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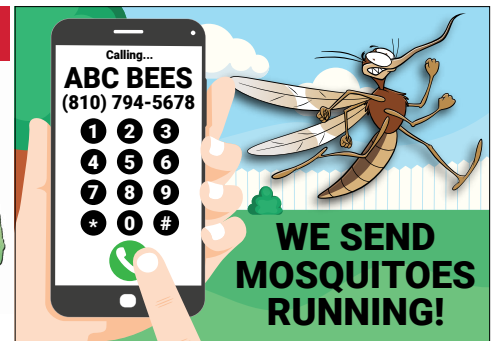
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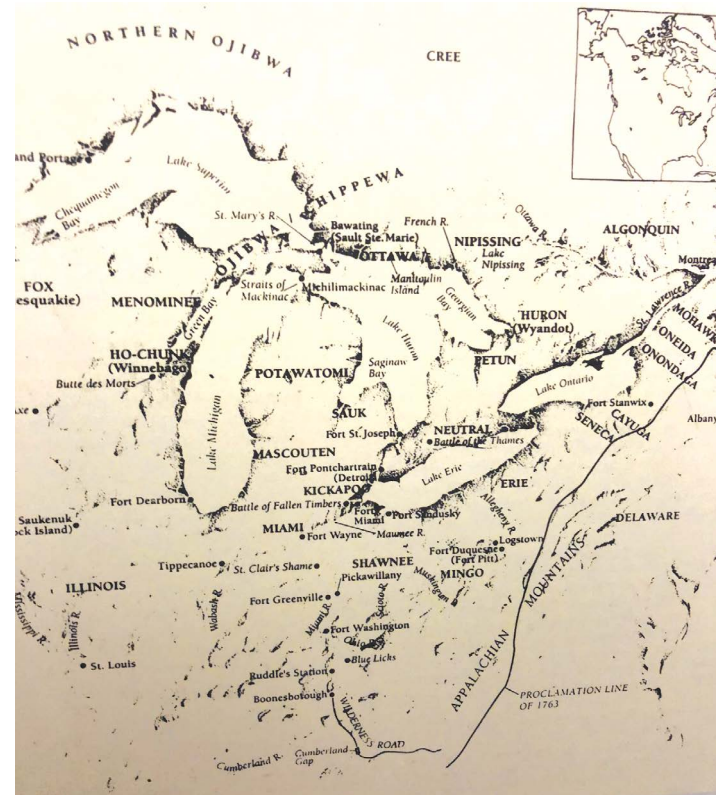
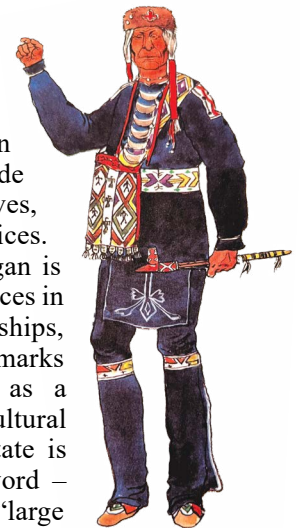
Discovering Michigan's Potawatomi Heritage

By Joe Neussendorfer, FESD, Aff.M. ASCE, ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

Michigan has always been blessed with a wealth of natural assets, including vast forests, fertile land and abundant water resources that made it an ideal location for indigenous communities going back centuries. Native Americans recognized the value of Michigan's resources and developed sustainable practices to make the most of them.

Of the many tribes that inhabited the Great Lakes region, the Potawatomi (pronounced po-tuh-waa-tuh-mee) people are who I would like to focus on for this article. Their presence in this area was first noted in the earliest Michigan pioneer journals and

diaries. Archaeological discoveries have revealed Potawatomi artifacts, including pottery fragments and tools, settlements and burial sites in the Thumb Area. These artifacts provide valuable insights into their daily lives, social organization and cultural practices. The Potawatomi presence in Michigan is also evident in the names of many places in the state. Numerous counties, townships, settlements, cities, rivers and landmarks bear Potawatomi names, serving as a reminder of their historical and cultural influence. Even the name of our state is derived from a Native American word – the Ojibwe's "mishigami" meaning "large water" or "great water".

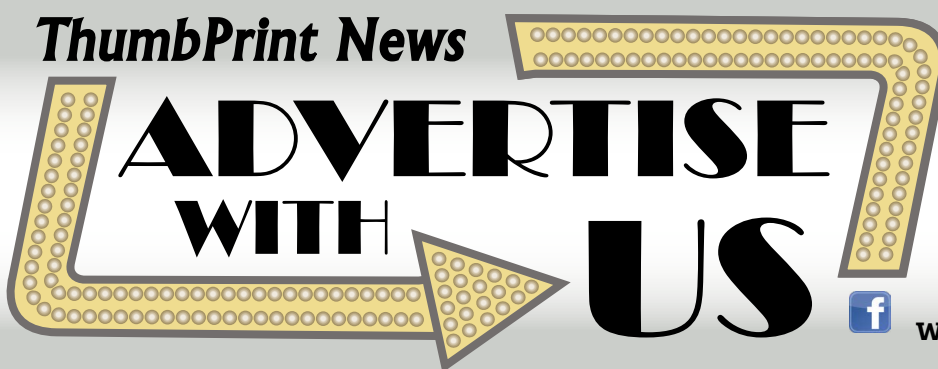


The Potawatomi people are an Algonquian-speaking tribe and are part of the "Council of Three Fires" along with the Ojibwe (Chippewa) and Odawa (Ottawa) tribes. They are the "youngest brother" of the Council, and are known as the "Keepers of the Fire". The Potawatomi (or "Bodewadmimwen", pronounced boh-day-wahd-mihm-wen, in their native spelling) are proud of their heritage and continue to use their native language, "Neshnabémwen" (pronounced nesh-na-be-ma-wen), to preserve their cultural identity. Their language is still spoken in southern Ontario, Canada, as well as in the states Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin and Kansas. The Potawatomi also refer to themselves as Neshnabé, a linguistic derivative of the word Anishinaabe.

They believe in the importance of maintaining a harmonious relationship with the natural world. Their traditions, stories and ceremonies reflect their reverence for nature relying on hunting, fishing and agriculture for sustenance. The dense forests of Michigan provided the Native Americans with an array of valuable resources. They used trees like white pine

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The Shoebox

By **Bob Jones**
ThumbPrint News Columnist

The pictures flew out of the box and randomly scattered across the floor.

Mom came bustling down the stairs, alarmed. “What is all this noise son?”

“A shoebox full of pictures fell,” I replied. “What are all these old faded images about? What’s this one?” I asked, as I picked up one with several people in a group at the lake – perhaps on a Sunday picnic.

“Oh, that is our crowd at Lake Trenton. See the bottom right, they are my brothers, Carl, Ralph and Charles. In the front row kneeling, are my dad, Charles, and my mom, Elizabeth. She passed away before you were born, and Grandpa Charlie died when you were eight years old.

There were dozens more still scattered on the floor of birthdays, first communions, neighborhood pictures and more photos at the lake.

“And there I am with Susan and Lisa riding our bikes,” Mom said as she pointed to another photo, becoming eager to keep investigating. “And this is my high school graduation photo, and this one is me in my cap and gown from college. Oh, and that one was at the church when your dad and I were tying the knot.”

“Why didn’t you put these in a family photo album?” I asked.

“No reason not to. We can start now,” mom perked up and she and I made it a pleasant project.

I had the thought to include photos of myself and my wife, as well as my siblings. My wife is an only child and



Big News! Bob Jones has recently released his second children's book: *A Young Soul Maturing During Another Summer in the North Woods on the Big Lake*. It is available online through Amazon and Walmart or you can email Bob at robertsparty1@gmail.com for a discounted copy from the author himself!

I wanted to include photos of her family too.

The result was not just a filled photo album but a family memoir, a history of my and my wife’s family, which we collectively entitled, “A Life Well Bred, A Life Well Led.” Being Swedish, I followed Erik Erickson’s eight stages of man – a psychosocial development program as the basis for the project layout.

But, whatever the theme, it is never too late to broom out those old photos and stories of shared times and organize them in some systematic way.

Mom and Dad passed away many years ago, yet their stories, as well as other family members, are housed in our family album to be pulled out and witnessed for this and future generations to come.



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Vocabulary Voyage

Compiled By **Laura Irwin**, *ThumbPrint News* Staff

“Once a word has been allowed to escape, it cannot be recalled.”

~ Horace, 65 BCE - 8 BCE
Roman poet, satirist and critic.



codswallop

cods·wal·lop | 'kädz,wäləp/
A noun meaning: 1 : words or ideas that are foolish or untrue : NONSENSE; rubbish. 2 : a colloquialism for a person who cannot keep their mouth shut, particularly an overly talkative, gossipy woman. First known use: 1920s, (sense 2); 1959, (sense 1), of primarily British origin. Ex: Rhetoric is nothing more than a load of codswallop.

mellifluous

mel·lif·lu·ous | me-'li-flə-wəs
An adjective meaning: 1 : having a smooth rich flow. 2 : (of a voice or words) sweet or musical; pleasant to hear. 3 : filled with something that sweetens. First known use: 15th century (sense 1) from Middle English *mellyfluuous*, from Late Latin *mellifluus*, from Latin *mell-*, *mel* honey + *fluere* to flow. Ex: A job requirement of a hypnotist and a nighttime DJ is a mellifluous voice.

palaver

pa·lav·er | pə-'la-vər
As a noun: 1a : a long parley usually between people of different cultures and languages : CONFERENCE, DISCUSSION, 2a : idle talk, b : misleading or beguiling speech : CAJOLE. As a verb: 1 : to talk profusely or idly. First known use: (sense 1a) 1735 and 1713 as a verb. From Portuguese *palavra* word, speech, from Late Latin *parabola* parable, speech. Ex: Palavers often fail to produce anything substantial or meaningful and often are beneficial to only one side.



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The Forgotten War REMEMBERED



By **David Gillis**, *ThumbPrint News* Columnist

On July 27, 2024, we will commemorate the 71st anniversary of the signing of the Military Armistice Agreement at Panmunjom. So, depending on your age, you may say, "What's that?"

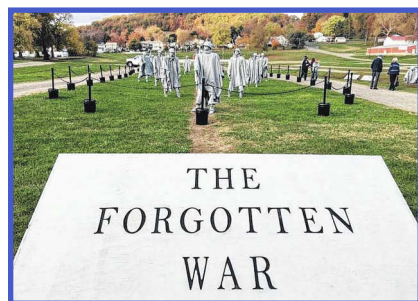
Certainly, you will not find much reference to it in the history books of our school system. There are some who may refer to it in relationship to a now-deceased family member who would recall it if still with us. And there may be a very few veterans in their 90s who will tell you it was the official ending of what has become known as the "Forgotten War" – the Korean War.

The Korean War, which ended with an armistice on July 27, 1953, is often referred to as the "forgotten war" because it was overshadowed by World War II just a few years before, and because Congress never declared war on North Korea. Possibly one of the reasons for it being forgotten was the eventual lack of victory. The war became a stalemate and ultimately an armistice was signed without a surrender, ending the fighting but not the tension and conflict that continues today between North and South Korea.

Those who fought in this military action would quickly tell you it was a real war. The United States realized nearly 37,000 killed and another 92,000 wounded. There are about 7,400 that remain unaccounted for, either died or were kept for a lifetime as prisoners of war. Our British allies lost over 1,100 killed and 2,600 wounded and the country whose democracy we were defending, South Korea, realized a least one-half million killed or wounded. Yes, it was a war.

This "non-war" commenced on June 25, 1950, and this year we will honor our military service members who fought and died for the freedom and democracy of others who cherish it as much as we do. This year marks the 74th anniversary of the start of the Korean War, the birth of an enduring friendship between the United States and the Republic of Korea, and the 71st anniversary of the war's conclusion. Our alliance was and remains rooted in shared sacrifice, common values, mutual interest and respect. This partnership is considered vital to peace and stability in Asia, as well as the entire world.

Since the founding of our nation, we have relied on our Armed Forces to ensure our safety and security at home, and to protect lives and liberties around the globe. When Communist armies, eventually including those from the Soviet Union and Communist China, came across the 38th parallel, threatening the very survival of South Korea, American troops braved unforgiving conditions and rallied to the young republic's defense. Tens of thousands of our nation's military service members lost their lives, and many more were wounded, declared missing in action or taken as prisoners of war. The courageous service and ultimate sacrifices of these patriots and our allied combatants safeguarded a free government and vibrant economy in South Korea, forging a bond between our people that stands strong to this day.



As our nation commemorates the 74th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War and the eventual conclusion of hostilities at Panmunjom three years later, let us honor the valor of our veterans, reflect on the principles for which they fought, and reaffirm the unshakable bond between South Korea and our nation. Veterans' organizations nationally will recognize **July 27** as our **National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day**, a day to remember

all those who paid the price of peace, especially those who may still be or died as prisoners of war and their sacrifices.

We pray to our Eternal God in remembrance of those who fought and died and ask that He accept our gratitude and make us more worthy of their sacrifices. Let us remember all those who fought in this war and pledge that the "Forgotten War" will not be forgotten. 🇺🇸

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COTTAGE Living

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The month of fun, freedom and warm summer weather celebrations is upon us. July is definitely my favorite month of the year. We all hang flags and decorate in red, white and blue, while we look forward to fireworks displays and outdoor activities.

This July 4th is an important one, as most patriots are clinging tightly to keep our beautiful country free and to show our support for the love of this great land. We are lucky to have our U.S. Constitution, consisting of a preamble, seven articles and 27 amendments, with the first ten amendments known as the Bill of Rights.

I have once heard a joke that marriage is just a piece of paper; well, so is our Constitution. But that paper holds a lot of power and

is something we must live by and never let it get removed, changed or edited to serve only a select group of individuals. It seems that some politicians are threatened by this “piece of paper” for reasons we may or may not realize.

July 4th is the day the United States commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. In 1776, the Continental Congress officially adopted the Declaration, declaring the thirteen American colonies independent from British rule.

America is a constitutional republic. This means that it is a form of government in which officials should be elected, not installed, by the people to represent their interests and are bound by the framework of a constitution that

outlines the structure, powers and limitations of government. This ensures a system of checks and balances among the executive, legislative and judicial branches. We all must make sure we keep it that way. Our founding fathers knew that we would need a roadmap to run this country and they knew way back then that there would be some backlash and some that simply do not want to follow what we have set up as a great America.

Celebrate America and what it stands for this month, it is not just about fireworks, BBQs and outdoor activities, although those are great to participate in. Remember who we are as a country and never forget that we have a right to ensure that no branch of government becomes too powerful. Fly beautiful Old Glory, be proud and remember it is We the People, not We the Government. Enjoy this warm Michigan summer weather and all this great state has to offer!

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REGAINING INDEPENDENCE THIS 4TH OF JULY

As we approach the 4th of July holiday, more formally known as Independence Day, it's a good time to consider what independence means for us individually. When we're young, we craved it. That desire to be on our own and do things our way is a strong driving force. In our middle-age years, we are in total control of our independent destiny and live life on our own terms. However, as we begin to enter our golden years, sometimes physical ailments and health conditions pose a threat to our independence that cause us to have to become dependent on others for things we've done for ourselves our whole lives.

As we age, we develop conditions, such as hearing loss, which can be extremely debilitating. Research from Johns Hopkins University has shown that adults with hearing loss experience a 30 – 40% faster cognitive decline than those with optimal hearing. If you've ever experienced or can imagine losing your hearing, it's evident how it can hinder our independence. For some people, it's missing phone calls, the doorbell or normal daily conversations. For others, it leads to cognitive decline, increases risk of falling and increases the chances of developing dementia and Alzheimer's. Scientists have shown that when we experience hearing loss, the brain attempts to work harder as hearing becomes more impaired, attempting to focus and comprehend what is going on. Many connections in the brain then begin to reorganize themselves to try to compensate for the increased workload, which results in cognitive decline. When this happens, we often become dependent on family, caregivers, medications, etc.

But what if there were a treatment that would allow us to gain some of our independence back? With the advancements in technology,

health conditions such as hearing loss are treatable. It has been said that approximately 90 – 95% of people with hearing loss can be treated with hearing aids. A hearing aid has three basic parts: a microphone, amplifier and speaker. The hearing aid receives sound through a microphone, which converts the sound waves to electrical signals or codes and sends them to an amplifier. The amplifier increases the power of the signals and then sends them to the ear through a speaker which are passed along to the brain. Hearing aids make it possible for a person with hearing loss to listen, communicate and participate more fully in daily activities, which in turn exercises our auditory system and can help prevent cognitive decline.

This 4th of July holiday and always, please be sure to protect your hearing health from the beautiful fireworks that emit loud noises which are very damaging. Wearing ear plugs or muffs and staying a safe distance away from ignition sites are good forms of protection. Additionally, limiting excessive noise exposure, limiting ototoxic medication intake and staying in overall optimal health are keys to preventing hearing loss. Happy Independence Day!



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NATURAL REMEDIES FOR TENDONITIS

Submitted by **Christopher J. Zimmer, D.C.** Owner of Zimmer Chiropractic

If you are on the hunt for natural remedies for relief from tendonitis injury and pain, you are in the right place.

Tendonitis is inflammation of the tendon connecting the bone to the muscle and is very common. It is characterized by dull, aching, sharp, throbbing and/or radiating pain that just won't go away. The area may have tenderness to the touch, as well as swelling. Untreated, it can become a chronic condition that is recurring and persistent and will cause the tendon to rupture or become degenerative.

Here's a quick breakdown of the main causes of tendonitis:

- **Age:** The older you get the stiffer and weaker your tendons become, making them more susceptible to injury.
- **Occupation:** Any occupation that involves repetitive movements, forced exertion, awkward movements or vibrations can potentially cause tendonitis.
- **Sports:** Many sports can cause tendonitis due to the repetitiveness and forced exertion of the sport. Having optimal technique while playing sports will decrease the risks of tendonitis.
- **Diet:** Eating high-fat and high-processed foods can build up and cause inflammation and pain in the connection between tendons and bones.

If you haven't received a proper diagnosis, you may not even be aware of the true cause of your pain. Tendonitis in one area of your body will often lead to a series of interrelated conditions as your body overcompensates for the pain. It is very possible, and even likely, that if you are giving yourself a self-diagnosis you could be prolonging your injury and possibly making it worse. A proper diagnosis will allow you to be aware of the true cause of your pain and the best treatment option for you.

Here is a list of several natural remedies for tendonitis:

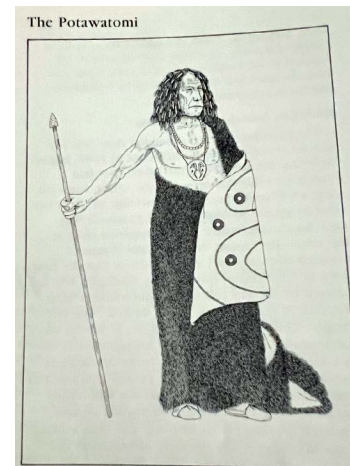
- **Diet changes:** Feeding your body healthy, anti-inflammatory foods, such as unrefined and unprocessed whole foods, like fresh fruits and vegetables and lean meats and cheeses can help to reduce inflammation and pain.
- **Rest:** Often tendonitis is developed from performing a repetitive motion, if you allow yourself to rest and give the injured area time to heal, it is more likely it will return back to its original form. When the repetitive motion is continued, it causes the injury to get worse.
- **Icing & Heating:** Heating the injury can increase blood flow and promote healing in the tendon. Icing for tendonitis is great for swelling and pain.
- **Compression:** Compression wraps ensure that the pressure is evenly distributed on the tissue and muscles which can help to reduce swelling and pain.
- **Acupuncture:** This method uses needles and electro-stimulation to increase collagen repair. This treatment is also great for reducing swelling and pain.
- **Holistic medical treatment:** Mental health is just as important as physical health. Diet, exercise, relationships, counseling and overall well-being play an important role in the healing of all injuries.
- **Physical therapy:** Over time, you can restore function by improving muscle strength and flexibility.
- **Shock wave therapy:** Sending shockwaves to injured areas of the body allows for increased blood flow, decreased pain and regeneration of damaged tissue, promoting faster healing. This is a very effective, painless method to alleviate tendonitis. 🌱

Remember, pain is a warning signal from your brain, and if you're taking pain medications to relieve the pain, you're essentially shutting off your body's only way of telling you something is wrong. Get to the root of the problem and pick the best natural healing you can find!

Editorial note: Dr. Christopher Zimmer, owner of Zimmer Chiropractic, has been freeing people from pain since 1984. Dr. Zimmer and his staff are committed to promoting the health and well-being of all patients. For more information, please visit zimmerchiro.com or call the Port Huron location at (810) 987-7500.

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This drawing, based on archaeological evidence, reconstructs the appearance of a Potawatomi man of Dumaw Creek, Central Michigan, about 1600. (Chicago Natural History Museum)

and cedar for building homes, canoes and tools. Birch bark served multiple purposes, including making baskets and containers, as well as additional canoes. They also utilized the forests for hunting, gathering medicinal plants and for spiritual ceremonies.

Michigan's numerous lakes, rivers and streams served as a vital resource for the Native Americans. They relied on these water resources for transportation, fishing and irrigating their crops. The tribes developed fishing techniques such as netting, spearing and trap fishing to sustain themselves and their communities.

The Native Americans of Michigan practiced agriculture by cultivating crops like corn, beans and squash. They recognized the importance of crop rotation and soil fertility and utilized techniques such as the "Three Sisters" planting method. This method involved planting those vegetables together, with each plant benefiting from the other's growth. This sustainable approach

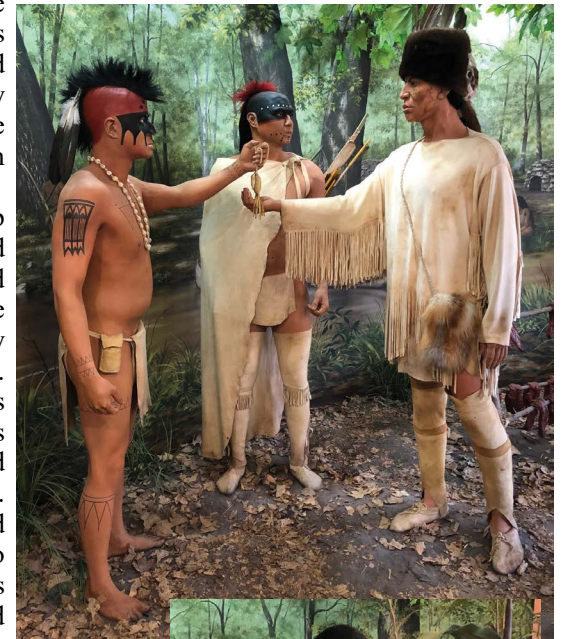
to agriculture ensured a bountiful harvest year after year.

Michigan's diverse flora provided the tribes with an extensive range of medicinal plants. They knew herbs and plants with healing properties, which they used to treat ailments and injuries. Native healers, often referred to as medicine men or women, played a crucial role in the community by utilizing their knowledge and passing it down through generations.

Native Americans held a deep spiritual connection to the land and its natural assets. They believed that nature was not just a resource to be exploited but a sacred entity to be respected and honored. Various ceremonies and rituals were performed by the tribes as a way to express gratitude and maintain harmony with nature. These ceremonies often involved offerings, dances and prayers to honor the land, water and animals that sustained them. They passed down their knowledge and wisdom through oral traditions. Stories, legends and songs were used to teach younger generations about the importance of living in harmony with nature and respecting its resources.

One significant cultural practice is the Powwow, a gathering where the people come together to celebrate their heritage through music, dance, chanting and traditional regalia. Powwows serve as a space for cultural preservation and community building. These events showcase the vibrant traditions of the Potawatomi and are open to people from all backgrounds, fostering understanding and appreciation.

According to Wilbert E. Hinsdale, in the *Archaeological Atlas of Michigan*, published by The University of Michigan (1931). "Saginaw County was the most densely populated part of Michigan when the Indians (sic) held undisputed sway." According to Hinsdale, the reason is not far to seek. The Tittabawassee, the Shiawassee,



Photos taken at the Potawatomi Exhibit at Nankin Mills, Westland, Michigan

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For our June 2024 contest, we asked our readers to identify what is pictured to the left. Of all the correct entries, Mari-Lynn Flaig of Rochester Hills, Michigan, was randomly chosen as the June winner. Mari-Lynn correctly identified this to be a dandelion gone to seed.

Dandelions are one of the most easily recognizable and identifiable plants in the world. Sometime in the 1900s, they were labeled a weed and have remained



that way since. However, before manicured lawns became a status symbol, dandelions were a welcome sight because of their medicinal qualities and edibility. The use of dandelions for healing goes as far back as history can be traced, and it is believed they were purposely brought to North America on the Mayflower. From the bright yellow flowers down to the roots, the entire plant is edible – though, if allergic to ragweed, marigold, chamomile, yarrow, daisies or iodine, you should avoid this plant too.

The leaves can be eaten raw or cooked and are excellent sources of vitamins A, C and K. They also contain vitamin E, folate and small amounts of B vitamins, as well as containing iron, calcium, magnesium and potassium. The flower, which can also be eaten raw, has antioxidant properties and may help improve the immune system. Make wine from the petals, use in salads, teas, jelly or infused honey. The roots can be roasted and used as a coffee substitute or skinned and eaten like a turnip.

To make a simple dandelion tea, steep a handful of the flowers in boiling water for 10 minutes, add honey, cool and enjoy.



For our JULY 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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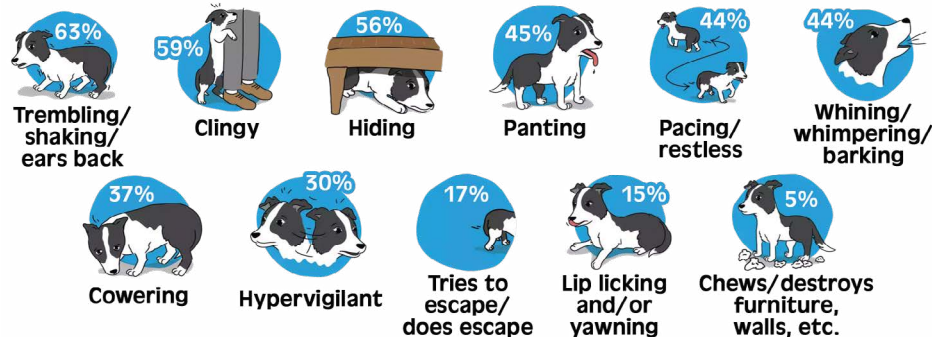
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What You Can Do for Your Pet with Noise Phobia

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

Thunderstorms and fireworks are both abundant during the summer, but all the noise can be frightening and even dangerous for some animals. Noisy fireworks, and other celebrations, can cause your pet to panic. Some animals injure themselves trying to escape from the noise. Other pets even attempt to attack the noises.

Here's several common signs of noise aversion in dogs and how commonly they have been reported by owners to zoetispetcare.com:



You can also visit zoetispetcare.com to take a quiz about your dog's behavior. Make sure your family is prepared for the sounds of summer. Taking a few precautionary steps will ensure everyone has a fun and safe time.

Here are steps you can take:

- 1) Identification
- 2) Set up an environment for success
- 3) Ask your vet

1) Identification

Every pet needs an identification tag with up-to-date information. Consider adding an additional contact phone number as a backup.

The more information you can provide on the tag the better. If your pet does not routinely wear a collar, make sure they are microchipped. Even cats who stay strictly indoors should be protected in case of an accidental escape.

If your pets aren't already microchipped, ask your veterinarian. This simple and relatively inexpensive device has led to the return of many lost furry family members.

Microchips are approximately the size of a grain of rice. They can quickly and easily be inserted under your pet's skin with a specially made syringe. A great time



to consider microchipping is while your dog or cat is under anesthesia, such as for spaying or neutering.

If your pets are already microchipped, take the time to ensure your information is up to date.

The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) has initiated a "check the chip" day on August 15th. Visit avma.org for more information regarding microchipping, including frequently asked questions.

In addition to a microchip, take a current photo of your cats and dogs – just in case you need to send out lost pet information quickly.

2) Set up an environment for success



GEORGE IN HIS "SAFE PLACE"

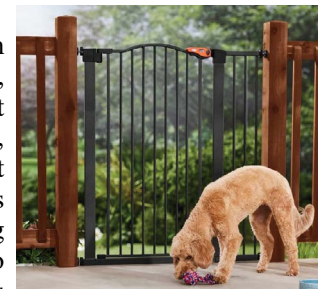
Many pets will find a "safe place" in your home if they are afraid of noises. Some pets like to hide, while others want to be right next to their family. Common hiding spots include under a bed or other furniture, and even in the bathtub.

Figure out what seems to keep your pet the calmest and make sure they have access to their favorite location.

In addition, make sure your doors, gates, fences, etc. are secure. This ensures an extra layer of safety in the event of a panicked pet attempting to flee.

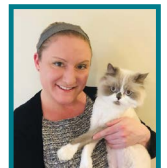
If your pet has historically been anxious when loud noises occur, or if you have reason to expect potentially harmful reactions,

consider behavioral therapy to desensitize your pet and reduce the risk of problems. Snug-fitting shirts sold at most pet stores can be beneficial to decreasing stress. The compression of the shirt has been shown to calm some pets. Distractions such as treat-filled toys or puzzles can keep them busy and lessen the disturbance. Sometimes leaving on the television or music can help decrease reactions to loud booms. There are also commercially available pheromone diffusers and collars for both dogs and cats designed to lessen stress. A multi-modal approach will give you the best chance at successfully navigating loud events.



3) Ask your vet

Even with making environmental modifications, some pets may benefit from medication. Several medications can be administered as an oral tablet or gel that quickly act to decrease stress. These can be given when a storm blows in or fireworks are exploding nearby. Other medications are given on a longer-term basis to combat unexpected loud events, as well as generalized anxiety. There are even daily probiotic supplements formulated to combat stress. Sometimes a combination of medications gives the best support. Consult your veterinarian for options that are right for your pet. 🐾



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.

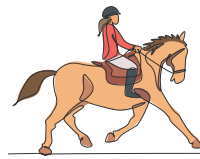
**ACROSS**

1. Country alliance
5. Fish of liver oil fame
8. *Stinging pollinator
11. Prefix in levorotary
12. *Dark home to #33 Down
13. Sudden growth
15. Like certain Steven
16. Symphony member
17. Type of feather
18. *Comfy seat (2 words)
20. Don't put these into one basket?
21. Full nelson is ___ wrestling ___
22. Santa ___, Orange County
23. Puts down
26. Et cetera (3 words)
30. Pen point
31. With signs of wear and tear
34. Beyond natural, in U.K.
35. Messes up
37. Chitchat
38. Willow twig
39. Evening purse
40. Win a race
42. Tucker of "Modern Family"
43. Army bathroom
45. Eucharist plates
47. Opposite of WSW
48. French composer Erik Alfred Leslie
50. "Back to the Future" antagonist
52. *Beatle with Wings
56. Poodle minus d
57. England's medieval royal house
58. Rabbit's cousin
59. Nymph chaser
60. Genealogist's creation
61. Blackhearted
62. George Gershwin's brother
63. "For ___ a jolly..."
64. It often goes with a rod

DOWN

1. What the Big Bad Wolf did
2. First name in jeans
3. "Pop it in the ___!"
4. Cuban drums
5. Secret clique
6. Roundish
7. Chronic wasting disease carrier
8. Plug for a barrel
9. *As opposed to urns
10. Pilot's estimate, acr.
12. Herb for treating menopausal symptoms
13. Shop till you drop, e.g.
14. *Flying stallion
19. "The Queen's Gambit" game
22. Take your pick
23. *Biblical Gabriel, e.g.
24. All plants and animals
25. Approximately
26. Shortened word, abbr.
27. Drink request
28. Home to largest mammal
29. Socially acceptable behaviors
32. Malaria symptom
33. *Nocturnal mosquito eater
36. *Lightning beetle
38. Recording studio sign
40. Next to nothing
41. Same as intake
44. Reason by deduction
46. Restraint
48. Academy Award for Best Original
49. Chunks of 43,560 square feet
50. Wild hog
51. Itty bit
52. Urban legend
53. Part of cathedral
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55. Holler
56. Tire meas.

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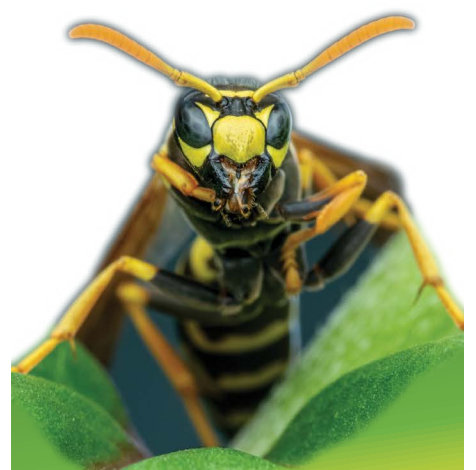
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(EGYPTIAN PUDDING BREAD)

By **Laura Irwin**
ThumbPrint News Staff

For July we're exploring the ancient land of pharaohs and pyramids: Egypt. The ancient Egyptians called their homeland *Kemet*, meaning "black land" which refers to the rich, dark, fertile soil left behind from the annual floods of the north-flowing Nile River (aka "the lifeblood of Egypt").

Many historians believe that division and multiplication originated in Egypt, and they were one of the first civilizations to have a written language – using hieroglyphics. They are also credited with creating the first form of paper (papyrus) made from the pith of the papyrus plant, a flowering aquatic plant in the sedge family, as far back as the third millennium BCE.



Columns at Karnak Temple near Luxor

Today, Egypt has 100 million residents who live on only 5% of the land close to the banks of the Nile. The rest is uninhabited sand and desert. It is estimated that only 40% of people in Egyptian cities own cars, which makes traffic laws, such as speed limits, traffic lights, or even crosswalks, practically non-existent. Drivers use horns and flashing lights to make slower vehicles or people get out of their way. It is about 10x smaller in size than the U.S. with the cost of living about 65% lower. It is considered safe for tourists (excluding the Northern Sinai Peninsula), and Arabic is the official language.

Om Ali, the national dessert of Egypt, was created in the 13th century and named after a wife of the Sultan of Egypt. The name translates into "mother of Ali". One theory of its creation is in celebration of Sultana Shajarat al-Durr's death. Shajarat took over ruling Egypt when her first husband, Assalih Ayyub, died. She faced censure and disparagement from her male-only colleagues, eventually forcing her to marry. She chose Izz al-Din Aybak, thinking she would retain power. She was wrong and eventually had Aybak poisoned in his bath by his bondservants. The servants caved under interrogation, implicating the Sultana. The Sultana, fearing for her life, took refuge in the Red Tower, but the tower walls could not stand against Aybak's first wife, Om Ali, or their son Ali's fury, who quickly conspired to



Mausoleum of Shajarat al-Durr on al-Khalifa Street in Cairo

arrange to have al-Durr dragged from her haven and paraded nude through the streets while being pelted with stones, sticks and various other items. They hung her dead body from the walls of the palace above the moat for several days until rioters came to cut her down and steal the expensive shroud she was hanging from. It is said, that Om Ali celebrated the death of al-Durr by having a version of this dessert made and distributed throughout the city. Another theory is that Om Ali had the dessert created to celebrate Aybak's death. Either way, it has survived the test of time and taste.



INGREDIENTS

- 1lb-500g/palmiers (also known as lunettes), storebought or homemade
- 1 quart (4¼ cups) full fat milk, recipe calls for buffalo milk, I used whole mix mixed with a bit of heavy cream added to it.
- ½ cup (100g) granulated sugar
- 8oz/250g (1 cup) fresh *eshta balady* (country-style clotted cream) or 1 cup heavy whipping cream, whipped to medium peaks.



Author's note: Super easy to make. Came together in just a few minutes. Smelled absolutely divine. Buttery, sweet and creamy. I didn't use all the milk mixture because I was a little short on palmiers – someone got into them before I had a chance to make it.



DIRECTIONS

1. Adjust the oven rack to medium position and preheat the oven's broiler to 200°C/390°F.
2. In a 9 x 13 oven safe baking dish, break ¾ of the palmiers in half, and arrange in layers. Set aside the remaining ¼ of the palmiers.
3. In a medium saucepan, over medium-high heat, stir together the milk and sugar, until the sugar dissolves, then bring to a boil.
4. Pour the boiling milk mixture over the palmiers.
5. Use the reserved ¼ amount of palmiers to top the surface of the milk-soaked palmiers. This will create an extra crunchy topping.
6. Dot the surface of the dish with spoons of *eshta*. No need to spread it. If using whipped cream, evenly spread it all over to cover the entire surface of the dish.
7. Place the dish under the oven's broiler until bubbling around the edges and the top turns golden brown; about 10 minutes. Do not over-brown it.
8. Serve hot with assorted nuts and dried fruits on the side. (coarsly chopped, toasted hazelnuts, pistachios, or candied nuts, raisins, dates or shredded coconut.



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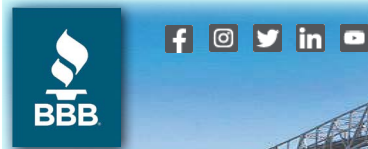
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BBB® TIP: SAFE & COST-EFFECTIVE VACATION PLANNING

Planning a trip can be both fun and overwhelming, but there are best practices travelers can follow to help ensure a safe and positive vacation experience. As individuals and families prepare for summer getaways, the Better Business Bureau® offers essential advice to help travelers plan safe and cost-effective vacations.

To get the best deals and avoid potential challenges, BBB® serving Eastern Michigan & the Upper Peninsula Marketing Director, Nakia Mills, strongly urges individuals to plan ahead.

“I can’t stress how important it is to start planning your vacation early,” said Mills. “This not only helps avoid price hikes and sold-out destinations but also helps prevent potential mistakes and scams that are more likely to occur when people are rushing to make decisions.”

When conducting research, it is also important for consumers to avoid broad internet searches with phrases like “best deals”, which can lead to scam websites. Instead, rely on recommendations from family and friends, and check BBB.org for business profiles and customer reviews. Be wary of travel scams, such as offers for free trips or unbelievably low prices, which often leave hopeful travelers out of money and stranded.

Before finalizing any payments, get all trip details in writing, including costs, restrictions, cancellation policies, and the names of airlines and hotels. Consider travel insurance for coverage on cancellations or medical emergencies, and always

read the fine print to know what is covered. Paying with a credit card also provides extra protection if something goes wrong with your reservation.

For international travel, check for advisories that might affect your trip. Take extra precautions regardless of your destination: avoid posting on social media until you return to avoid alerting thieves to an empty home, check your home insurance policy for coverage while you are away, and share your itinerary with a trusted friend or family member.

Scammers frequently target vacationers with various tactics. Vacation rental scams, for example, involve fraudulent listings with low fees and great amenities. To avoid falling victim, talk to the owner by phone, ask detailed questions, and verify the property’s details online. Beware of “free” vacation scams that come with hidden fees and pressure tactics, as well as hotel scams like fake front desk calls, fake Wi-Fi connections and fake food delivery menus. When booking through third-party sites, be cautious of scams involving fake airline ticket brokers who ask for personal details after payment.

“Scammers are becoming increasingly sophisticated, but travelers can protect themselves by staying informed and careful,” says Mills. “Always verify the authenticity of travel offers and be cautious of deals that seem too good to be true.”

By following these guidelines, you can enjoy a worry-free vacation and create lasting memories with your loved ones.

For more helpful resources to travel safely with confidence, visit BBB.org/travel.

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FAMILY GOLF MONTH is centered around the whole family coming together to learn and play the game, relaxing in beautiful surroundings and bonding with each other. It is celebrated every year in July by the PGA. As a low-impact sport, golf promotes physical and mental fitness and encourages healthy competition.

Professionals, both in the PGA and LPGA often offer reduced or no-cost activities to golfers of all skill levels and ages.

HOW TO CELEBRATE FAMILY GOLF MONTH

- Sign up for a family golf lesson at a nearby golf course.
- If you already know how to play, mentor a new player.
- Plan a family vacation to a golf retreat.



FUN FACTS ABOUT GOLF:

- Scotland is regarded as the home of golf, which originated there in 1457, although the Chinese claim to have been playing a similar game long before.
- The first 18-hole round was created in 1764 at the Old Course at St. Andrews in Scotland.
- The first golf tournament was held in 1860 at the Prestwick Golf Club in Ayrshire, Scotland.
- In 1893, Charles Blair MacDonald built The Chicago Golf Club, the first 18-hole golf course in the U.S.
- The PGA was formed in 1916. The LPGA began in 1950.
- The longest-recorded drive is 579 yards by pro Kyle Berkshire in 2023, beating out Mike Austin's 515 yard drive from 1974.
- The longest known putt was 375 feet by Fergus Muir in 2001.
- Every golf course in the world imitates the landforms of the Scottish coast.
- *The Golden Rule of Golf: Play the ball where it lies.*



<p>1 On this day in 1961, Diana, Princess of Wales, is born in Sandringham, United Kingdom.</p> 	<p>2 On this day in 1962, Sam Walton opens his first Walmart store in Rogers, AR.</p> 	<p>3 On this day in 1863, the Battle of Gettysburg, the largest battle ever fought on the American continent, ends in a major victory for the Union during the U.S. Civil War.</p>	<p>4 On this day in 1785, geologist James Hutton presents his theory of uniformitarianism for the first time at the meeting of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.</p>	<p>5 On this day in 2004, the first round of the first Indonesian presidential election by the people takes place.</p>	<p>6 On this day in 1945, Abbott and Costello's film <i>The Naughty Nineties</i> is released; it features the longest version of their "Who's on First?" routine.</p>
<p>7 On this day in 1936, RCA shows the first real TV program (dancing, film on locomotives, Bonwit Teller fashion show and monologue from Tobacco Road & comedy).</p>	<p>8 On this day in 1913, Alfred Carlton Gilbert's patent for the Erector Set is issued; it becomes one of the most popular toys of all time.</p>	<p>9  On this day in 1816, Argentina declares independence from Spain at the Congress of Tucumán.</p>	<p>10 On this day in 1040, Lady Godiva rides naked on horseback through Coventry, according to legend, to force her husband, the Earl of Mercia, to lower taxes.</p>	<p>11 On this day in 1900, Charlotte Cooper becomes the first female Olympic tennis champion and the first individual female Olympic champion in any sport.</p>	<p>12 On this day in 1979, "Disco Demolition Night" at Comiskey Park takes place. Fans go wild destroying disco records causing the White Sox to forfeit the second game of a double-header to the Detroit Tigers.</p>
<p>14 On this day in 1798, U.S. Sedition Act prohibits "false, scandalous and malicious" writing against the government.</p>	<p>15 On this day in 1991, the world's first offshore wind farm begins generating electricity off the coast of Vindeby, Denmark.</p>	<p>16  On this day in 622, the Muslim Era begins – Muhammad begins flight from Mecca to Medina (Hijra).</p>	<p>17 On this day in 1717, George Frideric Handel's "Water Music" premieres. It is first played on a barge cruising the River Thames in London per King George I.</p>	<p>18 On this day in 1892, the first human test of a vaccine against cholera occurs – Ukrainian bacteriologist Waldemar Haffkine risks his life by testing it on himself.</p>	<p>13 On this day in 1568, Alexander Nowell, the Dean of St. Paul's London, perfects a way to bottle beer. </p>
<p>21  On this day in 1904, after 13 years, the 4,607-mile Trans-Siberian railway is completed.</p>	<p>22 On this day in 1515, the first Congress of Vienna settles issues between Poland and Holy Roman Empire – rise of the Habsburgs influence.</p>	<p>23 On this day in 1995, Comet Hale-Bopp is discovered. It isn't visible to the naked eye until nearly a year later. </p>	<p>24 On this day in 1832, Benjamin Bonneville leads the first wagon train across the Rocky Mountains via Wyoming's South Pass.</p>	<p>25 On this day in 306, Constantine I is proclaimed Roman Emperor by his troops following the death of his father.</p>	<p>20 On this day in 1933, Vatican Cardinal Secretary of State Pacelli (who goes on to become Pope Pius XII) signs the <i>Reichskonkordat</i> accord with emergent Nazi Germany.</p>
<p>28 On this day in 1917, the Silent Parade organized by James Weldon Johnson takes place with 10,000 African-Americans silently marching on 5th Avenue in NYC to protest lynching.</p>	<p>29 On this day in 1905, U.S. Secretary of War William Taft makes a secret agreement with Japanese Prime Minister Katsura agreeing to Japanese free rein in Korea in return for non-interference with the U.S. in the Philippines.</p>	<p>30 On this day in 1869, <i>The Charles</i>, considered the world's first "oil tanker", departs from the U.S. headed for Europe with a bulk capacity of 7,000 barrels of oil.</p>	<p>31 On this day in 1703, English writer Daniel Defoe is sentenced to three days in a pillory for the crime of seditious libel after publishing a politically satirical pamphlet, but is pelted with flowers. </p>	<p>what happened on this day in history? JULY </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.



**By Rita
MacDonald**
ThumbPrint News
Columnist

While it's July when you're reading this, it is just May 25th that I'm writing it – the perfect planting time. So off I went today, shopping for flowers, and there were U.S. flags, and everything you can imagine red, white, and blue in anticipation of the upcoming patriotic holidays.

I invited some friends over and we sat on my front lawn for almost two hours planting what felt like 700,000 purple petunias. Not once did I check my phone, but instead we just enjoyed the time with our hands in the dirt and the lack of any noise. Getting my hands dirty planting flowers always makes me remember my dad, because he loved helping me this time of year, and he showed me how to do it perfectly. I haven't planted anything in three years, so many memories came flooding back. So many of those memories were of my childhood.

We lived on a corner lot in an 800-square-foot bungalow, and although I know that my brother, sister, and I all had three completely different childhood experiences (which is something I don't think you realize until you're "middle-aged"), there were some things I'm sure we'd all remember exactly the same way – like the sound of Dad's pickup truck pulling up next to the house on Elmira Street when it was still a dirt road. And who could forget the music from the ice cream truck on summer nights coming down Hemingway Street? When all we wanted was a nice cold popsicle. Or the sounds of the St. Robert Fair in September, the slam of the wooden gate at Julie and Debbie Atkinson's house, the squealing tires of a friend's bike, followed by it being dropped onto the sidewalk, and the sound of footsteps up to the back door of our little house, followed by the singing of whoever's name the friend wanted to play outside with.

No one knocked. Rarely was a call made to invite us out to play. We just ran up to our friends' homes and sang, "Rita, Rita!" or "Julie! Julie!" Some of you might think this is crazy, but...I know some of you know exactly the tune I'm talking about, and you sang it too!

I think I'm going to find someone this week to sing to. I'm not going to knock, or call, or email, or even text. I'm just going to show up. I won't ring the doorbell. I'm going to bring back a little "old fashionedness" to my summer by singing out their name. But don't ask whose door yet; it's still a mystery even to me ;)

I watch so many of the younger generation behind me bringing back many homesteading hobbies, like gardening and canning, and ways of providing and caring for their families. Let's help them out and bring back some of the fun things we did as kids, too! Our stupid phones have all but replaced our imaginations. So, this summer, I think I'll jump in a rain puddle, sing my friends' names at their doors, hang clothes out to dry, go on a picnic, and play in the dirt with my friends. (Oh wait, I did that today with Diane and Zhela!)

I'm determined to go back to the good old days... or at least have fun pretending.

Popsicle, anyone? 🍷



I Love My Porch!

**By Theresa
Nielsen**
ThumbPrint News
Columnist

The home where I grew up had a wonderful L-shaped front porch, and I would play out there all summer long with my brothers and sisters. On one end of the porch was the glider, and at the other was a toy box that my dad built; there were lots of kids in my family, so it was a big toy box. Every now and then one of my brothers would hide in it and scare us girls. Out on the porch is also where our dolls lived – my mom would set them up on the window ledge so they looked nice while we weren't playing. Whenever our friends came over, they would bring their dolls and you could find all of us out on the porch. Sometimes, Mom would even let us eat our lunch out there, and occasionally we could spend the night too. We would make bed rolls on the floor and try to sleep. Boy, did we have a great time. Especially on rainy days when we couldn't be out in the yard – it was way better than being stuck inside.

It was a sad day when my parents decided to remodel the front porch and turn it into a den. My dad put in new windows, added a wood stove and my mom put a big couch and chair out there and a few plants. It was no longer my favorite place to sit. Thankfully, my grandma still had her very big porch when we would go to the lake and visit her. My sisters and my cousins would often stay overnight and "sleep" on the porch in the big lounge chairs. I say "sleep" because I recall not getting too much of it between looking out at the lake and the sunset and the adults enjoying themselves on the other side of the porch, playing cards and talking long into the night.

My friend Madeline, who grew up in New England, said everyone there had a porch too. Now she lives in Clawson with a large open porch where she sits to quilt and have a cup of tea. She is often visited by her neighbors when they are out for a walk. Madeline's young granddaughter, Isla says to her grandma when she stops over for a visit, "Grandma, we need a porch date."

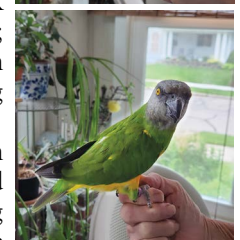
Many years have passed, and I live in a different house with a porch. It is my second favorite thing I love about my house; my sewing room will always take first place. The one I have now is enclosed, but the screens make it still feel like the outdoors! It is one of my favorite spots to work on quilting or do some reading. While others have to run inside on a rainy day, I love to listen to the rain as I take another stitch in the quilt. And I'm even able to use the porch all year long since my husband installed ductwork to heat it. There are only a few houses on my street with a porch; it seems many of the neighbors prefer the deck, but I can't sit on a deck in the winter and watch the snow fall with my morning coffee and the floor doesn't burn my feet in the summer either!

My birds love the porch too, they call it home. They often entertain the neighbors with their whistling and chirping. I find lots of comfort in sitting on my porch, talking to my birds, having lunch or taking a nap. I have noticed lately when it's nighttime

and I step out on the porch, I hear a few chirps from my birds, so I'm extra quiet and talk softly. I hope everyone has a place in their homes that offers the same perfect peacefulness. 🌿



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



NOTES FROM OUR READERS

To *ThumbPrint News*,

I subscribe to your paper and I want you to know I just love it. In the June issue, David Gillis' article really touched my heart with memories of saying the pledge and even praying in the classroom, way back in the 1940s. I also was moved by Patricia Kubic's article about being gentle with your soul. I too have treasured heirlooms from my grandmother and my mother; a light fixture from my grandmother's house that had to be refurbished and a glass doorknob from the home I lived in as a child that was built by my mother and father.

Thank you for your wonderful stories.

Grateful in Macomb, Georgia H.

Georgia, we sincerely thank you for reaching out with your memories and praise. Sincerely, TPN Staff

Hello – I appreciate everything you do and enjoy finding a copy of the *ThumbPrint News* in some of the most interesting places – never know when I will spot one.

If possible, please pass my thanks along to Aurther Beer concerning the June 2024 story titled "Back In the Day..." concerning the greatest generation.

I appreciated Mr. Beer sharing about his life and family. One particular item was that Mr. Beer's dad was a 38-year-old private in WWII and was referred to as "Pops" by the other soldiers. My grandfather was a 31-year-old private in WWII and the other soldiers also called him "Pops".

Thanks for everything you do. We live in Sterling Heights, and we try to support your advertisers on any road trips – always mentioning your paper as our source of how we found them.

Thanks,

Scott T.

Sterling Heights

Thanks for reaching out to share your connection with that article, Scott! We also appreciate you visiting our advertisers and letting them know too! We hope there are a bunch of readers out there doing the same! Sincerely, TPN Staff

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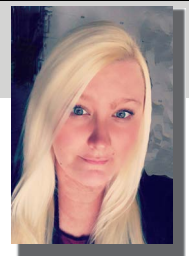


PROBLEM SOLVING



Yellow Jacket JERKS

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

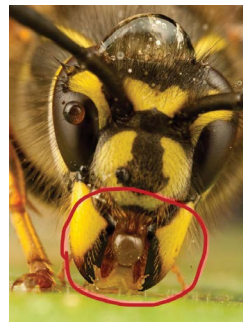


July is here, and unfortunately, that means aggressive and territorial yellow jackets are too. These flying insects are becoming more active and increasingly protective of the nests they've spent time building up and have been known to attack those who get too close. An attack from them can be scary since just one sting can be extremely painful, made worse by the fact that they do not lose their stingers, meaning you can get stung over and over again. Not only that, but each colony can grow to upwards of thousands of workers. Because of this, attempting to remove one of their nests without proper knowledge and gear can be very dangerous.

Now that you know to stay away, maybe it would be helpful to understand what to look for? Yellow jackets themselves look very similar to the European paper wasps, but with a few distinct differences. First, their antennae are black, whereas the European paper wasps' are a yellowish-orange color. Second, yellow jackets are noticeably smaller measuring on average a 1/2 inch long, as opposed to the 3/4 inch length of the European paper wasp. Third, the type of nests built by yellow jackets are very different than those of the European paper wasp. A description of a visual nest is usually enough for a professional to identify which insect you have over the phone.

Yellow jackets have three main nest types they build: an aerial paper nest, ground nests or a wall void nest. The aerial paper nest will almost always be attached to a tree branch and look to be mostly enclosed with a single entry/exit hole at the bottom. Construction of the nest will normally begin in early spring, but they generally remain unnoticed until they're the size of a basketball this time of year.

Ground nests can be dangerous since they aren't easy to spot, but they will have one or two entry/exit holes. If you start to see several insects constantly entering or exiting one area of your yard, it is a safe bet there's a ground nest. The activity will be constant due to the fact that they need to be out hunting for food and materials that aid



in expanding their nests. Despite the constant flow of activity, these nests can be hard to spot and are often discovered inadvertently by disrupting them. Stepping on it or running the nest over with a lawn mower will cause these stinging insects to attack! It is important you know not to start swinging your arms; they will feel more threatened and call for help from others in the nest to aid in the attack. RUN!

Put as much distance between you and them as possible until they stop following you.

Perhaps the most disturbing place for yellow jackets to build their nest is in a wall void. They will find gaps or holes in, around and underneath siding or even cracks in bricks that can lead into a wall void of your home or garage. This can be exceptionally unsafe because yellow jackets have chewing mandibles, which means they are able to chew through drywall. Blocking the nest entry hole will cause them to search for an alternate escape route which just may be directly through the drywall into your home. Alternatively,

using over-the-counter products can also worsen the situation. By law, over-the-counter products are required to have a smell. If you can smell it, they can smell it! The scent will push the yellow jackets further into the wall void to get away from the bad smell, and in their attempt to escape, they may possibly chew through your drywall and pour into your home by the hundreds or thousands.

So, what can you do? Unfortunately, there is no preventative treatment for yellow jackets. You have to treat them as they appear. Due to the high number of insects in the colony by this time of year, their nests are exceedingly difficult to eliminate completely. Couple that with the fact that each insect can sting repeatedly, and you have a potentially perilous situation. Nevertheless, calling for professional help is the best way to proceed. Self-treating these nests can be much more dangerous for you! If you notice yellow jacket activity in your yard or home, call immediately because the longer the nest goes untreated, the larger and more aggressive the colony will become. At ABC Bees, we understand how dangerous yellow jackets are. Give us a call at (810) 794-5678 to set up treatment, letting our trained technicians tackle your yellow jacket infestation! 🐝

POTAWATOMI

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and the Cass Rivers with their tributaries, including Swan Creek and the Bad and Flint Rivers, which unite to form the Saginaw, flow through a district that they copiously enrich. The streams themselves furnished all kinds of aquatic life, such as wild rice, fish, bivalves, amphibians and turtles. The banks of the streams and the forests abounded in nearly all of the game and fur-bearing animals native to the state, and maple sugar and wild berries form a part of the natural resources. The earliest writers upon the features of the valley mention “hundreds of acres of corn cultivated by the Indians.”



Hinsdale continues “At this date (1931), it is possible to locate one hundred and nine Indian villages and thirty-two mound sites. Trails seem to have centered around where the city of Saginaw is situated, and they lead in all directions to the ‘Thumb’, to Detroit, to Grand River Valley, northward to the shores of both Great Lakes, and Mackinaw. Canoe traffic was possible in almost every direction.” Hinsdale concludes, “It may be deserving of note that the parts of the state at large which supported the greatest number of Indians also had, according to the

United States census reports, 1920, the densest white rural population.”

The Potawatomi people have made significant contributions to Michigan’s history, development and economy. They played a vital role in the fur trade during the colonial era. Serving as intermediaries between European settlers and other Native American tribes. Their knowledge of the land and their language skills were crucial in establishing trade networks. Their involvement in agriculture not only sustained their communities but also provided a foundation for the agricultural practices of early settlers.

Like all indigenous communities, the Potawatomi faced significant challenges throughout history. European colonization, theft of their lands, forced removals and assimilation policies (Industrial Schools) had a profound impact on their way of life. Despite these adversities, the Potawatomi have shown remarkable resilience and are working towards preserving their cultural heritage. Today, the Potawatomi continue to advocate for their rights, land and sovereignty. They have established tribal governments and cultural centers, providing spaces for education, cultural revitalization and community support.

In conclusion, the Potawatomi in Michigan have a rich cultural heritage that spans centuries. Their deep connection to the land, traditions and contributions to the state’s history makes them an integral part of Michigan’s identity. It is essential to recognize, respect and support the Potawatomi in their ongoing efforts to preserve their culture and ensure a vibrant future for generations to come.

Author’s note: This article delves into the journey of a non-Native American writer who seeks to express a profound reverence for Native Americans and aims to let their historical voice be the guiding spirit behind his literary creation. This writer aspires to express sensitivity, respect and a genuine understanding of Native American cultures. By recognizing the historical voice of Native Americans as the spirit guiding their writing, non-Native writers contribute to a more accurate and inclusive representation of indigenous cultures. Through active listening, collaboration and a commitment to authenticity, non-Native writers can amplify the stories and perspectives that truly belong to Native Americans. Ultimately, this quest for authenticity not only honors the indigenous communities but also fosters a deeper appreciation and understanding of Native American cultures among readers.

Editorial note: Joe Neussendorfer has been a history writer for over 50 years. He is a member of the Historical Society of Michigan, Southfield Historical Society, Dearborn Historical Society, Livonia Historical Society, and Greater Washington Historical Society.

This article is an abbreviated version of the information Joe has taken the time to gather. We encourage any readers who are interested in learning more to please contact Joe at jneussendorfer@mindspring.com.

*“Michigan’s Keepers of the Fire”*

Poem by Joe Neussendorfer

*In the heartland of Michigan, where nature’s beauty thrives,
Resides a noble tribe, the Potawatomi, with their vibrant lives.
They walk upon the land with grace, their spirits deeply rooted,
Preserving ancient traditions, their heritage never muted.*

*From the Great Lakes to the forests, their ancestors once roamed,
In harmony with the earth, their connection firmly sewn.
Through generations, their wisdom passed, stories of old unfold,
Guiding their footsteps forward, as their journey unfolds.*

*The Potawatomi, guardians of the land, protectors of the wild,
With reverence for nature, like a loving parent and child.
They dance beneath the starry sky, their songs filling the air,
Honoring the spirits of the past, their voices raised in prayer.*

*Through seasons of abundance and hardships they have faced,
The Potawatomi’s resilience, like the trees that interlace,
They adapt and overcome, as the river finds its way,
Embracing change, yet their culture steadfastly they portray.*

*In the sacred powwows, their regalia brightly adorned,
Each feather, bead, and color, a story to be mourned.
Their rituals and ceremonies, a tapestry of sacred rites,
Connecting past and present, weaving ancestral ties.*

*The Potawatomi’s legacy, a treasure to behold,
A tapestry of heritage, woven in stories untold.
Their traditions shine like embers, igniting a flame,
Keeping alive their culture, for generations to claim.*

*So let us honor the Potawatomi, their spirit strong and true,
For the wisdom they impart, and the beauty that they imbue.
In Michigan’s heartland, their presence forever graced,
The Potawatomi, a living testament of strength and embrace.*

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GENESEE

NONE THIS MONTH

LAPEER

ATTICA

12 & 13 Attica Days Festival 4350 Peppermill Rd., fun starts at 2PM on Friday and 8AM on Saturday. Join us for the Spaghetti Dinner on Friday hosted by the Attica Fire Dept. and Saturday breakfast served by the Attica Methodist Church, along with tons of food vendors and the Eagles #4082 Beer Tent. The main stage will have a bunch of live performances, and there will be crafts and vendors, as well as live sawmill demos! Saturday will have a kids' tent, petting zoo (\$10 for everyone over 3 years old), a car and motorcycle show and so much more – ending the night with fireworks! For more info visit atticadays.org.

HADLEY

4 Hadley Mill Museum Open Hadley Mill Museum, 3633 Hadley Rd., 9AM – 3PM. Stop by to see three floors of Hadley Township history and celebrate the Mill's 150th Anniversary. Be sure to check out the 1910 Cartcar which is on loan from the Stahls Automotive Foundation and has a unique variable transmission. There will be a quilt raffle (tickets sold from 9AM – 2PM). For more info visit HadleyHistorical.Eventbrite.com or find Hadley Township Historical Society on Facebook.

IMLAY CITY

5, 12, 19 & 26 Eagles #4082 Euchre Eagles Hall, 170 S. Almont Ave., check in starts at 6:30PM, play starts at 7:00PM. Come join us for a fun-filled evening with tournament-style Euchre – no partner needed! We only play if we have enough people. \$10/person, 50¢/Euchre. Remember to ask the ongoing raffles! For more info call (810) 724-1954.

LAPEER

7, 14, 21 & 28 Sunday Flea Market The Lapeer Center Building, 425 County Center St., 8AM – 2PM. We'll have 50 booths inside and outside selling a huge variety of items to the

public. This long-running community event is sponsored by The Lapeer Center Building, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization for over 70 years. We do still have space available if you'd like to participate! For more info email lapeercenter@charter.net or call (810) 664-2109.

MACOMB

CHESTERFIELD

10 Crocker House Museum Garden Walk Crocker House Museum, 15 Union St., 9AM – 4PM. Get an up-close look at some of Mount Clemens' beautiful home gardens! Start at the Crocker House Museum Gardens, where you can enjoy an optional museum tour; then pick up a map leading you through nearby neighborhoods. \$12/members or \$15/non-members. Tickets purchased day-off will be an additional \$1. For more info and tickets call (586) 465-2488 or visit crockerhousemuseum.org.

MEMPHIS

3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 Wednesday Night Bingo Memphis American Legion Post 566, 34330 Bordman Rd., 5:30PM – 9:15PM, games start at 6:30PM. Concession stand available, light dinner served at 7:30PM for \$5/person. For more info call (810) 392-3237.

5 & 19 Fried Cod Dinner Memphis American Legion Post 566, 34330 Bordman Rd., 3PM – 6:30PM, for eat in or call ahead (starting at 12PM) to set up a pick-up time. Chicken tenders available too. \$15/adult, \$7/child (ages 6-12), and children 5 and under eat free with paid adult, eat in only. Call early for the best selection of (limited) desserts! For more info call (810) 392-3237.

5, 12, 19 & 26 Friday Night Euchre Memphis American Legion Post 566, 34330 Bordman Rd., doors open at 6:30PM, start time is 7PM. \$10. For more info call (810) 392-3237.

RICHMOND

All Month Long Woman's Life Chapter 855 Bottles and Cans Drive Helping those in need in our community. Make a difference today by donating. For larger donations, we have a pick-up service. For pick-up or

area drop off locations in Richmond and Memphis, call (810) 543-1128.

ROSEVILLE

2 & 3 Escape the Campground Roseville Library, 29777 Gratiot Ave., open time slots throughout both days. Will you find the car keys and escape the campground before bigfoot attacks? Come to the library's camping-themed escape room and find out! Event for all ages, sign up as a group for a 30-minute time slot by calling or in person at the library. For more info and a full list of library events, visit rosevillelibrary.org/wordpress/programs-events or call (586) 445-5407.

9 Q&A Book Talk Roseville Library, 29777 Gratiot Ave., 6PM. Come and engage in conversation with former Detroit Tiger Lance Parrish and Tigers' beat writer Tom Gage as they discuss their new book *The Enchanted Season*. No registration required. For more info and a full list of library events, visit rosevillelibrary.org/wordpress/programs-events or call (586) 445-5407.

17 Teen & Tween Painting: Sea Turtles Roseville Library, 29777 Gratiot Ave., 6PM. Join us for an aquatic adventure in painting as we learn to paint sea turtles. Event for ages 10-18. Registration open. For more info and a full list of library events, visit rosevillelibrary.org/wordpress/programs-events or call (586) 445-5407.

WASHINGTON

14 & 28 The Greater Washington Area Historical Museum Open House 58230 Van Dyke, 1PM – 4PM. The Museum is open for tours! Admission is free, but donations are welcome. Come check us out! We're always looking for new members and volunteers who are interested in local history. For more info email washingtonmuseum@gmail.com, call (586) 786-5304, visit washhistsoc.org or find us on Facebook.

OAKLAND

OXFORD

5, 12, 19 & 26 Friday Fish Fry American Legion Post 108, 130 E. Drahner Rd., 12PM – 8PM. Average cost is \$12. We have walleye, cod and shrimp, combo plates and carry out is available. Building is sanitized daily. For more info call (248) 628-9081.

TROY

13 & 27 Oakland County Traditional Dance Society Dances First Methodist Church of Troy, 6363 Livernois Rd., 7PM – 10PM. Join the OCTDS for their monthly dances! Lessons for beginners start at 7PM, dances begin

at 7:30PM. \$10 or pay what you can for refreshments and to support the bands. Bring snacks and get \$1 off admission. For more info email info@octds.org.

ST. CLAIR

ALGONAC

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

4-6 Church Rummage & Bake Sale Algonac Restoration Branch, 818 Market St., 10AM – 4PM. We'll have a variety of items for sale, along with homemade baked goods all three days! All are welcome, handicap accessible. For more info call (810) 794-5534.

7 Brian Cuthbertson Memorial Antique & Classic Boat Parade The Boat Parade will begin at 10AM at Pearl Beach Pier at Lega's, 9724 Pearl Beach Blvd., and by 11AM will get to the ACHS Community Museum, 1240 St. Clair River Dr. The best viewing will be at the Algonac Riverfront Park, 1130 St. Clair River Dr. We're encouraging Mainland North Channel residents to participate on their docks! Boat Owners can also participate by registering their boats by June 30. For more info visit achsboatparade.org.

CASCO

6 & 20 Euchre Tournament St. James United Church of Christ Basement, 9008 Meisner Rd., play starts at 6:30PM. Join us for lots of fun where laughter is pretty much a guarantee! \$10/player, 25¢/Euchre. For more info call (586) 727-1623.

IRA TWP.

13 Blankets with Care Booth at the **52nd Immaculate Conception Friends & Family Summer Festival**, 9764 Dixie Hwy., 1PM – 8PM. Come check out our booth in the school gymnasium at the vendor event hosted by Making Special Memories LLC during this fun church festival for the whole family! Learn what our 501c3 non-profit organization does to bring moments of joy to the elderly, veterans, homeless and those in need in Macomb, St. Clair and Oakland Counties. Blankets With Care's Mascot BABY (Be a Better You) Peanut will be playing Hide & Seek with kids (age 4-12) for a special prize! For more info visit blanketswithcare.com.

MARINE CITY

31 Talewise Science Heroes: Adventure of the Lost Treasure Marine City Branch Library, 300 S. Parker, 11AM – 12PM. Join Science

Heroes on a treasure-hunting adventure deep within the jungle! Along the way, the audience helps the performer conduct exciting science experiments that bring this story to life! Experiment with chemical reactions, air pressure, physical explosions, and more! Don't miss this exciting and interactive STEM learning adventure! Registration open. For more info and a full list of library events, visit stclaircountylibrary.org/events and select your local library to find a workshop by you! For more info call (810) 765-5233.

MARYSVILLE

3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 Knights of Columbus #9526 Wednesday Bingo The Knight Club, 1195 Gratiot Blvd., 6:20PM start time. (Doors open 2 hours prior.) For more info call (810) 364-6800.

NORTH STREET

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

PORT HURON

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

1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 Play Bridge Council on Aging, 600 Grand River Ave., 12PM – 3:30PM. Join us to play this fun card game, duplicate-style, experienced players only. No partner needed. \$5. For more info, to register or for on-going free bridge lessons, contact Tom at tjbroyles@aol.com.

1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 Play Bridge Palmer Park Recreation Center, 2829 Armour St., 10AM – 2PM on the first MON, 11AM – 2PM all other dates. Join us to play this fun card game, party bridge-style, no experienced needed. No partner needed. \$1 to play. For more info, to register or for on-going free bridge lessons, contact Tom at tjbroyles@aol.com.

4, 11, 18 & 25 Cornhole Tournament Charles A. Hammond American Legion Auxiliary Unit #8, 1026 6th St., 7PM. Join us to play

some cornhole! \$5 to play. Open to the public and all levels of experience are welcome. For more info call (810) 982-9553.

5, 12, 19 & 26 Euchre Charles A. Hammond American Legion Auxiliary Unit #8, 1026 6th St., 1PM. Join us for this fun card game! \$5 to play. Open to the public. For more info call (810) 982-9553.

15 Port Huron Elks Lodge #343's 64th Consecutive Blood Drive Port Huron Elks Lodge #343, 3292 Beach Rd., 12PM – 6PM. We have collected over 250 gallons of blood since 2013. To make an appointment, please call (800) RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or go to RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: porthuronelks343.comcast.net or call (810) 982-8531.

18 Operation Transformation's Family Night during the **Blue Water Fest**, NE Corner of the 10th St. Bridge, 5PM – 9PM. Join Operation Transformation, along with main sponsors, Blue Water Jump Zone, James C. Acheson Foundation, HAP, Hillside Wesleyan Church, Westminster Church of Port Huron and many more, for FREE Family Activities! This positive, family-friendly event with have fun and free activities. For more info visit optrans.org or call (810) 966-8660.

18 & 19 Adoptee Advocates of Michigan Booth at the Blue Water Street Fair during the **Blue Water Fest**, Huron St. between McMorran and Quay. 4PM – 9PM on THUR and 11AM – 9PM on FRI. Stop by our booth to learn all about Adoptee Rights, our organization, how we're promoting positive legislative change and more. Our mission includes restoring the rights of Michigan born adoptees in obtaining their own original birth certificates upon request, as well as securing the rights of international adoptees to have their well-deserved U.S. citizenship. AAOM is a core partner in the Michigan Adoptee Rights Coalition. For more info visit adopteeadvocatesofmichigan.com.

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

ST. CLAIR

2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26 & 30 Play Bridge St. Clair Community Center, 308 S. 5th St., 12PM – 3PM. Join us to play this fun card game. On TUE we play party bridge-style, no experienced needed for \$1, and on FRI we play duplicate-style, experienced players only for \$5. No partner needed. For

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

SMITHS CREEK

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

14 Smiths Creek Masonic Lodge Monthly Breakfast Smiths Creek Masonic Lodge #498, 335 Henry St. (across the street from the Pink Elephant), 8AM – 12PM. Join us for delicious eggs, bacon, potatoes, French toast, pancakes (plain & blueberry), along with coffee, orange juice, white and chocolate milk. AYCE for only \$10/adult and \$5/child under 12. For more info email clintonsharrard@comcast.net.

YALE

24 Coffee & Donut Day at the

Yale VA 7470 Brockway Rd., 8:30AM – 12PM in the Veterans Wellness room (old pharmacy). Calling all veterans and spouses, active military and local first responders – join us for this free and delicious event! For more info email elks343@comcast.net or call (810) 982-8531.

SANILAC

PORT SANILAC

5 Sanilac Museum 2024 Family Fun Day Sanilac County Historic Village and Museum, 228 South Ridge St., 1PM – 5PM. We'll have so many things to do for the kids and adults! Port Sanilac Famers Market, Timber Creek Petting Farm, Loop Harrison Mansion tours and so much more! For more info visit sanilaccountymuseum.org.

SANDUSKY

13 & 27 Thumb Dance Club & Euchre Maple Valley School, 138 Maple Valley St., 1:30PM – 5PM. Please join us for fun, fellowship and live music for only \$5. We would love if you bring a snack to share or a dish to pass for the potluck dinner at 3PM. This is a smoke and alcohol-free environment. All ages are welcome! For more info call (810) 310-2715.



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MARKET MATTERS

The median sales price in our MIRealsource area* in the first four months of 2024, compared to the same period in 2023, increased 7.8% to \$227,500 from \$211,000 on a single-family home and 8.8% to \$241,651 from \$222,100 on a condo.

The National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) reported that U.S. existing-home sales dropped 4.3% month-over-month in April as rising sales prices and higher interest rates continued to keep some prospective buyers on the sidelines. Sales were down in our area as well.

As of June 10, 2024, current residential mortgage interest rates in Michigan were 7.02% for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage and 6.63% for a 15-year fixed-rate mortgage. We do not expect to see any significant change up or down in residential mortgage rates in the near-term as inflation continues above the Federal Reserve's 2% target inflation rate.

The Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index (MCSI), a monthly survey of consumer confidence levels in the U.S., came in at 69.1 in May 2024, the lowest level in six months with inflation expectations for the year ahead at 3.3%, the highest in six months.

Nonetheless, demand continues to outpace supply and well-maintained properties continue to sell quickly. Whether you want to buy or sell, make your plan, and follow your dreams!



MAINTAINING YOUR HOME

Based on its extensive experience, Coldwell Banker created a month-by-month list of some checks, cleaning to-dos, and replacements that should be done each year. Here are some suggestions for the third quarter.

JULY: A FRESH COAT OF PAINT

- Inspect the exterior of your home. Scrape, caulk and paint any wood surfaces that have peeled or weathered.
- Inspect interior walls and ceilings for cracks or bulges, and patch and paint as needed.
- Clean and seal decks.

AUGUST: A BREATH OF FRESH AIR

- Check and clean the dryer vent, air conditioner, range hood and room fans.
- Keep heating and cooling vents clean and make sure they're not blocked by furniture or drapery.

SEPTEMBER: WINTER WILL BE COMING (HOPEFULLY NOT TOO SOON)

- Check the weather stripping around your windows and doors and make any necessary repairs to prepare for cold weather.
- Make sure your refrigerator door seal is tight.
- Caulk any drafts in your basement, such as around your dryer vent.
- Make sure your roof is in good condition and not missing any shingles, tiles or slates.

*MiRealSource service area includes the counties of Genesee, Lapeer, Lenawee, Livingston, Jackson, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Saginaw, Sanilac, Shiawassee, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne.

Enjoy your summer and have a Happy 4th of July.
God Bless America.

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THUMBPRINT NEWS PET PHOTO CHALLENGE

Meet River the Havanse pup from New Baltimore, MI!

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Meet River the Havanese pup. The Havanese breed originated from Cuba. They were bred to be circus dogs, and rodent dogs.

River is very smart! He can hop on his back legs, growl like a pirate and play dead, among a few tricks. He is 11 years old, spends time on the couch with TPN or just napping and completes our family.

Thank you, Cindy W., for sharing River with us!

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The Wind Phone Making Waves

Submitted by Paula Burgess, Member of the Algonac-Clay Township Historical Society

The Algonac-Clay Township Historical Society has recently received a "Wind Phone". Steve Ponke, his son Tim, and Steve's brother-in-law Jeff built "The Wind Phone Making Waves", which is housed in a Chris-Craft Utility model, in memory of a loved one. It is available for the public as an outlet to ease the grief of losing a loved one or friend.

The original "Phone of the Wind" was created in Japan by its creator, Itaru Sasaki, while grieving his cousin who died of cancer. He purchased an old-fashioned phone booth and set it up in his garden. According to Sasaki, the "Wind Phone" was not designed with any specific religious connotation, but rather as a way to reflect on his loss and he found comfort and healing amid his grief. He installed an obsolete rotary phone not connected to wires or any "earthly system." In an interview, he stated, "Because my thoughts couldn't be relayed over a regular phone line, I wanted them to be carried on the wind."

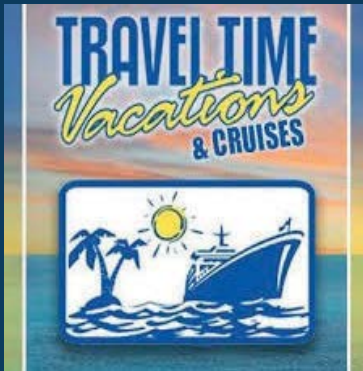


You can visit our local "Wind Phone" at the Algonac-Clay Township Historical Society's Community Museum Memorial Garden, 1240 St. Clair River Dr., Algonac, MI 48001. Or visit mywindphone.com to find other locations and let the "Wind take your words" as you travel.



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Through Travel Time Vacations & Cruises, Leonardi is now booking all tours and cruises including but not limited to "Cuba Discovery" starting in February 2025, "A Culinary Journey through Tuscany & Florence" in April 2025, the "Iceland Explorer" in May/June 2025, and the "Burgundy & Proven France River Cruise" in October 2025 on a chartered boat. These are all including Round-trip Air from Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW).

Leonardi brings 28 years of travel booking experience to the table for his clients. As a former talent agent for a roster of stars from classic Hollywood in his life before travel, he's programmed to mind every detail to ensure his clients are well taken care of.

"We are booking groups next year, and we are looking for anyone who has a group that we can get a discounted rate for," Leonardi said. "If someone has a group and they can get me a minimum of 32 people, one couple would go for free."

Concierge services included cancellation for medical emergencies or pre-existing conditions through insurance at the time of deposit. Clients also get the benefit of Leonardi's expertise at planning trips and tours.

"I don't charge a fee for my services, with the exception of domestic air travel," Leonardi said. "There's never a service charge. I offer all of it at no charge."

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