingredient your pet needs to see the benefits. Sometimes our pets need more than supplements for joint health. There are many options to safely relieve arthritic pain that your vet can help with. From traditional pain medications such as NSAIDs, to therapeutic laser sessions, there are many ways to help your pet maintain mobility. Recently, a monthly injection for arthritic pain has become available for both cats and dogs. If your pet has been diagnosed with arthritis, ask your vet if this might be an option.

Eyesight can become an issue for geriatric pets as well. Issues such as glaucoma and cataracts can arise, especially if your pet’s breed is predisposed. Eyesight loss can be difficult to detect, as dogs and especially cats can adapt extremely well to vision loss. If you have any concerns with your pet’s vision, ask your vet. When caught early, some causes of sight loss can be managed, extending eyesight for your pet.

Lumps and bumps are a common issue for aging pets. Some lumps are of little concern and can be merely a cosmetic issue. Others, however, can be cancerous. It is best to have any new masses or changes in masses checked out by your veterinarian. If deemed necessary, your vet can take a sample from the mass or remove a suspicious mass completely. Once removed, testing can tell us exactly what the mass is, and if any further treatment is necessary. The earlier a mass is removed the better. Smaller masses mean smaller incisions, lower risk of complications, as well as shorter anesthesia time. If you find a lump don’t wait!

Even if your pet doesn’t show any signs of aging, annual wellness bloodwork is a great way to start off your pet’s geriatric years. It usually requires only a small sample of blood and gives valuable information about internal function. This information includes kidney function, liver function and blood sugar, to name just a few. Next time your pet is due for an exam, consider adding this additional testing. Many disease processes can be treated or managed, especially when detected in the early stages. If your pet requires long-term medications, this bloodwork can also help ensure their body can process it properly and minimize unwanted side effects. 🐾

Editorial note: Dr. Gray can be found at Cobblestone Veterinary Hospital at 8504 Lapeer Road in Kenosha. 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.



Eivor (pronounced A-var) is an old Norse word for good luck, which was certainly the case when I rescued this snow Bengal mix from Humane Society of St. Clair County, S.N.A.P.

That was a year and a half ago. He was then and is now the sweetest, most laid-back and loving cat I have ever known. I call him my soul kitty. His big blue eyes are even bigger than normal in this picture because he is a little intimidated by being outside.



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For our October 2024 contest, we asked our readers to identify what is pictured to the left. Of the many correct answers we received, Marianne Kainz of Oxford Township, Michigan, was chosen. She identified it as porcelain fuse knobs in a fuse box/electrical panel. Thank you to everyone who guessed this month.

Knob and tube wiring was used in the late 1800s and first half of the 1900s and would provide a 60-amp service to the average home. Today's standard home should have a 200-amp service to support all the modern appliances and electronics. Knob and tube is no longer considered safe and can be dangerous. It is prone to overheating potentially causing fires. If your home has this type of wiring, be mindful of not overloading it, have it inspected by a licensed electrician and consider a professional upgrade.



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

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Forgiveness: LOSING THE HEAVY LOAD

By David Gillis, *ThumbPrint News* Columnist

Several years ago, I was a restorative practices coordinator with a community school district, my responsibilities related to working with at-risk students whose behavior was less than desirable. These were not “bad” kids – just misdirected in their behavior, mostly regarding poor attitudes towards other students, but occasionally with teachers.

Once each month, I met with a group of several students to work on attitudes and how to bring about change. Most of these students had been in verbal or physical altercations with others in the room. During one conference session, I announced that the topic would be “forgiveness”.

As we began the discussion, I asked each student to define “forgiveness”. None of them could. After I explained what forgiveness meant, I asked them if they could openly ask another for forgiveness. None of them said they would.

I went on by telling them when we decide to ask for forgiveness, we change the future from that which is controlled by past events. As they departed, I said each could come to me separately to discuss how they felt sometime in the near future. To my pleasant surprise, a few did come back to discuss the subject of forgiveness and, more specifically, to ask how to do it.

By the end of the school year, a few students had followed up on asking for forgiveness from others and, in one case, it was to a teacher. That teacher later told me that the student had come to her and asked to be forgiven for the way he acted in the classroom. That one act of surrendering to a true act of compassion brought that teacher to tears as she told me. She said the student had become one of her best students and supported her in the classroom.

In another recollection, I remember having a discussion with a friend on the subject of forgiveness. She told me about when her late father, a retired pastor, was in at-home hospice care waiting to die. One day he asked to have a telephone in his room and said he had to make some calls. The telephone was provided, and the man was left alone with the task he had created for himself.

For almost two days her father was on the telephone speaking with several people. Later, when asked who he had been talking to for much of two days, he responded that they were all people he knew he had hurt in some manner by something said or done. He said, in many cases, they were people he had not talked to since the incident that caused the separation and ill feelings. He said he could not be burdened with the thought of dying and not asking for their forgiveness. A few days later the man passed away.

There is another very important forgiveness we all need to seriously consider. As a Christian, I firmly believe that we have all offended the God that created us. While we may all accept asking others we have offended for forgiveness, He is the One that needs to hear us ask for forgiveness for our transgressions and disobedience.

Certainly, there are many more stories I could go on with but will not. As I conclude this article may I ask that you think about the word “forgiveness” and how you might use it? There may be someone you knew years ago and haven’t spoken to because of an argument, some incident, or someone you encountered recently. Possibly you need to ask someone close to you, a parent, a child, or your spouse to forgive you for how you may have acted or something you said. Surely, our Creator will listen to your prayer asking Him for forgiveness. He is waiting to hear from you and it’s more meaningful than you might think.

I want to thank *ThumbPrint News* reader Pete for calling and offering encouragement to write this article. He told of a personal near-death experience and of giving forgiveness to the person who caused an accident. He told me, “My strong advice is don’t take the heavy load to the grave.” That’s advice really worth considering. 🙏

Author's note: For those wanting to express their thoughts regarding this article, you may send an email message to me at chaplaindgillis@gmail.com. I promise I will reply.

“True forgiveness is when you can say
‘thank you for that experience.’”

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<p>3 On this day in 1928, Turkey passes a new alphabet law switching from the Arabic to the Latin alphabet.</p>	<p>4 On this day in 1862, American inventor Richard Jordan Gatling patents the hand cranked Gatling machine gun in Indianapolis.</p>	<p>5 On this day in 1895, the first U.S. automobile patent is granted to George B. Selden for a gasoline-drivin car.</p>	<p>6  On this day in 1947, NBC's <i>Meet the Press</i> debuts. It is the U.S.'s longest-running TV show.</p>	<p>7 On this day in 2000, the U.S. presidential election takes place between George W. Bush and Al Gore. The result is inconclusive and sent to be resolved by the Supreme Court.</p>	<p>8  On this day in 1847, author Bram Stoker, of <i>Dracula</i> is born in Dublin, Ireland.</p>	<p>9 On this day in 1494, Piero the Unfortunate of the de' Medici family, ruler of Florence, loses his power and flees the state.</p>
<p>10  On this day in 1969, <i>Sesame Street</i> premieres on PBS.</p>	<p>11 On this day in 1620, the Mayflower Compact is signed by Pilgrims at Cape Cod. It's the first framework of government in what is now the U.S.</p>	<p>12 On this day in 2018, Marvel comic book writer, editor, publisher and producer, Stan Lee dies in Los Angeles at the age of 95.</p>	<p>13 On this day in 1955, Caryn Elaine Johnson, known professionally as Whoopi Goldberg, is born in New York City.</p>	<p>14  On this day in 1908, Albert Einstein presents his quantum theory of light.</p>	<p>15 On this day in 1777, the Articles of Confederation, the first constitution of the United States, is approved by the Continental Congress.</p>	<p>16 On this day in 2003, at the age of 16, Lionel Messi makes his official debut for Futbol Club Barcelona in a friendly match against Porto.</p>
<p>17 On this day in 1800, the U.S. Congress first meets in the newly built Capitol in Washington, D.C.</p>	<p>18 On this day in 1993, black and white leaders in South Africa approve a new democratic constitution.</p>	<p>19 On this day in 1938, Ted Turner, American entrepreneur, TV producer, philanthropist and founder of CNN, is born in Cincinnati, Ohio.</p>	<p>20 On this day in 1805, <i>Fidelio</i>, Ludwig van Beethoven's only opera, premieres at Vienna's Theater an der Wien.</p>	<p>21 On this day in 1931, the horror film <i>Frankenstein</i> is released.</p>	<p>22 On this day in 2005, Angela Merkel becomes the first female Chancellor of Germany.</p>	<p>23 On this day in 1976, Jacques Mayol is the first man to reach a depth of 100m (328 ft.) undersea without breathing equipment.</p>
<p>24 On this day in 1859, English naturalist Charles Darwin publishes <i>On the Origin of Species</i> radically changing the view of evolution and laying the foundation for evolutionary biology.</p>	<p>25 On this day in 1905, Telimco makes the first ever advertisement for a radio set.</p>	<p>26 On this day in 1922, cartoonist known for the <i>Peanuts</i> series, Charles Schultz is born in Minneapolis.</p>	<p>27 On this day in 1920, America's first superhero film, <i>The Mark of Zorro</i> directed by Fred Niblo, is released.</p>	<p>28 On this day in 1895, America's first auto race takes place; organized by the <i>Chicago Times-Herald</i>. Six cars went 55 miles; the winner averaged 7mph.</p>	<p>29 On this day in 1781, the crew of slave ship <i>Zong</i> begin their scheme to murder African slaves by throwing them overboard. They start with 54 women and children. Eventually killing a total of 142 Africans.</p>	<p>30 On this day in 1954, Ann Hodges is bruised by a meteor in Sylacauga, Alabama, in the first modern instance of a meteorite striking a human.</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.

TALLY HO

John and June eventually divorced. John then married Dr. Lynn Friday, a veterinarian in Lexington. As the restaurant grew in popularity and John's parents grew older, he returned to Lakeport and joined the family restaurant full-time.

John's older brother George became an executive with the Port Huron Sulphite and Paper Co., which later transitioned into the Port Huron Paper Company. He married Barbara Kiefer, whose father Edgar founded the original Port Huron Yacht Club in 1923. Later in his career, George owned and operated The Grog Shop at 1008 Lapeer Ave. in Port Huron. Like so many other buildings, it would meet its fate at the hands of fire.

George and Barbara had seven children, the youngest was named William. He was a member of Moose International, and at a district picnic in Escondido, California, he met a woman named Susan. She was a native Californian, born on Camp Pendleton, where her father, Jerry Bongiorno, was stationed in the Marine Corps. Later in life, Susan was employed as an accountant in the busy construction industry of Southern California. The two married on October 11, 2012.

In 1955, the restaurant was remodeled, featuring a new dining room. John can be seen in the picture to the left planting a new sign to advertise this event. In that same year, they were celebrating their 15th anniversary.

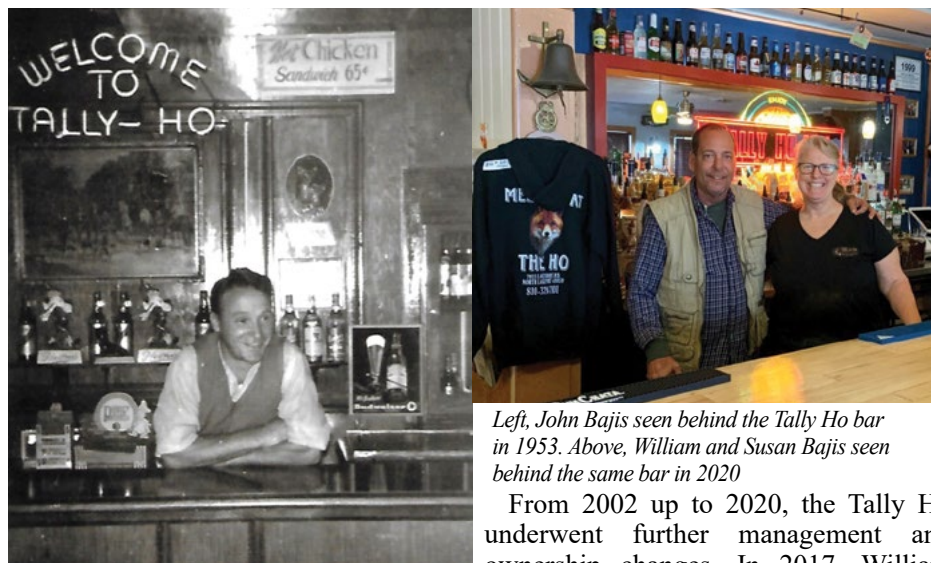
I am sure John and his family "wore more than just one hat" during their years of operation.

After 40 years in business, John Bajis sold the Tally Ho in 1979. Since then, the Tally Ho has been operated by multiple buyers who have had every intention of

continuing the inn's great atmosphere and good food. The inn was closed during the years of 1997 to 1999. In the summer of 1999, Timothy Chase and his wife Rochelle purchased the property and completed renovations for a re-opening in July.

The Chase family's renovations maintained the Tally Ho's comfortable, "lodge-like" atmosphere. They updated the menu, careful not to disturb the famous Greek salad, but they added some new meat and fish entrees.

The sing-alongs with Mel Nikula continued every Friday and Saturday night. Guests were also given a variety of other activities such as darts, cards, billiards or simply entertaining themselves in front of a cozy fire. In the fall of 2002, the Tally Ho enclosed its "three-season porch", turning it into a year-round space that could accommodate up to 28 guests.



Left, John Bajis seen behind the Tally Ho bar in 1953. Above, William and Susan Bajis seen behind the same bar in 2020

From 2002 up to 2020, the Tally Ho underwent further management and ownership changes. In 2017, William

Bajis and his wife Susan moved to North Lakeport, joining the Tally Ho team in management positions. Their goal was to restore and regain ownership of the restaurant – which they were able to do by December 1, 2020 and proceeded to make many upgrades and repairs.

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The Bajis family have proudly served this country for many years beginning with John and his first wife, June, his brother George, George's sons Michael and William, and now William's daughter, who serves in the army at Fort Hood. They have all seen service in different areas of the military.

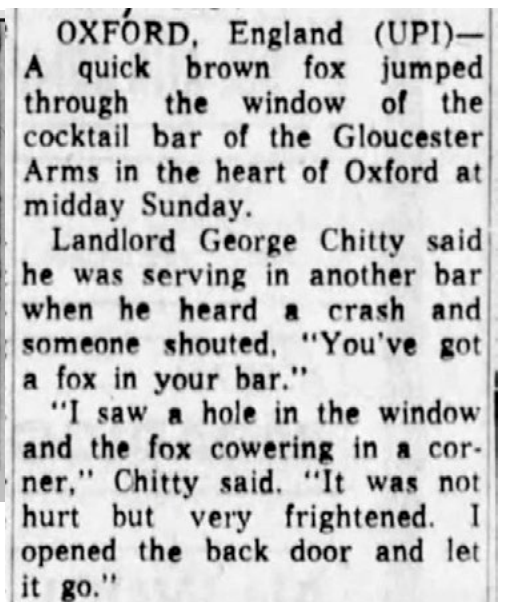
In honor of their military connections, William and Susan set up a special veteran's table once a week in November every year. This table is reserved for all our brave veterans, both living and gone, in remembrance of the sacrifices they made so that we can enjoy the democratic freedoms found in this great republic of America.



The Bajis family, like most Greeks, are known for their long lifespans. It may be access to good healthcare, the Mediterranean diet, or the Greek olive oil but I am swayed to think it is the mastic, just like the hand-crafted variety made at 932 Military Street. Thank you to the Bajis families for the great food and good times at the Tally Ho over these last eighty years. Special thanks for sharing your story! 🍷



Author's note: Since this story is about a Michigan bar and grill named Tally Ho, I could not resist slipping these two articles into this writing related to the phrase "tally ho" and bars. They are from February 1961 in Huntley, England. I do not know what happened to the horse but I believe the fox was found hiding in a bar in Oxford.





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Needles & Pins, Fabric & Yarn

By **Theresa Nielsen**, *ThumbPrint News* Columnist



I will be the first to admit that I don't have time for one more project, which includes another craft show, plant sale, garage sale, oh wait...keep the garage sales. 'I can't take on more' has been my motto for the last few years, especially when well-meaning friends ask, "Is there anything you can't do?" Or this one, "Why don't you knit or crochet?" Because I haven't had time for or interest in either of those. I did tell a quilter friend a few years back that with all the sewing fabric I have there isn't room for yarn or knitting needles. She laughed at me. I replied rather quickly, "No seriously, if I took up knitting or crochet my wonderful husband who has lived with me for a very long time would have to move out, there would be no room for him and all the yarn."

That is until recently. My local library offered a beginner Tapestry class that I decided to sign up for – even I had to laugh at myself. Despite being wary of hobbies not involving sewing needles, I went to that class with my eyes wide open. Right away



I was drawn to all the colors on the table and the different weights of yarns. It was truly a sea of colors. When the instructor placed a stiff piece of cardboard and a plastic needle in front of me, I thought to myself this won't take long. This is kids' stuff for sure. No way would I get invested in this! When the rest of the ladies arrived, she began to share with all of us about Tapestry. The weave, the warp and how to set up the loom, there were lots of questions, but I kept quiet, still skeptical.

When she told us all that we could pick out some colors to try and make our own tapestry, then I felt a little excitement bloom. I love to match colors in a quilt, and

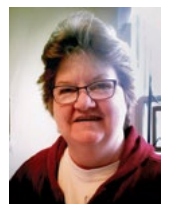
that feeling was starting to carry over. I chose some bright pinks, purple and even some odd, crumpled-up yarn and other fibers. She explained how to get started, she let us use these funny-looking combs, that was to push the yarns up when the row was completed.

I was beginning to see the light; it looked good as I reached for another color to add to my tapestry. The other ladies were asking lots of questions, all very good questions and I listened too. The instructor talked more about the needles we were using, she said if whatever yarn you would like to use fits through the eye of the needle, then it can be used in the tapestry, such as other threads, wires, beads and more. I was hooked! My weaving was almost done, but it was just about time to go. She spent the last few minutes sharing her knowledge of tapestry, fiber events and larger looms.

"Looms, a larger one?" I asked.

She held up a much larger loom, and I raised my hand. "Sold!" I bought the loom, and one of the combs and went home a happy camper. The next day I could hardly wait for the craft store to open; I needed to buy yarn and lots of it. As much as I tried to control my enthusiasm, I couldn't do it. I told my husband of a possible move to the garage, or maybe one of his friend's homes due to the yarn shipment that I ordered. You know, he laughed too. It's been several weeks now and I'm totally hooked on tapestry, when before I never even ventured down the yarn aisle, now it's the first thing I think of every time I walk into a store, and those garage sales I didn't have time for...well, they often have just the color I'm looking for. I will be looking for lots of colors to go with the next size bigger of a loom that I can't wait to use. Dinner will probably be late again. 🌱

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THIS MONTH WE
TRAVEL TO
SRI LANKA
FOR
Kottu Roti

By **Laura Irwin**
ThumbPrint News Staff



This staple of Sri Lankan street food is made of chopped flat bread (roti), curried meat (usually chicken), egg, onion, chilis and spices. In Sri Lanka's local language, kottu roti translates to chopped bread.

Sri Lanka, an island in the Indian Ocean is also called the Pearl of the Indian Ocean or the teardrop of India. This 25,300-square-mile island country is similar in size to West Virginia. It is separated from mainland India by the Palk Strait and is home to over 22 million people.

Before 1972, this island was called many names by different civilizations but is sometimes still referred to as Ceylon.

Things to Know:

- ▶ It is the #1 exporter of black, green and white tea.
- ▶ It has been ranked as the 5th best country to visit. Due to seasonal monsoons, it is best to visit the south and west in December – March. If visiting the north and east, April – September are best.
- ▶ Instead of nodding to agree, Sri Lankans shake their head from side to side.
- ▶ Not all "hotels" have rooms to rent, some are merely restaurants or bars.
- ▶ The average temperature range is between 70°F and 90°F.
- ▶ The local water is not safe for travelers to drink.
- ▶ Sri Lanka has the highest literacy rate in South Asia.
- ▶ If you like volleyball, Sri Lanka is the place for you. Volleyball is their national sport.
- ▶ To enter any temple you must remove shoes and socks as well as be covered from shoulders to knees.
- ▶ Arabs and Persians once called the island "Serendip" which is where the word serendipity is believed to have originated.
- ▶ One of Buddha's teeth is said to be housed in the Temple of the Tooth in Kandy, a major city in the central province. Every summer, they hold the Festival of the Tooth in honor of Lord Buddha.
- ▶ Cinnamon is said to have originated here, discovered by Egyptians in 2000 BCE.
- ▶ The oldest tree planted by a human is in one of the ancient capitals of Sri Lanka, Anuradhapura. It is a sacred fig tree named Sri Maha Bodhiya and is 2,300 years old.



Image of Sigiriya (Lion Rock), an ancient rock fortress and palace ruins, in the northern central province. 1,200 steps lead to the top, single file, taking about 2 hours. It rises 650 feet above the rain forest

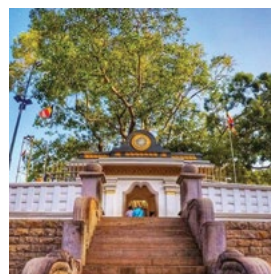


Mammoth-sized carved lion paws mark the entrance to the stairs of Lions Rock



Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic in Kandy, Sri Lanka, the first was built in c. 1600 but was destroyed. This one was built in the 18th century by King Kirthi Sri Rajasinghe

The sacred Jaya Sri Maha Bodhiya (Bo Tree) – which originates from the Sri Maha Bodhiya Bo Tree, in Bodhi Gaya India, is said to have sheltered Lord Buddha as he attained enlightenment



INGREDIENTS

- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1/2 medium onion, chopped
- 1 tbsp minced garlic about 3 garlic cloves
- 1 tbsp minced ginger
- 6 yellow banana peppers (see recipe notes for substitutions)
- 1 c leeks washed, white part only, sliced
- 1/4 of a cabbage, chopped
- 1/2 tsp cayenne pepper leave it out if you prefer a mild kottu
- 2 c (heaping) chicken, shredded leftover chicken curry OR rotisserie chicken
- 1/2 c leftover curry sauce OR use the curry spices below
- 1 c carrots, grated
- 3 eggs
- 1 c shredded cheese optional – for chicken and cheese kottu roti
- Salt and pepper
- 2 c godhamba Roti or flour tortillas, chopped

Curry Spices For Kottu

- 1 tbsp Sri Lankan curry powder
- 1/3 c chicken stock
- 1/4 tsp black pepper
- 1/2 tsp cayenne pepper for a spicy version
- 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon



Author's note: Just reading the recipe made our mouths water and rightly so. I made this using gluten-free tortillas, so I'm sure it wasn't exactly the right texture, but the flavors were amazing!

DIRECTIONS

1. In a large wok or non-stick pan (12 inch), heat the vegetable oil over medium-high heat. When the oil is heated, add the onion and saute until softened. Add the garlic and ginger and saute for a few seconds. Do not let them burn.
2. Add all the vegetables (except for the carrots) and a generous pinch of salt and stir-fry for a few minutes. Add the chicken, cayenne pepper and the curry sauce and stir-fry until the vegetables are just starting to soften. If you don't have leftover curry sauce, then add the ingredients for the curry spices given in the recipe.
3. Add the carrots and mix them in. Whisk the eggs together in a bowl, and season with a pinch of salt. Create a well in the middle of the vegetable mix and add the eggs into this well. Let the eggs cook while scrambling them. When the eggs are almost cooked, you can mix it with the vegetables and chicken. Taste and season with salt.
4. If you're making chicken and cheese kottu roti, add the shredded cheese and mix through at this point.
5. Add the shredded roti, and mix through with the vegetables and chicken. Mix frequently until the shredded roti is completely coated with the all the spices and curry sauce. Cook for about 5 minutes.
6. Serve while hot with extra leftover curry sauce (optional).

NOTES:

- De-seed peppers for a less spicy dish.
- 6 large jalapeños or 3 Anaheim peppers, halved and sliced can be used instead of yellow banana peppers, which are the traditional pepper used in Sri Lanka.
- Beef, pork or extra vegetables can be substituted for the chicken.

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MACOMB

ROMEO

23 Christmas Craft Show & Rummage Sale Romeo United Methodist Church, 280 N. Main St., 9AM – 4PM. Don't miss this awesome event with Santa's Workshop! Lunch and snacks available. \$2/person. No strollers please. For more info contact Becky at (586) 337-1361.

SHELBY TWP.

23 Neighbors United Walk for the Red Craft Show D.A.V. Hall, The Red Barn, 47326 Dequindre Rd., 9AM – 3PM. Come help us raise some funds for firefighters battling cancer! Admission is a donation at the door. For more info call (248) 565-6357.

OAKLAND

FARMINGTON HILLS

9 Alternative Christmas Fair Hope Lutheran Church, 39200 W. 12 Mile Rd., 10AM – 2PM. This annual event has been a heartwarming tradition for over two decades,

bringing together a diverse group of artisans, nonprofits, charities and service organizations offering handcrafted goods. Every purchase directly supports the vital missions of these organizations, making your holiday gifting experience truly meaningful. You'll never holiday shop the same way again! Browse a unique selection of gifts and connect with representatives from meaningful local, national and international organizations. \$1/person. Proceeds ensure the continuation of this cherished tradition. Hope is an accessible facility with barrier-free entrances and restroom facilities. For more info visit HopeOn12.com.

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CASCO

9 43rd Annual Country Christmas Bazaar – Vendors, Crafts and Bake Sale Perch Point Conservation Club, 7930 Meisner Rd., 9:30AM – 2:30PM. Join St. Paul's Lutheran Church for this event! \$1/person or nonperishable food item. For more info call (810) 765-4808.

9 Women's Life Chapter 883

Fashion Show Little Camille's by the Green, 4575 County Line Rd., 11AM doors and 12PM lunch. Join us & Fashions by Suzanne's to benefit the Algonac-Clay Historical Society! \$35/person. For more info contact paulaburgess@comcast.net or (810) 794-9641.

MARYSVILLE

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St. Clair Masonic Temple, 1800 St. Clair Hwy., doors open at 12:30PM, play starts at 1PM. Public welcome \$12/person. Refreshments, door prizes and 50/50. For more info call Diane at (586) 337-2729.

9 3rd Annual Craft & Vendor Show

Pine Shores Golf Course, 515 Fred Moore Hwy., 9AM – 3PM. More crafters this year, along with a bake sale (several items by professional bakers!), raffles and gifts galore! Shop early and support our local vendors! Hope to see you there. \$2/person entry and \$5/hot dog lunch available. Proceeds to help support our local charities. For more info search for us on Facebook, call Connie at (810) 388-7606 or the Golf Course at (810) 329-4294.

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What exactly is recycling? It's the process of taking old and used materials to create something new. Not only does it save space in landfills, but making new products from recycled items uses less energy than producing products from new materials. For example, aluminum requires 95 percent less energy to recycle than to produce from raw material and recycling one ton of cardboard (20 cubic yards of flattened boxes) saves 9 cubic yards of landfill space (approx. 9 household washing machines) and uses a minimal amount of water compared to manufacturing new. Keep in mind, cardboard that has a waxy coating, or is contaminated with grease or food cannot be recycled.

The most common recycled items are aluminum, asphalt, plastic bottles (PET Polyethylene Terephthalate) and paper. Aluminum, glass, concrete and asphalt can be recycled indefinitely.

Some staggering statistics:

- Four trillion plastic bags are used globally each year, not including things like shrink wrap and bubble wrap. Those both require specialty recycling at designated drop-off locations and

are not for the curbside recycling bin.

- Americans throw away 16 billion disposable coffee cups and 500 billion disposable plastic cups annually. Neither of these items are recyclable.
- Over 200 million Styrofoam (polystyrene) to-go containers are used and tossed each year because they are not recyclable. Worse yet, it is very likely these products are carcinogenic.
- 25-35% of landfill waste is from Styrofoam products which take about 500 years to decompose.
- Clam-shell containers – flimsy packaging used in bakeries, single-serve meals, berries, etc., These containers may have a recycling number on them but their light construction compromises the recycling process and can damage the expensive machinery. Stick to sturdy plastics like milk jugs.

We, as consumers, can't rely on the manufacturers to provide us with environmentally safe alternatives, so we will have to do it ourselves. **Let's get recycling the right way by limiting the use of products that cannot be recycled.** Take your reusable containers and water bottles, use real tableware, skip the balloons, use paper or stainless steel straws, buy bulk foods and repackage in reusable containers at home, take clean cloth bags to carry your groceries home in.

With the election this month, tensions will probably be higher than normal, but remember that no matter which political party you affiliate with, with a little effort, everyone can unite to keep America and the world clean and beautiful!

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