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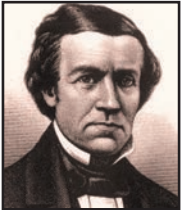
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One Man's Quest

By Jeremy Yarbrough

ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

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My heart pounded deafeningly as I scrambled across the marble-like scree. At just over 12,000 feet, my lungs gasped for air. I hurriedly climbed over the knife-edged peak. "Antlers! Massive antlers," I said. My adrenalin-filled arms swiftly lifted my binoculars to my eyes, as I scanned the basin below. I couldn't believe my eyes; both bucks were bedding in a stalkable spot.

After they settled in, I slowly eased off my sweat-soaked pack, slipped my boots off, and slid on another pair of wool socks. Slowly, I inched forward in the red zone, cognizant of my every move. At 25 yards, I sat motionless, afraid any movement on my part would be spotted. An hour passed like minutes, and then I saw velvet antler tips dancing above the pines. My body tensed in anticipation of the upcoming shot. I kept telling myself to focus and pick a spot. The smaller buck emerged first and fed directly toward me. At 15 yards, any small movement would send him and my target buck racing into the towering pines below. Suddenly, the big buck emerged, 30 yards below. He began feeding his way



farther away from me. My patience was tested as I watched him slip over a small ridge, exposing only the tips of his massive, velvet-covered antlers.

My body ached from lying motionless on the unforgiving rocks beneath me. Yet, I remained still, determined. Another tense hour

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MAYVILLE MUSEUM BENEFITS FROM LOCAL BOY SCOUT'S JOURNEY TO RECEIVE EAGLE SCOUT RANKING

By Fran Campbell

ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

Not since 1997 has Mayville Boy Scout Troop 558 had a member achieve Eagle Scout status, the highest rank in the Boy Scout organization. But, that's all about to change.

Nathan Atkinson, son of Kevin and Valerie Atkinson of Mayville, has been approved by the Boy Scout Council to begin his Eagle Scout requirements. Approval from the Boy Scout Council was received for "Restoring Historical Artifacts" and now the real works begins.

Nathan, age 17, has been working at the Mayville Museum all summer completing three projects that were approved by the BSA council to achieve his Eagle Scout rank. These were all major undertakings that required funding, planning and muscle to complete. The first was to fix the outhouse which was in much needed repair, second was to design and build a display for a large hog pot used in the butchering of pigs, and last to build a structure to display the school bell. Nathan completely planned, funded, supervised and completed the projects himself as required by the Boy Scouts. He held fundraisers to get the



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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Veterans Day, the official United States holiday honoring armed service veterans, occurs on November 11. Sometimes confused with Memorial Day, Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day is set aside as a time to remember those brave men and women who died while serving their country.

As many of you know after reading my Letters from the Editor and several articles I have written for the *ThumbPrint News* over the past three years, I am into genealogy big time. As I have researched my family tree over the past eight years, I have been in awe of how many of my relatives have served our country in the Army, the Navy, the Marines and in the U.S. Coast Guard. I have five direct line relatives who served in the Revolutionary War – one even was with George Washington that whole terrible winter at Valley Forge. Others on my family tree fought in the Seminole Indian Wars, the Civil War, the Spanish American War, World War I, World War II and Vietnam. I feel a deep pride and respect for these men and women and also am grateful that they are part of my family tree.

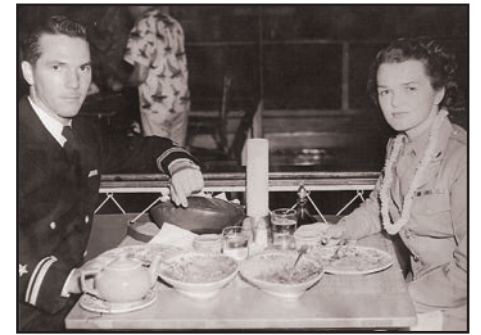
My own parents, Keith and Caroline Glaza, served simultaneously in World War II. My father was a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy stationed in Hawaii and my mother was a private first class in the Women's Army Corps stationed in Fort Ord, California. They had been married for just short of four years when my father decided to enlist. My mother, probably feeling that

she would go crazy sitting at home waiting for news of my father so far away, decided, much to the distress of her family and in-laws, to enlist as well shortly after. It would be two years before they would see each other again.

In my mind I can picture the feelings that must have been going through both of my parents' minds being apart from their mate for so long. On top of that, my mother would have the added worry for the safety of my father who was serving in the Pacific.

When my father knew in 2010 that he had only a few months to live before his struggle with cancer would end, he brought out a box of old photographs that he said he wanted me to have. Some I had seen before, some I had not, but every single one was a treasure from the past. The real treasure, however, was at the bottom of the box. Tied together with an old yellowed string was a pile of envelopes with letters inside. These letters, as I was later to discover, were letters my mother and father had sent back and forth to each other and to their families during their two years of separation.

I cried when I read the letters. I learned more about my parents from those precious letters than I had ever known about them in the 58 years that we were together. I learned of a love that transcended time and distance. Especially in the letters that my father had written, I saw a softer, more vulnerable side of him than I formerly knew existed. These letters were a gift to me. My father never mentioned the



Keith and Caroline Glaza, first date after two years of separation during WWII

letters to me before he died. I knew in my heart that he would probably have been embarrassed had I brought them up in everyday conversation. But I also knew that he wanted me to have them. I will cherish them always.

This past fall, my husband and I arose extra early one frosty morning to ride out to Armada Flea Market. It seemed like the perfect thing to do on a crisp fall day. There wasn't much that really interested me as I wandered from table to table until about half way through the market I stopped at a table and something in a box caught my eye. It was a box of old letters. As I looked through them, I soon realized they were all to and from the same person. I also realized from looking at the postmarks and from reading a couple of the top letters that the writer and recipient of these letters served in World War II. I immediately thought about the letters I had from my parents and I asked the seller how much he wanted for the letters. He said, "\$5.00", so I willingly

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Renaissance Man of Macomb County

By Alan D. Naldrett

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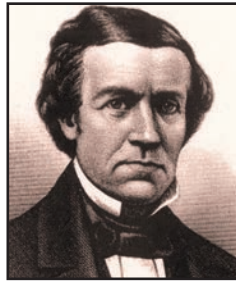
A Renaissance man, as a phrase, harkens back to Leonardo da Vinci, the multi-talented man from the Renaissance, a major period of Roman/Italian culture. In the 1400s A.D., Leonardo proved that one could use both sides of the brain, mixing accomplishments in art such as *The Last Supper* and the *Mona Lisa*, with scientific feats such as designs of early submarines and flying apparatus, accurate anatomical drawings, and more. The term Renaissance man has morphed in modern times into a term that refers to an individual who excels in more than one field of expertise.

This is a fitting description for William Burt. His scientific accomplishments often outshine his architectural and artistic accomplishments. His achievements were diverse.

In the pioneer days of white men in the Michigan region, Burt was an organizer of early government. As a member of the territorial Michigan

Legislature from 1826-1827, when the Michigan Territory included the present-day states of Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota and a large portion of the Dakotas, Burt helped govern a large area. He was a Macomb County Circuit Judge in 1833.

Burt was one of the first surveyors and



William Burt

explorers of the Michigan Territory. He was one of the surveyors for the Talcott line, verifying that the maps ceding the disputed Toledo territory to Ohio (which included the "Toledo Strip" in their state boundaries in 1803, the year of their statehood) were inaccurate. He explored and mapped much of Upper and Lower Michigan, including Cheboygan County where Burt Lake is named for him. As a surveyor, he first worked in the Port Huron area, surveying townships. From there, he went to Wisconsin to do the same. Burt was always highly praised for the accuracy of his surveying lines. Today, when re-surveyed, most of his work is still found to be totally accurate! He was a deputy surveyor of the United States from 1833 until 1853.

Burt was the inventor of the solar compass, useful to surveyors when unable to use magnetic compasses in the presence of vast iron reserves.

Speaking of those iron reserves, Burt discovered the first ones in Michigan.

While surveying what was to become the Marquette Range, Burt noticed fluctuations in the compass readings. Shortly thereafter, Burt and his crew found many specimens of ore that Burt immediately recognized as iron! Burt first

built the solar compass, unaffected by the presence of iron, in 1835. In February 1836, the U.S. Patent Office awarded Burt patent number 9428 X for his invention of the very useful compass. He also invented the equatorial sextant, used for determining a ship's location at sea.

The first American patent for a

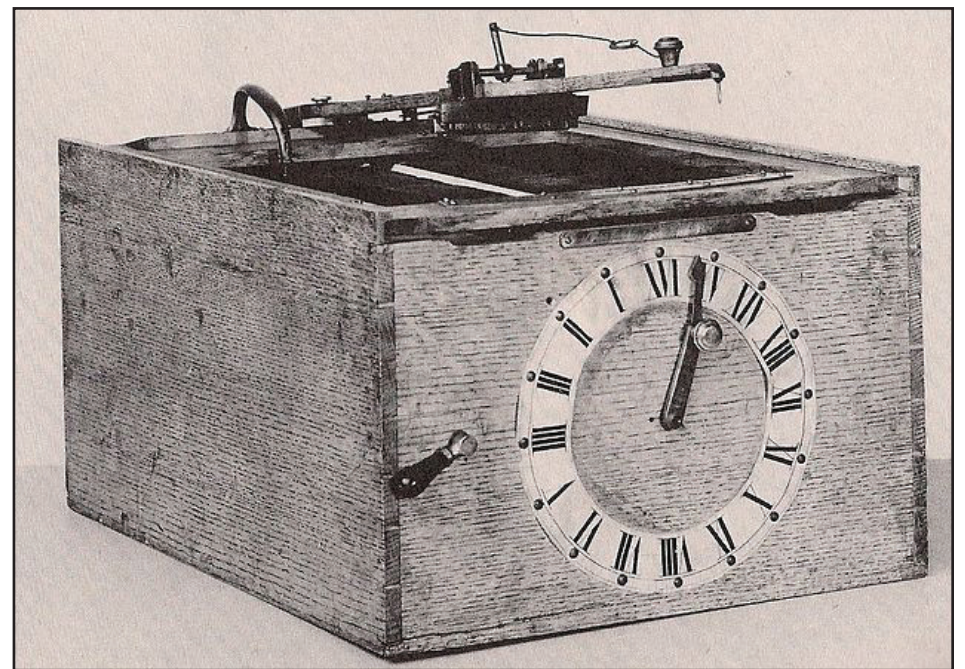
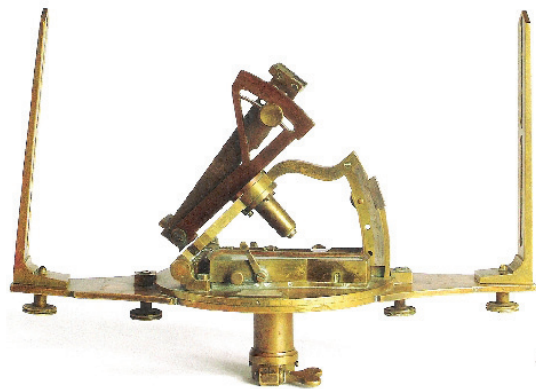
typewriter was granted in 1829 to William A. Burt. The typewriter was the progenitor of the computer keyboard, for those people of the 21st Century who don't know what a typewriter is. His version was called the typographer. The first version was lost in a fire at the U.S. Patent office in 1836, but Burt's grandson, Austin Burt, built a replica that was displayed at the Columbian Exhibition in Chicago in 1893. The replica was given to the Smithsonian where it is often on display. Burt's second version was more expansive and was said to be as big as a pinball machine!

On the artistic side of his brain, Burt was a millwright and designed an Octagon House whose location is now marked by a plaque in Stoney Creek Park of Macomb County, Michigan.

William Burt was also the first postmaster for Mt. Vernon, Michigan. Mt. Vernon was one of the first communities in Macomb County, although little remains today but a church and a cemetery. Many of the county's early settlers are buried in the cemetery, some going back as far

as 1817, twenty years before Michigan became a state. The post office opened on December 19, 1832, and operated until July 15, 1905. The village, which was named for George Washington's Virginia estate, was located at 28 Mile and Mt. Vernon in Washington Township. Businesses in Mt. Vernon included a general store that also served as an inn, a blacksmith, a buggy store, a cooper, a re-weaving place, sawmills and a greenhouse. There was also a school and two churches, a Catholic and a Methodist. The Methodist Church is about the sole remnant of the community. Farming was the chief industry. Dennis Soule, a farmer, specialized in constructing windmills. The small community was ravaged by smallpox from late 1875 to early 1876.

William Austin Burt was born June 13, 1792, and died on August 18, 1858, at the age of 66. Mr. Burt left Mt. Vernon around 1856 and spent his last years living in Detroit. 🍀



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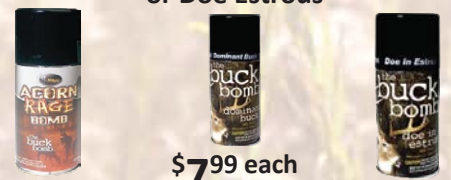
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Leadership - Lost & Found

By David Gillis

ThumbPrint News Columnist

I should probably begin this column with a simple statement: The opinions expressed here are those of the writer and not necessarily advocated by anyone else.

Recently, in a college leadership course I teach, the class was asked to identify those traits they thought are necessary to be a true leader. I emphasized the word "true" so the students would understand that I wasn't just talking in general terms, something I believe we too often do.

There was some hesitation before the first answer came, but I remained quiet through their thought process. Then one student raised his hand and said, "I think a good leader must be honest."

"Good," I replied. Then I looked around the classroom and asked, "How about another trait?" A second hand went into the air and the student stated, "Integrity is important."

"Great," I said, "how about another." Several hands were raised as the students began to recognize what I was seeking. The list began to grow as we added respect for others, self-confidence, sincere compassion, humility, and a desire to serve. Actually, the list grew much longer than I had expected, but now the students were anxious as they sought out those characteristics they felt were essential. I was pleased with their perspectives on the subject.

When our list had grown to a well-defined lexicon of leadership attributes, I asked those in the class to identify a current leader who they felt possessed those traits. I, again, was quiet as I watched the eyes staring at me. The hesitation to answer was substantially longer than when I asked the first question about traits.

Although some names were submitted for discussion, most in the class dismissed them for lack of identifiable leadership characteristics. What we discovered that night was that there are few people we could effectively label as real leaders.

Leadership is one of those nebulous, over-used terms like the word hero. We hear it all too often, but it seems to take on various definitions and tends to lose real meaning. As we examine the characteristics of those who are placed in leadership positions today, can we really say that they are real leaders?

I think back to my school days in the mid-1950s and some of the leaders we looked to then. One in particular, a man called Ike, comes to mind. He was a military leader during World War II, rising to the rank of five-star general and later serving as the supreme commander

of NATO. He was an academic leader as the president of Columbia University. In government, he served as Chief of Staff for Democratic President Harry Truman and was elected to two four-year terms as the Republican President of the United States. As a human being Dwight D. Eisenhower certainly had flaws, but absolutely gave intrinsic value to the term leadership. Does that exist today?

If we explore the possible leadership traits of our current political leaders, how often can we use the words integrity, honesty and competency in a meaningful way? Are our church pastors courageous enough in the pulpit to tell us of our need for biblical self-discipline, yet compassionate enough to share a tear with a dying member of the congregation? Is the highly paid corporate executive really concerned about employees' welfare or, for that matter, is the union boss really serving the best interest of the members? Do those false heroes of sports and entertainment who depend on our almost worshiping attitude really possess those leadership characteristics we want our children to have? I suggest that your answers may be closely aligned to mine. Are we suffering from a temporary lapse in real leadership or is it lost and we must now redefine the term?

As disappointed as I may have become searching for real leadership today, I don't believe it is lost nor do I expect to have to modify my expectations for those who will carry that moniker in the future. I do believe that the moral decay we may have allowed to permeate our society over the last several decades is responsible for our current lack of real leadership. We have not learned our lessons well, but we do have an opportunity for change if we choose to grasp it.

Our hope for a return to real leadership can be found today in the youth that occupy the classrooms of our schools and the pews of our churches. If we are able to clarify for them what leadership values really are and how to apply them consistently and with courage, there may be hope for tomorrow. If we can reintroduce traditional definitions of integrity, honesty, respect and compassion, we will be proud of how they will lead us.

As I conclude this treatise I want to assure the reader that these are not just the ramblings of an old man lost again in the mid-twentieth century. These are hopes, no these are prayers, for a future that's better than today. It is written with confidence that our children and our grandchildren are the only hope we have. Let's give them all the help and encouragement they need. Our lives and, more importantly, their futures depend on it. 🍀

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ST. CLAIR COUNTY CLERK DEBOYER'S VETERANS' ID PROGRAM IS A SUCCESS

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"Worden had recognized the need for this type of identification some time

ago and I had become familiar with other clerk's offices issuing them in other counties in the state. So after I had established the new Concealed Pistol Licensing System at the clerk's office, I investigated the ability to produce the Veterans' ID card using the same computer hardware and software," said County Clerk DeBoyer.

It was with that system and through donations from civic minded citizens and businesses that the Veterans' ID program was established. In the three months since it began, nearly 400 veterans have welcomed the program and have been issued their ID card complete with photo, branch of service and discharge date on the card.

"This is a big deal," said former St.

Clair County Sheriff and decorated Vietnam veteran, Dan Lane. "The fact that Clerk DeBoyer recognized the need of the veterans and collaborated with another department within the county to get this thing established at little to no cost to the county speaks to his creativity and level of commitment to his office and to the citizens of the county."

Director Worden has spent some time recently lobbying local businesses on behalf of the Veterans that may not be currently accepting the cards as valid ID. "The Clerk's office is the statutorily designated place that a veteran files their DD214 discharge

paper for safe keeping and I would think that an ID issued from that office logically would make sense and clearly be valid for any business that wishes to grant veterans some form of benefit for their service", said Clerk DeBoyer. "All in all I'm very pleased with the program thus far and thankful we have someone like Deb fighting for our veterans."

If you are a veteran and would like to obtain your Veterans' ID, stop by Clerk DeBoyer's office in the County Court House, 201 McMorrin Blvd, Port Huron, Michigan, or call (810) 985-2200. All you will need is a picture ID and your discharge papers. 🇺🇸

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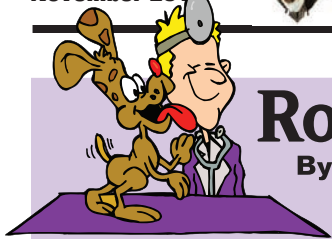
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Rodenticide Poisoning

By Dr. DiBenedetto *ThumbPrint News* Columnist

With the recent increases in the rat populations in many cities, we are seeing more cases of accidental rodenticide poisonings in our pets. Rat poison baits may be formulated as pellets, bars, grains or meals. Unfortunately they are made to taste appealing to the rodents, which also make them taste appealing to our pets. This is important to remember when placing traps with bait in them outside in the environment.

There are many different types of rodenticides available today that vary in toxicity and mode of action, including Bromethalin, cholecalciferol, strychnine, zinc phosphide and anticoagulants. These products can all look very similar, so we are not able to identify the actual toxin based on color or shape. Whenever possible we need to have the packaging to find this information. Just knowing the brand name (i.e. D-Con) does not give us enough information to identify the toxin either. Bromethalin, cholecalciferol, strychnine and zinc phosphide are lesser known forms of rat poison. The onset of clinical signs with these rodenticides is quicker and their effects are more severe.

Treatment should start with inducing vomiting as soon as possible. Then decontamination is done by giving activated charcoal, which is a binding agent that will help to decrease absorption of the toxin in the gut. This should be done every eight hours for multiple doses. The sooner treatment is started the better the prognosis for recovery. Once symptoms have started, the chance of recovery is grave.

The anticoagulant form of rodenticides is the most common, causing the majority of the poisonings we see in general practice. In this class there are eleven different compounds. According to studies from veterinary teaching hospitals, 90 % of the poisonings come from the long acting, second generation compounds. These compounds inhibit the body's ability to recycle vitamin K, causing hemorrhaging or a bleeding disorder, due to the inability of the blood to clot. Prolonged clotting times can be detected in a blood sample within 24 to 48 hours after ingestion, but clinical signs may not be seen for several days after ingestion. In many cases, poisoned animals are not presented to their veterinarian until signs develop. Clinical signs can be vague and vary depending on

where the hemorrhaging occurs. Pets can be bleeding from the nose or mouth, have blood in the urine or stool, or they can present with lethargy, collapsing, coughing and difficulty breathing because they are bleeding into their lungs or their abdominal cavity.

If a patient presents with a known ingestion of a rodenticide that has occurred within two hours and is not having any bleeding, then the treatment consists of inducing vomiting, giving a dose of activated charcoal to help absorb any poison that may be in the gastrointestinal tract and starting vitamin K supplement for two to four weeks, depending on the type of the compound ingested. When the actual compound cannot be identified, we always treat with vitamin K for 30 days. When a patient presents with bleeding, it is too late to make them vomit or administer activated charcoal. Treatment at this stage starts with checking clotting times, administering vitamin K and any other supportive care needed based on how severe and where the hemorrhage is occurring. Oxygen therapy, plasma transfusions, blood transfusions and very rarely removing free blood from the chest cavity may be necessary.

Rodenticide poisoning can be severe. However, treatment can be very successful if initiated in a timely manner. If you suspect your pet may have gotten into

any form of rat poison, seek veterinary attention immediately! 🐾


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TRASH TO TREASURE

By **Cindy Fockler**

ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

This month I am going to take you on a little tour of my house, just to show you some of the different things I've done with items found while junkin' or hitting all the garage sales, thrift stores and flea markets.

The first item was a "found in the trash" picture frame. It needed some repairs, glue, a touch of plaster of Paris, a couple coats of paint and it now surrounds a bird house on the wall. I kept it mostly in pastel colors. When all the color was done, I dry brushed over the entire piece with white. For anyone that isn't familiar with dry brushing, it is simply putting paint on your brush, and then drying it almost completely off on a paper towel or old jean patch till 75% of the paint is gone. That is the point that you want to brush it onto your item. This leaves a highlight of the color on the raised areas of your project. It's very easy to do and makes a world of difference in your finished item.



especially the handle areas, with a quick sanding to distress it, put the glass back in, glued scrabble letters to the front of it to spell out, "A Stitch in Time", put a piece of fabric over the backing, used removable glue dots (sold in scrapbooking departments) to adhere each of the items. I then sandwiched it all together and hung it on the wall. I love being able to look up at part of my collection daily.

My shelves in the kitchen are near and dear to my heart also. They began their life as a dresser. When the drawers no longer slid in easily and it had been repaired more times than anyone can count, it seemed like such a shame to just throw it out. So I asked my husband to take the top off of it carefully and to save me the drawer fronts. When I told him what I wanted to do with them, he just shook his head and tore it apart for me. We then cut the top into three pieces (ours came out to 8 inch shelves) touched up the stain to match, put three screws and some wood glue between the top and the actual drawer front, let it dry, put the drawer handles back on, added two hanging brackets on the back and hung on the wall. I love these! I tied a piece of twine across the two knobs and hang things from it.

I hope you've enjoyed this little sampling of some of the easy projects that I have done. I am positive that you too can do each of these. So the next time you are out "junkin," don't be afraid to think outside of the box.

Next time I will show you how to turn an old china cabinet into a perfect height TV stand and storage unit!

Happy Junkin! 🍀

Editor's Note: Cindy Fockler of Crosswell, Michigan, has been crafting and repurposing items since she was a child. Her favorite mediums include polymer clay, paint, paper and fabric. Many of her creations are pictured on www.facebook.com/CindysCreativeCrafting or www.cindyscraftstore.blogspot.com.



This piece is one of my favorites. I always have to buy old sewing/crafting items when I see them, but had a tough time trying to display them. I happened to come across this glass tray at a sale for \$2.00 and thought it would make the perfect display frame. I swear my husband cringed a bit when I painted over the oak frame with white paint, but it had to be done! I hit each of the edges,



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The Angel Advisor

Take Care of Yourself When Taking Care of Others

By Jeffrey Johnson

ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

In homes all over the area, a relative is taking care of an older or disabled person today. They might be helping them to dress or shop for food, or reminding them to take medicines or even just making sure they're safe at home. They're not alone. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reports that more than 44 million Americans provide unpaid care to an elderly or disabled person 18 or over every year. A large percentage of these people are family caregivers, spouses caring for husbands or wives, or adult children or grandchildren caring for elderly relatives.

The reality is that most Americans will act as a family caregiver at some point during their lives. Some will be juggling paying jobs in addition to their caregiver duties, and some will still be raising their own children while caring for their elderly relatives. They may not realize that help is available.

Being a family caregiver for an elderly loved one can be incredibly rewarding. Caregivers usually report they enjoy feeling needed, knowing they are doing something good for someone they love and building a stronger, closer relationship. But caregiving can take its toll mentally and physically, and most family caregivers report feeling the effects of "caregiver stress" at some point.

The best way to reduce the effects of caregiver stress is to ask for and accept help. Make a list of ways others can help you, and let your family and friends choose what they want to do. One person might volunteer to take the person you care for on a walk a couple of times a week. Another might offer to pick up groceries for you. Consider bringing in outside help, such as non-medical home care from an agency like Visiting Angels, one or more days a week to give everyone a break as well.

Take a note of these signs of caregiver stress. If any apply, you need help:

- Feeling overwhelmed
- Sleeping too much or too little
- Gaining or losing a lot of weight
- Feeling tired or exhausted most of the time
- Losing interest in activities you used to enjoy
- Becoming easily irritated or angered

- Feeling constantly worried
- Feeling sad
- Experiencing frequent headaches, bodily pain or other chronic physical problems
- Abusing alcohol or drugs, including prescription medication

If you are a family caregiver, it is both normal and common to feel the effects of caregiver stress. That's why it's essential to plan your care, too, and to have a plan in place to manage that stress before it results in severe mental and/or physical health issues. In order to take the best care of anyone else, you must first take care of yourself.

Contact your local Area Agency on Aging (AAA) to see what services are available in your area. Some options to explore include:

- Transportation and meal delivery assistance
- Home health care services (such as nursing or physical therapy)
- Non-medical home care, such as that provided by Visiting Angels and other agencies, to help with hygiene, meal preparation/diet monitoring, light housekeeping, errands, shopping and companionship
- Home modification to make it easier for your loved one to perform daily tasks
- Respite care, either in-home, or out-of-the-home through home care agencies, adult day-care centers, short-term nursing homes or day hospitals to give you a much-needed break

Once help is in place it's vital that you take proper care of yourself. Make time each week to do something that you enjoy. Try to find time to be physically active each day, eat a healthy diet, and get enough sleep. Get regular checkups from your physician and let him or her know that you are a caregiver. Be sure to share any symptoms of depression or sickness you may be having. Stay in touch with family and friends, and join a support group for caregivers.

Prevent caregiver stress by researching the resources that are available in your area and taking advantage of them. To get started, you can contact your local AAA or contact Visiting Angels at (810) 326-4357 or visit www.VisitingAngels.com/stclair. Remember that your health is just as important as the health of the person for whom you are caring, and that you are not alone. 🐦

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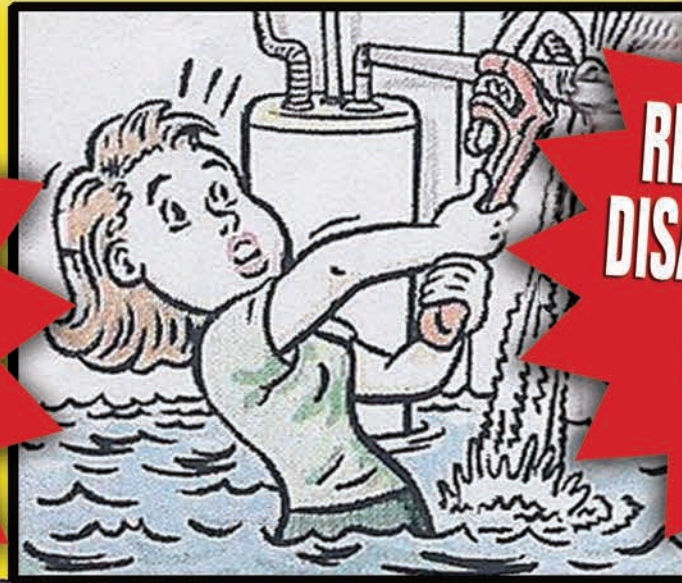
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By Laura Smith
ThumbPrint News Columnist

Scanning and Restoring the Past

Do you have hardcopy prints of family photographs stuck onto those yellowing acid based sheets in photo albums? Maybe you have 35 mm slides incased in paper sleeves or negatives in those crumbling paper negative envelopes from the 1950 or 1960s laying in the dining room china cabinet drawer. Think how nice it would be to scan these items into your computer and restore them before time and age disintegrates them to dust. I have scanned and restored at least 350 photos over this past year. My time, scanner and software were worth the investment. If I had gone to a professional studio I would had paid out over \$1000.00 to get the quality of work I did myself--and would have not had the fun I did in the editing process. The images shown here were done with products mentioned in this article.

For just photo scanning, an inexpensive scanner/copier will work. (I use the HP Officejet 4500--Sams Club \$69.00). On any scanner use the advanced settings and set the dpi (dots per square inch) to 600, which translates to between a 3 to 4 MB file for each photo. When you begin the editing process of restoration, some of MB will be reduced. Most lap tops and PC towers have about 300 GB so space should not be an issue. At 600 dpi, it takes about 3 minutes for one photo to download. You can opt for 300 dpi setting if your computer is an older model with less GB space.



Photo scanned at 200dpi

It is not recommend using a scanner/printers default setting of 200 dpi, which



This is a photo from 1961 scanned at 600dpi.

is too low of a resolution for printing hard copy photos. Low dpi resolution images when printed into hard copy will have blotchy areas of blended wavy dots or will be out of focus.

If you are going to be scanning photos, negatives and slides, it is worth the investment to buy a scanner that does all three. I bought the HP Scanjet 4890 in 2005, which is now the HP Scanjet G4050 and costs about \$219.00. This scanner does high-definition scans of 4800 x 9600 dpi resolution, but the dpi can be reduced. It can scan up to sixteen 35 mm slides or 30 negative frames. It restores faded color using included software. It will automatically remove red eye and enhance details in dark photos.

One you have all the photos you want scanned into your PC or lap top, have them labeled the way your want and cropped, the next step is restoration by editing. The easy to use software that I edit with is the Corel Paint Shop Pro series, which costs about \$129.00. I use it for the one step photo fix, removing scratches, cloning and other editing. I also have Mystic Tint and Tone for filling in washed out colors that cannot be restored. You can download a free trial period at <http://www.autofx.com/products/mttc/detail.html> to practice.

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.



Memoirs from The Restless Retiree

I FORGOT WHAT I CAME IN HERE FOR!

By Gabriel Jones, ThumbPrint News Columnist

Seniors! Does the title ring a bell with you?

I think all seniors have this happen to them off and on.

What can we do about it? Are we all reaching the age when we can't remember anything?

Do you enter a room to get something, see something else that interests you, and then suddenly forget what you came into the room to get in the first place?

GABRIEL HAS SOLVED THIS PROBLEM OF TEMPORARY SENIOR MEMORY LOSS!

Yes. I've done it again! I've solved another problem that is happening to seniors.

There are only two rules to remember, to solve the problem:

Don't be distracted in your search. Write down on a piece of paper what you are looking for.

I know it sounds "dumb".

BUT IT WORKS EVERY TIME.

So why not try it.

(Oh, Oh...yes, there is a slight problem--your spouse!)

I mention spouse, because RIGHT

THERE IS A BIG PROBLEM.

When your spouse sees that you are getting up to get something, they always seem to say, "Would you get me -----while you're up?"

That's when it happens. Your memory is now fixed on what your spouse wants and you then forget what you got up for in the first place.

BOTH RULES WERE BROKEN!

You were distracted in your search by your spouse.

You didn't write down the item that you got up for.

"Oh, excuse me. I have to get something."

Gabriel suddenly rushes around the room, looking up and down, moving chairs, looking underneath them.

"Gabriel, I don't want to interrupt you, but you're driving me crazy with your constant moving around the room. Why don't you sit down? What are you looking for?"

"I'm trying to find my pad of paper to write something down.

I can't remember where I put it."

Another lesson learned by the Restless Retiree. 🐿

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LEST WE FORGET

By Christine Ryan Sass

ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

Nothing beats the aroma of baking cookies. That sweet smell permeated my aunt's farmhouse kitchen that long ago Saturday when my cousins and I gathered for a baking marathon. We were young teenagers at the time and were baking chocolate chip cookies to send to our older cousin, Jim. Under the patient and watchful eye of Jim's mother we chopped nuts, stirred batter and giggled – a lot. When the bakefest was complete, we carefully layered our treats into coffee cans and placed those in square milk containers for shipment. It was the fall of 1968 and we were determined to send a taste of home to a soldier in Vietnam.

Jim Powers at the age of 19 was thrust into a war that raged half a world away from his home in Emmett. Letters home described unfathomable conditions. He counted down the days until he could return to the farm on Imlay City Road.

Jim had been in-country for about three months when he was tracked down by the Red Cross and notified of a death in the family. All he knew was that he was on his way home but did not know who had passed. He soon found out it was his beloved older sister, Patty. Jim

was home for thirty days and during that time his younger sister remembers her usually gregarious brother was quiet, no doubt contemplating his return to combat. She said the effects of combat were evident when he would be startled by a loud noise and immediately hit the ground.

Jim returned to Vietnam and was subsequently awarded the Bronze Star Medal



for Heroism while on a reconnaissance mission near the Cambodian border. His troop came in contact with a large enemy force. As his unit pulled out of the enemy kill zone, he spotted a tank stuck on an obstacle. With total disregard to his own safety he ran to this disabled vehicle, risking enemy fire, and attached a tow rope to it so it could be pulled to safety.

Jim's personality was larger than life. He was devoted to family and his many friends. He was dedicated to his country and worried about its future. His service in the Army took its toll and haunted him all his life. Jim passed away all too suddenly last year at the age of 62.

We tend to forget or perhaps take for granted the sacrifices made by the men and women who protect this great country. It's hard to imagine what it would be like to wake every morning in a strange land not knowing what the day held in store. President Theodore Roosevelt said, "The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly..."

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passed when the smaller buck made his way back to his cozy midday bed. Now it was only the big buck and me and the perpetual cat and mouse game that defines high-country mule deer hunting. His massive antlers bobbed as he quickly moved back to his bed. This was my chance. I slowly eased back my bow. He was 50 yards away and moving at a brisk walk.

Will he stop? Should I whistle? I wondered.

Then, in the blink of an eye, I made my decision. Don't shoot, be patient. I slowly let my bow back down.

Since 2007, except for one year, I have made the annual voyage to western Colorado in pursuit of high-country mule deer. For many years, my heart has burned deep with the desire to fulfill my dream of holding a set of velvet antlers. A dream achieved deep in the vast wilderness, hunting solo. However, countless hours, numerous dollars, a lifetime of stories, and three blown opportunities have netted me zero mule deer. Thus, many times I have wondered if this was ever meant to be. But despite my doubts, my desire still burns deep, and I have continued to chase my worthy high-country opponent.

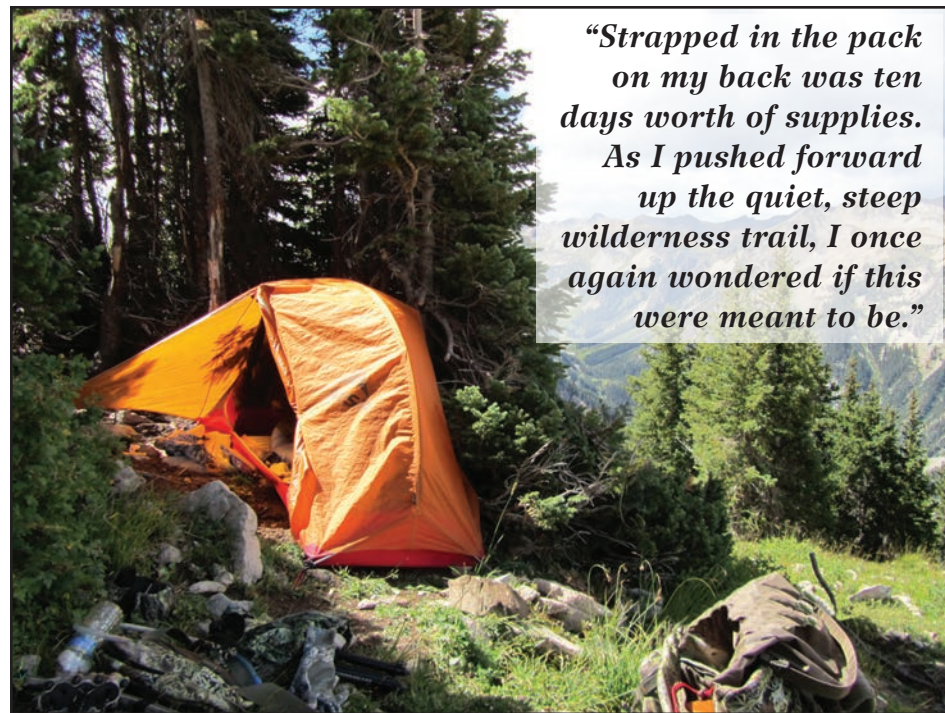
To achieve this dream, I have endured much, like strenuous conditioning. In preparation, I ran the Bighorn Mountain 50 miler as a way to mentally and physically prepare for the high country. I've also undertaken seemingly endless days of shooting arrows and the disappearance of thousands of dollars over the years. All of this while my wife was at home seven

months pregnant and chasing our two-year-old daughter. This has defined my life for the past four years. This is not simply a passion, but rather an obsession. It's a drive that bow hunters harbor. It drives us and leads us to new heights. With enough hard work and persistence, any dream now seems achievable.

I arrived at my unit several days prior to the opener. Plan A was to hike into the west side of the unit and scout. If things didn't look promising, I would hike out and then hike back into the east side and spend the remainder of my time there. As fate would have it, the deer sightings on the west side were minimal, and so, with a night's rest in town and a normal meal, I headed up the winding, dusty, aspen-lined mountain road, prepared for the quest ahead. Strapped in the pack on my back was ten days worth of supplies. As I pushed forward up the quiet, steep wilderness trail, I once again wondered if this were meant to be.

That Friday evening my excitement mounted as I caught a glimpse of a buck. Even from over a mile away he looked extremely wide and tall. I knew I was getting closer to my dream. I could picture the velvet antlers in my grasp! Needless to say, I went to bed that evening and slept fitfully with thoughts of that buck and the adventure that lay ahead.

Boom! Crack! Suddenly thunder and lightning exploded all around me, lighting up the oil-like darkness outside. In the high country, lightning is my biggest fear. Little did I know, but this storm was a precursor of the storms that would haunt me everyday. My quest was to become even more challenging.



"Strapped in the pack on my back was ten days worth of supplies. As I pushed forward up the quiet, steep wilderness trail, I once again wondered if this were meant to be."

Saturday morning dawned clear but with a heavy blanket of frost. I slung on my pack and my legs burned as I trudged upward, once again in pursuit. After settling into my glassing spot, my warm sweat gave way to a shivering across my body. Finally, the warmth of the sun warmed my back as I scanned the basin below. Suddenly, antlers filled my binoculars. Two very respectable bucks and one enormous buck fed several hundred feet below me. The biggest buck of the three carried the widest spread I have ever seen on a mule deer. I watched in amazement as they effortlessly worked their way up and over a saddle protected by two jagged mountain peaks. Once they vanished over the saddle, I hurriedly packed up and loped my way across the verdant basin in hopes of finding this enormous deer again.

I crawled over the rocky ridge top, carefully glassing the terrain below as it appeared. To my delight, the three bucks came into view not more than 300 yards below me. I could tell by their movements that they were getting ready to bed. Fortunately, they only had a few bedding spots, all of which would present excellent stalking opportunities. I eased over the knife-edged ridge that separated the two basins, which provided me with an undetected approach to get within a hundred yards of my target buck. Once in position, I sat patiently, watching and waiting for them to bed in an approachable spot.

Bang! Crash! Without warning, boulders began raining down from above on the opposite side of the basin. The deer frantically scattered downhill into the safety of the thick pine forest several hundred feet below. As I sat there in disbelief over what had just occurred, a clap of thunder erupted in the western sky.

I scrambled back to my one-man tent as the sky darkened and began spitting dime-sized pieces of hail. As the storm raged on, I slipped into my tent, dejected for the remainder of the day. My dream seemed farther away than ever.

Sunday began just as all the others; clear, crisp and cool. Once again, I climbed up to my original glassing spot, attempting to harness my remaining energy and determination as I chased the elusive giant deer. However, I was unable to find the bucks from yesterday, so I headed north to glass up some new country. Almost instantly, I found the massive buck from yesterday, but this time he was with a new and much smaller buck than the day before. The sun was high in the sky when the bucks tucked themselves into the stunted pines. Calming my excitement, I forced myself to methodically plot my course, a plan that would get me within a hundred yards and perfectly above them.

At last, I got into position. As I did, I pleaded with the bowhunting gods to keep the wind true. The good news was now I knew the animals' exact location. This knowledge allowed me to slowly ease another 15 yards closer and get tucked into the uphill side of the stunted pines that harbored my buck. The bad news was the sun was barely dodging the growing cloud cover, which would cause the wind to swirl quickly. However, I would not be daunted. I had come this far, and so I steeled myself for the many hours it might take while the rocks pushed into my knees and bootless feet.

The winds swirled, the skies darkened, and I despaired that at any moment, I would hear their hooves thundering down the mountainside, taking with them years worth of dreams. However, suddenly the smaller buck emerged. At a mere ten yards, I felt as if he could hear my pounding

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heart. Fortunately, he fed away from me, giving me the opportunity to shoot undetected. My palms were sweaty and my mouth ran dry as his massive antlers loomed over the pines. The realization of my dream stood before me. The meaning of all those lonely miles, quiet nights, and empty time away from my young family would be defined in the next several minutes. I slowly stood and brought life to my bow limbs. The buck stepped out into the open basin. He stood motionless, completely unaware of the ominous danger

45 yards uphill. I felt oddly at ease as I settled my sight pin over his massive chest. As in practice, I let the arrow go.

The bow exploded, but in horror, I watched my arrow sail harmlessly over his back, smashing with a bang into the rocks below! I dropped to my knees like a heart shot duck.

My eyes darted upward, still in disbelief of missing this world-class animal. However, I could still see the tips of his antlers peering above the small ridge. Snapping myself from my despair, I nocked

another arrow. Both bucks stared holes into the boulders below, looking for what had made that noise. The bigger buck began making his way up and out of the basin. He had two choices, either continue up and over behind me, putting him within 30 yards, or head several hundred yards down the basin to get around the 50-foot rim rock cliff spanning that distance. Luck was with me as the huge buck chose up and over!

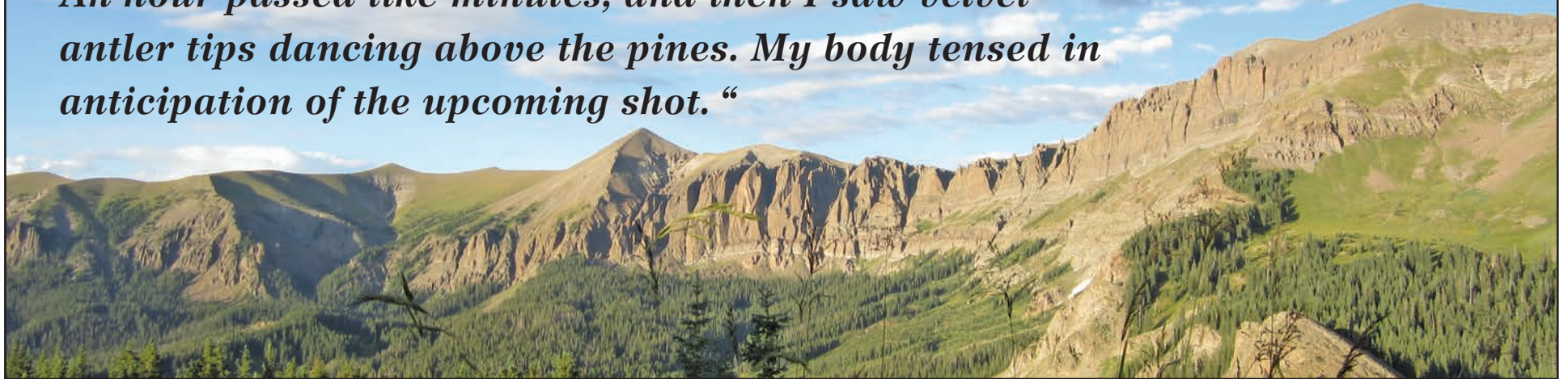
As his antlers bobbed closer and closer, I concentrated my eyes on the upcoming shot. At 30 yards, all I could see was his rack, but

from the position of his left G-2, I could tell he was looking opposite my direction. In one fluid motion, I stood and drew back my bow and released. My sleek arrow arched through the golden sun as it quickly sliced the air and then I saw it! My arrow impaling the broad chest of my buck! He slowly stumbled off, his tail twitching as he bedded within 150 yards of me.

The flood of emotion that engulfed me is unexplainable. I floated down the basin

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“... I sat motionless, afraid any movement on my part would be spotted. An hour passed like minutes, and then I saw velvet antler tips dancing above the pines. My body tensed in anticipation of the upcoming shot.”





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Last Haircut of the Year

By Paul Bujak

ThumbPrint News Staff Writer

Blistery cold temperatures, ice covered windshields, fogged up eyeglasses, shall I go on? No? I didn't think so. It's hard to believe were already approaching the holiday season. Time to get your lawn in ship shape and put those beautiful decorations up. Let's start by taking a look at your lawn and giving it one last trim for the year.

The best thing you can do for your lawn is give it a nice short haircut before the extreme cold temperatures arrive. I recommend raking and bagging big piles of leaves already sitting on your lawn. If your lucky enough to have only a dusting of leaves on your lawn, you can mulch those leaves into your lawn for extra nutrients such as nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium. A good rule of thumb is to drop your blades down



one notch every time you cut the grass in late October till the end of November. I recommend going no lower than 2 inches, otherwise you may scalp your lawn.

Cutting at this height will prevent a build up of dead grass in the spring and will provide new growth. If you leave your grass long during the winter months, you may encourage more weed and disease problems to your lawn.

Now that the final cut is finished, it's now time to give your lawn one last application of fertilizer. If you are tired of having a brown lawn during the winter, try using a nitrogen fertilizer such as Scotts WinterGuard. Scotts can provide an ample amount of nitrogen to keep your grass nice and green during those cold winter months. By providing your lawn with these simple tips you will have a great looking yard come spring time!

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to my fallen buck as several bighorn sheep darted off. It all seemed surreal. Then I grabbed his velvet antlers in my hands. I quietly paused for several minutes to honor an animal I cherish and respect with the highest of regard. Then an urge overtook me and I yelled, "I did it!"

My buck is now honored in my living room on a worthy pedestal. He officially gross scored 201-2/8 and netted 183-7/8. But beyond the numbers, beyond the praise and slaps on the back, this adventure has been a defining moment in my life, teaching me what I am made of and what I can accomplish. For years, I pursued the mighty mule deer, and in the end, out of that rocky ridge, I found myself. 🌲



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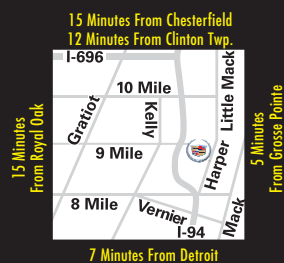
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Lomi (Hawaiian Massage)

By **Rennae Hardy**
ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

The Hawaiian culture was steeped in ancient spiritual traditions that were preserved from one generation to the next through Hawaiian chants, story telling and the sacred dance of the hula. Most revered were the Kahuna, experts in their chosen profession. The Kahuna lomilomi were priests who practiced the healing arts with honor, love and spirituality. They were masters of body manipulation and healing massage. Lomilomi means "massusee, masseur" in the Hawaiian language and Lomi means "to rub, press, squeeze, massage, to work in and out, as the claws of a contented cat".

Lomilomi is a holistic healing tradition beyond simple massage. The Lomilomi technique focuses on finding congested areas in the body and dispersing them, by moving the palms, thumbs, knuckles

and forearms in rhythmic, dance-like motions. Setting the intention for healing, the Kahuna would also utilize prayer (pule), breath (ha) and energy (mana). Native Hawaiians say the true definition

of Lomilomi is "reconnecting with spirit".

In 1973, Auntie Margaret Machado, a respected kupuna (elder) from the Big Island,

decided to share her family's knowledge of Lomilomi by teaching it to anyone who had a sincere desire to learn....Hawaiian or not. Auntie Margaret believed it was time for the ancient healing gift of Lomilomi to be felt throughout the world and it is due to her efforts that others are able to benefit from this native Hawaiian healing technique today.

Lomilomi is often referred to as a spiritual massage. Recipients of a treatment may experience freedom from anxiety, worry and fear, as well as



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additional negative thought patterns. The therapist is a conduit for Divine healing energy, and as such, emotional releases may occur in addition to the physical benefits gained from massage.

Many of today's therapists are not genuine Hawaiian kahunas. They're compassionate, skilled therapists drawn to the ancient healing tradition of Lomi. They respect the sacred teachings and embrace its spirituality. Each practitioner provides the recipient with therapeutic massage accompanied by a blessing from

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**FROM THE EDITOR**

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paid him, figuring that for that small amount of change the letters would provide a pleasant afternoon of reading for me.

Once I got the 35 letters home, I sat down with a cup of coffee and started to read. I didn't expect what would happen next. As I read of the experiences this young soldier was having and those of his older brother, who was also serving his country, I started to become closer to both of them. I started to feel what they were feeling. I started to feel that I knew them. I also read the letters his parents and siblings had sent to him. Mostly they described what was going on at home – their joys, their pains, their hardships. I suddenly realized that these letters shouldn't belong to me. They needed to be returned to a family member who would treasure them in the same way that I treasured the war letters of my parents.

This began a month long search for a living relative. Many letters were post marked from the same town in Ohio, so I began there, searching for persons with the same lastname as the young soldier. Because it was an unusual name, this was easier than if the name had been more common. I found two persons with the same last name and, elated, I tried the phone numbers I found on the internet for both. Disappointedly, I found both numbers to be out of service.

My next step was to search on Ancestry.com, of which I am a member. Here I hit the jackpot. I found another member with exactly

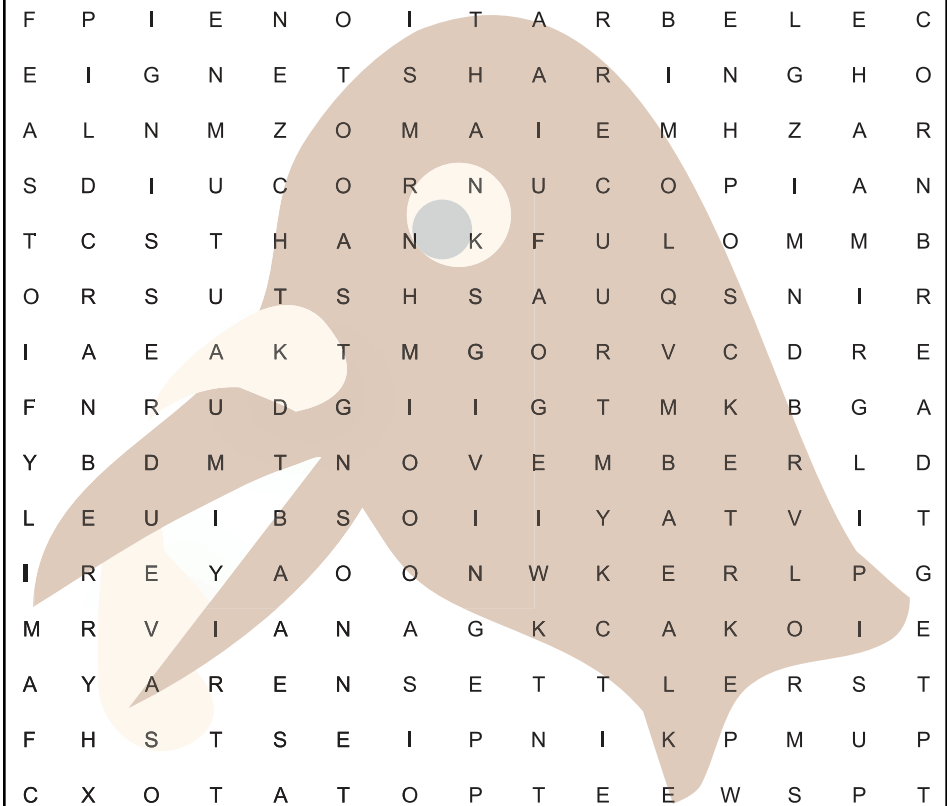
the first and last name as the young soldier, except he was a "Jr.". Through the anonymous member contact service, I sent him a message. I told him of the letters that I had found and wondered if he could possibly be related. The person I contacted didn't respond back for a few weeks, but when he did he said that the soldier was his father.

I was so excited! I immediately wrote back and asked for his address and said that I would like to return the letters to him, believing that they rightfully belonged with a relative. He never contacted me again. It has been over three months.

I don't know why his son didn't want the letters. Maybe he thought they would bring back painful memories. I don't know what his relationship with his father was. But it still makes me sad that this young soldier, who fought valiantly for his country, had the record of his experiences through the letters reduced to a pile in a box at a flea market. I did research on the soldier's military record and found that he later received a Purple Heart. His brother, who also served, was killed in action at the Battle of the Bulge.

On this Veterans Day, I want to personally thank all of my relatives and the relatives of all Americans everywhere who are veterans of our armed services. I want to thank you for defending our country and all that it stands for. Let's never forget the young soldiers such as the one that I came to know through a pile of old letters at a flea market. Let's not ever forget how important this holiday is.

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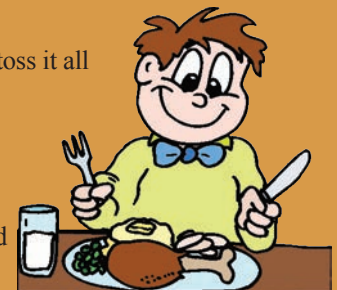
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Things to Do to Liven Up The Thanksgiving Dinner

By Anonymous

1. Load your plate up high, then take it to the kitchen, toss it all in the blender, and take your "shake" back to the table. Announce that it's the new Thanksgiving Weight Loss Shake.

2. When everyone goes around saying what they are thankful for, say, "I'm thankful I didn't get caught" and refuse to say anything more.



3. Bring along old recorded football games, pop them in the VCR when Dad's not looking. Make sure it is set to the last two minutes of the game. When he comes into the room, turn off the VCR and turn on the regular TV.

4. Bring a date that only talks about the tragic and abusive conditions known to exist at turkey farms.

5. During the middle of the meal turn to mom and say, "See mom, I told you they wouldn't notice that the turkey was past the expiration date. You were worried for nothing."



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EAGLE SCOUT

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necessary cash, selling beef jerky, candy bars and other items at several events.

The Outhouse

A pretty, neat little building, the outhouse took care of some very necessary business in its time. It was leaning and sagging and needed much attention and repair. Last fall, after the ground froze, Nathan's first job was to move the outhouse to a storage shed so he could begin work on reinforcing and reconstructing. His winter was spent



working on the outhouse. When spring came, he moved it back to its original location on the museum grounds, all spruced up, looking better than ever.

The Hog Pot

Next Nathan moved on to the hog pot. He completely refurbished it and built a structure for it to hang from on the east side of the museum depot building. This was in late spring and he filled the pot with soil and planted beautiful petunias, which bloomed all summer long.



The School Bell

Finally, Nathan tackled the school bell. The school bell was from the old high school and was donated many years ago to the museum. It has sat on the floor of the Founders building waiting for a place to be displayed. Nathan's first job was moving the big bell which weighed over



300 pounds. Then, he had to sandblast it and paint it. Nathan designed a covered structure, and with the help of a fork lift, placed it in its new home.

The next step in Nathan's journey to become an Eagle Scout is to complete a summary of his work and submit it to the Boy Scout Council for final approval. The Mayville Museum membership will be on hand to congratulate him on a job well done and on his new status of Eagle Scout when all is approved. 🍀

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WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE AN EAGLE SCOUT?

By Ralph McKinch

ThumbPrint News Staff Writer

Envisioning a youth who is an "Eagle Scout," one probably sees a young man who exemplifies trustworthiness, loyalty, helpfulness, friendliness, and all of the other important personality traits in Scout Law. Yet in 1910, when the Boy Scouts began, the Eagle Scout designation did not exist. It was introduced as the highest Scout ranking for the first time by the organization early in 1912.

Arthur Eldred, a 17-year old Boy Scout from Long Island, became the first person to earn the Eagle Scout rank. Amazingly, he completed all of the requirements for the badge in August of 1912, only six months after the Eagle Scout award was announced for the first time. Although the requirements of 21 merit badges had been set, the final review system for Eagle candidates and the design for the Eagle medal had not yet been set at the time ambitious Arthur Eldred completed his requirements.

An Eagle Scout candidate today must demonstrate Scout Spirit through the Boy Scout Oath and law, service and leadership. Just as in the beginning, 21 merit badges must be earned before the rank of Eagle Scout can be obtained. Of those 21, 12 are required and nine are elective. Those that are required are:

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Lapeer County's Largest Flea Market, Lapeer Center Building, 425 County Center St., 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Up to 75 booths inside and outside sell a huge variety of items to the public. This long-running community event is sponsored by the Lapeer Center Building, a non-profit organization for over 60 years. No admission charge. For information on space rentals call Logan at (810) 347-7915.

Dryden – All of November

Quilt Raffle, Dryden Historical Society. Quilt is donated by Lisa Burmann and is called Seven Ponds. It is on display at the Dryden Township Library. Tickets are \$1 each and are available at Mill St. Station, Oxford Bank Dryden Branch and the Depot Museum. The winning ticket will be drawn at 3:00 p.m. on December 1 during the Society's Annual Christmas Cookie Sale.

For more information call Mary at (810) 796-3328.

Macomb

Clinton Township – November 3

9th Annual People, Pets and Vets, Macomb Community College, 44575 Garfield Rd., Building E, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. This is a free, hands-on, interactive educational program designed for children of all ages to learn about animals and proper animal care. Bring your stuffed animal for a free check-up...and surgery if necessary! For more information call (248) 906-5987.

Richmond – November 3

Tis the Season Open House & Artisan Market, Richmond Community Center, Beebe St. Park, 36164 Festival Drive, 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Will include mixed media, paper, fiber, painting, pottery and much more. Kids' activities, mini workshops, make it and take it, demonstrations and refreshments. For more information email mixedmediamondays@gmail.com.

Richmond – November 7

Historic Richmond: New Homes in the 1950s, Richmond Community Center, 36164 Festival Drive, 7:00 p.m. Usula Adamson of the Richmond Historical and Genealogical Society will discuss the building boom Richmond experienced in the early 1950s, complete with pictures and descriptions of the homes featured in the newspaper at the time of construction. For more information call (810) 329-5797 or (586) 808-2953.

Richmond – November 23 and 24

Richmond Community Theater Presents *It's a Wonderful Life*, Maniaci Banquet Center, 69227 Main St., doors open at 6:00 p.m., dinner served at 7:00 p.m., show starts at 8:00 p.m. \$32 for adults, \$15 for children 12 and under. This is a fundraiser to support the restoration of the Richmond Center for the Performing Arts building. For more information call (586) 321-2611.

Warren – November 23 – 25

Michigan State Numismatic Society

Fall Convention and Coin Show, Macomb Community College Expo Center, South Campus, 14500 East 12 Mile Rd., Building P, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. Free parking and admission. Over 180 tables and 100 educational exhibits. On Saturday there will be both adult educational programs and the Young Numismatist Program. Visit www.michigancoinclub.org.

New Baltimore – various dates in November (see description following)

Fitness Classes, First Baptist Church, Washington St. Each Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. is Zumba Fitness and at 6:30 p.m., Step Aerobics. Each Thursday at 10:00 a.m. is Yoga-ball, at 6:30 p.m., Aerobics and at 7:00 p.m. is Zumba Fitness. Each Saturday at 10:00 a.m. is Fit-ball and at 10:30 a.m. is Zumba Fitness. Licensed and certified instructor. Classes are \$2.50 each, no sign up, just walk in. For more information call (586) 725-5858.

Oakland

Lake Orion – November 30

Holly Jolly Folly, Golling Buick-GMC, 1491 S. Lapeer Rd., 6:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. This is the only annual fund raiser to support the Orion Lighted Parade on December 1. The evening will start out with appetizers and entertainment by the Lake Orion Girls' Choir and Lake Orion's very own True Sings. During dinner, music will be provided by our MC, Rock "N" Ronnie. After dinner, dance the night away with the music of 2 Days Gone. Silent auctions. Cost \$33 per person or \$300 for a table of ten. Includes appetizers, dinner, beer and wine, dessert and entertainment. Cash bar is available. Reservations only. For tickets call (248) 693-5900 or stop in at Golling Buick-GMC's general office. Visit www.orionlightedparade.org.

St. Clair

St. Clair – November 1

American Queen and the Titanic, St. Clair Public Library, 310 S. Second, 7:00 p.m. Jim Clary, local artist and author,

will talk about the November storms on the Great Lakes, the *American Queen* and the *Titanic*. For more information call (810) 329-3951.

St. Clair – November 3

Bean Bag Tournament, St. Clair American Legion, Post 382, 1300 Clinton Ave., registration from noon – 12:50 p.m., tournament begins at 1:00 p.m. Public is invited. Cost is \$5 per person. You must be 21 years of age or older to participate. Trophies will be given out to winning participants, and door prizes will be drawn from the list of entrants. For more information call (810) 329-2871.

Algonac – November 5 and 19

PAWS to Read, Algonac-Clay Library, 2011 St. Clair River Dr., 4:00 p.m. Kids, read to a dog! Reading to these adorable, therapy-certified canines improves reading skills and increases self-esteem while making reading more fun! Ages 6 – 12. Registration recommended by calling (810) 794-4471.

Capac – November 8 and 29

KidKreations, Capac Library, 111 N. Main, 4:30 p.m. Come with your friends to hear some great stories and do a fun craft at your neighborhood library. Ages 4 – 10. Register by calling (810) 395-7000.

Kimball – November 8

Kids' Art Class: Snowman & Cardinal, Kimball Township Library, 1955 N. Allen Rd., 4:30 p.m. Kids will do a step-by-step painting and collage of a whimsical snowman and cardinal. Please wear old clothes. Ages 6 -14. Register by calling (810) 982-9171.

Marine City – November 8

Van-Go Art Class for Seniors, Marine City Library, 300 S. Parker, 10:00 a.m. Seniors will have fun with this mixed media art project. Create a poinsettia with artist Jane Weis. Pre-register by calling (810) 765-5233.

Casco Twp. – November 10

Market Place and Craft Show, Perch Point Conservation Club, 7930 Meisner Rd., 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Crafts, silent auction cookie bar, bake sale and lunch

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will be available. Table rentals are \$25. For more information call (810) 765-8161.

Port Huron – November 10

Happy Harvest Crafternoon, Port Huron Library, 210 McMorran Blvd., 2:30 p.m. Sign up for some crafty fun. We will be creating a harvest wreath to make and take. Ages 5 -12. To register call (810) 987-7323 ext. 132 or 130.

Marine City – November 12

Veterans Day Program, Washington Life Center, 403 N. Mary St., 10:30 a.m. Joe Nemeth from the Council on Aging's Port Huron Center will be speaking about Frank Cooper, who was a Tuskegee airman in WWII, a time when as a black he could serve in a segregated army, but not be served a beer in a bar on Eight Mile Rd. Delicious lunch to follow. Reservations call (810) 765-4724 (24 hours in advance). For more information call (810) 765-3523.

Lakeport – November 13 and 27

Zumba Exercise Class, Burtchville Township Library, 7097 Second St., 11:30 a.m. Join licensed teacher Sherry Vandewarker for a great new way to get fit! Dancing skills not required. Register by calling (810) 385-8550.

Yale – November 15

6th Annual Recipe Exchange, Yale Library, 2 Jones St., 5:30 p.m. Submit

your favorite recipe and get a collection of recipes from great cooks and bakers. For more information call (810) 387-2940.

Fair Haven – November 16

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

Marine City – November 16

Christmas Treasures Sale, Washington Life Center, 403 N. Mary St., 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Get an early start on shopping for new and gently used Christmas decorating items. Best prices in town. Rent a table for \$10. For more information or table reservations call (810) 765-3523.

Marine City – November 16

Boot Scootin' Diva's Country Line Dance, Washington Life Center, 403 N. Mary St., 5:00 p.m. Come and enjoy great music, lots of fun and refreshments – all for only \$5. For more information call (810) 765-3523.

Marysville – November 17

Lego Mania, Marysville Library, 1175 Delaware, 11:00 a.m. Build Lego creations with fellow Lego maniacs to display in the library. We supply the

Legos – you bring your imagination. For more information call (810) 364-9493.

Fair Haven – November 19

Astronomy Night, Ira Township Library, 7013 Meldrum Rd., 7:00 p.m. Observe the moon through a telescope and binoculars (weather permitting). Call (586) 725-9081.

Memphis – November 19

Holiday Treats, Memphis Library, 34830 Potter St., 6:30 p.m. Local sweetie, Jean Stahl, will demonstrate how to make delicious chocolate-covered treats with simple kitchen ingredients. Register by calling (810) 392-2980.

Port Huron – November 28

St. Clair County Family History Group, Port Huron Museum, 1115 Sixth St., 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in local history or researching their family tree may visit as a guest or become a new member. This meeting will be a "show and tell" meeting about member's and guest's favorite genealogy websites. This could also include history websites about your ancestors. For more information go to rootsweb.ancestry.com/~misccfhg or call (810) 989-0399.

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Lexington – November 3

Authentic Pasty Sale, Trinity Episcopal Church, 5646 Main St. Advance ordering is recommended (by October 31). \$5 per

pasty. Can be ordered with or without rutabaga. Call (810) 359-8742 to order or for more information.

Lexington – November 9, 10 and 11

Holiday Market Open House Weekend, downtown area. The Village and the shops are decked out for the holidays. Come enjoy special values, refreshments and entertainment while shopping in a traditional village environment. For more information visit www.lexingtonmichigan.org.

Lexington – November 16 – 18

5th Annual Ladies Weekend Getaway (Deer Hunting Weekend), downtown area. Grab your girlfriends and enjoy this fun weekend! Each business will have you do something (try a drink, put on lotion, play a game, etc.) Spas, pedicures, manicures and more! For more information call Terry at (810) 359-5340.

Tuscola

Caro – November 17

Ellington Country Christmas Craft & Gift Fair, Ellington Church of the Nazarene Gym, Lazelle Rd., 4 miles NE of Caro on M-81, all day. Over 80 tables of crafts and gifts. Country breakfast, cookie walk, homemade pie sale, homemade soup and bread bowl lunch, Ellington Candy Shop. Music by DeeDee Tibbits. Free admission. For more information call (989) 691-5507.

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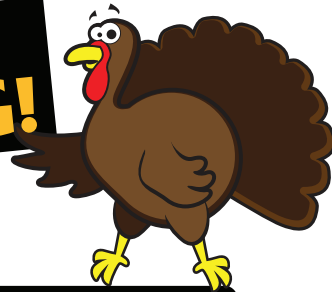
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ThumbPrint News Contest

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 over \$100 at the end of this year! On December 31, 2012, one winner will be drawn and the lucky person will be notified. In October's edition, we asked our readers to identify the object pictured below:

No one correctly identified the object as an antique stapling machine. The first



stapling machine with a magazine that held a supply of preformed wire staples that were fed automatically to the staple-driving mechanism was patented in 1878. The Brown No. 5 Stapling Machine in the photo was patented in 1887.

For our November contest we are asking the question, "What is it?" Identify what the object to the right is 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 at the end of the year for a gift basket valued at over \$100. Good luck!



JOE KNOWS SO YOU WANT TO START UP A BUSINESS?

By Joseph McKoan
ThumbPrint News Columnist



Where do you start?

First, one should begin with a business plan. This will reveal issues that may arise or that will need attention at the outset. This is the homework phase that will allow you to begin your business on stable ground and increase your likelihood of running a successful business.

Second, protect your business name. Filing your entity's name with the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs only gives the filer satisfaction that no one can file under the identical name. In order to have substantive protection from others using the same name or a very similar one may very well require a trade name search. You can also do your own internet search for similar names in order to alleviate future issues.

Third, decide the entity type. You have a variety of choices in this regard. Should you consider a partnership, C corporation, S corporation, or limited liability company to name the most common. You will need to examine the liability issues and tax ramifications in order to be educated and satisfied with your choice. As it relates to the tax issues, an accountant can provide you with a sample tax projection as it relates to the different entity types. Again,

due diligence on your part helps keeps you from experiencing unforeseen problems.

Fourth, make sure that any non-compete or confidentiality agreements that have been signed by you in the past will not jeopardize the running of your business.

Fifth, make sure you take the time to plan for other potential owners and investors while determining their respective roles in your business. When determining the structure of your business be ever mindful which portions should be filed publicly such as in the Articles of Incorporation and which should be included in private documents, such as the by-laws, by-sell agreements, or operating agreements.

With a bit of pre-planning, time and thought, you can become much more secure and confident in your new endeavor.

For those who have a legal question and would like answered, please contact me with your inquiry via the *Thumbprint News* or email me at jmckoan@mckoanlaw.com and it may be the next topic I cover. 🍀

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Courtesy and Customer Service: Does your Business Make Customers Smile?

A warm smile and a kind gesture can brighten even the gloomiest of days. So, when working with customers, it's always important to recognize the integral part of quality service. We just wrapped up National Courtesy Month in September, but being courteous to your customers and cultivating positive customer relationships should be a yearlong endeavor. The Better Business Bureau encourages business owners to recognize the importance of proper business etiquette when it comes to dealing with customers.

The trust that's established between a customer and a business is not only the foundation for a successful business transaction, but makes for an overall healthy business relationship between the business and the customer. The customer

needs to feel that they have been heard and that they have received the time and patience from the business.

Here are some BBB tips for business owners and managers for building better customer relationships:

- **Lead by example.** Employees take their cue from management. Make sure that all senior staff are aware of how they treat their staff. The staff are the face of your business and it will be important that the positive interactions they receive from their management reflect in their daily interactions with customers.

- **Always greet your customer with a warm welcome.** When a customer comes to your business, make sure to address them by name, whenever possible, and with a friendly welcome. Customers



Melanie Duquesnel

pick up on your attitude and will quickly judge your business accordingly. A warm welcome invites the customer to stay a while and encourages them to do business with you.

- **Go the extra mile.** Thank you notes, birthday cards and personalized coupons are a great way to show your appreciation to your customers. If a customer makes a request for something special, do everything you can to say yes.

- **Give the customer the benefit of the doubt.** Whether it's online or in person, customers can and will complain at some point during your business' lifetime. Make sure you know how to handle even the most disgruntled complaint. Give your employees guidelines on what to say and how to act. Respond consistently and timely if the complaint is online. Outsiders

will see and appreciate your attempt to resolve, even if the disgruntled customer does not. Sometimes, merely responding can calm a contentious situation and your attempts to resolve them can turn a disgruntled customer into a lifetime advocate.

- **Seek out feedback.** Ask your customers and fellow

employees, "How are we doing?" Make an honest effort to resolve and execute any suggestions. Keeping customers and employees happy is the key to success for any business. Feedback allows for a great pat on the back and time to reflect on what needs to be changed. If a customer or employee makes a suggestion that you end up implementing, let them know you've followed through.

For more business tips you can trust, visit www.bbb.org/blog/.

Editor's Note: Melanie Duquesnel is the president and CEO of the Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan & the Upper Peninsula, which is a non-profit organization that fights fraud and promotes ethical business practices in the local marketplace through its business accreditation, consumer education and dispute resolution programs. Contact your local BBB by calling (248) 223-9400 or by visiting www.bbb.org.

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Think of all the things that go down your drain to your septic tank: grease from your kitchen sink, hair and oil from your shower and washer, body waste from your toilets. We tend to think – or not think – about what happens to all that waste. It doesn't just disappear.

Fats, oils and greases (FOGs) are put into your septic system everyday. Once they reach your septic tank, good anaerobic bacteria start to consume the waste. The FOGs not consumed by the good bacteria become solid waste. They build up at the top and bottom of your tank in the form of scum, often several inches thick. Pieces of these solids break off, and along with the liquid from your tank, go into your field. Much like plaque can clog our arteries and cause a heart attack, solids from your tank can clog your septic field and cause expensive repairs if you don't remove them.

Regular maintenance for your septic system is a must. The old saying "If it's not broke, don't fix it" is not true. Eventually your septic system or field will fail. Fields are expensive to replace.

Proper maintenance and care to your tank and filtering systems should be done on a regular basis based on your lifestyle, the number of people in the home, and usage.

Remember, we drink what we flush. Eventually, your field water enters back into the ground water. You don't want to contaminate our drinking sources. Call ABC Home & Commercial Services Septic Division at (810) 794-5678 if you have any questions about your septic system.

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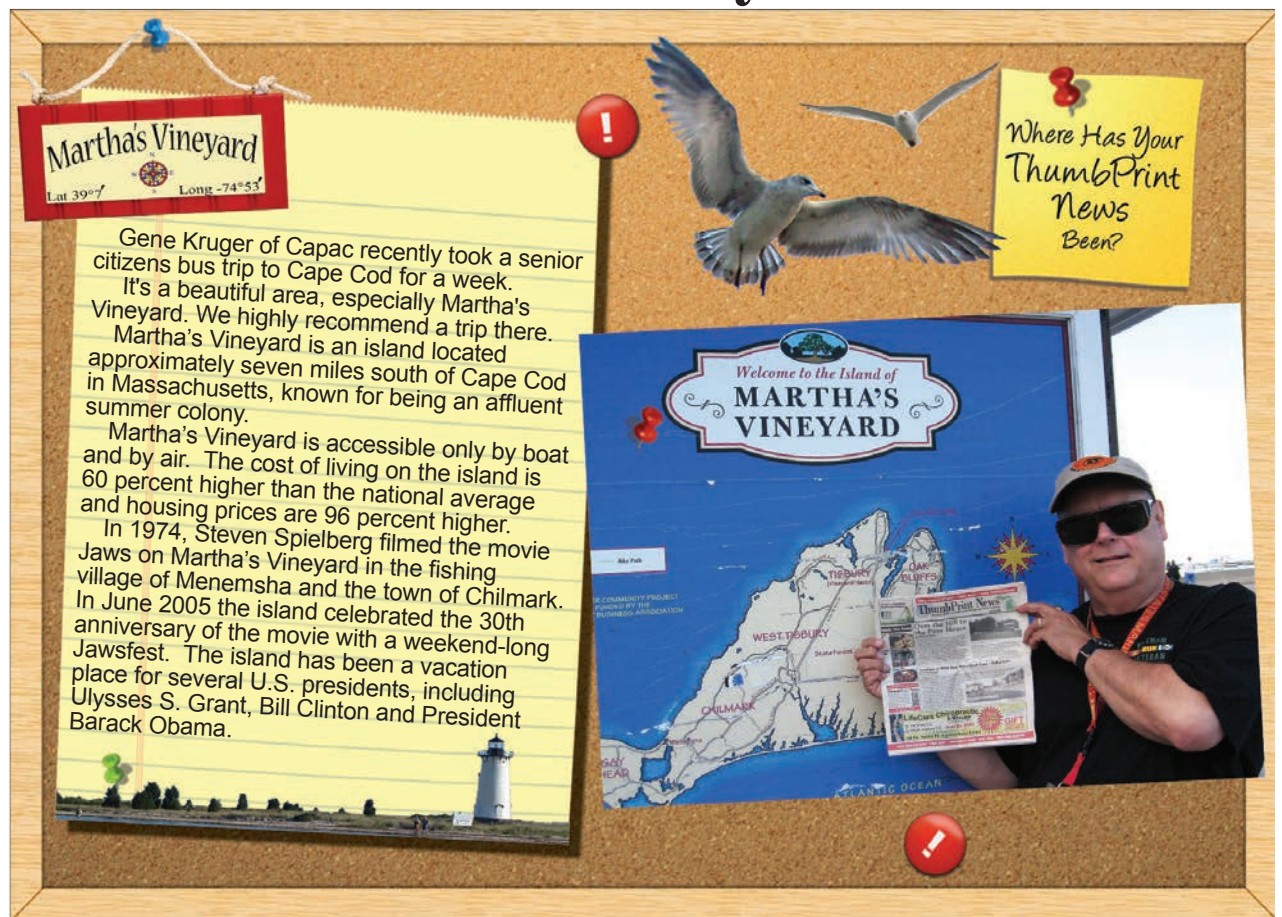
ThumbPrint News Travels to Martha's Vineyard!

ThumbPrint News has been traveling the world! Not only has it been seen in many areas of the Thumb of Michigan (over 980 businesses in eight Thumb counties are now drop locations for the newspaper), but *ThumbPrint News* has also traveled to the states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Utah, and to the countries of Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Belize, Bonaire, Canada, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Iraq, Jamaica, Kiribati, Mexico, Nigeria, St. Lucia, Spain and Wales. *ThumbPrint News* was even seen on television on the *Tonight Show with Jay Leno*!

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 even traveled to all of the seven continents. This month *ThumbPrint News* traveled to Massachusetts.

If you are a reader of *ThumbPrint News* and have taken our newspaper with you on a vacation or to an unusual place – or if you have been able to get a famous person or character to be photographed with our paper, you may submit an email and photo to us at thumbprintnews@comcast.net (jpeg format preferred). Please tell us a little about the photo and include your name, address and phone number in case we have further questions. Please be patient as you wait for your photo to appear in the *ThumbPrint News*. When it does appear, we will send you a complimentary edition.

There are many places where *ThumbPrint News* has not yet been – and lots of famous people to track down. Who will be the next reader to help us in our mission? 🌱



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What Happened on This Day in History?

By Diane L. Kodet
ThumbPrint News Editor

November

1 On this day in 1800, John Adams became the first president to live in the White House.

2 On this day in 1976, Jimmy Carter (D) defeated Gerald Ford (R) for president.

3 On this day in 1679, great panic occurred in Europe over the close approach of a comet.



4 On this day in 1841, the first wagon train arrived in California.

5 On this day in 1639, the first post office in the colonies was set up in Massachusetts.

6 On this day in 1860, Abraham Lincoln was elected the 16th president.

7 On this day in 1805, Lewis and Clark first sighted the Pacific Ocean.

8 On this day in 1965, "Days of Our Lives" premiered on TV.

9 On this day in 1927, the Giant Panda was discovered in China.

10 On this day in 1836, Louis Napoleon was banished to America.



11 On this day in 1647, Massachusetts passed the first U.S. compulsory school attendance law.

12 On this day in 1910, the first movie stunt took place; a man jumped into the Hudson River from a burning balloon.

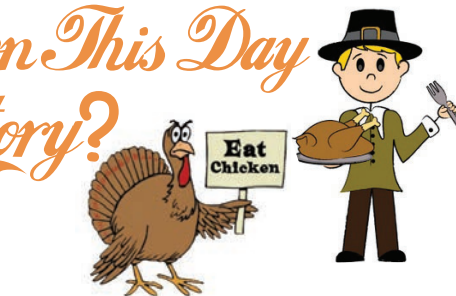
13 On this day in 1865, the first U.S. gold certificates were issued.

14 On this day in 1896, the power plant at Niagara Falls began operation.

15 On this day in 1869, free postal delivery was formally inaugurated.



16 On this day in 1676, the first colonial prison was organized in Nantucket, Massachusetts.



17 On this day in 1853, street signs were authorized at San Francisco intersections.

18 On this day in 1929, a large quake in the Atlantic broke the transatlantic cable in 28 places.

19 On this day in 1861, Julia Ward Howe committed the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" to paper.

20 On this day in 1789, New Jersey became the first state to ratify the Bill of Rights.

21 On this day in 1942, Tweety Bird, aka Tweety Pie, debuted in "Tale of Two Kitties".



22 On this day in 1954, the Humane Society formed.

23 On this day in 1887, Notre Dame lost its first football game 8-0 to Michigan.



24 On this day in 1963, the first live murder on TV took place when Jack Ruby shot Lee Harvey Oswald.

25 On this day in 1864, the Confederate plot to burn New York City failed.

26 On this day in 1885, the first meteor photograph was taken.

27 On this day in 1962, the first test flight of the Boeing 727 took place.

28 On this day in 1776, Washington and his troops crossed the Delaware River.



29 On this day in 1887, the U.S. received rights to Pearl Harbor on Oahu, Hawaii.

30 On this day in 1887, the first indoor softball game was played (Chicago).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

On page 33 of the September 2012 *ThumbPrint News*, September 2 of the What Happened On This Day in History feature claims that the first use of the machine gun was in 1898. If you refer to the following information cited in Wikipedia, you will observe that "The Gatling gun was first used in warfare during the American Civil War. The gun was not accepted by the Union Army until 1866, but a 'sales engineer' of the manufacturing company demonstrated it in combat. Captain Germán Astete of the Peruvian Navy took with him dozens of Gatling guns from the U.S. to Peru in December 1879 during the Peru-Chile War of the Pacific. Gatling guns were used by the Peruvian navy and army, especially in the Battle of Tacna (May 1880) and the 'Battle of San Juan' (January 1881) against the Chilean army invaders. Lieutenant A.L. Howard of the Connecticut National Guard had an interest in the company manufacturing Gatling guns, and took a personally-owned Gatling gun to Saskatchewan in Canada in 1885 for use with the Canadian military against the Métis during Louis Reil's North West Rebellion." Please retract your claim and provide the correct information to your readers.

Paul D. Schaffer

Editor's answer:

Thank you contacting me. I am still researching this issue to see if there is indeed a mistake. According to http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gatling_gun, the gatling gun was a forerunner of the machine gun, not technically a machine gun. I also found several sources on the internet that explain the difference between the two.

This is from the ATF: "Machine gun. Any weapon which shoots, is designed to shoot, or can be readily restored to shoot, automatically more than one shot, without manual reloading, by a single function of the trigger. The term shall also include the frame or receiver of any such weapon, any part designed and intended solely and exclusively, or combination of parts designed and intended, for use in converting a weapon into a machine gun, and any combination of parts from which a machine gun can be assembled if such

parts are in the possession or under the control of a person."

A gatling gun, like the one used in the Civil War, was operated by means of a hand crank that repeatedly tripped the trigger. One round went off for every trigger pulled.

To the Editor:

I researched this matter further and found that if you're referring to automatic machine guns rather than mechanical machine guns (such as the Gatling, which wikipedia said was a forerunner of the MODERN machine gun), then the inventor of the automatic machine gun was Hiram Maxim and the first battlefield use of this gun was in Africa, a full five years before you are citing in your historical calendar. Here is the link to the source material and the critical details: <http://news.investors.com/management-leaders-in-success/040411-567963-hiram-maxims-machine-gun-altered-the-battlefield.htm?p=full>.

"At the start, the Maxim gun didn't mow down Europeans. It targeted Africans while playing a major role in the British colonization of the continent. Early battlefield tests came in Rhodesia in 1893-94, with one fight at Shangani featuring 50 British soldiers holding off 5,000 warriors with four Maxims."

Paul D. Schaffer

Editor's answer:

Not being an expert on guns, I am tossing this one out to our readers to see if there are any gun experts out there who might shed light on the discussion.

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