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Spotlight on a Small Town - Millington

By Barbara Ward Mohr and Ermazine Woodward

ThumbPrint News Guest Writers

We would like to share with you some of the early history of our town - Millington. Millington is located in the southwest corner of Tuscola County. The Township of Millington is known on the government survey as: Town 10, North Range 8 East. Millington has had other names, such as Podunk (thankfully, this name was not recorded). In 1860 a village was platted under the name of Lanesville, however this plat was abandoned along with the name and in 1872 another survey and platting was made under the name of Millington. Millington took its name from the Millington Creek which was so named and recorded on the government survey made in 1822 by Joseph Fletcher. On November 16, 1857, the Township of Millington and the newly organized Township of Watertown were separated, creating two individual townships.

When the first white settlers arrived in the territory that was to become Millington, Indian Dave, along with other Native Americans, was here to greet them. Edwin E. Brainerd was the first of these settlers to come to the township. He and his family arrived on December 24, 1850. On February 24, 1852, the first child was born to the settlement, Edwin's daughter, Elvira Brainerd (she later became



A view of Main St. looking east, Millington, Michigan

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THUMB AREA JUSTICES

By William Easton

ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

The six counties comprising the Thumb area of southeastern Michigan have been home to three justices of the state supreme court and only one who was elevated to the United States Supreme Court. For definitional purposes those men and women who sit on the highest court of the states and country are called "Justices", while those in trial and intermediate appellate courts are just plain judges. Furthermore, to confuse the issue a little more, some states still have courts with "Justices of the Peace". They handle very minor offenses and civil cases, as well as performing weddings. Michigan abolished that court in 1968.

Justice Frank Murphy from Harbor Beach is the only Michigan native who served on the U.S. Supreme Court. Those elected to the state's highest court from this area were Justices Neal E.

Reid from Lenox Township, Eugene F. Black from Marine City and John B. Swainson, a Port Huron High School graduate. The Michigan Supreme Court History Society has an excellent



website with biographies of all who have served on that court. I didn't find any others from this geographical area during the nearly 200 year history of the court.

Historians have expressed views on just what forms the philosophy of a justice. All agree that each brings their own life experiences along with their legal acumen to the bench. Benjamin

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

On Monday, May 27, of this year, we, as Americans, celebrate Memorial Day, a day that was designed to honor those who have paid the ultimate price to ensure our freedom. We have the opportunity to stop and give thanks for the many men and women who have died protecting that freedom.

Since the beginning of the 20th century, enormous numbers of service men and women have lost their lives in seven bloody wars and conflicts. Not only do we mourn for those untimely deaths, but we also pray for the suffering of those families who have been left behind.

Our freedoms are what make our country

great and make it the envy of many others worldwide. It is why millions of foreigners have immigrated to the United States, many eventually becoming citizens and joining our great melting pot. It is for our freedoms that those we honor on Memorial Day died.

We welcome the diversity that different cultures, different races, different religions, and different ideas bring to our country. These enrich us daily. Yet, too often, we as Americans forget about tolerance.

We struggle with our own beliefs in regards to ideologies, religion, race and sexual preference. For some of us our upbringing contributes to us assuming that

our way is the right way, the only way. For others, we try to accept all beliefs and champion every cause, regardless if that inner voice inside each of us tells us that we are in danger of compromising our own convictions, of losing our own identity; we do it because we think it is the "right" thing to do.

I saw this quote on facebook awhile back and it was one of those moments that made me really stop and evaluate my own beliefs, my own convictions, and my own identity:

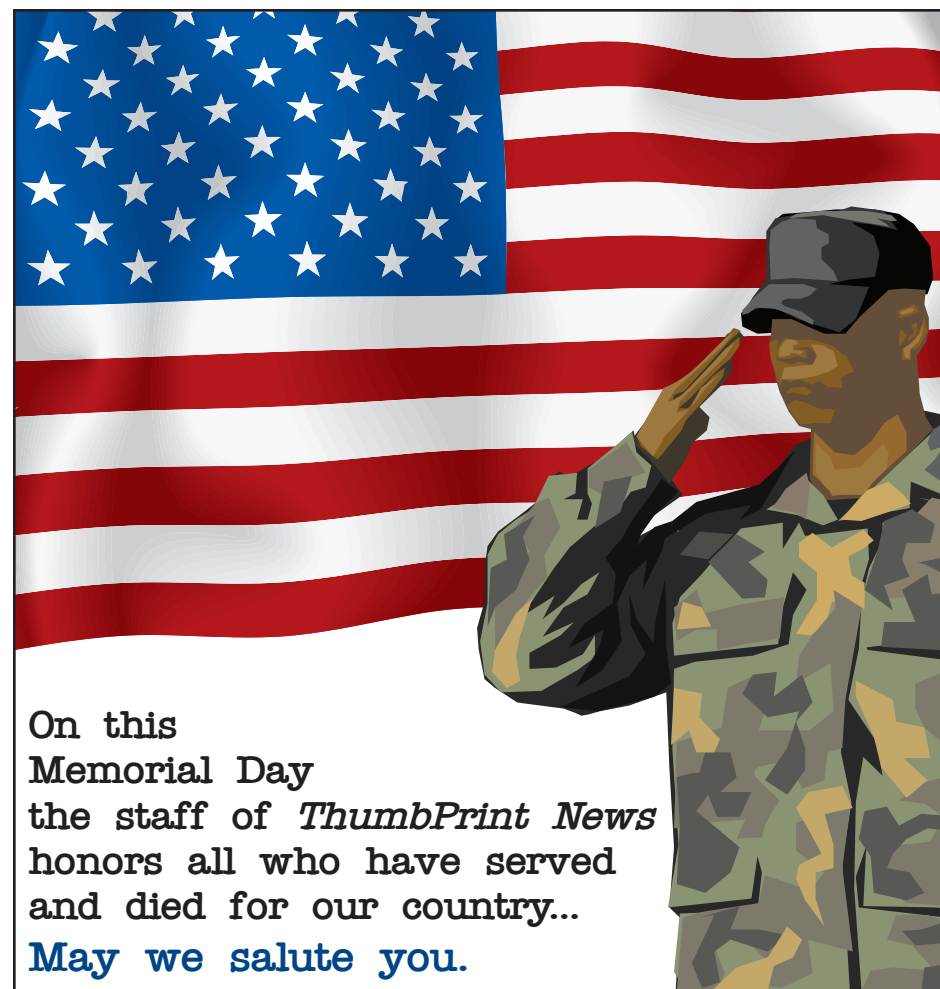
Our culture has accepted two huge lies. The first is that if you disagree with someone's lifestyle, you must fear or hate them. The second is that to love someone means you agree with everything they believe or do. Both are nonsense.

You don't have to compromise convictions to be compassionate.

~ Rick Warren

On this Memorial Day, wouldn't it be a wonderful tribute to those service men and women who died so gallantly fighting for our freedoms if we all took an oath to be compassionate to our fellow human beings, regardless of their similarities to us or differences from us? If everyone worldwide adopted that creed, many of the reasons for future wars or conflicts could be avoided. That truly would be our ultimate way to honor our fallen soldiers. If becoming or remaining compassionate always comes first, we can also become passionate about championing causes and ideas that are truly in harmony with our inner voices.

DIANE KODET
Editor, *ThumbPrint News*



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Mrs. Floyd Star). Not until 1853 would more settlers arrive.

Homer Beach was the next settler to arrive. He came from Brighton, Michigan, in 1853, followed by Marcus Titsworth (from Goodrichville, Michigan), Alfred Fox and Bernard Beals in 1854. Alfred Foster and his family arrived in 1855. These were a few of our earliest settlers and their descendants can still be found living in the area.

One of the oldest recorded farms is the Rice farm, southwest of Millington. Thomas J. Rice obtained the land from the government in 1852, arriving some time later. Other early farms are those of Edwin E. Brainerd, Marcus Titsworth and the Sigelko family. Many of these and other early farms are still in the original families.

On April 17, 1855, the first township meeting was held in the log home of Amos Wolverton. A resolution was passed to raise a thousand dollars for the construction and improvement of the highways and to assist in building a road from Goodrichville. This road would run from Goodrichville through Otisville, Millington and Vassar on to Bay City.

The first elections were held at this meeting. Elected were: Amos Wolverton, supervisor; Jay Rice, clerk; Ira Patterson,

township treasurer; Bernard Beals Sr. and Edwin E. Brainerd (full terms), George Anthony and Franklin Wright (short terms), justice of the peace. The Commissioners of Highways were Homer A. Beach, three years; Alfred Foster, two years; and Allen Glynn, one year. School inspectors were Bernard Beals, two years and Allen Glynn, one year. Directors of the poor were Marcus Titsworth and Samuel McNeil. Roswell Miller and Alfred Foster were the first constables.

The first school district was organized in 1856. This log schoolhouse was just east of Millington on the Marcus Titsworth farm. He was the school's first director with Miss Susan Hoover the first teacher. In 1884, land was purchased from Jacob and Mary Hoover to build a high school. This land, along with other property purchased later, is where the current Millington School buildings stand. The first superintendent of the school was Mr. E. L. J. Mills in 1889. Prior to consolidation with the village school in 1956, there were 20 "country" or one-room schools in the area.

In 1864, the township established a cemetery. It is located on the western edge of the village and one of the first to be buried there was a child, Anna Walterhouse. The first sexton was Samuel Atwood.

Lumbering was one of the first industries of the area, as the forests needed to be



removed to make way for civilization. In 1854, Remick and Allen chose a tract of pine covered land situated in the Millington and Watertown township area for clearing. They erected dams on Goodwin Creek to flood it to run logs down to the mill in the spring. This industry furnished jobs and put money into the area. Other lumbermen at that time were E. G. Allen, William Finel, Peter Lane and Henry Wolfe. Peter Lane and Henry Wolfe built the first sawmill in 1858.

Along with planting crops, many men found it necessary to diversify to serve the needs of the small community. In 1865, the township experienced quite a bit of growth: F. W. Brown was the first man to operate a shoe repair shop and carry groceries for sale, Sam Atwood completed the building of a hotel, Richard Atwood built the first blacksmith shop, with Henry Lindsay doing custom work. Moses Farnum and Homer Beach opened dry goods and grocery stores and Jacob Hoover opened a hardware store. Mrs. Ellen A. Farnum opened a millinery shop for the ladies.

These businesses were followed by another blacksmith shop operated by Alonzo Bostick in 1876, along with many other businesses through the years. Among these were the first grain elevator, which was built by the Clough Brothers and sold to Sioux City Seed (H. B. Johns and Nellie

Johns, owners) in 1887. Eventually this was sold to the Frutchey Bean Company and is still in operation. H. B. Henderson started Henderson Drug Store in 1893. In 1871, the Detroit and Bay City Railway Company obtained the right of way through Millington and laid the first rails here. The first grist mill was started in 1876 by Hosea Larkins.

The Millington House was built by Dr. David Rogers shortly after 1866. Dr. Rogers operated this business until he sold it in 1881 to George C. Thompson. Mr. Thompson changed the name to the Millington Hotel. As the Millington Hotel changed owners, it became known as the Millington Inn and Enos Hotel, among others. This building was demolished after an explosion destroyed much of it.

The Village of Millington was incorporated on March 27, 1877. It originated through the business enterprise of Peter Lane and Henry Wolfe and their sawmill. The first village president was D. N. Blocher. Council members were I. T. Damon, M. M. Atwood, Anthony DeWitt, Jacob Hoover and Albert B. Gould.

The *Millington Messenger* was established by Mr. Patterson as the village newspaper. Through the years, the newspaper's name has changed (along with its owners) to the *Millington Retina*, the *Millington Gazette* (operated by Fred

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The Angel Advisor

A Special Day

By Jeffrey Johnson
ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

Does May 12, 2013, bring up any thoughts about a special person in your life? It should; it's Mother's Day! All around the country, families will be making mom's breakfast in bed, giving her fresh picked flowers from the family garden, or even buying her a cherished gift. It's a wonderful time to offer up a special "thanks" to the moms who raised us, fed us, loved us, and did all this while asking for very little in return. Yet, this entire scenario changes with the aging process. For example, kids, as they grow older, begin to focus on their own families and tend to put their own mom and dad on the back burner. This can make growing old more difficult than it already is. It's time to refocus our efforts to celebrate Mother's Day as it was when you were a child.

It starts with love and empathy. It's time to honor your mom for the many things she has done for you as you grew into adulthood. Share your time and your children's time with Mom. Tell old stories, share those old family pictures, and generally stroll through the past. Show Mom that you love her, and that she will always hold that special place in your heart.

As our parents age, many changes are occurring. These changes are often confusing and overwhelming, many times leaving Mom depressed. Demonstrating your continued love and support will help Mom make it through these trying times. It can be terrifying to grow old, and even more so if your mom feels that she is alone during this time. Make certain not to forget your mom. Put aside your frustrations

with your life and make certain that you are there for her when she needs you, even when she may not think she needs you. Be there. Be as patient with your mom as she was with you when you were growing up.

Make sure to not let the "golden years" turn what was a wonderful life into a nightmare. Try doing things that will allow you and your mom to feel close. Focusing on the elder parent can be a wonderful way for you both to experience all that is good in life. Here are a few tips for staying close to Mom:

- **Go for walks.** Walk her around the block, to the park, or even just around the yard. You can hold hands and talk about the past, present and future. This can make Mom's life seem all worthwhile to her (and to you).

- **Go to church.** Getting back to Mom's basic beliefs will strengthen her ability to handle her situation and make dealing with her future easier.

- **Make sure you stay in touch.** Visits, telephone calls and letters add so much to an elder person's life. It just makes sense to figure out ways to always stay connected.

- **Ask Mom for help.** Depending on her abilities to participate, doing things together, such as preparing a meal, can be a great way to keep that special closeness.

- **Go for a scenic drive through the old neighborhoods.** Especially at this time of year, with the flowers blooming, it's simply beautiful to get out and experience life.

May 12th is only one day and Mother's Day should be all year long. Yet, if you have forgotten to do the special things throughout the year that will make your aging mom feel special, May 12th is the day you can begin to make a change for the better. There are no losers when we all focus on our parents. 🍀

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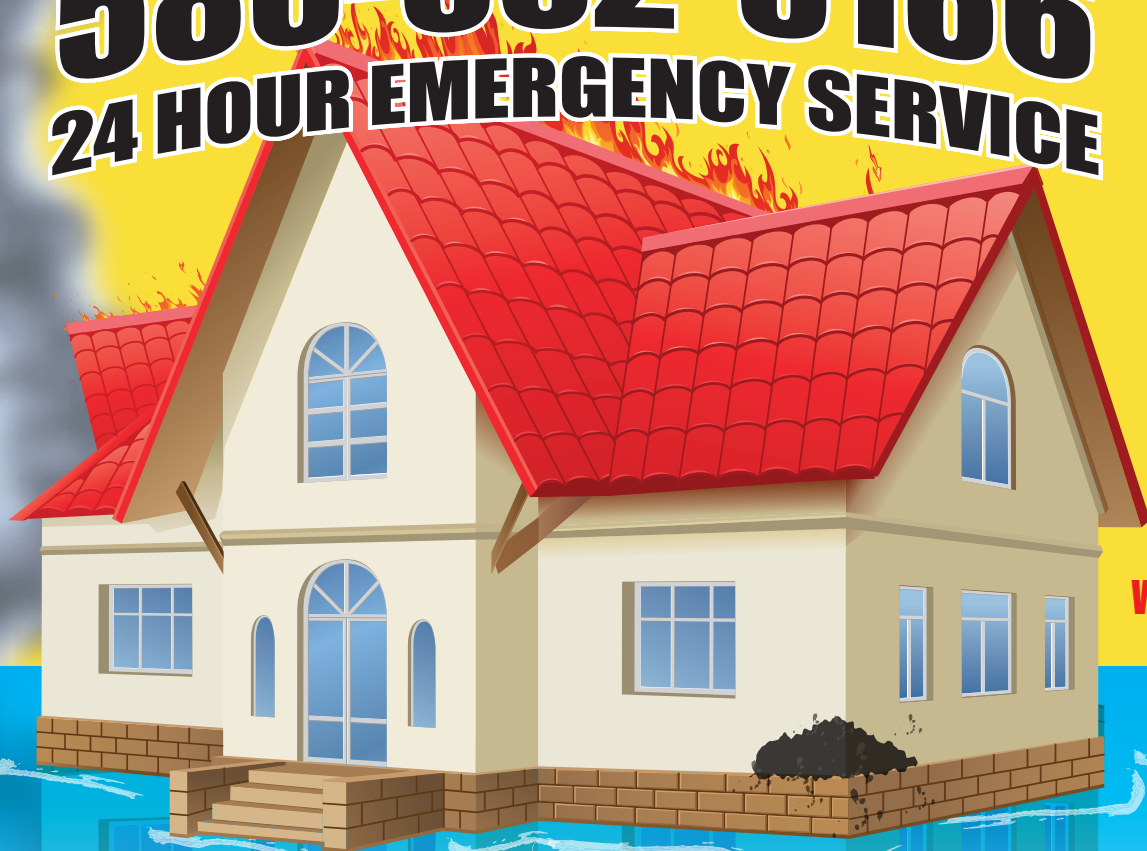
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GRANDMA'S KITCHEN



By David Gillis

ThumbPrint News Columnist

My wife is a wonderful baker, which explains to a great extent why my ongoing battle to regain my youthful figure has been far less than successful. Recently, while working at my desk, I was pleasantly interrupted by an aroma coming from the kitchen. Yes, she was at it again - redirecting my efforts at intelligent thought to a more basic and primitive interest in filling my long-ago developed craving for baked goods.

As the smell of freshly baked bread caused me to delay a now less than important work-related project, I began to remember where that special drive in search of pastry really came from. It was in my fraternal grandmother's kitchen.

My grandmother was raised on a farm and raised her family on one. She would often tell stories about not having much, but said she was always able to feed her family. Baking was her specialty and Saturday was the day she devoted to this task of love.

Living across the street from Grandma's house as a young boy afforded me the opportunity to visit with her often. Saturday was the one day of the week that I looked forward to that short trip to her house and I would always be there early.

I can recall as I entered the front door each Saturday morning the exciting smell coming from her kitchen in the rear of the house. She would beckon me with a "Come on in, Davey" without even looking to see who had just entered the house. She knew who was there.

As I would enter the small kitchen area she would be standing there in a flower print house-dress and an apron already covered with flour. She had begun her orderly weekend routine of making donuts, pie, cake and bread. It was always in that order without exception and without anything forgotten. But, each required Grandma's special touch.

Her donuts were referred to as "fry cakes" for an obvious reason - that's how they were made. Certainly, if

we called them that today our health-conscience society might avoid them, or maybe not. She would roll the dough into perfect rolls, the same size every time, and press them with a cutter that allowed the hole in the middle to appear. It is important to remember this process.

Then she would drop the O-shaped creation into a pot of hot grease for a few minutes and produce golden "fry cakes." And, what about the middle of the donut I suggested we remember? Well, that was very special because she would also drop them into the boiling fat and, when removed, roll them in a mixture of cinnamon and sugar for my first treat of the day - donut holes. (I suppose you thought Tim Horton invented them).

The next item on Grandma's menu of mouth-watering delights was her pie. She would make one each week, either apple, mince-meat, raisin or my very favorite - rhubarb. She did not call her sweet and sour filling "rhubarb" however. To her it was "pie plant" she had grown in her backyard garden.

The recipe for the pie crust she carefully crafted was taken from the wrapper of a pound of lard. Yes, lard, not shortening, and the recipe called for the full pound. The white colored animal fat was a main ingredient to her fantastic flaky pastry. I am told that the recipe can still be found on a package of lard, which will probably not be purchase by any cholesterol-conscience consumer.

As Grandma trimmed the crust from around the pie pan prior to its entry into the waiting oven, she would take the small pieces that were left, shape them into twisted sticks, sprinkle them with cinnamon and sugar, and bake them. I'll bet you can guess who those were for.

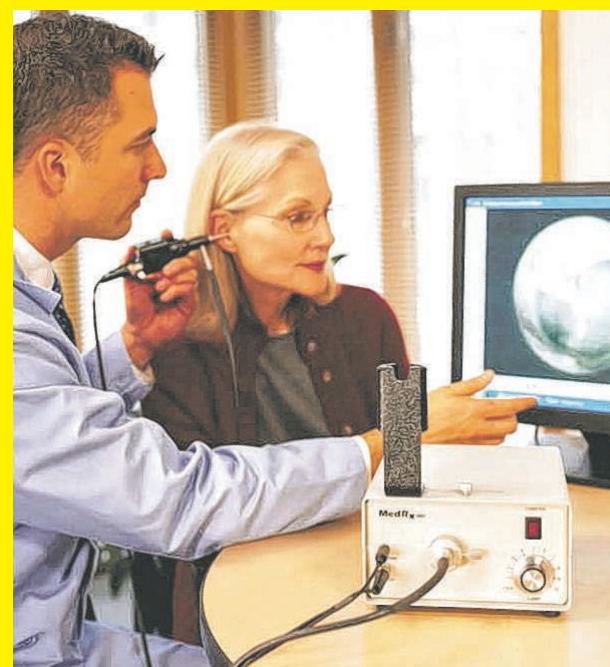
I could continue detailing my Saturday mornings in Grandma's kitchen. I might tell you about the great chocolate cakes, her specialty potato bread, and the occasional sugar cookies. However, I believe I have gained weight just writing this brief remembrance.

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By Paul Bujak
ThumbPrint News Staff Writer

Summertime is filled with hot air, bugs, pollen and poison ivy. You may think there is nothing worse than getting a bad sunburn, nasty bee sting, or even an itchy rash from poison ivy....but there is. There are many weeds that we don't know much about and what they can do to our allergies, skin and even our vision. When gardening, always use gloves and take extra precaution when pulling weeds that you are not familiar with. One of the most dangerous weeds that has been found in Michigan is the Giant Hogweed.



Hogweed is listed as a noxious weed and is known for its enormous size and ability to cause major skin blisters and burns. Other plants, such as Wild Parsnip and Queen Anne's lace, can cause similar but milder reactions. These weeds must be controlled and taken care of once they are found on one's property. Mowing or cutting down the weed can regulate its growth, but these methods also pose a high risk for sap contact. Triclopyr, Escort and Milestone herbicides can help control the Giant

Giant Hogweed was first found in Michigan back in 1991, in a field in Ingham County. There are 30 sites containing these weeds in 11 counties throughout Michigan. They have been known to grow along roadside ditches, tree lines, and heavily wooded areas. The Giant Hogweed contains a sap that can cause severe burns and even blindness when coming in contact with the eyes. In 2005, the State of Michigan put the Giant Hogweed on the prohibited plant species list.

Hogweed and can be found in most home and garden stores. If you are unable to treat the infestations, contact a professional herbicide applicator.

Growing anywhere from six to 16 feet in height, the Giant Hogweed can also produce leaves up to five feet across. Comparable to the Cow Parsnip, the Giant Hogweed is generally much taller and has a pinkish stem compared to purple blotches on the Cow Parsnip. The Giant

If you come in contact with the Giant Hogweed, wash the effected areas with soap and water and treat mild reactions with cool wet dressings, topical steroids, and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs). If the reaction is more intense, seek medical attention immediately!




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1913 Storm? Old weather records prove there were two, not just one great storm. The book is currently only available at Jim Clary's Gallery (address below) from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The price of the book is \$19.99. For further information call (810) 329-7447 or visit www.jclary.com.



THROUGH Laura's LENS

By Laura Smith
ThumbPrint News Columnist

IT'S GRADUATION PHOTO TIME!

It is that time of year when parents receive the senior portrait information, which states the exclusive photo studio that is taking the portraits, the yearbook composite deadline and pricing.

“Wait a minute; I never paid more than \$50.00 a year for my child's school photos. Why has the pricing gone up 10 times exponentially? Plus I have my daughter hounding me for all of the extras. Holy cow! Then I also have to pay for a prom, the dresses, the family graduation party, cap and gown and invitations! I only have a \$3000.00 credit limit on my credit card! I am going to have to get a loan! Someone help me please!” All of these may be thoughts that come to a parent's mind at this time.

Hopefully, the suggestions in my column this month will help to lighten the photo financial burden of graduation a bit.

A large studio corporation with several high schools will probably generate over a million in sales. That is why the studio will tell the parents they must use their studio. Some studios may even donate a percentage to the school from their sales. One great money making venue is “the exclusive three hour best friend's group (minimum five people) make-up and hair dressing, lunch and photo session” for only \$500.00 a person. This often includes on line viewing of proofs. (Prints cost extra). This works because girls love being together and will hound their parents for it.

From my experience photographing many seniors, most high schools do not care who takes the student portraits. My fee was \$150.00, which included up to two hours at their choice of location, with no extra charges to include family members and pets. In addition I included as many outfit changes as the student wanted.

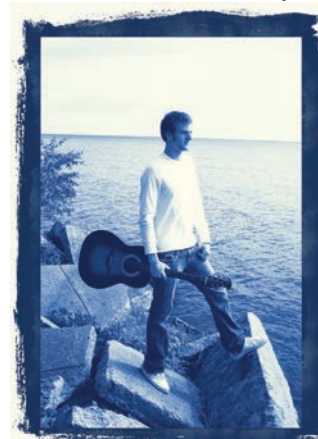
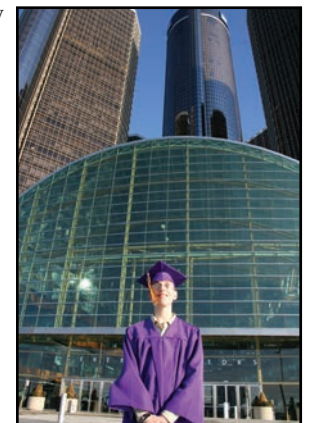
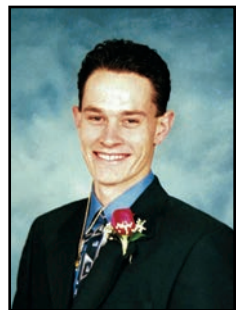
The family received 36 4”x6” and 24 wallet hard copy prints and the full edited CD so the parents could make

all the prints they needed. I also emailed the digital composite to the yearbook committee. Alternately, if a parent is good with a camera, they can take their own children's senior photos. Sams Club charges \$.19 cents for a 4”x6”, \$.27 for two wallets and \$1.89 for an 8”x10”.

If a parent just wants the digital composite taken and sent to the yearbook committee, let the studio know. If the studio refuses or gives you some story, find another photographer. Also, if a parent is good with photography and computers, they can obtain the composite information from the yearbook committee. Most composites require either a blue or a gray background and resized to about 160 by 160 pixels. To give the photo a studio look, point the external flash top portion up so that the light bounces off the ceiling, or the photo can be done in the shade with fill flash. The photos featured here were all taken with natural lighting and fill flash. I cloned my son onto the blue canvas backdrop with the Paint Shop Pro program.

Finally, how many of us still have our high school graduation photo hanging out for all to see? Eventually the photos end up in a drawer, box or an album. Even our parents and grandparents end up taking them down because, after all, the grandkids photos are so much cuter! 🍀

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.



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The Book Nook

Michigan Author's Book is Based on an Ira Township Mystery

By Annette Johnson

ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

In the imaginary town of Frolicville, Michigan, just about every kid has a horse. Many of these kids, like Jordan and Jeremy Chambers and Chip and Molly Easton, are members of the Frolic Riders Club, where they do all sorts of fun things with their horses. However, Jordan, Jeremy, Chip and Molly also love a good adventure, and if they don't find one, one seems to find them.

In *Adventures of the Frolic Riders; The Skeleton Creek Caper* by Annette Johnson, young readers can ride along with these four junior detectives and follow the trail of clues that leads them to discover and solve the Skelton Creek Caper, the first of many adventures and mysteries that can only occur in horse country.

As the four young friends work together to solve the mystery, they have many fun adventures along the way. Mostly occurring on horseback, they attend horse shows and parades, go trail riding and camping and play games on horseback.

Geared to children ages 8 – 14, the book encourages the love of reading but also contains a unique smart money management program as part of the storyline. This is the Give, Grow, Get program, which shows kids how to save part of their allowance, donate part to charity, and spend only what's left. This concept lays the basis for a lifetime of financial success. To reinforce the concept, a special activity page is included at the

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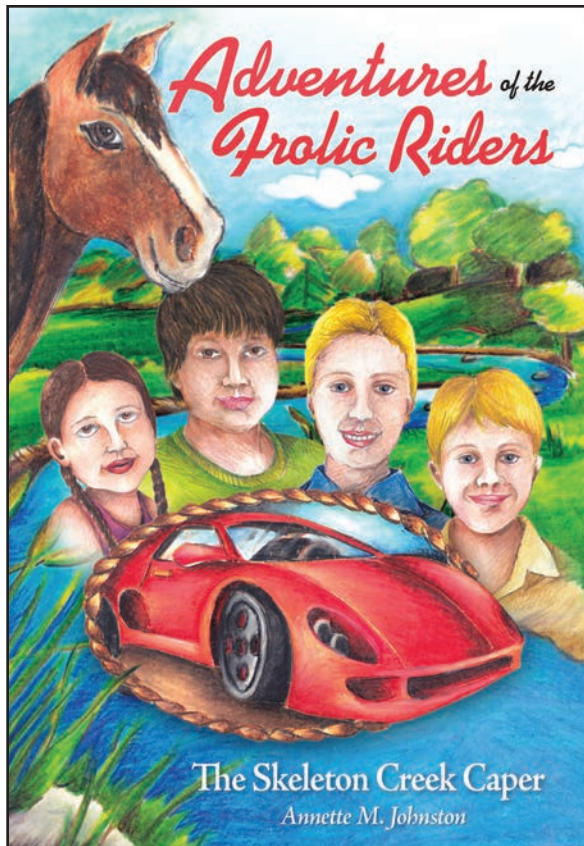
could be used for a youth book club, or for parents/grandparents to discuss with their children/grandchildren as they read the book with them.

Not only is the story set in Michigan, the author, publisher, graphic designer and printer are all Michigan residents as well. And, the story is based on an actual event that occurred in Ira Township a few years ago!

Adventures of the Frolic

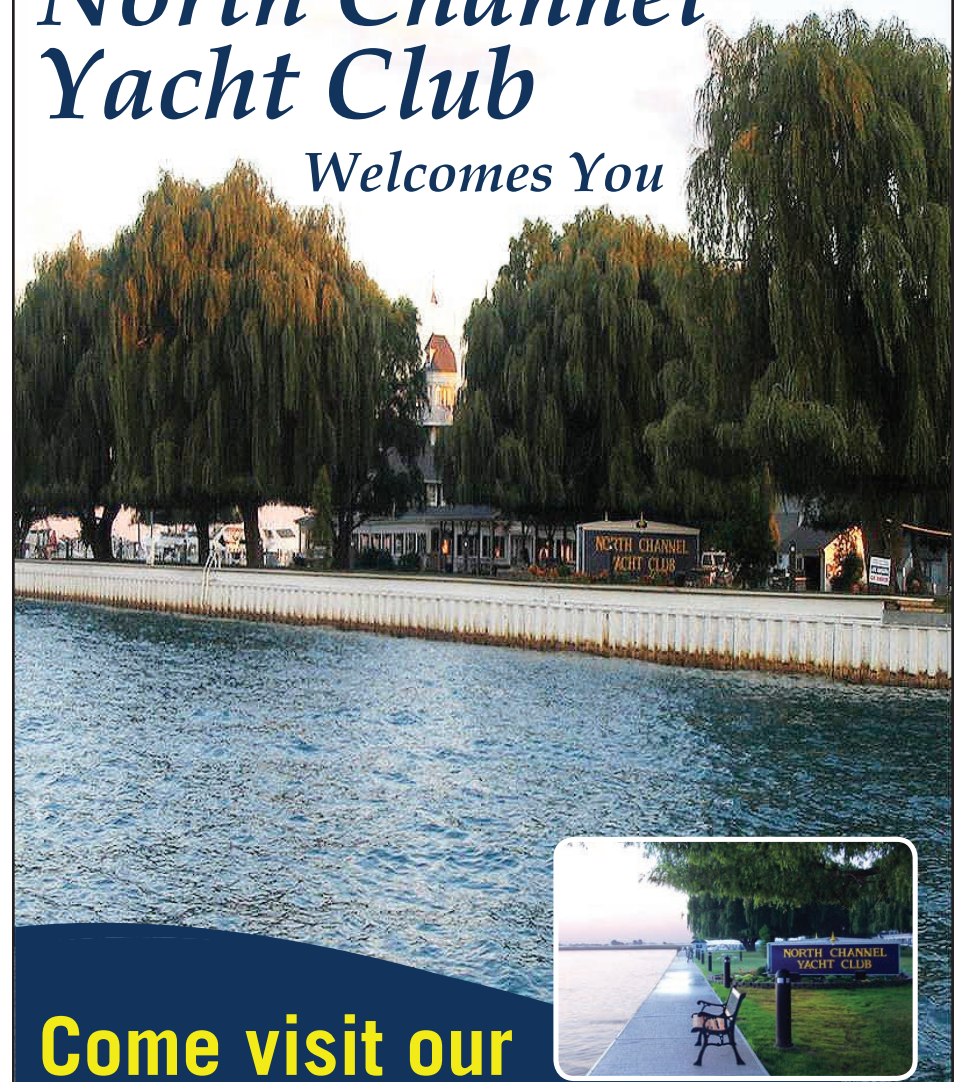
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*About the author: Annette Johnston, a longtime resident of Anchorville, Michigan, is a financial advisor by day, which supports her many hobbies and interests. She is also the proud owner of Frolic Farm, where her many furry, feathered and finned friends live. You can meet her critters online at www.frolicfarm.com. Annette has "horsed around" with several wonderful horses over the years which have provided the inspiration for *Adventures of the Frolic Riders; The Skeleton Creek Caper*, her first book. In her free time, Annette performs Baroque music on her soprano recorder in duets with the organ/harpsichord. She has two successful CDs of her classical music that she sells to support various charities.*



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JUSTICES

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Cardozo, one of the most outstanding members of the U.S. Court, has written in his 1922 book, *The Nature of the Judicial Process*:

“There is in each of us a stream of tendency whether you call it philosophy or not which gives coherence to thought and action. (Judges) have inherited instincts, traditional beliefs, acquired convictions (that) must determine where choice must fall.”

Therefore we certainly can conclude that the written opinions of the named justices reflected their Thumb area backgrounds; even if those individual opinions may have been quite dissimilar. Beyond that record, relations with both litigants and their colleagues might help understand the man. There have always been nine on the U.S. Court, while the state reduced its number from eight to seven during Black’s and Swainson’s terms. Their families and their lives, both in this area and elsewhere, should be considered.

Frank W. Murphy was born in 1890. His parents, John and Mary, were descendants of Irish immigrants. His father was a lawyer, probably an example of a “Country Lawyer” as description has been praised. They were Catholics, parishioners of Our Lady of Lake Huron Church, which was the first church built in what was then called Sand Beach. Murphy, who died while still in office, is buried in the church cemetery. The community is rightfully proud of its most prominent native son. His father’s law office and family home are part of the museum there today.



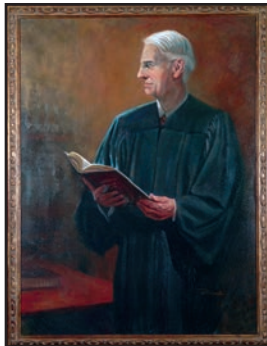
Frank Murphy had degrees from both the undergraduate and law school of the University of Michigan. (He is only one of three from the law school to serve on the High Court.) Murphy also studied abroad in France and England. He left this area to serve as a captain in WWI. Upon his return he moved to Detroit, where he had a general practice and political positions. He was elected to the Records Court, now abolished, and as mayor. He also became governor, a two year term, but then was defeated by the man he had unseated. A lifelong loyal Democrat, Murphy was appointed by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt to be Governor and High Commissioner of the Philippines, a U.S. Protectorate since the Spanish American War. After serving briefly as FDR’s

Attorney General, he was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1940.

Murphy authored numerous opinions generally supporting the President’s New Deal programs, including one upholding wages and hour’s law where Mount Clemens Pottery Company was a party. But he is most remembered for his dissenting opinion in the WWII Japanese Internment case. Fred Korematsu, an American citizen, had refused the military order to leave his Pacific Coast home and job to be interred along with about 110,000 others of Japanese descent, the majority of who were likewise citizens.

The Court, in a 6-3 opinion, affirmed his conviction, affording deference to the general’s wartime decision. Murphy, who besides having served in France during the earlier war, returned to active stateside duty during this one. He pointed out that despite the fact that both Italy and Germany were enemies, no one of their heritage had been so forcibly removed. Murphy wrote that the majority’s conclusion went “over the very brink of constitutional power”. Noting the different treatment of the two groups, he concluded, “I dissent... from this legalization of racism.” Scholars have suggested that this may have been the first use of that word in an opinion by that court. As suggested, a judge’s philosophy may have many influences. Frank Murphy’s formative years in the Thumb area of Michigan along with the strong Catholic training could have led him to his “Social Justice” beliefs as espoused by Thomas Aquinas. His colleagues who disagreed with his opinions on such social problems reportedly said that he was “dispensing justice with Murphy”.

Neil E. Reid was born in 1871 in the Lenox Township of northern Macomb County. His family was Scottish immigrants. After attending school in Armada and Romeo, Reid won a scholarship for a year’s study at Harvard. Afterwards he was employed at various jobs while graduating from Detroit College of Law, as it was then known. Having learned shorthand, he subsequently became a court stenographer. He was appointed Probate Judge and then served many years as a trial court judge in his native county. While there his reputation was as a tough judge, especially hard on those who violated Prohibition Laws and armed robbers. At age 73, he campaigned successfully against an incumbent Supreme Court Justice, something he

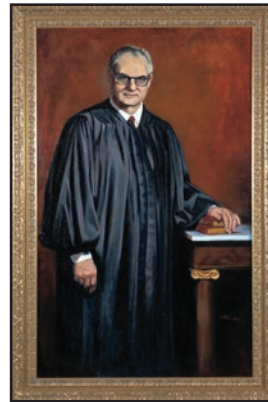


couldn’t do today since the 1962 state constitution prohibition on seeking judicial election at age 70. During the twelve years there before his death at 85, Reid authored numerous opinions, most, but not all, which upheld criminal convictions and private property rights.

Reid was married for over sixty years and was childless. He was very active in several organizations, holding impressive titles in the Masonic Orders. He was a supporter of the Boy Scouts and public schools. Counting his time as a stenographer, Justice Reid spent sixty years in the Michigan court system.

Eugene F. Black was born in 1903 in Marine City. He graduated from Port Huron High School. He attended the Detroit College of Law for one year and spent a single term at the University of Michigan.

Following, he studied law, as was a common practice at the time, in the office of former Judge Shirley Stewart. After being admitted, he practiced his profession in Port Huron for about twenty years



until WWII. At almost forty years of age he began officer’s training in the Naval Reserves, but an old injury made him unfit for active duty.

Black began his political career by being elected Attorney General of the state in 1945 as a Republican. He served only one term of two years before returning to practice. Next he was appointed to the St. Clair County Circuit Court by Governor G. Mennen Williams. From that position he ran as a Democrat for the Supreme Court in 1956. He remained there until forced by age to retire in 1972. (He had been joined by fellow Port Huron High School alumnus John B. Swainson two years earlier.)

Earlier it was noted that the relationships with colleagues was a factor in the legacy of a justice. On that count alone, Black received no points. Even during the unveiling of his portrait held after his death in 1990 in what usually was a sentimental ceremony, there seemed to have been faint praise from those who served with him, including Justice Thomas Brennan who left the court to found the Cooley Law School. Brennan provided the following description at the dedication of Black’s portrait, “Unpredictable, contradictory, at once flamboyant and homespun, combative and conciliatory, decisive and hesitant.”

Justice Black wrote vigorous, often

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MILLINGTON

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Slocum Company in 1900), the *Millington Herald*, and now is again the *Millington Messenger* (operated by Barbara Maxfield).

Millington has been home to many churches throughout the years starting in 1857. The Free Will Baptist Church was the first organized church in the township. It was headed by the Reverend Charles B. Mills at the residence of Amos Wolverton on August 28, 1857. This church was open to both the white settlers and the Native Americans that were in the area. By 1877, the church made plans for a permanent place of worship and the building was completed in March of 1880. This church building is on Center Street and is still in use over 100 years later. The Methodists organized in 1864, calling themselves the Methodist Episcopal. They built their first church building, completing it in 1876. This building was sold to the Maccabees in 1899 (the building had many uses throughout the years, ending by becoming the Capitol Theatre prior to demolition). St. Paul's Lutheran Church was organized in 1897 and was led by Pastor Juengel. About one year after this, the congregation dedicated their new church. The first resident pastor was Reverend G. M. Zucher. The Nazarenes followed in 1919, holding services in their new church building in 1939. This church is on State Street and holds services weekly. The Catholic Church congregation built their building in 1947. They have consolidated to Vassar, selling this building, which is now the Millington Community Center. There have been other churches through the years also.

The first recorded doctor living and working in Millington was in 1863. He was Dr. John McPherson, who worked here until 1867. Following him were many other fine doctors, including these early men: Dr. David Rogers (1870), Dr. Henry

A. Bishop (1876), Dr. Wynne C. Garvin (1894), followed by many others up until this day.

Our first bank was opened prior to 1900 and was called the Bank of Millington. It was owned by John Damon, who sold it to S. E. Kelsey. Mr. Kelsey sold it sometime around 1900. This bank closed on October 26, 1926. In 1927, the Vassar National Bank moved to Millington and became the Millington National Bank. This bank closed during the "bank holiday" in 1933 and did not reopen. Millington did not have a bank after this until 1946, when Frankenmuth State Bank came to town. Since that time, Millington has grown to have two banks: Mayville State Bank and PNC Bank.

Millington started its first official library in 1938, with Miss Amanda Henderson as librarian. Throughout the years, the library has grown to become the fine place it is now. The library was located in the stone bank building where the Millington-Arbela Historical Museum now is on State Street prior to building in the present location on Depot Street.

This is an accounting of the early history of Millington. It is by no means a full version, as many more people were surely involved in its development, but this information can still tell of the early beginnings of "our town Millington". This information and much more can be found at the Millington-Arbela Historical Museum on State Street. We are open April through December from noon until 2:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays (special openings upon request: call 989-871-5508 and leave a message or email us). We are on facebook--check us out: Millington-Arbela Historical Society. Our email address is: millingtonarbelahistoricalsociety@hotmail.com. Millington has developed into a thriving and friendly town with many businesses and organizations. It is a nice place to visit and to live. Come and see us! 🍀


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Mayville Honors Eagle Scout, Nathan Atkinson

Submitted by Fran Campbell

It has been a long time (since 1997) that Mayville, Michigan, had the honor of inducting a Boy Scout to their highest rank, but that all changed on Saturday, March 30, 2013, when Nathan Daniel Atkinson received his Eagle Scout Rank at a Court of Honor held at the Mayville United Methodist Church. With family, friends and fellow troop members and leaders present, Nathan was taken down a memory lane of his scouting years from Cub Scout, Bear Cat, Tiger Cub, Weblo and Boy Scout and finally to the ultimate achievement in scouting, Eagle Scout.

Less than five percent of Boy Scouts complete the steps required to become an Eagle Scout. Much dedication, perseverance, discipline and hard work are needed to make it happen. Nathan began his quest in 2010 when he presented to the Mayville Museum his desire to work with them on getting his Eagle Scout Rank. Nathan's mom, Valerie, is very active in the Museum and from her involvement he knew there were several projects that had been discussed and put on the back burner because of more pressing needs. Nathan decided he could help and came to the museum with a plan to renovate our on-grounds outhouse, build a structure to

display the school bell donated from the area high school and hang a cast iron hog pot that had been sitting for many years in storage.

The Museum was more than happy to give him the "OK" and he applied to the Boy Scout Council with detailed plans of his proposed project. After approval from council, Nathan's next job was securing funding. Everything had to be completely financed by donations or fund raisers. Nathan sold candy and beef jerky at local events and many businesses pitched in with supplies.

In the winter of 2011 after the ground had frozen and they could move some heavy equipment in to lift the outhouse, Nathan, with the help of his dad Kevin, brother-in-law, Steve, and other troop members, moved the outhouse from the

museum grounds to a pole barn at his home so he could work on it during the winter. He completely reinforced the structure, built a new floor, rebuilt the roof (finding a huge bee's nest inside the roof's peak), cedar shake shingled the roof, refinished the door and resided it with rough sawn cedar lumber to make one of the nicest outhouses in the area. Shortly after the spring thaw and before the start of the Museum's 2012 season on Memorial Day, he delivered it and placed it back in its



Pictured above is Nathan (center) with his parents, Kevin and Valerie Atkinson.

original spot. Next he moved on to the hog pot, creating a frame from which the huge pot is hung just in front of the log cabin, which is on the museum grounds. Finally he tackled the huge school bell. Donated to the museum when the old high school was renovated, it has sat in the storage facility waiting to be displayed. Nathan built a raised platform complete with a shingled roof to protect the bell. Lifting the

bell into the specially designed framework was a challenge, but with the help of a fork lift and some extra muscle it glided right into place. It is now gracing the museum grounds for everyone to admire.

Some special tributes and recognitions were awarded to Nathan for this outstanding accomplishment. James McLoskey, a representative for Senator Mike Green, who was unable to attend, presented an award as well as Gary Haas and Ron Johnson from the American Legion Post in Mayville. Frank Franzel and Laurence Allison from VFW Post 10884 in Mayville also gave Nathan an award. Nathan also received a Good Citizenship Award from the Marine Corps League.

Nathan acknowledged and thanked some special people who helped him along the way. Besides his scouting activities, Nathan is also a second degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do and thanked his instructor, Master Cindy Gohsman. Nathan was required to select one person whom he considered the most helpful and influential in pursuing his scouting achievement. He recognized his den leader, Wally Diller, with the Mentor Award.

Nathan will soon be graduating from Mayville High School and intends to continue his education in law enforcement. We wish him the best. Nathan is an outstanding young man of whom the community of Mayville is very proud. 🍀

Healing Angels

By Rennae Hardy
ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

Angels are glorious, cosmic, beings of light graciously extending their presence throughout our lives with or without our acknowledgement. Every angel has their own vibrational energy, radiant color, sound and frequency. All angels possess individual consciousness allowing them to act independently, and/or they can network together synergistically by blending and drawing from each other's energies.

In healing, the angels utilize minuscule particles of light as well as color to activate the codes housed within our cells to promote restoration, regeneration, and health to our bodies. The angels bathe us in rays of divine love for a pure immersion of therapeutic energy capable of dispelling negativity, overcoming fear, delivering peace of mind and imparting remedial care.

Archangel Raphael is recognized as the

physician of the angelic realm. Raphael's name means "God heals" or "God has healed" based on the Hebrew word *rapha* which means "doctor" or "healer." He is also known as the chief of the guardian angels and patron of travellers. Green is Raphael's correlating color and he is generally depicted carrying a caduceus or staff in one hand and a bowl of healing balm in the other. Additionally, differing angels bring healing to specific areas within our existence. Archangel Uriel provides emotional healing, Archangel Raguel provides relationship healing, Archangel Cassiel provides healing to those who have suffered betrayal and heart ache, while Archangel Ariel provides healing to our animal friends.

During times of illness, stress, recuperation from surgery, depression or injury, it isn't necessary to call on a particular angel. Imagine your body, mind, emotions and spirit acting as a magnet attracting angelic healing. Invite Archangel Raphael to intervene by directing healing energy to the area requiring attention. Envision Archangel Raphael accompanied by other angels surrounding you in divine love while sending healing beams of light from their hands to your entire

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being. Feel the full infusion of saturating energy as healing warmth washing over and through you. Acknowledge receipt by expressing gratitude. Using this technique by substituting yourself with another is equally beneficial.

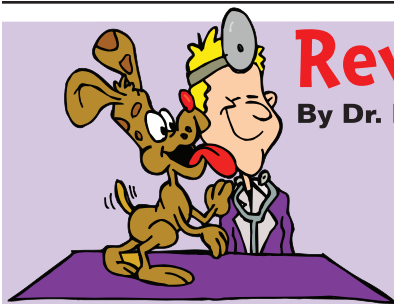
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Reverse Sneezing

By Dr. DiBenedetto *ThumbPrint News* Columnist

Sneezing is an involuntary reflex that's purpose is to expel air through the nasal cavity to attempt to remove any foreign matter from the nose. Reverse sneezing, on the other hand, is an involuntary reflex that causes a forceful inhalation of air through the nose created by spasms in the throat area. Sneezing is often accompanied by a sudden movement of the head downwards and may cause your pet's nose to hit the ground. Reverse

sneezing is characterized by rapid and repeated jerking of the head upward, along with snorting or gagging sounds. Even though these episodes appear distressing to you and your pet, they are not harmful. Most dogs are completely normal before and right after the episodes. In addition, most dogs will have repeated episodes of reverse sneezing throughout their lives.

The most common cause of reverse sneezing is an irritation of the soft palate and throat that results in a spasm. The spasm causes the trachea to narrow, making it hard to get the normal amount of air into the lungs. These actions together cause the disturbing display, for which many owners will seek emergency medical

attention. Anything that irritates the throat can cause these spasms including: excitement, eating or drinking, exercise intolerance, pulling on a leash, mites, pollen, foreign bodies caught in the throat, perfumes, viruses, household chemicals, allergies, and post-

nasal drip. Brachycephalic dogs (those with flat faces, such as Pugs and Boxers) with elongated soft palates occasionally suck the elongated palate into the throat while inhaling, causing reverse sneezing. Beagles, Yorkies and smaller dogs are particularly prone to reverse sneezing because they have smaller throats and are more prone to having a collapsing trachea.

Reverse sneezing itself rarely requires treatment. Treating the environment by eliminating strong fragrances, using a harness for walking instead of a collar, treating any underlying allergy or, in the case of brachycephalic breeds, having surgery to correct the elongated soft palate can help to decrease the reverse sneezing episodes. When the sneezing stops, the spasm is over. Massaging your dog's throat can stop the spasm as well. Sometimes it's effective to cover the nostrils with your hand, which makes your pet swallow. This can clear out whatever the irritation is and stop the sneezing.

Cats, unlike dogs, are less likely to reverse sneeze. However, you should always have your veterinarian examine your cat in case it is feline asthma, and not a reverse sneeze. Feline asthma is more commonly seen and requires more treatment than reverse sneezing does. 🐾

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

China Township plans to establish a pictorial history "Album" on its website and needs your help in gathering photos of local old schools, businesses and farms. If you are able to share, please include the subject's location, name and date, and mail to: China Township, Attn: Koryn Garwood, 4560 Indian Trail, China Twp., MI 48054. Original copies will be scanned and returned if a self-addressed, stamped envelope is included. E-mailed photos should be in a high resolution JPEG format and sent to waterdept@chinatwp.net. For more information, call (810) 765-1145 ext. 201, M-Th, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Memoirs from The Restless Retiree A Song for Our Times

By **Gabriel Jones**, *ThumbPrint News* Columnist

“Gabriel!”
 “Yes, love?”
 “Can I ask you a question?”
 “Anytime, love. What’s your question?”
 “Well, Gabriel, just last week we were discussing how bad the times of today are... people out of work, losing their homes, lots of crime, etc... and after all that gloomy discussion... suddenly, the next day you’re happily singing a song with crazy words, over and over.”
 “Oh, you noticed... well love, here’s what happened. After our discussion of how bad the times are, I went to the basement to pick myself up. I started to sort some odds and ends and then I saw our old phonograph with our records nearby. I put on one of our recordings called “Accentuate the Positive” by Johnny Mercer. He wrote it in 1945 after the United States had been at war for years. I put the record on and listened to the words.”
*You got to accentuate the positive.
 Eliminate the negative.
 Latch on to the affirmative. Don’t mess with mister in between.
 You’ve got to spread joy up to the maximum.
 Bring gloom down to the minimum.
 Have faith or Pandemonium’s*

*liable to walk up to the scene.
 To illustrate my last remark, Jonah in the whale, Noah in the ark,
 What did they do when everything looked so dark?*
 Wow!!! I was hooked! There is hope in this world!
 I even yelled out loud, “Yes”!
 “I remember hearing your yell. I thought you called me. But you said you said no, you would tell me later.”
 “Dear, come downstairs now and I’ll play the record for you.”
 Gabriel’s wife follows Gabriel downstairs where the old phonograph was set up.
 Gabriel’s wife sits down as Gabriel turns the phonograph on.
 The record plays as Gabriel’s wife listens.
 After listening to the song...
 “Wow, Gabriel!! I feel much better already. What a great song with great lyrics. Everyone’s got to hear and sing this song. It really is a song for today’s world!”
 Last seen were Gabriel and his wife going to various friends’ homes with record and phonograph. Last heard were people in their neighborhood often singing this song softly and spreading joy with their smiles.
 “Gabriel!”
 “Yes, Love?”
 “Gabriel, you done good!”
 Another lesson learned by The Restless Retiree. 🐾

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vituperative, dissents. A flavor of his carefully worded opinions can be seen in this language, "Thus far there appears to the writer still another like 'bushmont', the Court should see but does not see, or perhaps is too absorbed to see dead ahead." Chief Justice of the Court is a position annually elected by the seven justices, usually on a rotating basis. Despite serving there for 16 years, Black was never selected.

As one of his many idiosyncrasies, Justice Black never had an office in Lansing. Instead while the court was in session, he drove back and forth from his home on Strawberry Lane outside Port Huron, whimsically named "Black Acre". After retiring from the court, Black continued to practice with his son and then two grandsons. One of them advertises that he is the fifth generation of his family in the profession, including two from Scotland.

John B. Swainson was born on July 31, 1925, in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. His father was a salesman for a tobacco company, moving back and forth



across the border as his job required. John came to Port Huron at age two where he spent the rest of his boyhood, graduating from Port Huron High School in 1943. A handsome youth, John was active in drama and sports. He even scored his only touchdown against rival Mount Clemens in a riotous game his senior year. John had an older sister who was also Canadian and a younger brother born in Michigan.

John enlisted in the service soon after his graduation. He hoped to be a fighter pilot, but learned that being a Canadian citizen disqualified him. Later his U.S. service gained him citizenship, but also cost him two legs. While proceeding in an advance mine sweeping detail with a sergeant, one mine exploded blowing off both of John's legs beneath the knees. His companion was killed. Swainson spent a long period of rehabilitation learning how to use his double prosthesis at the Battle Creek hospital, where his fellow patients included Senators Robert Dole, Philip Hart and the recently deceased Daniel Inouye.

Capitalizing on the G.I. Bill, John attended Olivet College before obtaining two degrees from the University of North Carolina. By then married with a child,

John returned to Michigan to set up a law practice in Redford. Always a gregarious individual, for the most part he didn't let his loss hold him back. He disliked being considered handicapped, making light of it, as when he said while stranded during a snow storm that "his feet would freeze when Hell freezes over." In those post war years his military record proved a definite advantage when he entered politics. After rising to a leadership position in the state senate, he was chosen by G. Mennen Williams to run as Lieutenant Governor. Then when Williams left to join President Kennedy's cabinet, Swainson became governor in 1960. At age 33, he was one of the youngest to head the state. He served only one term, being defeated by an auto executive, Republican George Romney.

John then became a Wayne County Circuit Judge, before being nominated by the Democratic Party for the Supreme Court in 1970. In that election he out polled even the always popular Williams who was culminating his long public career on the court.

Justice Swainson didn't pretend to be a legal scholar, nor especially interested in stimulating briefs and oral arguments. Unfortunately, as he was to learn, being a judge was different than being an elected politician. He never learned to turn a deaf ear to supplicants, especially those with handicaps, even when they were litigants in his court. As the result of a bail bond scandal, Swainson was convicted of perjury in 1975. He received a short jail sentence, but of course a blow to his public image from which he never recovered. He lost his law license, had some additional brushes with the law over drinking and drugs. Finally he was named to the Michigan Historical Commission, where he spent his remaining years until he died in 1985.

After leaving for the military service, Swainson never again lived or worked in the Thumb area. Of course, with his wife, Alice, and their three children, he visited his family and the residence on Ninth Street where he grew up. Certainly his recuperation from such a horrible war injury before age twenty made John B. Swainson a person to admire. Perhaps, however, he was too much his father John's son, a salesman, to acquire the public restraint required of judges.

In conclusion, all four of the named justices exhibited distinct personalities and judicial philosophies. While those may differ, one can find the influence of their heritages and Thumb residency in all of them. 🍀

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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

Flint – May 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26

Off the Beaten Orbit, Longway Planetarium, 1330 E. Kearsley St., 3:30 p.m. Throughout our Solar System are many remarkable, fascinating worlds, not just the planets. Scattered among and beyond planets are asteroids, comets, moons and dwarf planets. Off the Beaten Orbit explores the parts of the Solar System usually ignored. Ages 10 and up. \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and youth ages 3 -11. For more information call (810) 237-3400.

Huron

Bax Axe – May 18

Perennial Plant Sale, 4-H Building, Fairgrounds, 155 Fair St., 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. For more information call Marie at (989) 985-1294 or email mpba43@yahoo.com.

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Almont – May 11

Almont Lions Euchre Night, Almont Lions Hall, 222 Water St., doors open at 6:00 p.m., play starts at 7:00 p.m. There will be two sets of five games each with a break in between. Refreshments and lunch served during the break. Generous prizes awarded to the top three points holders. \$15 donation at the door. If a player brings a first time player, they both play for \$10 each. For more information call (810) 798-8609.

Macomb

Richmond – May 3, 4, 5, 10 and 11

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Harrison Township – May 4

Open House for *Pride of Michigan*, North Star Sail Club, 32021 South River Rd., 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. *Pride of Michigan*, a former Navy ship, provides a base for the non-profit youth organization,

the Sea Cadet Program, for young American males and females ages 11 – 17 years of age. Visitors can explore the 68-ton ship and view presentations on former and current projects performed by the cadets. A free lunch will be provided to visitors. More information is available on www.greatlakesdivision.org.

Chesterfield – May 8

7th Annual Pasta Dinner, Chesterfield Township Senior Center, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Hosted by the Chesterfield Township Historical Society, the meal will include two pastas, salad, bread and homemade desserts. Tickets are a donation of \$10 and can be purchased at the Chesterfield Township Treasurer's Office or from any member. The website is www.hsmichigan.org/chesterfieldhs/.

Richmond – May 9-11

VFW Post 6802 Poppy Sale, intersection of Main and Division. For more information call Richmond VFW Post 6802 at (586) 727-1436.

New Baltimore – May 13

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New Haven – May 18

Lions Club Euchre Night, New Haven Lions Hall, 57882 Lutes, doors open at 6:30 p.m., play starts at 7:00 p.m. \$12 per person plus quarters for euchre includes a light dinner and beverages are available. Prizes awarded to top 3 places. For more information contact Lion Andy at (810) 543-0951.

Richmond – May 18

Victorian Tea, Richmond Historic Village, 36045 Park St., 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members and can be purchased in advance at the Historic Village, Thursday mornings from 8:30 a.m. – noon. Strolling violinists, sandwiches, tea, cookies and prizes are all part of this wonderful event. The village will be open from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. For more information go to www.richmondhistoricalsociety.org or call Kasy at (586) 727-2086.

New Baltimore – May 19

Early Season Farmers Market, 50976 Washington St., 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. This season will bring exciting new additions and programming to benefit

the community. The market is adding several new vendors and will be bringing back your favorites. We still have a few openings for vendors; visit www.newbaltimorefarmersmarket.com for application details. For more information call (586) 557-4841.

Oakland

Rochester – May 19

Rubber Ducky 5K, Rochester Municipal Park, 400 Sixth St., registration closing date, May 18 at 11:59 p.m., start on May 19 at 12:30 p.m. This 5K course is run through a beautiful park setting. Once you have enjoyed your physical activity for the day, stay and enjoy the launch of the rubber duckies on the Paint Creek. Adults \$20, students \$15. For more information and to register go to <http://rochesterrubberduckyrace.com>.

St. Clair

St. Clair – May 1

Bridge Classes, St. Clair Library, 310 S. Second St., 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. This will be the first of 8 free consecutive Wednesday classes to help you learn or improve your bridge game. For more information call ACBL certified instructor Tom Broyles at (810) 326-0121.

Algonac – May 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 10, 23, and 30

Minecraft, Algonac-Clay Library, 2011 St. Clair River Dr., 3:30 p.m. Lab computers are open for on-line gaming nights. Must use your own valid library card with teen internet status to participate. First come, first served. All library rules apply. Ages 12 – 19. For more information call (810) 794-4471.

Memphis – May 2

Dinner and a Movie, Memphis Library, 34830 Potter St., 5:30 p.m. Come and pick up *The Rainmaker* by John Grisham. We'll watch the movie and discuss similarities or differences - or just come for

the movie. Dinner will be served. For more information call (810) 392-2980.

Port Huron – May 2, 3 and 4

The Musical *Annie*, St. Clair County Fine Arts Theatre, 323 St., 7:00 p.m. all three days, additional performance at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. Presented by the Fine Arts Department of the New Life Christian Academy. \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and military, \$8 for students. For more information call (810) 367-3770 ext. 100.

Emmett – May 3 and 4

Emmett Lions Club Annual Indoor and Outdoor Yard Sale, Emmett Lions Hall, 10830 Mary St., 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Something for everyone. For more information call John at (810) 384-1892.

Ira Twp. – May 3 and 4

Rummage Sale, St. Peter Lutheran Church, 6745 Palms Rd., 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. both days. On Saturday from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. fill a bag for \$2. For more information call (810) 765-8161

Lakeport – May 4

Mother's Day Tea, Burtchville Twp. Library, 7097 Second St., 12:00 p.m. Invite the ladies in your family to a lovely multi-generation celebration of mothers and daughters. Enjoy snacks, tea, music and the company of other women. Sponsored by the Friends of the Burtchville Library. For more information call (810) 385-8550.

Yale – May 4

Library Lego Builders, Yale Library, 2 Jones St., 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Build a Lego creation that will be displayed in the library. Drop in and stay as long as you want. Work individually or in a group. Legos are provided by the Friends of the Yale Library. Ages 5 and up. For more information call (810) 387-2940.

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Marysville – May 8

Growing Crystals, Marysville Library, 1175 Delaware, 6:30 p.m. What are Super Absorbent Polymer (SAC) Crystals and what role do they play in our modern world? Participants will explore the modern day uses of these crystals and grow their own. Free program made possible thanks to a grant from your St. Clair County 4-H Leaders Council. Grades K – 5. Registration requested. For more information call (810) 364-9493.

Port Huron – May 6

Mother's Day Fun, Port Huron Library, 201 McMorran Blvd., 6:30 p.m. Celebrate Mom with stories and a make-and-take craft. Ages 12 and under. For more information call (810) 987-7323 ext. 132 or 130.

Marine City – May 10, 17, 24 and 31

Bananas for Bananagrams, Marine City Library, 300 S. Parker, 1:00 p.m. Do you like word games like crosswords and Scrabble? You'll love Bananagrams! Join us as we exercise our minds and learn a new game. For more information call (810) 765-5233.

Kimball – May 10, 17, 24 and 31

Kids Kreations, Kimball Township Library, 1955 N. Allen Rd., 3:30 p.m. Come in and make various kid crafts projects to take home with you. Ages 5 – 12. Registration requested. For more information call (810) 982-9171.

Port Huron – May 10

Health and Human Services Fair, Baker College, 3403 Lapeer Rd., 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Bring the whole family for a free event highlighting several exciting fields. Talk with industry professionals, tour Baker college labs, and learn more about growing careers in health and human services. Free health and dental screenings, massage, animal micro-chipping, and more. Door prizes. For more information call Lori at (810) 989-2105.

Fort Gratiot – May 11

May Melodies, Port Huron Golf Club, Fairway Drive, 11:30 a.m. This luncheon and fashion show will benefit the International Symphony Orchestra. Suzanne of Suzanne's Fashions will provide an entertaining fashion show during the luncheon. Music by Barbara Collins and the Piano Trio. Numerous door prizes and a 50/50 drawing at the conclusion. Tickets \$25 in advance and are available at Suzanne's (810) 364-5422, Judy Harris (810) 385-3284 or Debby Lemke (810) 385-9480. For further

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Marine City – May 11

2nd Annual Blessing of the Bikes and Poker Run, Washington Life Center, 403 N. Mary St., 10:00 a.m. registration, 11:00 a.m. blessing of the bikes. Participants will meet back at the center at 4:00 p.m. for refreshments, prizes and Chinese auction. \$20 per vehicle and \$10 for an additional poker hand. Everyone is welcome. Call Susan at (810) 765-3523 for more information.

Fair Haven – May 13-18

Bike to the Library Week, Ira Township Library, 7013 Meldrum Rd. Ride your bike to the library this week and receive a free gift. This event is scheduled to coincide with Bike to Work Week and the Ride of Silence. One gift per patron – while supplies last. For more information call (586) 725-9081.

Fair Haven – May 17

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

Port Huron – May 19

Spring Dinner Concert, Alexander's Banquet Facility, 1195 Gratiot Blvd., 4:00 p.m. Presented by the Schubert Male Chorus of Port Huron. Advanced tickets \$25. For more information call (810) 364-6369.

Port Huron – May 22

St. Clair County Family History Group, Port Huron Museum, 1114 Sixth St., 7:30 p.m. "Submitting your DNA for Research" will be the topic. Members who have done a DNA test will lead the discussion on their experiences and how these tests may help with genealogical research. This meeting is also our group's annual meeting with election of officers for the coming year. Anyone interested in local history or researching their family tree may visit our programs as a guest or become a new member of the group. For more information visit www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~misccfhg/ or call (810) 624-3141.

Capac – May 23

Friendship Bracelet, Capac Library, 111 N. Main, 6:00 p.m. Make a friendship bracelet with a friend. All materials and supplies will be provided. Registration recommended. Call (810) 395-7000 for more information.

Marine City – May 24

28th Annual Senior Prom, 403 N. Mary St., doors open at 5:00 p.m., event is from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. \$15 for dinner for members and \$19 for non-members, includes dinner with 2 entrees and live music with Closing Time. Tickets must

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Lexington – May 2-4

Trinity Episcopal Church Attic Treasure Sale, Trinity Episcopal Church, 5646 Main

St., 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, pre-sale with \$5 admission, Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. with free admission. For more information call Paul at (810) 359-8741.

Sandusky – May 11 and 25

Thumb Dance Club, Maple Valley School, 138 Maple Valley St., 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Everyone welcome – bring finger foods (for 9:00 p.m.) and friends. Admission \$5 for members and \$6 for non-members. \$10 membership per year. On May 11 we will be entertained by The Natural Tones (for Armed Forces Night) and on May 25 by Melody Magic. For more information call Leola at (810) 657-9349 or Dorothy at (810) 404-4250.

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In April's edition, we asked our readers to identify the object pictured below:

Randomly selected from those submitting correct answers was Renae Yaney of Cottrellville, Michigan, who correctly identified the object as a close-up photo of the skin of a cantaloupe. Renae will be entered into our year end drawing for a gift basket valued at over \$100.



Cantaloupe, also known as muskmelon or mushmelon, is the most popular variety of melon in the United States. The

cantaloupe originated in Iran, India and Africa. It was first cultivated in Iran some 5000 years ago and in Greece and Egypt some 4000 years ago.



The cantaloupe's name is derived from the French word for the Italian Cantalupo, which was formerly a papal county seat near Rome. Tradition has it that this is the place where the cantaloupe was first cultivated in Europe after its introduction from ancient Armenia.

Cantaloupes range in size from one to ten pounds and require a long growing period. They are mostly consumed as a fresh fruit. The following health benefits of eating cantaloupe have been suggested:

- It is a great source of vitamin A and beta-carotene, both which promote healthy eyesight.
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- It helps to reduce stress because it contains high levels of potassium, which helps to normalize the heartbeat and promote the supply of oxygen to the brain, helping a person to feel more relaxed and focused.

Regardless of the health benefits of eating cantaloupe, this fabulous fruit remains one of America's favorites.

For our May contest we are asking the question, "What is it?" Identify what the object on the right is. Email your answer to thumbprintnews@comcast.net. Again, be sure to include your name, address and

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