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## Day is Finally Done for one Civil War Soldier

By **Ralph McKinch**

*ThumbPrint News* Staff Writer

The azure sky was breathtaking. Only a few puffs of marshmallow clouds interrupted the vast expanse of blue. The weather had cooperated and finally given some relief from the suffocating heat and humidity of the week before. A gentle breeze blew and with temperatures hovering around 80 degrees, it was the perfect day.

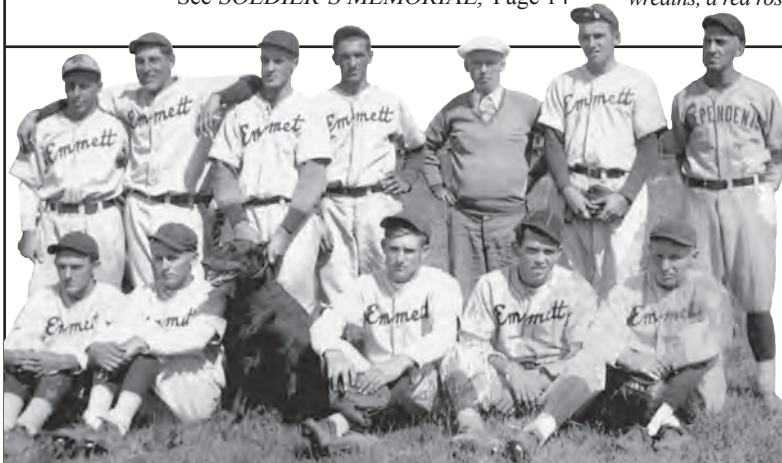
People slowly started to arrive to the corner of Roberts and Dutton Roads in Iosco Township in Livingston County, Michigan. Many drove cautiously, trying not to stir up too much dust on the country dirt roads. Some who came lived on the west coast of the United States, some in the Heartland, and many from cities, small towns and villages scattered across Michigan. The destination

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Memorial stone for Pvt. Deloss M. Haviland is decorated by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War with symbolic evergreen and grapevine wreaths, a red rose, and an American flag.

Boy Scout Alex Nosbisch of Troop No. 477 out of Dexter played "Taps." Photo courtesy of Timothy Goodwin



## New Book by Local Author Spotlights Emmett Township

By **Louise Allen**

*ThumbPrint News* Staff Writer

The Images of America series by Arcadia Publishing celebrates the history of neighborhoods, towns and cities across the country. Their stories are told through archival photographs that portray each place's distinctive character. One of the newest books in the series is *Images of America, Emmett Township*, written by Marian Brennan Pratt, who held the position of church secretary at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in the village of Emmett, Michigan, for 24 years. She is currently a writer for the *Emmett News*.

Emmett today is a small agricultural village in the central part of St. Clair County just north of Interstate 69 located within Emmett Township. The population today of the village itself is just under 300 people. Many of the residents of this village have Irish heritage, most of which can trace family members back to Ireland, including the author, Marian Brennan Pratt. She writes in her introduction to the book:

"The following pages have been written as honestly as any woman of Irish descent can write. I have researched actual

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Summer is rapidly drawing to an end. August is the last chance for many for family get-aways before the college kids head back to college and the younger children return to school after Labor Day. Some families head to the beaches, some go camping and others take day trips to an interesting destination.

One of my favorite ways to spend a relaxing day is to take a road trip. Although having an ultimate destination in mind can be productive and enjoyable, I like best of all merely choosing a direction to travel and then just taking off and exploring and seeing what there is to see along the way. Of course, it is pretty hard to do that on the Interstate, so back road highways and byways are the best.

As the summer heat winds down by the end of August and the cooler days (hopefully) of fast approaching autumn loom on the horizon, the Thumb of Michigan is a fantastic place for just that type of adventurous drive.

Part of the allure of the adventure is wondering just what the day's journey will uncover – scenery, interesting shops in which to browse and quaint places to eat, whether it be from a small town cheese or butcher shop, a unique gourmet deli, or a hidden gem of a diner where all the locals go in a small town that exists around where two main streets intersect.

On one recent Sunday when a road trip to nowhere seemed just what the doctor ordered, I decided to Google unique eateries that might be encountered on a road trip through the Thumb. The recent popularity of shows devoted almost exclusively to the joys of eating, such as *Diners, Drive-ins and Dives* and *The Best Thing I Ever Ate* is undeniable. Magazines, newspapers and the internet all abound with recommendations for finding these unique places. So, I went to FoodNetwork.com to track down a few of these recommended places in the Thumb area, thinking that one of them might be a part of our day's adventure.

I was surprised that virtually none existed (at least according to this website) north of Oakland and Macomb Counties. Yet,



there must be some great, hidden gems in the way of diners, back road drive-ins, etc. that have not yet been discovered here in the Thumb of Michigan by these gurus of the television food shows. This lack of information gave me an idea for a new column in *ThumbPrint News* – one devoted to reader recommendations for eateries that the Thumb area traveler just shouldn't miss.

Do you know of such a place? If so, tell us about it. What is the name of the eatery and its address? What makes the place unique? What are the best things you have had to eat there? If you have a couple of photos in jpeg format, that would be even better (you can even be in the photo, if you would like!). How about the décor? We are looking for those really outstanding, unique, fun places to eat that exist in places you just might not expect. Any suggestions our readers send in may be edited for length and grammar before being used and may have additional information added that our staff discovers. However, the original submitter will be credited. Be sure to include your first and last name and the city or town in which you reside. All suggestions and photos can be emailed to thumbprintnews@comcast.net.

In the meantime, get out there on the back roads of Michigan and enjoy what they still have to offer. Too many of the small businesses you will encounter along the way are struggling to survive in this economy and in the days of interstate travel. These hidden gems are just waiting to be discovered for those who have the time. Do it now before they disappear forever.

**DIANE KODET**  
Editor, *ThumbPrint News*

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# August 3rd is **NATIONAL WATERMELON DAY**

**By Louise Allen**

ThumbPrint News Staff Writer

Watermelon is the number one type of melon consumed in the United States. So it is appropriate that this large favorite fruit of Americans has its own special day of recognition – August 3 – and, since August is one of the hottest months, it is a great fruit to consume because of its 92% water content. Watermelon also is very nutritious, with excellent levels of vitamin A and C and a good level of vitamin B6.

Watermelons have been harvested for at least 5,000 years, as recorded in Egyptian hieroglyphics on walls of some of their ancient buildings. Watermelons were even placed in burial tombs of kings, along with other foods, to nourish the nobility in the afterlife.

From Egypt, watermelons spread by merchant ships to other countries along the Mediterranean Sea. Early explorers even used watermelons as canteens. It is believed that watermelon made its way to the United States with the African slaves.

Today, about 200-300 varieties of watermelons are grown in the United States and Mexico. The United States ranks fourth in the world in watermelon production, with 44 states producing watermelons commercially.

How do you pick a good watermelon from a grocery store or farm market? The National Watermelon Board gives these tips:

- Look the watermelon over. You are looking for a firm, symmetrical watermelon that is free from bruises, cuts or dents.
- Lift it up. The watermelon should be heavy for its size.
- Turn it over. The underside of the watermelon should have a creamy yellow spot where it sat on the ground and ripened in the sun.

According to the FDA, wash that watermelon before eating. This is true for all fruits and vegetables, rinds or not!

Watermelons are very versatile fruits and can be used in many recipes. Most of us have also seen a watermelon carved into a fancy bowl for serving cut up melon and other fruits. The National Watermelon Board, on their website [www.watermelon.org](http://www.watermelon.org), has dozens of other unique ways to carve and use watermelons, including the charmers below:



The National Watermelon Board website also offers many unique watermelon recipes, including these below:

### Watermelon Strawberry Shake

- 1 container (8 oz.) lemon nonfat yogurt
- 2 cups cubed, seeded watermelon
- 1 pint fresh strawberries, cleaned and hulled
- 1 medium banana



### Instructions:

In blender or food processor, process yogurt, watermelon, strawberries and banana until smooth and frothy. Serve immediately.

Servings: Makes 4

### Frozen Smoothie Pops

- Strawberry Shake (see previous recipe)
- Small paper cups
- Popsicle sticks

Pour prepared **Watermelon Strawberry Shake** into small paper cups. Freeze, inserting Popsicle sticks or plastic spoons when mixture is partially frozen. Or, pour Watermelon Strawberry Shake into ice cream machine. Set and enjoy!

Servings: Makes 4

### Here are a few other interesting facts about watermelons:

- Watermelon's official name is *Citrullus lanatus* of the botanical family Cucurbitaceae, of which cucumbers, pumpkins and squash also belong.
- The first cookbook that was published in the U.S. in 1776 contained a recipe for watermelon pickles, made from the rind.
- The seeds, like pumpkin seeds, can also be roasted and eaten.
- The largest watermelon was grown in 1990 by Bill Carson of Arrington, Tennessee, which weighed in at 262 pounds.



- Although most people consider watermelon a fruit, horticulturists consider them a vegetable.
- The Japanese recently developed a square watermelon. A round watermelon can take up a lot of room in a refrigerator and the usually round fruit often sits awkwardly on refrigerator shelves. Smart Japanese farmers have forced their watermelons to grow into a square shape by inserting the melons into square, tempered glass cases while the fruit is still growing on the vine.



Now that you have learned all about watermelons, on August 3, make yourself a nice, cool **Watermelon Strawberry Shake** and then sit down in an air-conditioned place and see if you can solve our Watermelon Word Find on page 28. 🍉



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6pm- Grand Entry

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## What is a Pow Wow?

A Pow Wow is a traditional Native American social gathering. It is a celebration that unifies all those who take part. The Pow Wow brings together old friends, offers a chance to make new ones and is a celebration of Native American beliefs. The dances, drums, songs, and sharing are as much a part of today's Native American culture as they were hundreds of years ago when warriors returned from battle or hunters from the hunt. They told of their victories and adventures through song and dance with the drum as the heart beat of the nation.

## Pow Wow Etiquette (from [www.mbrpowwow.org](http://www.mbrpowwow.org))

We would like to offer these important guidelines as our guest to teach you about our culture. With this knowledge you can learn how to show respect to those who follow our ancient traditions. Our Master of Ceremonies will announce when not to take photographs, when you should remove your hats, and when to stand for honor songs. He will also direct you to join in an Inter-Tribal Dance when appropriate.

1. The Dance Circle's Eastern Entrance is reserved for Dancers.
2. Stand quietly, remove hats, and refrain from taking pictures during the Grand Entry, Flag song, Veteran's Song and Honor Songs.
3. Refrain from taking photographs when a fallen Eagle Feather is being retrieved from the Dance Circle. If you see a feather or regalia on the ground, do not touch it but do inform one of the dancers. They will take care of it properly.
4. A Dancer's clothing is called "Regalia." It is not a costume. Costumes are worn to present yourself as something you are not.
5. To touch a Dancer's Regalia is considered rude. Please do not do this.
6. Please ask permission of any participant before you take photographs outside of the Dance Circle. Most will be pleased to oblige if properly approached.
7. The Dance Circle (arena) is for participants only. Exceptions include Inter-Tribal dances or at the discretion of the Master of Ceremonies, and will be announced.
8. Elders are honored for their experience and wisdom. An Elders Shade Arbor is set up for them on the edge of the circle. Please do not sit there unless you are an Elder or disabled.

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# My Sister and My Friend

By David Gillis

ThumbPrint News Columnist

I appreciate that the editor has allowed me to tell simple stories about the past and to share relationships with those whose names are engraved in my memory. Some readers of this column have told me that the tales help them to recall another time when life seemed gentler and to relive memorable relationships. I am sincerely thankful for that and trust I am permitted at least one more written memory.

When I began to explore thoughts and ideas for an August column, I glanced at my calendar for that month. As I scanned the various notations I had made my gaze ceased movement when I reached the tenth day of the month and read, "Mary's birthday – God has her now." My misty eyes discontinued their search and memories began to fill my mind.

Mary Grace was my oldest sister, one of four. She was born a mere 17 months after I entered the world and from the earliest time I can remember was a close friend. She left us all too soon almost four years ago.

I'm able to recapture a visual presence of her now, but only in the few photographs I have, some well over sixty-years old. Memories flood my mind as I touch the imaged mementos.

I'm able to look closely at the glossy prints and see the affection found in her soft blue eyes, a gift from our father. If I listen intently, I can almost hear the laughter and childhood chatter that encompassed our young lives. When I close my eyes, I can feel the happiness we shared as well as the sadness I knew was there, but that she often kept to herself.

Mary was much more than a close sibling I loved. She was a best friend throughout my life and, as a small child, was my buddy. Who but an admiring sister would forego playing with dolls and put on a holstered toy gun to become the sidekick of her cowboy brother? Who except an understanding companion would continue an admiration for someone who would leave a permanent mark on her cheek with a sandbox shovel? Who but a loving friend would tolerate an older brother keeping a protective eye on the guys she dated? I know of only one.

After my graduation from Algonac High School, I departed for the Air Force and my relationship with my good friend continued, but only by letter. She shared with me through the postal service her achievement as high school class salutatorian. Her pride could not have been any greater than mine. That same year, Mary sent photographs of the queen's court at the annual Pickerel

Tournament. There she was, sitting high on the float as the queen and I, again, felt such enormous pride.

When I returned from military service, my oldest sister had married and begun a family. Although we remained close, we now had our own lives, our own interests and different personal relationships. As time went on, I moved to California and she to Arizona. Again, our relationship continued, but only by letter and telephone. Shortly after my return to Michigan, Mary followed. Within a short period of time she passed from this world to another.

So, why am I sharing this personal story? I guess it is for many reasons, but possibly the greatest value is in the suggestion that readers give more time to those they love while they can.

In your future, remembering a special moment in life as you glance at a smiling face in an old photograph may bring fond memories of a friend who has departed. However, it is nowhere near the joy you'll experience through a meaningful warm embrace and time spent with that person today.

As we become too busy with our own lives, we tend to set aside the close relationships that were so important to us many years ago. We forget too often how important someone else was to our own happiness. We let slip into the past the admiring love given by someone we really cared for. We are blinded by our



own interests and rejoice that there's always time tomorrow. But too often time disappears as does the tomorrows.

Find the time today to share some caring moments with someone you shared them with in the past. Tell a trusted confidante from years gone by what a great friend he was. Let someone know how her loving support so many years ago helped to shape your life and is still meaningful today. Do it now so you won't have to bridge the gap while looking at old photographs and remembering birthdays that no longer exist. 🌱



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By Rev. Joyce Reid

Curator, Deckerville Historical Museum

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things to marvel at. Or, perhaps you would like to visit our Military Room which now features a library of war books as well as military displays. Our new Research and Genealogy Room is very popular, featuring history, old Deckerville records from 1900, Atlas' and hundreds of photos.

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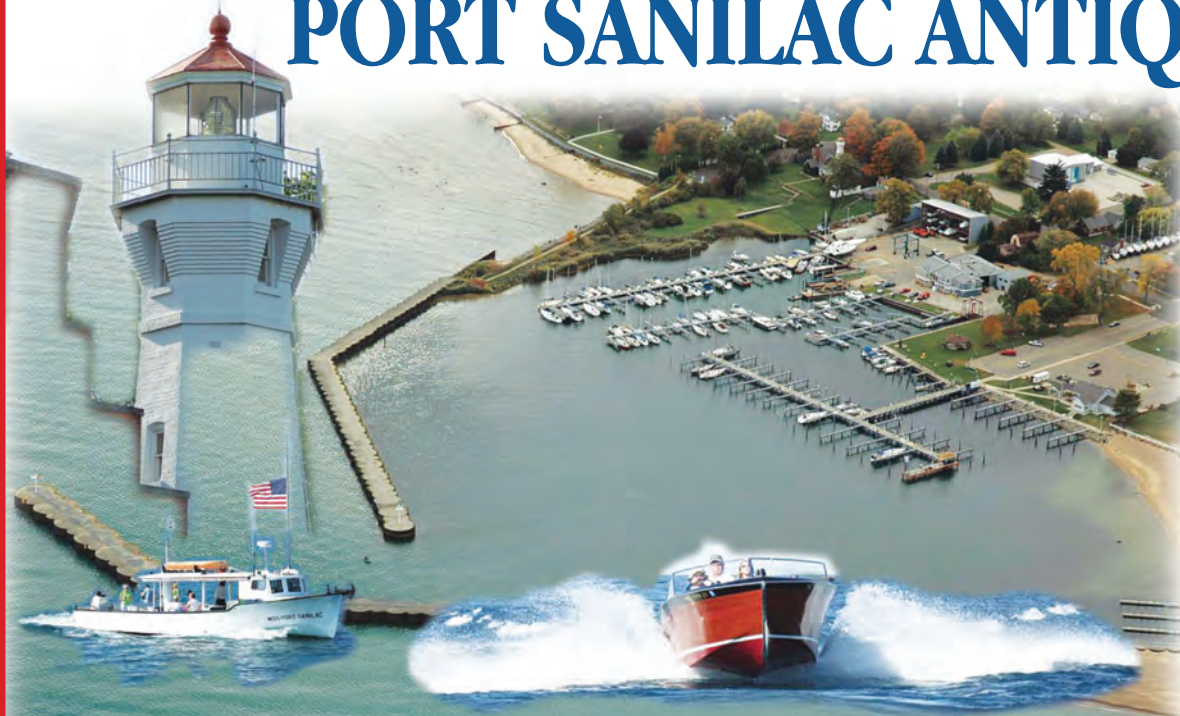
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1 pm - Pride of Michigan open for tours

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4 pm - Captains' Meeting for Poker Run

4:30 pm - Lake Huron Poker Run

6 pm - Boat Viewing *Boats are in the water and on-land, be sure to view both!*

5 pm-12 Midnight - Beer Tent, sponsored by Uri's Waterfront Dining

5-8 pm - Live Performance at the Beer Tent

6-10 pm - Taste-of-Port Sanilac Reception *Sponsored by Tubbs Brothers*

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8 pm - VIP Moonlight Cruise on the Miss Port Sanilac

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8 pm - Barn Theatre Live Performance

#### Saturday, August 11

8 am - Continental Breakfast by Bake Krazy, gourmet bakery

9 am - Registration Opens *Sponsored by Hagerty Marine Insurance*

9 am - Boat Viewing *Boats are in the water and on-land, be sure to view both!*

9 am - Pride of Michigan open for tours

9 am - 3pm Vintage Motorcycle Displays

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#### Saturday, August 11 *continued*

12-5 pm - Vintage Travel Trailer Displays & Tours

11 am - 5 pm - Great Lakes Nautical Society Model

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11- 9 pm - Port Sanilac Lions Club Snack Wagon

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12 noon - 4 pm - Sanilac Historical Society Museum Tours

12 noon - 10 pm - Entertainment & Beer Tent

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1 pm - Boat Rides on the Miss Port Sanilac

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# YELLOW JACKET ALERT!



Yellow jackets are often mistaken for paper wasps. **They are aggressive and destructive.** Yellow jackets can be identified by their yellow and black stripes, black antennae, and legs that are tucked up when flying (like a bullet). Yellow jackets can build nests on your home, in a tree or in the ground. The nest is enclosed (no "honey comb" visible) and can be the size of a basketball or larger.

If they build a nest IN your home, they have the ability to chew through drywall causing extensive damage. They do this to enlarge their nest. Never plug or seal a yellow jacket nest from the outside of the home. This will only trap them inside your home and drive them further into your walls, causing them to come into the living space in search of an exit, as well as food and water for their young.

1. Never plug an active yellow jacket entrance on your home.
2. Never use an over the counter liquid yellow jacket product in the nest entrance. This added moisture can amplify the stench of rotting yellow jackets and their larvae.
3. Never touch a soft spot in your ceiling where yellow jackets are eating through. If necessary, VERY CAREFULLY place duct tape over the area. Do not apply a lot a pressure, as you could puncture a hole through the drywall.

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Cluster and face flies are found in homes, churches, hospitals, apartment complexes, commercial and public buildings and other structures. These large, sluggish flies appear on warm, sunny days during late autumn, winter and early spring. They occur in large numbers, especially at windows and in rooms not frequently used. In times of cooler weather, they can commonly be found warming themselves on the sides of buildings (retreating into the cracks and crevices as the weather continues to cool).

These flies make irritating, buzzing noises, spin around and move sluggishly. They can also leave a greasy spot on upholstery, carpets, wood, and other surfaces.

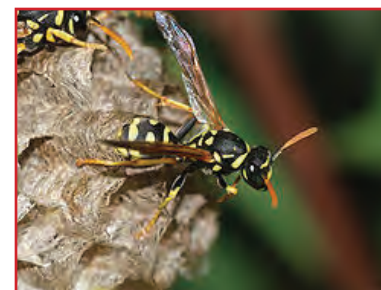
The multi-colored Asian lady beetle has become a nuisance pest to homeowners in North America in recent years because of the propensity of adults to enter houses in search of over wintering shelter. Their tendency to over winter in homes and other buildings, usually clustered in large numbers, can make them a nuisance to many persons. If agitated or squashed, the beetles may exhibit a defensive reaction known as "reflex bleeding," in which a yellow fluid with an unpleasant odor is released from leg joints. This reaction generally prevents predators, such as birds, from eating lady beetles. But in the home, the fluid may stain walls and fabrics. The desiccating bodies of these insects have also been known to cause breathing problems in persons with asthma or related conditions.



The best time to control these insects is before you have a problem with them. An exterior treatment of the home (especially the cracks and crevices) is an excellent pre-emptive step to help prevent an infestation.



# PAPER WASPS



European paper wasps are commonly mistaken for yellow jackets. These wasps however have orange antennae while yellow jackets have black antennae. Another difference is that paper wasps generally have a small skinny body while yellow jackets have a bigger more bulky body. Also, paper wasps fly with their legs hanging down while yellow jackets fly with their legs up and look similar to a bullet. The paper nests of paper wasps are built with individual chambers all visible and in a "honeycomb" pattern. The nests generally will look like an upside down umbrella. Yellow jackets, however, will build their nest on the exterior of the home or on a tree branch and will be shaped like a basketball. The paper wasp will also fill cavities such as those in shutters or deck railings.

**These wasps are very aggressive.**

The common paper wasp is not as common now that the European paper wasp has become the dominant species. This is because the European paper wasp is known to steal the paper and larva from the nests of this species of wasp. This wasp is brown in color and has black antennae but makes a similar nest to the European paper wasp.



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# The First Public School to fly the U.S. Flag

**By Charles Homberg**  
ThumbPrint News Guest Writer



Today the American flag flutters above virtually every public school in the United States, but this wasn't always the case. In the nineteenth century, the Stars and Stripes were absent from school yards. In 1887 a very patriotic citizen in St. Clair, Michigan wanted to change this. He was Josiah Smith, who had been an immigrant from England.

Smith was a member of the St. Clair Board of Education and a Justice of the Peace. He had his own flag pole and frequently flew

his U.S. flag over his home. As Justice of the Peace, Smith did business in his home, and made sure his flag was raised before he did. He especially made sure the flag was waving over his house when he performed marriage ceremonies, because he believed that the flag represented union. According to Dorothy Mitts in a 1974 article, Smith was "an odd and conspicuous figure in town." She wrote that he had dark, long curly hair and wore a shawl over his shoulders instead of a coat.

As a member of the Board of Education, Josiah Smith proposed that the School District buy a flag pole and have it erected in front of the Union School on Sixth Street. The Board agreed that this would be an appropriate patriotic act, and accepted Smith's offer to buy the pole. They also agreed to have the pole installed at District expense by the beginning of school in September, 1887.

Apparently, a ready-made flag couldn't be purchased, so the St. Clair City Council bought the fabric to make a flag. Mrs. Friend Palmer, who was a dressmaker, cut the cloth into stripes and stars. These were then sewn into a flag by four local school teachers. One of the four was Mrs. Palmer's daughter, Martha, who taught in St. Clair for most of her life. The other three were Hattie Waterloo, whose father was the mayor; Lettie German, the daughter of a local carpenter and village treasurer; and Clara Carleton, a member of one of the area's earliest families. When

school began in September, a ceremony was held to raise the flag. The honor of being the first to hoist the flag was given to the oldest graduate of St. Clair High School. She was a Mrs. Parsons who probably had graduated about twenty years before.

Sometime later, Josiah Smith was given ownership of the flag, because in his will he left it to A. A. Morse, his nephew. According to a November, 1902 article in the *Lansing Journal*, Morse displayed the flag

in the window of his Lansing pharmacy during a Grange convention.

The whole St. Clair community had participated in making Smith's idea a reality, and from St. Clair, Michigan, the practice of flying the U. S. flag over public schools spread across the state and nation. 🇺🇸



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Dan and Rita Gleason sitting on the fenders of father Dan Gleason's Model T truck

## EMMETT TOWNSHIP

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facts and dates and have also included some, shall we say, folklore, which has been handed down so religiously that it has to be accepted as truth. Those of us who were born and raised in this little town of Emmett did not know just how much of Ireland was in each of us until we decided, as a group of about 20, to travel to the 'Auld Sod.' Most of us felt that we had 'gone home.' We met people that we resemble, or they resembled us!"

According to Seamus and Eileen Metress, the authors of the book *Irish in Michigan*, the Irish immigrants first came to the Great Lakes Region by way of the Ohio River and Appalachian passes, spreading northward into the expanding frontier. Following the War of 1812, frontier military garrisons had a high representation of Irish soldiers. Many subsequently moved into what is now the Detroit metropolitan area as well as to farming communities throughout Michigan.

One of those agricultural areas that attracted many Irish immigrants was the area containing the townships of Emmett, Kenockee, Riley and Wales. Emmett, which is the main village in this area, is located at the intersection of those four townships. (The village was originally called Mt. Crowley. The name was

changed to Emmet on April 21, 1883, after Robert Emmet, one of the most important Irish Patriots of the early 19th century. Throughout its history, the township and village have been spelled both as Emmet, reflecting the spelling of its namesake and as Emmett, as it is spelled today.)

In 1836, land was first purchased in this area, with Patrick and Bridget Keough Dunigan and Michael Harrington believed to be the first settlers. Patrick farmed the area and eventually owned over 130 acres west of what is now Main Street in the village of Emmett. His son, Michael, became the first child of European descent born in the area on February 12, 1840. Patrick led in organizing Emmett Township and became the first supervisor and first postmaster.

Irish immigration began slowly in the late 1830s and early 1840s. Following the devastating potato blight in the late 1840s, immigration rapidly increased. Michigan had become a state in 1837, which opened Michigan for settling, so many Irish immigrants migrated here. Patrick Kennedy, lonesome for his homeland of Ireland, dreamed that Emmett would be a "Little Ireland" in Michigan and became the Land Agent for the area, greatly encouraging the Irish immigrants



Students at the Brandon School pose in front of the schoolhouse in 1921.

to settle in the area by writing articles for the *Irish World*, a newspaper in New York, which many of these immigrants read. The opening of the Erie Canal provided a quick and inexpensive way for them to travel from New York to Michigan. Many took advantage of the fertile land around Emmett and after settling became engaged in agricultural pursuits. Corn, wheat, oats, beans and forage crops were raised in abundance. Other settlers worked in



The John Johnson home on Cogley Road

lumbering camps and on railroad gangs.

The Grand Trunk railway was completed through this area in the later part of the nineteenth century and the Catholic Church was relocated into the village of Emmett at that time. Both of these contributed to Emmett becoming the commercial center for the surrounding townships. By the turn of the century, Emmett also had become home to five grocery stores, a three-story men's clothing store and boot shop, a telephone office, an ice cream parlor, a barbershop and pool room, a drug store, a blacksmith's shop, the district school, the railroad and telegraph office, several livery stables, a charcoal manufacturing facility, a hardware and agricultural implement company, a cigar shop, a meat market, a bank, a grain elevator and saw mill, a brick yard, four dress shops, two hat shops, a post office, a furniture and funeral parlor and a hotel! A few years later, a bowling alley and a theatre also were built.

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The village of Emmett has seen two devastating fires. The first took place on October 17, 1916, when a fire started in the building housing the poolroom and barbershop and, driven by high winds, rapidly swept through the main part of the town and destroyed all except two of the buildings – The Emmet House Hotel and the post office. Many of the destroyed businesses were later rebuilt, but the town never again regained the same level of commercial activity that it had several years earlier.

The second fire occurred on October 16, 1966, when Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church burned down. This Catholic Church was the religious and social center for the Irish immigrants of the area.

The first Catholic mass in this area was celebrated in the log cabin home of



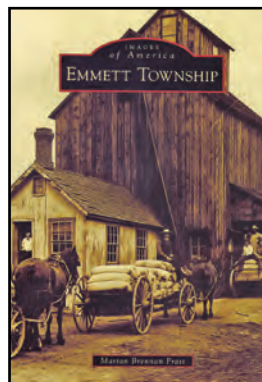
While fall dinner was being served October 16, 1966, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church burst into flames.

Patrick Dunigan in 1840. A log cabin church was then built in 1855, followed by a wood-frame church in 1865. When the parishioners had outgrown the latter, a decision was made to relocate and build a new church in downtown Emmett. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church was dedicated on January 18, 1897. Following the fire of 1966, a new more modern church was built at 10828 Brandon Road, where it still stands today and remains an all-important center for Catholics and for those of Irish descent in the area.

*Images of America, Emmett Township* brings this early history alive through photographs that are divided into the following chapters: "Our Town," "Farm Implements," "The Church," "Our Houses," "Our Schools," and "Our People."

Marian Brennan Pratt canvassed the countryside around Emmett for pictures to include in this book. Large boxes of pictures were often pulled out from under older resident's beds. In her quest, Marian located priceless photos that are invaluable in telling their tales of this quiet Irish farming community in the Thumb of Michigan.

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## The Angel Advisor

### Vacation Planning for Family Caregivers

**By Jeffrey Johnson**

*ThumbPrint News Guest Writer*

This is the time of year that many of us look forward to summer vacation – a much-needed break from our day-to-day responsibilities and an opportunity to rest, have fun and re-charge. Unfortunately, it is often the people who are most in need of some time off – those with the largest amount of work and/or family responsibilities – who find it the hardest to get away. Family caregivers – spouses caring for husbands or wives, or adult children or grandchildren caring for elderly relatives – often fall into this category.

If you are the part-time or full-time caregiver for an elderly loved one, it is understandable to feel overwhelmed, or even a little guilty, about leaving town for a few days or weeks. However, it is also important to understand the significance of maintaining your own health and how taking vacations – even short ones – can do wonders for warding off the physical and emotional effects of caregiver stress. With proper planning, and use of the right resources, it is possible to enjoy a fun and relaxing trip knowing your loved one will still receive all of the care they need. Here are a few suggestions to help you get away.

If your loved one already resides in a retirement community, assisted living or nursing facility, make sure you inform their care team of your travel plans. Leave behind a copy of your itinerary, your contact information, as well as the contact information for another local family member or friend to call in the event of an emergency.

If your loved one still lives in their own home, but you regularly assist with errands such as grocery shopping or provide transportation to doctor's appointments, you will need to find someone who can reliably fill-in for you while you are gone. Another family member, friend, neighbor, or a paid home health caregiver are all options to consider.

No matter who will be assuming your responsibilities while you're away, you will want to be sure to sit down and write out a detailed list of everything you do in your role as caregiver along with instructions of when and how you perform each task. Include a list of all of your loved one's doctors with contact information, a detailed list of



medications and dosage instructions, and who to call in the event of an emergency. Leave one copy of this information home with your fill-in caregiver and take a copy with you. Again, leave behind a copy of your travel itinerary and your emergency contact information.

If you are providing full-time care for your loved one, it may be in both of your best interests to hire professional respite care. There are different kinds of respite care to consider; the best option will be determined by the amount and type of care your loved one requires.

**In-home respite** – provided by non-medical home care agencies, such as Visiting Angels, to help with hygiene, meal preparation/diet monitoring, light housekeeping, errands, shopping and companionship. In-home care can be part-time or full-time based on the needs of the person receiving the care.

**Adult day-care centers** – if you can arrange transportation and overnight care for your loved one, many churches and community centers provide adult day-care services to care for and engage seniors during the day.

**Short-term nursing homes** – some nursing homes will care for patients on a temporary basis in the event their regular caregiver is out of town.

**Day hospitals** – if your loved one requires medical care, some hospitals have programs that provide care to patients during the day. Again, you will need to make other arrangements for overnight care and transportation.

Everyone is entitled to a break now and then. For a family caregiver, taking a vacation may mean extra planning and expense, but it is also a necessity if you are to stay at your mental and physical best as you care for your loved one. To learn more about the support services available in your area, contact your local Area Agency on Aging (AAA) or Visiting Angels at 810-3-ANGELS or 810-326-4357 or visit [www.VisitingAngels.com](http://www.VisitingAngels.com)

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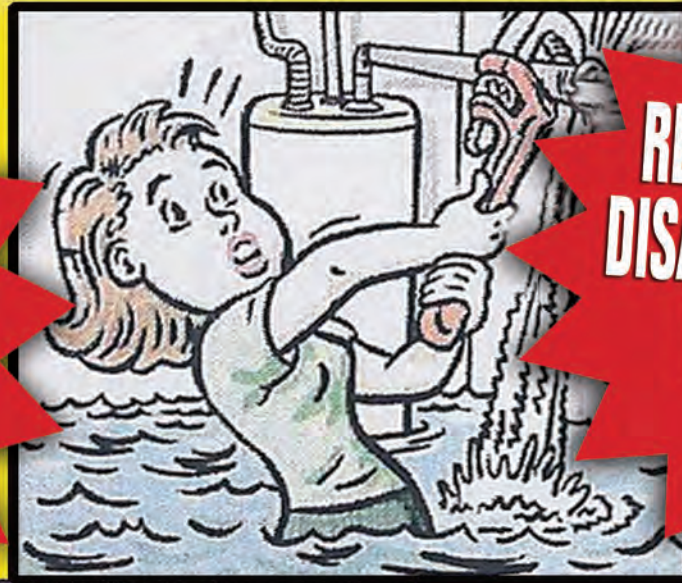
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## SOLDIER'S MEMORIAL

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for all was Wright Cemetery. In the end, about 135 people meandered among the old headstones of the small township cemetery, many of which had broken over time or had become almost unreadable.

It was June 25, 2012 and the purpose of the gathering was to hold a memorial service for Deloss M. Haviland, a young man who had died at the age of 21. In the crowd gathered at Wright Cemetery there were children as young as two, as well as elders who needed help with their walkers and wheelchairs, some approaching ninety years of age. And, yet out of all of those attending the memorial service, not one person knew Deloss, at least not in the sense that he was in their immediate family or a neighbor or a former friend or schoolmate.

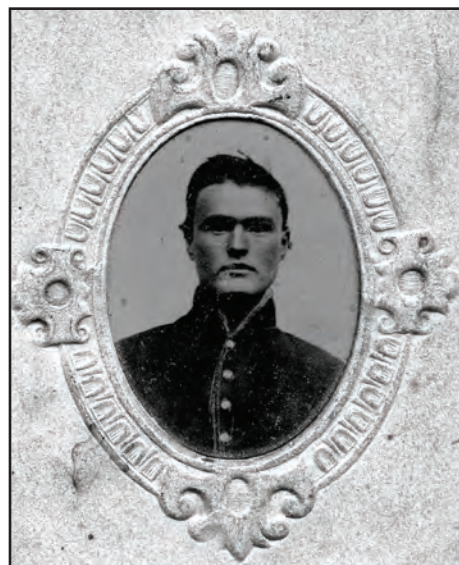
You see, Deloss had died almost 150 years ago to the date (on June 27, 1862) at the Battle of Gaines Mill in Virginia during the Civil War. He had enlisted in the 4th Michigan Volunteer Infantry in the early spring of 1861, along with his brother, Lewis A. Haviland and a close friend and relative by marriage, Austin T. Smith. The

three, along with a thousand other men from Michigan's southern-most tier of counties, soon were on their way to help defend their country. Their patriotism was at an all time high. They were only a couple generations removed from their ancestors who had fought in the Revolutionary War. Their grandfathers had talked about their service for their country. None of the three, like so many other Union volunteers, were willing to let the newly formed country become divided.

When Deloss, Lewis and Austin had enlisted, their thoughts were not of death and dying. They were excited to be doing their part to help their country. They were full of adventure. They were young and idealistic and hadn't had the opportunity to witness the horrors of war. Unfortunately, only a little over a year later, Deloss would die a violent death during the Battle of Gaines Mill. His brother, Lewis, was not only wounded in the same battle, but also had to witness the death of his brother. Lewis would only have time to reach down and grab the cap off his lifeless brother's head before he had to retreat from the relentless Confederate onslaught.

So, how did it come to be that on June 24, 2012, about 135 people were gathering for a memorial service, for Deloss at Wright Cemetery? The story begins with Deloss, Lewis and Austin, who were prolific letter writers and who shared the same tent during at least a portion of their service with the 4th Michigan Volunteer Infantry. At least fifty-six letters were written back home to their families in Livingston County, Michigan. The majority were written to Russell M. Cadwell and his wife, Harriet E. (Smith) Cadwell. Russell was the half brother of Deloss and Lewis. Russell's wife, Harriet, was the sister of Austin. Amazingly, these letters survived 150 years.

Eventually, the letters came into the



Deloss M. Haviland, 1841-1862. Original tintype owned by and reprinted courtesy of Diane (Amrhein) Wynings

possession of Russell and Harriet's youngest son, William J. Cadwell and his wife, Izena (Haviland) (Noble) Cadwell. William and Izena spent part of their married life in a two-story, clapboard house in Boyne City, Michigan, where, sometime between 1920 and 1940 they experience an upper level fire that almost destroys the letters that were being stored in a dresser or cupboard on that level. Although one bears char marks from the inferno, the letters survive.

William Cadwell passed away in 1946 and his wife, Izena, followed eleven years later. In the summer of 1957, it remained up to their two daughters, Sybil (Cadwell) Glaza and Cyril (Cadwell) Ogden to sort through all of the remaining household items in preparation for selling their childhood home. Edward J Glaza, Sybil's youngest son, traveled with his mother from Grand Rapids to help. Edward J (known as E J) discovered the letters upstairs and asked if he could have them. His mother and aunt let him keep the letters. E J is the great grandnephew of all three letter writers, Deloss, Lewis and Austin.



Almost 150 years after his death, Deloss Haviland received a 21-gun salute from the Fourth Michigan Infantry Honor Guard. Photo courtesy of Larry Herrington

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In 2009, the remarkable letters, now fading but still intact, came into the possession of Linda Glaza-Herrington, E J's niece, and second great grandniece of the letter writers. Linda decided to transcribe the letters so that they would be preserved for the descendants of Deloss, Lewis and Austin and also for future generations. As she did so, the three young soldiers came to life for her through their documentation of the time they had responded to President Lincoln's call for volunteers to help preserve the Union.

The project took a turn, as Linda decided to publish the letters in a book, along with a historical account of what was taking place in the country and in the families of the three young soldiers during this period in history. She enlisted the help of

Diane (Glaza) Kodet, Virginia (Ambrose) Cummings and Sylvia (Rossman) Richards, all family genealogists and also descendants of one or more of the letter writers. Two and a half years later, *Dear Brother & Sister* was published in June of 2012.

The book in itself is a huge accomplishment, and a permanent memorial to Deloss, Lewis and Austin. But for Linda, there was still something gnawing at her very being as she worked feverishly to complete the book with the help of her cousins. Lewis A. Haviland was wounded at the battle of Gaines Mill, but survived the war and returned home, ultimately to marry twice and to father 11 children, nine of whom survived until adulthood. He was buried in Wright Cemetery and most likely a memorial service for him was held at the time of his death, with at least some of his children attending. Austin T. Smith did not survive the war. Although he was discharged due to disease contracted during his service in the Civil War, he didn't make it back home. He died near Falmouth, Virginia a few days after his discharge. However, his brother-in-law, Russell M. Cadwell, at some point travelled to

Virginia to retrieve Austin's body and bring him back home to be buried in Wright Cemetery, where many of his family were, or would be, buried in the future.

But what about Deloss? He died a violent death at Gainesmill. His body was left to rot on the battlefield, along with thousands of other soldiers. His bones were never returned to his family in Livingston County, Michigan. Whether a memorial service was ever held cannot be ascertained. Linda was haunted by the

fact that Deloss should be remembered, not just because he died in the Civil War, but because he was and is a part of a larger family – those ancestors who went before him and those descendants who came after.

With the help of Linda's husband, Larry, she embarked on an arduous process to have a memorial stone ordered from the United States government, to provide a concrete monument in Wright Cemetery to the selfless devotion and ultimate sacrifice that Deloss M. Haviland gave for his country. In the summer of 2011, with the assistance of the Sons of the Union Veterans, the monument was finally erected while a handful of people witnessed.

However, Deloss' ultimate sacrifice for his country required something more – a memorial service that would forever give him a place to reside in the hearts and minds of his descendants and to honor his service for his beloved country.

On June 25, 2012, as 135 people gathered for Deloss' service, a large majority of those in attendance were descendants of Deloss and Lewis. Others descended from Austin Smith and a handful of those in attendance descended from both. Although no one present knew Deloss, they all knew of him. They came now to pay their final respects.

A casual observer to the memorial would have been pleasantly surprised. Children dressed in red, white and blue, some dressed in casual shorts and tank tops, played alongside children dressed in period dress of the Civil War era. Men and women, also in period dress, intermingled with the attendees as they awaited the beginning of the service. People walked around the cemetery, holding a guide created by Diane

(Glaza) Kodet, showing the location of the tombstones and memorial stones for those who were memorialized in Wright Cemetery and were relations of Deloss, Lewis or Austin. Music from the time of the Civil War, provided by a Civil War dulcimer group called The Vintage Strings, played softly in the background.

Once the ceremony began, everyone fell silent. Even the children seemed to sense the importance of this solemn occasion at their own level. Some people sat in lawn chairs, some sat on the grass, others stood. A few even used a headstone to lean against.

The ceremony was led by the Sons of Union Veterans and included a speech on the importance of remembering the past, a speech about the 4th Michigan Infantry and what their role would have been 150 years ago, a prayer, presentation of Colors by the Color Guard and Honor Guard, a prayer and Chaplain's address, rendering of the Military Salute and Taps, family remarks and more. By the time the service ended, most of those who had come to honor Deloss felt that they knew him better. And what could

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Members of the Fourth Michigan Infantry, Company A



Men, women and children in authentic Civil War period dress intermingled with the attendees.

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have been a better end result than for Deloss to finally receive the recognition he so rightfully deserved for the ultimate price he paid in defense of his country?

Edward J Glaza, Deloss' great grand-nephew and the one who had asked to keep the letters more than 50 years ago in Boyne City, Michigan, was one of those attending. At almost 85 years of age and in failing health, he made the pilgrimage to Wright Cemetery for the service. He felt he had to be there. It was that important to him. It must have been profoundly rewarding and satisfying to see this ceremony take place and know that the letters he protected for so long would now be available to future generations in *Dear Brother & Sister*.

The crowd slowly dissipated, but many seemed almost reluctant to leave. There was a kinship, a sense of history and most of all, for many, a connection to Deloss that would never be forgotten. Many seemed unwilling to say goodbye since they had only recently gotten to know Deloss.

However, somewhat comforting may be the words written by Austin Smith on August 15, 1861 in one of the salvaged letters:

*"we shall meet again in peace with the thought that we have not lived for naught  
I have no more to write"*

Deloss did not live or die for naught. His memory lives on with those who now know him and appreciate that his life was given, along with so many thousands of



Edward J Glaza, great-grandnephew of Deloss and responsible for the preservation of Deloss' letters

other soldiers, so that they can continue to enjoy the freedoms they have today in this wonderful country of ours. 🇺🇸

*Editor's note: This is the first time a government issued memorial stone for a Civil War veteran has been placed in this state. To see more photographs from this historic event, visit [www.cousinsbooks.com](http://www.cousinsbooks.com). See the ad below for information about the new book, *Dear Brother & Sister*, mentioned in the article above and how you can purchase a copy.*

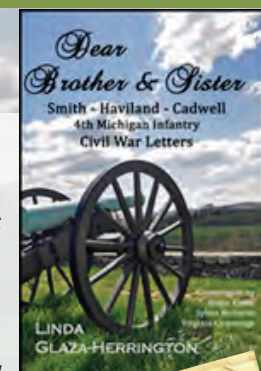
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- 8:00am Armada Fair /Animal Oasis Opens
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4-H Draft Showmanship Horse Show
- 10:00am Open & 4H Poultry Judging (Poultry Barn)
- 2:00—4:30 pm FREE Stick Horse Rodeo (Grove Area)
- 4:00pm **Carnival Opens** Big Rock Amusements, Inc.
- 5:00pm **Opening Ceremonies** (Main Arena Stage)  
*Announcing: Homemaker of the Year, Youth Achiever of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, and 4-H King and Queen*
- 6:00pm Longest Ponytail Contest (Grove Stage)  
Twins Look Alike Contest (Grove Stage)

## TUESDAY

AUGUST 14 **SENIOR DAY**

62 & Over \$6.00 Admission (with Current I.D., Tuesday ONLY)

**MONSTER TRUCKS**  
7:00PM



- 8:00am Armada Fair / Animal Oasis Opens
- 9:00am 4-H/Open Draft Horse Hitch (Horse Arena)  
Hafingers, Fjords & Mule Hitch Horse Show  
4-H Swine Show (Barn 15)  
4-H Dog Showmanship & Obedience Show
- 12:00 Noon **Carnival Opens** - Big Rock Amusements, Inc.
- 2:00 pm-4:00pm The Dance Studio (Grove Stage)

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- 12:00—4:30 pm FREE Stick Horse Rodeo (Grove Area)
- 5:00pm FREE Pizza Eating Contest (Grove Area)

## WEDNESDAY

AUGUST 15



7:00pm

**Demolition Derby**

- 8:00am Armada Fair /Animal Oasis Opens
- 9:00am Open Goat Judging (Show Tent)  
Open Sheep Judging (Show Tent)
- 12:00 Noon **Carnival Opens** - Big Rock Amusements, Inc.  
**\$1.00 each per ride from 12:00 Noon to 6:00pm**
- 12:00pm-5:00pm Children's Activities (Sponsored By: A&B Trucking)  
FREE Candy Scramble, Face Painting, Rope Making (Grove Area)
- 1:00pm Pedal Pull Registration (Grove Area)  
*First 150 Children: Ages 4 - 11 • Entry Fee: \$1.00*
- 1:00pm 4-H Sheep Judging (Barn 15)  
Open Mini Horse Halter Show (Horse Arena)
- 2:00pm Pedal Pull (Grove Area)
- 2:00-4:00pm Balloon Characters (Grove Area)
- 4:00pm 4-H Goat Judging (Barn 15)
- 5:00pm FREE Pizza Eating Contest (Grove Area)
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AUGUST 16



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4-H Bee...  
4-H Rab...  
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4-H Mini...  
12:00 Noon **Carnival** Opens - Big Rock Amusements, Inc.  
12:00pm-5:00pm Children's Activities (Sponsored By: A&B Trucking)  
FREE Candy Scramble, Face Painting, Rope Making (Grove Area)



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- FREE Candy Scramble, Face Painting, Rope Making (Grove Area)
- 1:00pm Pedal Pull Registration (Grove Area)  
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- 2:00pm Pedal Pull (Grove Area)
- 2:00-4:00pm Balloon Characters (Grove Area)
- 5:00pm FREE Pizza Eating Contest (Grove Area)
- 7:00 pm-8:00 pm Rhythmic Gymnastics (Grove Area)

**Armada Fair Refreshment Tent**  
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AUGUST 16

7:00pm  
**Figure 8 Race**

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Oasis Opens  
Dairy (Dairy Barn)  
4-H Dairy Judging (Show Tent)  
Horse Judging (Barn 15)  
Rabbit Judging (Rabbit Barn)  
Mini Horse Show (Horse Arena)  
Horse Judging (Horse Arena)  
Carnival Opens - Big Rock Amusements, Inc.

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Painting, Rope Making (Grove Area)  
Carnival Registration (Grove Area)  
Children: Ages 4 - 11 • Entry Fee: \$1.00  
Carnival (Grove Area)  
Characters (Grove Area)  
Pie Eating Contest (Grove Area)  
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AUGUST 17

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12:00 Noon Carnival Opens Big Rock Amusements, Inc.

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FREE Candy Scramble, Face Painting, Rope Making (Grove Area)  
1:00pm Pedal Pull Registration (Grove Area)  
First 150 Children: Ages 4 - 11 • Entry Fee: \$1.00  
1:00pm R.A.E.T.A. Demonstrations  
Sawmill, Threshing, Antique Hay Baler. (Antique Tractor Area)  
4-H Saddle Halter Horse Show  
2:00pm Pedal Pull (Grove Area)  
2:00pm-4:00pm Balloon Animals (Grove Area)  
5:00pm FREE Watermelon Eating Contest (Grove)

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## SATURDAY

AUGUST 18

**TRUCK & TRACTOR PULL**  
1:00pm, 6:00pm

8:00am Armada Fair/Animal Oasis Opens  
9:00am Open Rabbit Show (Rabbit Barn)  
10:00am 4-H Saddle Horse Show (Horse Arena)  
11:00am R.A.E.T.A. Demonstrations  
Sawmill, Threshing, Antique Hay Baler (Antique Tractor Area)  
12:00 Noon Carnival Opens Big Rock Amusements, Inc.  
2:00pm Animal Fashion Show (Grove Area)  
4:30pm R.A.E.T.A. Demonstrations  
Sawmill, Threshing, Antique Hay Baler (Antique Tractor Area)  
5:00pm Corn on the Cob Eating Contest (Grove)

## SUNDAY

AUGUST 19

**TRUCK & TRACTOR PULL**  
12:00 noon

8:00am Armada Fair Opens  
Animal Oasis Opens  
10:00am Open Saddle Horses (Horse Arena)  
11:00am R.A.E.T.A. Demonstrations  
Sawmill, Threshing, Antique Hay Baler (Antique Tractor Area)  
12:00 Noon Carnival Opens Big Rock Amusements, Inc.  
Armada Community Choir (Grove Stage)  
3:30 pm-4:30pm Rhythmic Grace (Grove Stage)  
4:30pm R.A.E.T.A. Demonstrations  
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# THROUGH Laura's LENS

By Laura Smith  
ThumbPrint News Columnist

## Lighting the Scene

The lighting in a photograph can make the difference between average and wow. This month's article focuses on using existing or ambient light, camera flash and reflective light that will give your photo the professional look.

### Outdoor lighting:

- **Cloudy days.** Clouds are a natural scrim and/or filter. A scrim is any material that filters direct sun or movie lights. Clouds soften sunlight and eliminate harsh shadows on the face, distributing light evenly. If you use automatic fill flash on your camera to hi-light the subject's face, the background will be darker. A scrim can be a white sheet suspended between two poles or over a line to soften harsh sunlight.



Photo taken outside on a cloudy day without flash



Photo taken outside with fill flash

- **Winter time.** Take morning photos between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. The sun is coming in at an angle between 30 and 45 degrees and sharpens the colors. In the afternoon, shoot photos between 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. The afternoon sun warms the skin tones and colors. Avoid the high midday sun as it washes out the colors and casts harsh face shadows. It can add five to ten years of age to a person's face.

- **Summer time.** Take photos between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. In the afternoon, photos work best between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Avoid the harsh midday sun, unless you are taking photos in the shade.
- **Mid-day photos.** Utilize the shade under trees with on camera fill flash, or in the shadow of buildings or use a scrim without fill flash.
- **Fill light.** Light colored walls with sun shining on them creates great fill light. The photographer places their back against the wall and places the subject in front of them. You can meter automatically or manually if your camera will allow it. If the wall is white it may be too bright for your subject. Professional photographers use this trick for swimsuit photos by utilizing white fill or gold fill cards and have the sun shine onto them. Gold fill cards give a warm, bronze hue to the skin. You can also use those silver colored window reflectors as fill cards.

### Indoor lighting:

- **Window light.** Put your subject next to a window and use the manual setting on your camera. Focus on a neutral color such as gray or the face. Do not focus on the lightest part of the scene as this causes the photo to be too dark. Once you have your setting, then focus the scene and take the picture.

**Pro Tip:** Bounce flash: If you have a Canon EOS or Nikon that looks like a 35 mm, this hint will give your photos the studio look without the expensive lighting equipment. Camera flashes that are on top of the camera will leave shadows when you turn the camera vertical. Eliminating side shadows can be accomplished with an external camera flash attachment that can



Laura recommends using existing window light to catch a great inside photo.

flip up, i.e. SunPack flash brand. Do not put the flash into the camera hot shoe, but utilize an item called a sync cord. That way you can hold the flash up and away from the camera.

You can also buy an item called the Stroboframe that screws into the bottom of the camera. The flash is then placed into a hot shoe attachment. Another pro trick – always meter manually – never automatic when indoors. Happy shooting! 📸

Laura Smith lives in New Baltimore, Michigan and is a professional photographer who started her business back in 1990. Laura will be offering tips to photographers of all skill levels – from beginners to professionals. Laura's website is [www.photographyplusbylaura.com](http://www.photographyplusbylaura.com).

## Card Divination

By Renae Hardy

ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

Divination by definition is perception by intuition, instinctive foresight and/or prophecy. It is also referenced as the practice of attempting to foretell future events or discover hidden knowledge by supernatural means. Intuition by definition is direct perception, rapid insight and/or immediate cognition.

Methods for practicing the art of divination are many. The casting of runes, rolling dice, scrying, palmistry, pendulum dowsing, and the "reading" of just about everything from tea leaves, candle wax and flowers to a wide assortment of cards. Tarot cards are believed to have entered Europe from Egypt sometime during the 14th century, surfacing first in Italy and then spreading throughout Europe. By the mid 15th century the tarot deck was regularly used as playing cards. Mystics implementing the tarot for divination purposes created



an interest that soon popularized the tarot. In addition to the tarot, divination today is also practiced using traditional playing cards and oracle cards.

In simple terms, a card reading is a consultation provided by the cards. The reader employs his/her intuition to interpret the cards and convey their messages. Everyone is capable of card reading. The degree of success correlates to the individual's level of development.

We all possess spiritual gifts of divine communication.

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A psychic will intuitively interpret the cards during a reading as well as energetically receive and

share messages from spirit. Spirit does not necessarily imply "mediumship," however the information could be incorporeal. It pertains to the human soul or mind, the supernatural, and the acquisition of non-inferential knowledge from a non-material, spiritual, source.

The accuracy of a card reading doesn't just rely on the reader. Synchronicity, as well as the law of attraction plays

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an important role. The psychiatrist Carl Jung describes synchronicity as meaningful coincidences for which there are no known causes; and yet are regarded as being more than pure chance. In other words, a psychic event which appears to correspond with a physical one. For instance, you think of someone, the phone rings and it's that person. The "Law of Attraction" is simply like attracting like based primarily on our own thoughts. These concepts suggest

we attract or draw the appropriate cards into the reading.

Next time you're looking for guidance regarding your future, the answers may be waiting in the cards. 📖

*Editor's Note: Renae Hardy is the owner of Radiant Beings, 25962 Knollwood S. in Chesterfield. Renae is a certified energy practitioner and offers many choices for alternative healing. You can contact Renae at (586) 949-0112 or (586) 489-8611.*

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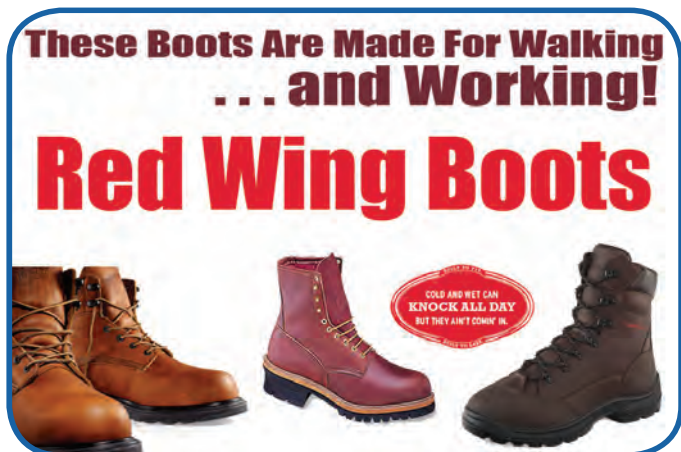


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When we began inviting our readers to submit photos of where they have taken *ThumbPrint News*, we never expected such an overwhelming response! The newspaper has traveled to six of the seven continents. This month, Henry and Shirley Piontkowski of Ubly, Michigan, took the newspaper with them to Apache Junction, Arizona.

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By Stella Otto

ThumbPrint News Columnist

## Tips for a Palate Pleasing Fruit Harvest

August is the month when the fruit garden is overflowing with all its bounty; tangy blackberries, succulent grapes, juicy peaches, and early apples are just some of the rewards. Here are a few tips on picking and preserving the crop to help you reap the full benefits of the harvest.



the base of the stem. If it gives slightly, the pear is ripe. Waiting until it is very soft may give you an over ripe fruit that is off flavor and browning inside.

• All fruit should be refrigerated as soon as possible after picking

to reduce the internal temperature of the fruit. This will extend its storage life considerably.

- When picking, handle all fruit gently. Even apparently hard fruit, such as apples or pears, bruise easily, and bruised fruit will spoil more quickly.
- Finally, enjoy and experiment with novel combinations from your harvest. Blackberries make a nice surprise addition to morning pancakes. Apples, pears and bananas sautéed in a little brown sugar and a touch of lemon juice make a wonderful side dish to a pork roast. To put the crowning touch on a meal, enjoy a heavenly dark-chocolate brownie drizzled with raspberry puree.

Although you can buy fresh fruit at the grocery store, for fun and flavor there's nothing better than homegrown straight from your own garden! 🍓



### Things to remember . . .

- Pick fragile berries in the morning after dew on the plants has dried, but before temperatures get too hot. The fruit will be firmer and less fragile, making it easier to pick. The cool fruit will also stay fresh longer.

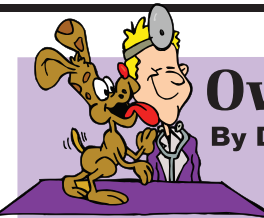
- Small soft fruit, such as blackberries, should be picked and placed in containers no more than three or four layers deep. This prevents crushing.

- Blackberries will be fully ripe and at the peak of flavor once their glossy sheen has changed to a softer more "dusty matte" appearance.

- While picking berries, keep a separate container handy for moldy fruit. Removing them from the planting helps keep unripe fruit from becoming infected.
- Do not wash fruit until just prior to use. This will keep mold from developing on the sweet, ripe fruit.

- For best flavor, fruit should not be picked until fully ripe. One exception is pears. They should be picked when still firm and green, refrigerated, and then ripened at room temperature. Skin color is not a good indicator of ripeness in pears. You can test for ripeness using your thumb to apply gentle pressure to the flesh at

*Editor's note: Stella Otto is an award winning author, horticulturist, and Master Gardener instructor. Her books The BackYard Orchardist: A complete guide to growing fruit trees in the home garden and The BackYard Berry Book: A hands-on guide to growing berries, brambles, and vine fruit in the home garden are available as signed copies at her website [www.stellaotto.com](http://www.stellaotto.com). Also at her website, find The Backyard Fruit Gardener with information and a subscription "Ask the Expert" Q&A resource for all of your fruit gardening needs.*



## Overcoming Noise Phobias

By Dr. DiBenedetto ThumbPrint News Columnist

Medication can help to control anxiety caused by noise phobia, but does not treat the phobia itself. Desensitization and counter conditioning are the preferred methods of treatment.

Desensitization occurs when you expose your pet to the stimulus that induces fear, but at such a low level that fear response does not occur. Counter conditioning is when you teach your pet to respond to the negative stimuli with a more acceptable behavior. Pets vary in what functions as a good counter conditioner. For many pets, offering highly palatable food is very useful, while others prefer play, petting, or massage, inducing either playful or relaxation responses which interfere with your pet's ability to react to the negative stimuli.

For storm phobias, these treatment programs must be done prior to the storm season. Start by settling your pet at the beginning of each session. Then maintain his focus on you and the rewards while playing the noise at a low level in the background. If your pet becomes anxious the session must be stopped so that you do not inadvertently reward the anxious behavior. When you start the next session, begin again with a very low level of noise while getting your pet's attention on you and not the negative stimulus. Then while playing the thunderstorm-related noise, you institute the food reward or the play or relaxation behavior for not reacting. Over an undetermined time frame, depending on the severity and length of time the phobia has been present, you should continue to increase the volume of the noise gradually as long as your pet remains calm with each session. Under no circumstances should anyone continue to expose a dog to these recordings if the dog remains at the same level of distress or becomes more distressed. In these cases drug therapy will be needed to assist in the desensitizing. Once you are able to play the noise at a high level without your pet reacting, you can decrease the amount of sessions you are doing. In time, some pets will actually seek out that toy or counterconditioned behavior when they sense a storm coming. In most pets the counter conditioning will need to be reinforced occasionally. When an actual storm occurs and you initiate the counterconditioned behavior, your pet will ride out the storm with minimal to no negative effects.

Other therapies include altering the pets environment when there is a storm. Place your pet in the interior of the house away from windows to block out the effects of lightening or fireworks or, apply some form of eye shades. If these are loose fitting, most animals will tolerate them. Playing white noise or music can drown out the exterior sounds as well. Because of the complexity of treating storm phobias and the associated anxiety, I recommend seeking advice from your veterinarian or a veterinary behaviorist to have the best chance at success so that both you and your pet can lead a stress free life. 🐾

*Editor's note: Dr. DiBenedetto is a veterinarian at Maple Veterinary Hospital located at 2981 Iowa in Troy, Michigan. The hospital website is: [www.MapleVeterinaryHospital.com](http://www.MapleVeterinaryHospital.com). Dr. DiBenedetto can be reached at (248) 585-2622 for other pet related questions.*

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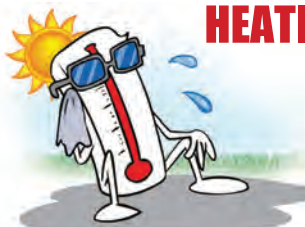
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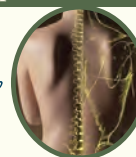
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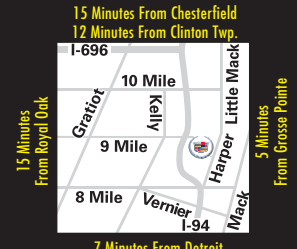
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By Diane L. Kodet  
ThumbPrint News Editor

**1** On this day in 1903, the first coast-to-coast automobile trip (from San Francisco to New York) was completed.

**2** On this day in 1819, the first parachute jump in the United States was made.



**3** On this day in 1882, Congress passed the first law restricting immigration.

**4** On this day in 1693, Dom Perignon invented champagne.



**5** On this day in 1861, the U.S. Army abolished flogging.

**6** On this day in 1890, Cy Young pitched and won his first game.

**7** On this day in 1970, the first computer chess tournament was played.

**8** On this day in 1890, the Daughters of the American Revolution was organized.

**9** On this day in 1859, the elevator was patented.



**10** On this day in 1833, Chicago was incorporated as a village of about 200.

**11** On this day in 1860, the Nation's first successful silver mill was built (Virginia City, Nevada).

**12** On this day in 1676, the first war between American colonists and Indians ended in New England.

**13** On this day in 1950, President Truman gave military aid to the Vietnamese regime Bao-Dai.



**14** On this day in 1846, Henry David Thoreau was jailed for tax resistance.

**15** On this day in 1620, the *Mayflower* set sail from Southampton with 102 Pilgrims.

**16** On this day in 1863, the Emancipation Proclamation was signed.

**17** On this day in 1833, Lou Gehrig broke the record by playing in his 1,308th straight game.



**18** On this day in 1834, Mt. Vesuvius erupted.

**19** On this day in 1826, the Canada Company was chartered to colonize Upper Canada (Ontario).

**20** On this day in 1984, Vanessa Williams was asked to resign as Miss America.



**21** On this day in 1619, the first black slaves were brought by the Dutch to the colony of Jamestown, Virginia.

**22** On this day in 1911, the *Mona Lisa* was stolen from the Louvre in Paris (recovered in 1913).

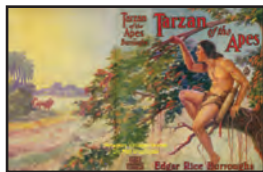
**23** On this day in 1904, the automobile tire chain was patented.

**24** On this day in 1858, the *Richmond Daily Dispatch* reported that 90 blacks were arrested for learning.

**25** On this day in 1609, Galileo demonstrated his first telescope to Venetian lawmakers.

**26** On this day in 1907, Houdini escaped from chains underwater at an aquatic park in 57 seconds.

**27** On this day in 1912, Edgar Rice Burroughs published *Tarzan of the Apes*.



**28** On this day in 1837, pharmacists John Lea and William Perrins first manufactured Worcester Sauce.



**29** On this day in 1925, after a night on the town, Babe Ruth showed up late for batting practice and Miller Huggins suspended Ruth and slapped a \$5,000 fine on him.

**30** On this day in 1945, Hong Kong was liberated from Japan.

**31** On this day in 1897, Thomas Edison patented his movie camera (Kinetograph).



## Memoirs from The Restless Retiree It Takes Two to Tango!

By Gabriel Jones, ThumbPrint News Columnist

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Cook Time: 10 minutes

Makes 8 servings

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- 3 large crisp, red-skinned apples, cored
- 2 tablespoons fat free caramel sundae syrup
- 1½ teaspoons lemon juice
- Fat-free caramel sundae syrup (optional)
- ¼ cup roasted and salted pecan halves

Spread softened ice cream evenly in pie crust; cover and freeze at least 4 hours or until solid.

Ten minutes before serving pie, remove pie from freezer; uncover and set aside.

Thinly slice apples, leaving peeling on. In large non-stick skillet over medium heat, toss apples with lemon juice and two tablespoons caramel syrup. Cook just until apples soften but still maintain their shape, about 10 minutes, turning often. (If necessary, remove apple slices to a bowl as they cook to prevent overcooking.)

Cut pie into 8 slices; top each with about ⅓ cup glazed apples. Drizzle with caramel syrup and sprinkle with pecans.

Serve immediately.



**Candy Corn Cups**

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Makes 4 servings

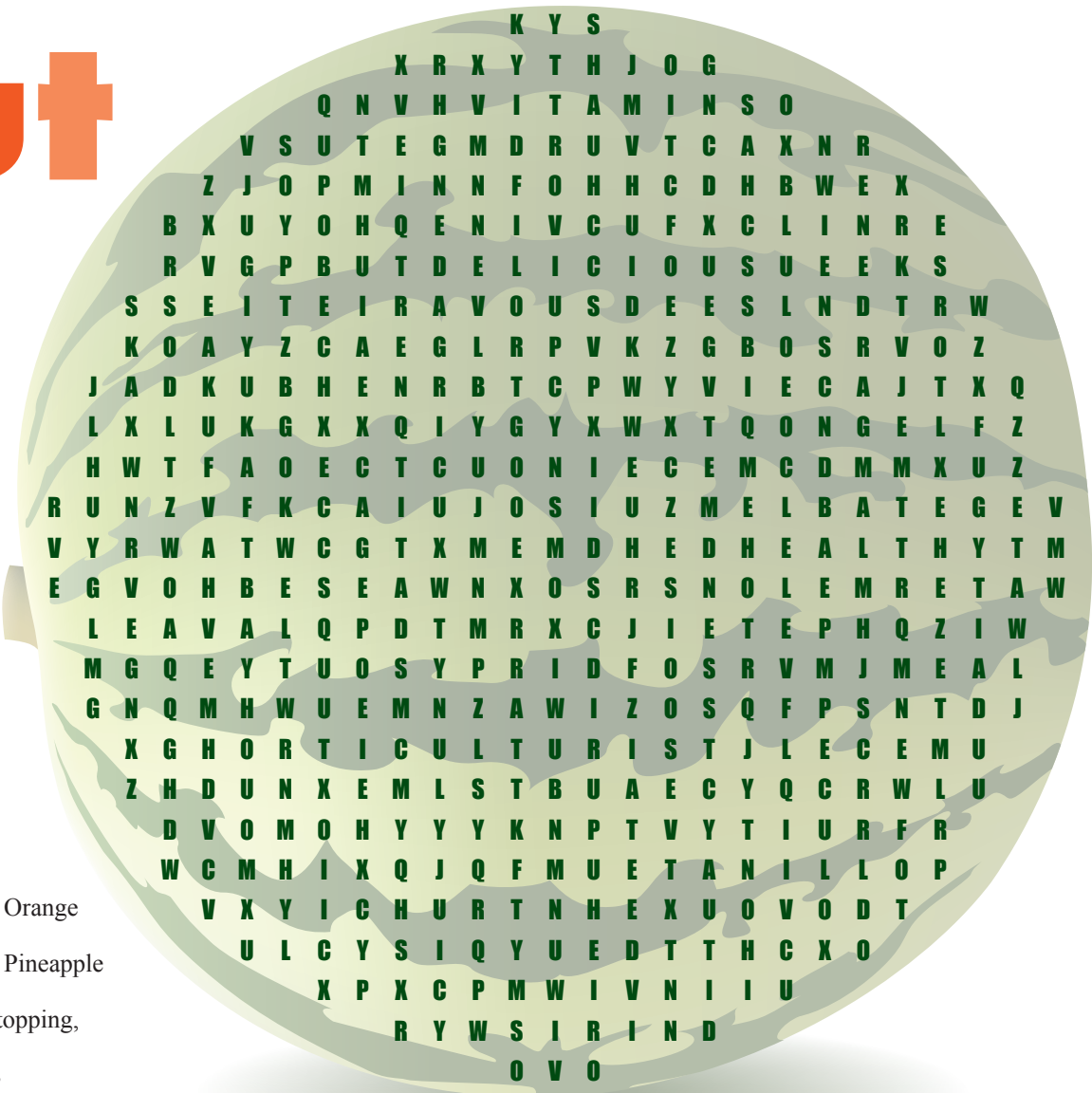
- 8 tablespoons Blue Bunny Premium Vanilla ice cream, softened
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- 4 small martini glasses

For each dessert, spread 2 tablespoons vanilla ice cream in the bottom of a martini glass. Top with 3 tablespoons orange sherbet, spreading smooth, and 3 tablespoons pineapple sherbet, spreading smooth. Place in freezer while assembling remaining servings.

Just before serving, top each with 1 tablespoon whipped topping and 2 candy corn candies.

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## ThumbPrint News Contest

Each month, *ThumbPrint News* prints a photo of an object or a place for our readers to identify. If you think you know the answer, email us at thumbprintnews@comcast.net and put "Contest" in the subject line. Be sure to include your name, phone number and full address. Of all persons submitting correct answers by the 15th of the month, one person will be randomly selected to be entered into a drawing for a gift basket valued at more than \$100 at the end of this year!

On December 31, 2012 one winner will be drawn and the lucky person will be notified. In July's edition, we asked our readers to identify on which building in what city the following weathervane could be found:

No one correctly identified the weathervane as being on top of the steeple at the United Methodist Church in downtown Lexington.

For our August contest we are asking the question, "What is it?" Identify what the object is below and what it is used for. Email your answer to thumbprintnews@comcast.net. Again, be sure to include your name, address and phone number in case you are correct and are entered into the random drawing for a gift basket valued over \$100 at the end of the year! Good luck!



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## Thumb Area Activities & Events for August 2012

If you have an event in September that you would like listed in the September issue of *ThumbPrint News*, email it to [ThumbPrintNews@comcast.net](mailto:ThumbPrintNews@comcast.net) by August 12, 2012. There is no charge for the listing. Limited space is available for publishing events in this section. If it becomes necessary to eliminate some of the events that were submitted to us, we apologize. Events that were submitted earliest and non-profit events will be given the first priority.

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

### Genesee

#### Mt. Morris – August 13-19

**Genesee County Fair**, 6130 E. Mt. Morris Road. Family event providing activities that entertain and educate visitors in agriculture and arts and sciences through an environment of common ground where patrons socialize and participate in events that offer one of the few remaining links between people and land. Visit [www.gcf.org](http://www.gcf.org).

### Huron

#### White Rock – August 5

**Annual White Rock Schoolhouse Museum Picnic**, White Rock Schoolhouse Museum, White Rock Road, ten miles south of Harbor Beach off of M-25. Live music begins at noon, potluck lunch served at 1:00 p.m. Bring a dish to pass, a plate and eating utensils. Activities include a live and silent auction, 50/50 raffle, odds and ends sale, kids' activities and a quilt raffle (two quilts will be raffled). Contact K. Stein at [skstein@avci.net](mailto:skstein@avci.net).

### Lapeer

#### Brown City – August 6-9

**Vacation Bible School**, Valley Center Community of Christ Church, corner of Shepard and Galbraith Line Roads, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. For more information contact Jean at [jean283@msn.com](mailto:jean283@msn.com).

#### Clifford – August 12

**Heritage Day Festival**, St. Patrick's Church, 9851 Main St., 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Tradition states that Heritage Day is celebrated in commemoration of the first recorded event at the Church, the wedding of John and Helen Kelly on August 10, 1886. Event includes a dinner of roast pork and roast beef with all the trimmings (all you can eat), bingo with cash and prizes, children's games, raffles, flea market and country store. Contact Thea at [stjulien462@gmail.com](mailto:stjulien462@gmail.com).

#### Brown City – August 25

**Extreme MudBog Competition**, 8395 Cargill Road. Join us for a full day and night of speed and horsepower with MX racing all day, then a 4x4 extreme mud event under the lights! No glass

bottles please. Contact Ann at [annkonarski@gmail.com](mailto:annkonarski@gmail.com) or visit [www.FreelinMX.com](http://www.FreelinMX.com).

### Macomb

#### Chesterfield – August 2

**Images of America: Shelby Township**, Chesterfield Public Library, 50560 Patricia, 6:30 p.m. Author Hilary Davis will be talking about her latest book in the Images of America series. Event is free. Sponsored by the Chesterfield Township Historical Society. Contact Alan at [alannaldrett@yahoo.com](mailto:alannaldrett@yahoo.com).

#### Chesterfield – August 11 & 12

**Civil War Encampment**, Historical Village, next to Chesterfield Township offices, 47275 Sugarbush. Features living history encampments, battle skirmishes, 12 pound cannon fire demos, and a special appearance by a couple of members of the Michigan Calvary Brigade. Suggested donation is \$1 per adult or \$2 per family. The event is sponsored by the Chesterfield Historical Society. Visit [www.hsmichigan.org/chesterfieldhs/](http://www.hsmichigan.org/chesterfieldhs/) or call Roy or Eileen Rivard at (587) 749-3713.

#### Clinton Township – August 11 & 12

**Charity Poker Run**, Wolverine Harley Davidson, 44660 N. Gratiot, Pre-party: August 11, 4:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Charity Ride: August 12 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Riders \$35, includes breakfast, pig roast. Passengers, \$20, includes breakfast, pig roast. Pig Roast only: \$15. Pre-party includes a live band, charity bike wash, Wolverine bike show, classic car show. Day two begins with continental breakfast, charity poker run, pig roast with live band, auctions and raffles. Proceeds go to Macomb County Habitat for Humanity. Call (586) 263-1540 ext. 120 or visit [www.macombhabitat.org](http://www.macombhabitat.org).

#### Washington – August 16, 24 & 31

**Romeo Idol**, Stone Ridge Church, 7800 W. 32 Mile Road. Romeo Idol is returning to the Romeo Peach Festival. Open to singers from Macomb, Oakland, Lapeer and St. Clair Counties. Round 1: August 16th, 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., ages 14 years and up. Top 32 contestants will be invited to compete in Round 2, August 24, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Top 16 will compete in Finale (Round 3) on August 31, where the new Romeo Idol will be crowned. To register, visit [www.stoneridgeonline.org](http://www.stoneridgeonline.org) and click on the Romeo Idol tab. Call Patti at (586) 752-3905.

#### New Haven – August 26

**17th Annual Heritage Days**, Huron Pointe Sportsmen's Association, 28 Mile Road one mile east of Gratiot or one mile west of County Line. Enjoy fishing at the trout pond, learn fly tying, paint bird house or duck decoy, make your own custom crested arrow and more. Free admission,

raffles and door prizes, food and refreshments available. Proceeds benefit education, promotion and protection of our outdoor heritage. Contact (586) 598-8018 or visit [www.huronpointe.org](http://www.huronpointe.org).

### Oakland

#### Oxford – August 3

**First Fridays**, downtown Oxford. On the first Friday of each month through November, Oxford will host a number of different artists offering hand-made art of various forms. Each month focuses on a different theme and local restaurants adopt this theme through a special menu item and wine. August will be American (hometown local food). Contact Art Capsule Gallery & Frame, (248) 628-5398 or [encapsulate@artcapsule.net](mailto:encapsulate@artcapsule.net).

### St. Clair

#### Emmett – August 10 & 11

Book Sale, Emmett Lions Club, 10830 Mary St., 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Call John at (810) 384-1892.

#### St. Clair – August 10

**Sons of the American Legion 2nd Annual Vintage Car Show**, St. Clair American Legion, Post 382, 1300 Clinton Ave., 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Great food, Hip Hop and Rock 'N Roll music and cool cars! Contact Todd at [traveler125@aol.com](mailto:traveler125@aol.com).

#### Harsens Island – August 11

**First Nations Festival**, Harsens Island St. Clair Flats Historical Society Museum, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Our First Nation neighbors from Harsens Island will be available along with traditional drummers, singers and dancers. For more information visit [www.hiscfa.org/](http://www.hiscfa.org/).

#### St. Clair – August 11 & 12

**Will on the Water**, St. Clair riverfront, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Two-day "user friendly Shakespeare festival" takes visitors back to London, England in the year 1599. Stroll through the Elizabethan world of activities, food, vendors and performances for the enjoyment of all. Adults \$5, children/seniors \$3. Visit [www.enterstageright.org](http://www.enterstageright.org).

#### Port Huron – August 12

**2nd Annual Pedal & Park Bicycle Gathering**, Pine Grove Park, corner of Pine Grove Ave. and Prospect, 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. An open invitation to all bicycle enthusiasts to show up with your bicycles, meet and greet with other bicycle enthusiasts. Booths with various participating sponsors and perhaps some musical entertainment. Contact Franck at [ddepdown@beatnip.org](mailto:ddepdown@beatnip.org).

#### Fair Haven – August 15

**ABCN Co-Op Preschool Open House**, 6572 Church Road. 10:00 a.m.-noon and 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. We are a non-profit co-op preschool run by the parents. Call Leyla at (810) 278-6885.

#### Port Huron - August 15

**Cancer Survivor Picnic**, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, 2601 Electric Avenue, 2:00-5:00 p.m., near the East Entrance. Featuring FREE picnic fare and refreshments, introduction of new Survivor Garden, inspiring stories of survival. Individuals who have faced a cancer diagnosis, or are loving family members, friends and/or caregivers of someone who has battled cancer, are invited to have that endurance, patience and love acknowledged and honored at this special event. For ease in access to the hospital's east entrance and picnic, park in the lot adjacent to Electric Avenue. To register, call 1-888-637-2963.

#### Capac – August 16-18

**Once Upon a Treasure Rummage Sale**, St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 4331 Capac Road. Thursday Early Birds: 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. for \$1.00 entry fee. Thursday and Friday hours are

10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. for general public. Open Saturday from 9:00 a.m.-noon with \$3.00 bag sale. For information contact Jennie at (810) 877-5145.

#### Fair Haven – August 17

**Euchre Party**, St. Peters Lutheran Church, 6745 Palms Rd., registration at 6:30 p.m. Games start at 7:00 p.m. \$5 donation, free goodies, coffee and tea. Hog dogs and pop, \$1 donation. Cash prizes. For more information call (810) 765-8161.

#### Marine City – August 18

**Mom to Mom Sale**, Washington Life Center Cafeteria, 403 N. Mary St., 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. \$1 entrance fee for all shoppers. Tables are available for interested sellers. Visit our website at [www.thecouncilonaging.org](http://www.thecouncilonaging.org) for a contract form, big ticket item form and big item tickets. Forms are also available at the Washington Life Center. Food and drink available for purchase. No baby strollers allowed. Contact Susan at (810) 765-3523.

#### Marine City – August 18

**Mountain Dulcimer Workshops & Concert**, Washington Life Center, 403 N. Mary. The River Strings of St. Clair County proudly offer two classes taught by Dana Gruber: 1:15 p.m. (a variety of dulcimer techniques applied to fun tunes), 3:00 p.m. (guidelines for playing multiple part songs with other instruments). \$20 for 1 class; \$35 for 2 classes. Bring your own dulcimer. An evening concert from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. will feature the River Strings, Dana and her husband, Hank. (\$5 donation for non-workshop attendees). Books and CDs will be available for purchase. Contact Tom Hoy (248) 651-0780 or Susan Schoen (810) 765-3523 for more information.

#### East China – August 22

**St. Clair County Family History Group Members Picnic**, 480 Margaret Street. Bring a dish to pass and a drink. The group plays a game, Shut-the-Box, after dinner. Anyone interested in local history or researching their family tree may visit one of our programs as a guest or become a new member of our group. Visit [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~miscfch/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~miscfch/) or call (810) 989-0399.

#### Marine City – August 30

**Sax Appeal – Dinner and Dancing**, Washington Life Center, 403 N. Mary, dinner at 5:30 p.m., performance at 6:30 p.m. Dinner of vegetable lasagna, bread sticks, salad and desert. Dance floor provided. \$15 per person (\$25 per couple), non-refundable. Tickets must be purchased by Friday, August 24. NO tickets available at the door. Contact Susan at (810) 765-3523.

### Sanilac

#### Sandusky – August 11 & 25

**Thumb Dance Club**, Maple Valley School, 138 Maple Valley Street, 7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. Everyone welcome – bring finger foods (for 9:00 p.m.) and friends. August 11 entertainment will be provided by Dick Hedrich & Son. August 25 is Lighthouse 3. \$4 for members, \$4.50 for non-members. Call Leola at (810) 657-9349 or Dorothy at (810) 404-4250.

### Tuscola

#### Caro – August 10 & 12

**37th Annual Thumb Area Old Engine & Tractor Association Show**, Tuscola County Fairgrounds, 1990 E. Deckerville Rd. Featuring anything "Made in Michigan." See demonstrations of threshing, baling with a stationary baler, a shingle mill, daily tractor parades, and operating antique farm engines. Flea market and food booths. Children's activities are included. Admission is a \$4 donation for adults, 12 and under free. Contact Dale at (989) 673-3430.

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## Gratiot is a Familiar Name In Our Area, Although Difficult for Outsiders to Pronounce

By Charles Homberg

ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

The name Gratiot that appears so commonly from Detroit to the southern tip of the Thumb was that of Captain Charles Gratiot Jr. who was responsible for the construction of Fort Gratiot, located near the mouth of the St. Clair River in St. Clair County, Michigan. Although the fort is long gone, the subsequently built lighthouse and the prospering township both bear his name.

Gratiot was born in 1786 in the city of St. Louis in the Missouri Territory. At that time, it was still owned by Spain, although with the Louisiana Purchase from France, it became integral to the new nation's western expansion. His father, Charles Gratiot Sr., was a wealthy fur trader with 13 children. He was a French Huguenot immigrant and his wife was from a prominent French family. Politically connected, he secured an appointment to West Point for his seventeen year old son from President Thomas Jefferson. Young Charles was in the first engineering class of West Point, graduating after two years in 1806, and was then commissioned into the Army Corps of Engineers.

When Gratiot was sent to Michigan by General William Henry Harrison a few years later, he was promoted to the rank of Captain. With the War of 1812 underway, General William Hull had lost Fort Detroit and the Indian-aided British had seized the only other active fort in the territory, Fort Mackinac. Gratiot's orders were to quickly plan and build the fort on the St. Clair River. Using his engineering training, he located a bluff facing west to protect against Indian attacks, yet positioned so that the Americans could launch an attack on the Canadian territories, if that became advisable. The



swift rapids confronting ships entering the river from the lake made them good targets from the fort's higher mound position. While the plans have never been found, its measurements have been estimated to be about 165 feet by 500 feet.

Presumably unknown to Gratiot, this fort was set not far from where it is believed the French had built one over 120 years earlier. Fort St. Joseph probably never saw action and had long since disappeared. It is remembered only by a marker at Gratiot Park on Gratiot Avenue in Port Huron. This early fort was to protect the French traders from both enemies – the British and the Indians, supporting a fort built at St. Ignace.

About the time that construction of Fort Gratiot was completed in 1816, the War of 1812 was winding down and this fort was abandoned in 1821. It was refortified sometime before the Civil War, where a few troops were stationed but still saw no hostilities and eventually the fort was torn down about 1879. One historian reports that "during its entire life of 65 years there was never a hostile shot from within its walls."

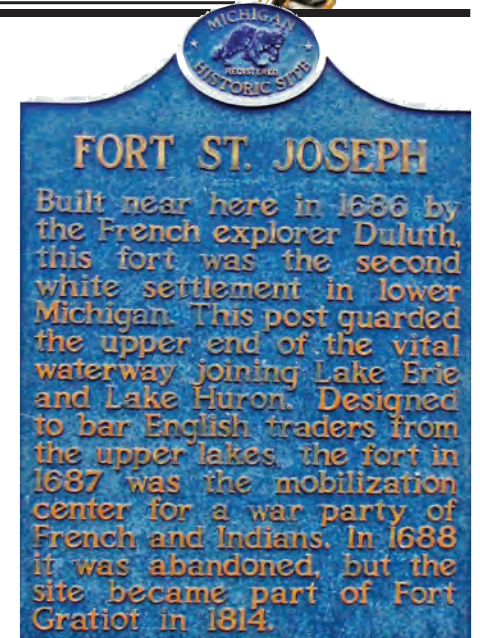
Captain Gratiot had been sent to join the unsuccessful attempt to retake the fort on Mackinac Island in 1814, perhaps the only fighting he saw during his 32 year military career. As will be seen, officers in the army corps of engineers had distinct duties and were rarely called upon to bear arms. Gratiot does not appear to have ever returned to the fort bearing his name or laid eyes on the subsequently built lighthouse that also bears his name. He became the Chief Engineer of the Michigan territory before statehood with an office in Detroit and those duties took him to other installations. Later in his career he was assigned to West Point, receiving successive promotions and eventually becoming a Brevet (acting) Brigadier General. As a Chief Engineer in the Corps, he was also involved in the planning and construction of the Cumberland Road, the first national highway system and several

canals vital to the nation's "Westward Expansion." One of his assistants was the young West Point graduate, Robert E. Lee.

There came a time when the still undermanned army, fearing renewed battles with Indian tribes in the west, transferred Gratiot to the regular army. That dual role, although not unique to him, caused what developed into an unresolved dispute with the government that led to the abrupt termination of his 32 year military career by order of President Van Buren in 1838.

The exact cause of his misfortune isn't clear to this writer. One explanation based on the Internet sources as confirmed in the U.S. Supreme Court decision denying his appeal is as follows. When General Gratiot was transferred from the Corps of Engineers, he received the regular pay for his permanent grade. However, he continued to perform engineering duties. He then billed the government for extra compensation at the rate paid to civilians performing engineering work. Apparently there was some precedent for what might now be called "Moonlighting." The government paid the sum of over \$35,000 into a New York City bank account in his name. Then it sued to determine whether any was owed to him.

The case entitled CHARLES GRATIOT, PLAINTIFF IN ERROR v. THE UNITED STATES was appealed to the High Court twice from the Missouri circuit court, Gratiot's legal residence. It was remanded



for a jury trial, where the jury, following the judge's instructions, decided against him. At the January, 1846 Term the "Plaintiff in Error" Gratiot lost again. A simple explanation of a complicated factual situation was that the government believed he was seeking double pay for the same work. The engineering project(s) was on forts in the Hampton Roads area of the Chesapeake Bay.

Another more sympathetic explanation is offered by William Jenks, a Port Huron lawyer-historian in a 1920 magazine article. His

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Entrance to Fort Gratiot, Fort Gratiot Square

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## GRATIOT

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conclusion was that when the Gratiot had taken over fiscal responsibilities for a defaulting special agent, he had filed separate bills for the two forts under construction, Fort Monroe and Fort Calhoun. Therefore he was entitled to the deposited moneys, after some agreed upon corrections. Jenks believed that Gratiot had to accept his army dismissal to avoid a court martial and to have the matter resolved through litigation, which was impossible so long as he remained a government employee.

While awaiting his case to wind its way through the courts, Gratiot sought restoration of his name along with the bank account by petitioning Presidents Taylor and Fillmore. Although that proved unsuccessful, a Congressional Committee, after a lengthy hearing and reviewing the documentary evidence, spoke in glowing terms of his military career (including erroneously his time in battle) but concluded that it had no authority to overrule the Court and President. Among those who failed to support his cause was a superior officer with another familiar name, General Alexander Macomb.

To provide for his wife and two daughters, Gratiot was forced to take a clerk's position in a Washington agency. His older daughter married a French diplomat and moved to that country. The younger one also wed and had a military officer son. Gratiot died in 1855 and was buried in his native St. Louis.

Charles Gratiot Jr.'s time in this area of



The Fort Gratiot lighthouse

Michigan was brief but his name remains prominent – with no stigma attached here. 🍀

*Editor's note: In regards to the correct pronunciation of "Gratiot," this is what patternsofinkblogspot.com has to say on the matter: The correct pronunciation of "Gratiot" is a mystery that only people in the Port Huron-Detroit corridor seem to know. It was a French name, but it's been anglicized. The first syllable sounds like "grass" with an "H" on the end. It is not pronounced Gra-T-ot but more like "grasshut." (In fact, most people put a soft "i" in the last syllable and it sounds like a warning sign on the lawn of a petting zoo, but this is hard to explain on a family-friendly blog so I'll leave it at that.)*

## County Clerk Jay DeBoyer Announces Veterans' Photo ID Cards

St. Clair County Clerk/Register of Deeds, Jay DeBoyer, has begun to issue Veterans' photo identification cards.

### Submitted By Jay DeBoyer

On Monday, July 16, 2012, following the Independence Day Holiday, the Clerk's office started issuing official county veterans' ID Cards from their office in the County Courthouse.

Veterans may get a card by visiting County Clerk DeBoyer's office and by bringing the following items:

- Military Discharge Papers (such as DD214)
- Photo identification (such as Michigan driver's license, or Michigan ID card)

Veterans who do not have their discharge papers may get them from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs at <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/>. The card is only available to St. Clair County residents and there is no charge at this time.

The ID card produced by County Clerk DeBoyer's office is perhaps the simplest way that the county and the businesses within the county can say thank you to the veterans of St. Clair County. The hope is that this card will provide a benefit to the veteran and also encourage more patronage of businesses within St. Clair County by the veterans. "As we have just celebrated our independence, what better way to say thanks to our veterans who have sacrificed to protect our freedom?" said County Clerk/Register of Deeds DeBoyer. "There are many businesses within St. Clair County that offer discounts to veterans and this is a way to provide the veteran with a compact, easy to carry ID to take advantage of those benefits."

The Clerk's office, which maintains filed discharge papers from veterans, is the logical place for such an ID to be issued. The alternative forms of identification are a "DD214" document, which is paper and easily damaged or a medical ID card, but not all Veterans are eligible for that card.

With the newly implemented Concealed Pistol Licensing System that has streamlined that process, the production of veteran IDs is a secondary use of the existing hardware and software. The Clerk's staff will take the veteran's photograph and electronic signature. The card will be produced on the spot and the veteran will be able to leave the Clerk's office with card in hand. An electronic copy of the card will be maintained in the Clerk's office in the event the card is ever lost or damaged for easy replacement; these cards are high quality and durable and are similar to driver's licenses.

"It is my hope to continue to provide this service to veterans at no cost to them and at no cost to the taxpayer. I am



currently in discussions with some St. Clair County businesses that are interested in sponsoring the incidental cost of the production of these cards," said DeBoyer. "My expectation is to secure a sponsor for this service as well as be able to make this service mobile, so I can go out to various venues to provide this service to the veterans in a more convenient location than just Port Huron."

Former St. Clair County Sheriff Dan Lane, who is a veteran himself, had discussed the possibility of a St. Clair County Veterans' ID with DeBoyer earlier this year and it wasn't until the CPL system software was in place and operational that the production of the card was possible. "I think County Clerk Jay DeBoyer is going above and beyond in performing his job. When I discovered many local stores give veterans a discount, I approached Clerk DeBoyer with the idea of a veterans' ID card. Most veterans would have no way to readily prove they were in fact veterans. For Clerk DeBoyer to take the concept of a Veterans' ID card and run with it will assist any veteran in their quest for recognition. I applaud Clerk DeBoyer for taking this idea and making it happen."

This is an innovative way to use existing staff and equipment to offer a new service to the public. Although not all businesses offer discounts to veterans, the list is continually growing. An unofficial list of some that have offered discounts is available at <http://themilitarywallet.com/veterans-day-free-meals-and-discounts/>.

Veterans are not required to get a county-issued ID card. The county veterans' ID card is not an official Federal Government verification that a person is a veteran.

For information regarding the veterans' photo ID card, please call (810) 985-2200.

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