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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

This month we celebrate Independence Day, or as most of us more commonly refer to it, the Fourth of July. In the United States it is a federal holiday commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. Many of us look forward to picnics and barbeques, fireworks, vacations or at least a few days off from work, family get-togethers and local carnivals.

My thoughts, for many years while raising a family, were very similar. The Algonac Pickerel Tournament always came to town over the Fourth of July weekend and, while my children were small, we lived in a small home that was only a stone's throw from all of the excitement. Even if we had wanted to retire early, the sounds of the carnival would reverberate through the house until after midnight from the open windows.

Then, on the evening of the Fourth, precisely at 10:00 p.m., we would join a couple of thousand other folks along the boardwalk in town to watch the fireworks begin from a barge located in the middle of the St. Clair River. It was always best to watch the fireworks while laying down on a blanket on the grass and looking straight up into the sky. It made the fireworks seem enormous and the fall-out from the burned out fireworks would seem to almost reach us on its way back to earth. It was a magical event we never wanted to miss.

I still look forward to the Pickerel Tournament and the fireworks, now with the addition of grandchildren with whom to enjoy the festivities. However, Independence Day has taken on a much more personal meaning to me as well.

In my genealogical pursuits, I discovered that I am descended directly from Austin Nathaniel Smith, a Revolutionary War Patriot. Austin was born in 1753 in Stamford, Fairfield County,

New York and died in 1846 in Shroepel, Oswego County, New York. Austin was in Colonel Phillip B. Bradley's regiment in Connecticut and was discharged in 1780 at Morristown. He fought in the Battle of Monmouth and, along with General George Washington, participated in the Battle of Germantown. Austin's name, along with hundreds of other Revolutionary War soldiers from New York, is engraved on the Soldiers and Sailors Monument at Riverside Cemetery in Baldwinsville, New York. Austin is my fourth great grandfather.

The importance of Austin's and other men's service to our country is immortalized by this statue. However, when I started learning more about Austin as I worked on completing my application for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution, I became humbled by the knowledge I gained about how very little he ended up with during the last years of his life. When he applied for his pension in 1818, the total sum of his household goods was \$22.85. In Austin's own handwriting, here is his list:

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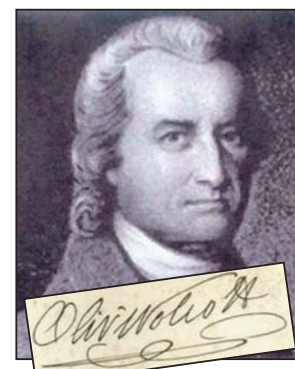


Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Baldwinsville, New York

A few weeks ago, I attended a family reunion of many of his descendants and met other family members who also are interested in genealogy. Low and behold, I discovered that I have another direct line to a Revolutionary War Patriot, Roger Wolcott! Roger was born in 1737 in East Windsor, Hartford County, Connecticut and died there in 1798. I haven't thoroughly researched him yet, but do know that he served in Captain

Amasa Loomiss' Company as an Ensign. He participated in the Lexington Alarm, most remembered for the famous ride of Paul Revere. Roger is my sixth great grandfather.

As if the news that not only one direct relative, but two, helped win our country's independence was not exciting enough for me, I also learned that another more distant relative, my seventh great grand uncle, Oliver Wolcott, was one of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence!



Oliver Wolcott, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence

This Fourth of July, I will still enjoy the Pickerel Tournament and the fireworks, but somehow Independence Day suddenly means so much more to me. I feel a special bond to those who gave up so much to fight for what they believed in and which would ultimately allow my family and I to enjoy the freedoms that we have today in this wonderful United States of America.

May you and yours have a wonderful Independence Day.

DIANE KODET
Editor, *ThumbPrint News*



Correction to the June 2011 Edition

In the June 2011 edition of *ThumbPrint News*, we published "The Chesterfield Township Story" by Alan Naldrett. On page 22, a photo was used that was labeled incorrectly "The

Chesterfield Creamery." It should have actually been labeled "Chesterfield Depot" which was near Gratiot. Thank you, Alan, for bringing that error to our attention!

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Who Robbed the Bank?

By Joe Nugent

Algonac/Clay Historical Society

The Algonac Banking Company was founded in 1894 by R. J. Kean, President, and William J. McKenzie, cashier. Mr. McKenzie was quite a sport. He entertained a lot and had a fine team of horses and a buggy. In the winter of 1901, Abram Smith's horse and cutter were stolen during the night. The same night robbers blew the safe at the bank. The loss was small. The men were never caught, but two days later the horse was found tied to a post in Chesterfield with blankets on him, and McKenzie was missing. Question: Was Mr. McKenzie involved in the robbery to compensate for his high style of living?

Mr. McKenzie eventually returned and the townspeople had a big meeting at the town hall. Mr. McKenzie, when confronted, admitted that he was involved in the robbery. He said he was very sorry and that he would try to pay back the money he had stolen. Mr. McKenzie stood there sobbing while some people cheered him and others booed. In the spring of 1902, the bank was closed.

Now the Algonac Banking Company was in the hands of receivership, with the First Savings Bank of Marine City being appointed the bank receiver. Notes were sold to the highest bidder in front of the post office on December 24, 1903 at 1:00 p.m. Property of said estate and described judgments were \$95.35.



The Algonac Bank today

The bank was sold in 1903 to a Mr. Ward and a Mr. Carmen. It was subsequently resold and then finally opened as The Algonac Savings Bank on April 18, 1912. In 1923, a new bank was built at its present location. In 1955, it was remodeled and a 30 foot addition was added.

It should be noted that 1959 was a busy year for the Algonac Savings Bank. In July of 1959, the Algonac Savings Bank opened a branch office in Fair Haven. Also in 1959, two local 16 year old boys had a local nine year old girl deliver a penciled message saying that they would blow up the bank unless given all of the bank's money. They were arrested ten hours later!

From March 1, 1966 to February 1967, the bank once again underwent remodeling.

In June of 1983, Algonac Savings Bank announced it was expanding again by opening a branch office in Cottrellville which would join their other branches in Pearl Beach and Fair Haven.

In 1996, The Algonac Saving Bank and Commercial Saving Bank merged into the Old Kent Banking firm. In 2001, Fifth Third Bank purchased Old Kent Bancorp. The Algonac-based Fifth Third office has announced that the bank will be moving from its current location into the Algonac Shopping Mall in the near future. 🍀

Editor's Note: The Algonac Clay Historical Society is located at 1240 St. Clair River Drive in Algonac. Their phone number is (810) 794-9015 and their website is www.algonac-clay-history.com. The society maintains a museum featuring Algonac's boat building heritage including Chris-Craft, Gar Wood and many other local boat builders. Over 10,000 artifacts also feature local history, business and industry.



Algonac Savings Bank in the early 1900s

Obituary

Louise Caroline Glaza passed away at the home of her daughter, Diane Louise (Glaza) Kodet, in Algonac, Michigan on June 6, 2011 at the age of 91 where she had resided for the past eight years.

Caroline, the name she preferred, was born January 22, 1920 in Boyne City, Michigan to Henry Gregory Nessen and Petronella (Nellie) Helen Cyzkowski. She came from a family of six children, all who have predeceased her. On August 3, 1940 she married Gordon Keith Glaza at his parent's home in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Caroline and Keith (his preferred name) were married just short of 70 years when Keith passed away on July 8, 2010.

Caroline served as a Private in the Women's Army Corps during World War II while Gordon was serving as a Lieutenant in the Navy. After their military service, Caroline and Keith resided in several different Michigan towns, the longest being in Midland, then Grayling and then spending their final years in Algonac.

Caroline enjoyed being outdoors and any activities that let her interact with nature. Other interests included working with children



Keith and Carolyn Glaza circa 1946

as a teacher's aide, sewing, crocheting, golfing, cooking and traveling. She was a member of the Catholic Church.

Caroline is survived by her two daughters, Diane Louise (Glaza) Kodet (Allen) and Donna Lynn (Glaza) Powers (F. Allan), her two grandsons, Keith Douglas Kodet (Katie) and Brett Michael Kodet, her two great grandchildren, Preston Douglas Kodet and Abigail Louise Kodet, and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Just as Caroline and Keith spent so many years of their lives together, they will both be honored at a joint ceremony at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 30 at Oaklawn Cemetery at the corner of Cemetery Road and Smith Street in Algonac, where both Caroline and Keith will be interred. Following the ceremony, a Celebration of Life get-together will take place at the home of their daughter, Diane, at 8945 Marsh Road in Algonac, where all friends and family are invited to join together for food, refreshments, good company and sharing memories of Caroline and Keith Glaza's lives. Please stop by for a few moments or come and spend the day anytime from 1:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

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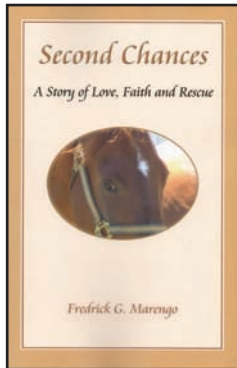
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Once again I wanted to say thanks for the excellent job that you did with "The Journey to Peleliu and Back." I have had so many compliments on the articles. Mr. and Mrs. Hahn are still so excited. Your graphics department did a great job with the graphics. I sent the articles to American History Press.com to see if they were interested in the story. I received an e-mail back from the publisher, Mr. David Kane, who wanted to know if I would continue adding more stories and ultimately he would be interested in publishing a book. Wow!

Mr. Kane asked if I had written anything else and, of course, I sent him a copy of *Second Chances*. He was involved with horses years ago in Montana, is presently undergoing testing to donate one of his



Second Chances was featured in the February ThumbPrint News

kidneys and he lives in "Small Town America." I couldn't believe how quickly our friendship evolved. Anyway, he was really impressed with the book and my involvement with horses and published *Second Chances* as a new imprint of American History Press, which up until now had been primarily Civil War genre.

My newly published book is now available on Amazon, Barnes and Nobel, American History Press and other outlets

across the country. I can't tell you how exciting it is to see one of the first pages with the Library of Congress, copyright and all that good stuff. For me, it was not about a book, but about a dream.

Fred Marengo
Lexington, Michigan

I'm Just a Farmer Plain and Simple

By Bobby Collier

I'm just a farmer, plain and simple.
Not of royal birth, but rather a worker of the earth.

I know not of riches, but rather of patches on my britches.

I'm just a farmer, plain and simple.

I know of drought and rain, of pleasure and pain.
I know the good, the bad, the happy and the sad.

I'm a man of emotions.
A man who loves this land and the beauty of its sand.

I'm just a farmer, plain and simple
I know the spring's fresh flow and autumn's golden glow.

Of a new born calf's hesitation and an eagle's destination.

I'm just a farmer, plain and simple.

I know of tall pines and long waiting lines.
I know the warmth of campfires and the agony of flat tires.

I'm just a farmer, plain and simple.
I'm a man who loves his job

And the life that I live.
I'm just a farmer, plain and simple.



And I'm a reaper of harvest.
I'm the sower of seeds and I'm the tender of stock.

I'm just a farmer, plain and simple.
I know of planting corn and baling hay and animals going astray.

I live in a complex world, but my faith guides me.
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I am a man who works with God. I cannot succeed without his help.
For you see, I'm a farmer, plain and simple.

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By Kathryn Seestedt

ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

Editor's Note: This will be Kathryn's final book review for ThumbPrint News. Kathryn had submitted this to us prior to her passing on May 10, 2011. Kathryn and her insightful reviews of books rich in the history of our area will be sorely missed by our readers and by the staff of ThumbPrint News.

This month, contemporary titles (1990-2010) are on my mind. First, there is *The Women's Great Lake Reader*, edited by Victoria Brehm, published in paperback form in 1998 by Holy Cow Press, Duluth, Minnesota. This is an anthology of 405 pages. I would like to share this quote from it with our readers:

"Juliette Magill Kinzie was born in 1806. She died in 1870, in Chicago, where she had become an influential figure in the local scene. Her granddaughter, Juliette Gordon Low, is the founder of the Girl Scouts of America."

Excerpts from *Grandmother's*

Stories by Francis Hurlburt

(reviewed previously) include "The Fall of the Lighthouse" on Bois Blanc Island in upper Lake Huron, where Eber Ward was keeper, assisted by his daughter, Emily Ward.

Also, another piece included from *Grandmother's Stories* is "Going After Strawberries", a story which has been memorialized by the American artist, John Mix Stanley.

Other names of local interest which appear in Ms. Brehm's book are Harrow and Baird.

The following quotation from the editor will be helpful to our readers;

"Travel narrative is not only a general form that allows women writers to adapt to their own purposes, but it is a durable one as well. It can be fictionalized and romanticized to sell vacations, turned into poetry, and re-created afresh for each era from sailing ships to speed boats. Most of the travel

narratives collected here marked a time of great growth in their writer's abilities and confidence, and contributed to their determination to make successful careers for themselves once their journeys, emotional as well as physical, were complete."

Yes, this collection of work by women writers has a definite feminist tilt and I believe the reader needs to be aware of this. I cannot accept the essays chosen as accurate in every case.

A very different style of writing appears in a modern trilogy of thrillers by Doug Allyn. The amateur detective in this series is Mitch Miller, the daughter of an adventurous deep sea diver whose home is in Huron Harbor, at the tip of Michigan's Thumb. The first title is *Ice Water Mansions* (1995). Next in the series is *Black Water* (1996), followed by *A Dance in Deep Water* (1997). All were published by St. Martin's Press, and are probably available at many local libraries. I am not aware of any later titles in this series.

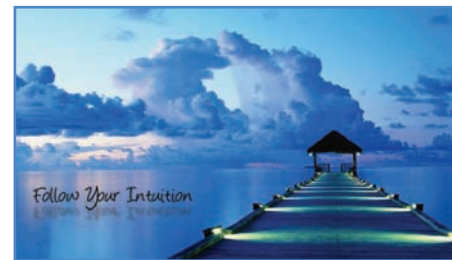
"Mitch" is an exciting and unpredictable heroine, and this author does not neglect an interesting romantic element. She is a single mom and subject to the ups and downs of parenting. Her times of peril are during deep sea diving, rather than on dangerous mountain trails or during international chases through dark tunnels. All three books are "page turners." Enjoy! 🍀

Editor's Note: A search of Amazon.com and several used book sites on the internet did suggest that used copies of Ice Water Mansions, Black Water, A Dance in Deep Water and Women's Great Lake Reader can still be purchased. Check with your local library, book store or used book store for assistance in locating these books.

Psychically Speaking

By Rennae Hardy

ThumbPrint News Guest Writer



By definition, intuition is the direct perception of truth, fact, etc., independent of any reasoning process. All of us, at one time or another, have responded to our intuition. We follow a hunch, react to an inner prompting, instinctively know who is calling or precognitively envision an event we then experience at a later point referred to as *déjà vu*. Our intuitive abilities help us navigate through life even when our awareness of these abilities may not be apparent. Enhanced, developed, or more pronounced intuitive abilities are often considered psychic. An introduction to familiar terms used when "psychically speaking" can broaden a person's understanding of intuition's varied expression.

The "Clairs" refer to certain intuitive abilities and the word clair means clear. The clairs include: Clairvoyance (seeing clearly from spirit either directly, within one's mental field of vision, or both), Clairaudience (hearing clearly from spirit either audibly, inwardly, or both), Clairsentience (sensing (feels) clearly from spirit and may be an empath), Claircognizance (acknowledging clearly from spirit by ascertaining information without consciously understanding how one knows what they know), and Clairolfaction (discerning spirit through the sense of smell).

A **Psychic** is someone capable of obtaining unknown information

by engaging an individual's energy and utilizing their intuitive abilities. A **Medium** is someone capable of receiving messages (communicating) with those who have made the transition to the other side. A **Channel** is someone who acts as an open conduit. They allow energy and/or spirit to work through them. Intuitive Channels may or may not be consciously aware when receiving information. A Channel who allows a spirit to speak directly through them generally works from a trance state and is sometimes referred to as a Trance Channel Medium. Trans Channels act as a bridge to connect and communicate messages being received while remaining consciously aware.

A **Reading** is the term used relating to the process a psychic, medium or intuitive practices during a session with a client (querant) and is an energetic interpretation of what the Reader is perceiving intuitively.

Many methods to explore and expand one's intuition are available; Astrology, Psychometry, Numerology, Tarot and Oracle Cards, to name just a few. Tune in to see what you are intuiting. I have a hunch your insights are more prophetic than you may have previously perceived, psychically speaking. 🍀

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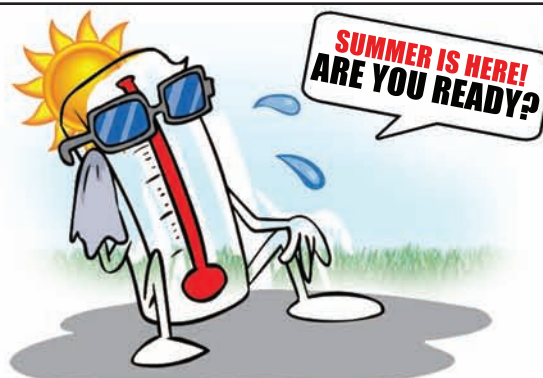
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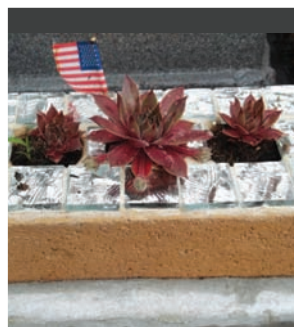
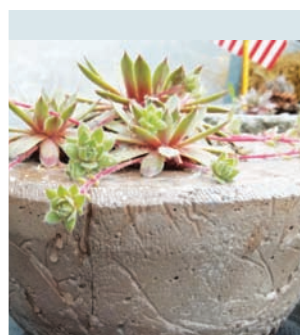
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Valentines for Veterans

By Laura A. Irwin

ThumbPrint News Staff Writer



East China, Michigan resident retired Korean War Veteran, Staff Sgt. John B. Breslin

Retired Korean War Veteran, Staff Sgt. John B. Breslin, sends his thanks and appreciation to the outstanding students of Woodland Elementary School in Hardin County, Kentucky (preschool through 5th grade) who under the direction of the special education teacher there (Lynn Baldwin-Marr) have sent hundreds of cards to hundreds of veterans throughout our country for the past seven years.

Lynn was thrilled when she first found out about this program from a column in her local paper which informed her of the annual National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans. Lynn comes from a long line of military veterans and has a lifelong respect for the “protectors of our country.” Her father, Harold Baldwin, served with John Breslin in Battery “B” 623rd Field Artillery Battalion during the Korean war.

Lynn has since embraced the “Valentines for Veterans” program by having students school wide send 400-500 Valentines to about 150 veterans all over our country. The Junior Beta Club members took a field trip



John shows what is left of his camera and box of cigars after a direct hit on the supply tent. John used a trenching tool to dig those cigars out of the rubble and managed to recover eight. Sadly, his friend, Pvt. Willie Gather did not survive the blast. Willie had crawled into the drainage ditch to escape the rounds when the ditch received a direct hit.

to the local VA hospital to personally hand out cards to patient veterans. The principal of Woodland Elementary, Terrie Morgan, spearheaded a celebratory dinner and organized a presentation for the veterans. From the custodians, office staff, cafeteria ladies, teachers and students, the entire school pulled together to make this event memorable. During the presentation, the veterans had an opportunity to speak to the assembly about their military experiences.

Not only do these students express their appreciation to veterans on Valentine’s Day, they also send out thank you cards on Veterans day and, more importantly, they are taught why it is important to acknowledge the sacrifices these men and women have made to protect America .

Staff Sgt. John B. Breslin was in Korea in 1953-1954 and describes his hair-raising first day on the front: After just arriving at a ‘hot spot’ on the front from an hour long open-jeep ride from Seoul, Korea he stopped by the side of the road to use his helmet as a water basin to clean up a bit. He placed his water-filled helmet on the hood of the jeep facing away from the other guys he was with. As he was washing the dust from his face and neck he saw a puff of smoke on the hill in the distance, then he saw another one. He turned to ask what those puffs were and realized the guys he was just talking to had been shot. He grabbed his helmet, slammed it on his head, water and all. He dove behind an embankment seconds before it exploded with shell fire. He was virtually buried alive. Luckily, one of John’s feet was sticking out just enough to allow him to kick free. With minor cuts, bruises and ringing ears he sardonically thought “welcome to the war.”

Years later, Staff Sgt. Breslin re-visited Korea and was honored at a reception commemorating the 45th Anniversary of the Republic of Korea Armed Forces Day where he received a medal which read:

“It is a great honor and pleasure to express the everlasting gratitude of the Republic of Korea and our people for the service you and your countrymen have performed in restoring and preserving our freedom and independence. We cherish in our hearts the memory of your boundless sacrifices in helping us establish our Free Nation.”

Every veteran of every war has their own “hair-raising” experiences. Some are willing to talk about it, others just can’t. They all deserve our respect and thanks. It is Lynn’s hope that schools throughout “our sweet America” will also embrace this worthy program. Visit <http://www2.va.gov/> directory for addresses to send out your own cards. 🍀



Examples of some of the cards that John Breslin received from Lynn’s students.



The Junior Beta Club Members holding copies of their cards and a local newspaper that told about their efforts for veterans.

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Remembering Grandpa

By David Gillis

ThumbPrint News Columnist



Writing for the *ThumbPrint News* provides a high level of satisfaction for me, but I enjoy even more reading it each month. Many of the articles published allow me to return to times that shouldn't seem so long ago, but are in reality. One of particular interest was written by Joe Nugent in which he discussed something as simple as the naming of streets in Algonac and Clay Township.

In Joe's column he mentioned how Cherry Street in north Algonac got its name. He told of how the street follows a path created by the Fernandez family's cow named "Cherry." I don't remember the old bovine or any of the other animals kept on the small farm, but I do remember the Fernandez family. You see, I'm a proud member of it.

Years ago, I wrote about the numerous difficulties relating to immigration that we as a nation were encountering. Those issues have not disappeared.

In my article I wrote about an immigrant of another time. It seems that whenever I become involved in a discussion that addresses the subject of immigrant assimilation, I find myself telling a story about "Grandpa Tom," a man who found great pride and discovered opportunity in this country.

Tomas Manuel Fernandez wasn't the type of immigrant we find depicted too often in the news media. He was one who respected the government of his adopted homeland and the laws it produced. I have decided to share a brief introduction to this remarkable man.

Civil strife and very poor job opportunities caused Tomas to leave his native Spain all alone at age 16. He was not the first in his family to do so. His new life destination was a land of great promises he had heard so much about. He was going to America.

At age 20 Tomas arrived in the United States after spending time in South

America. Yes, it took him four years to journey from his native Spain to the shores of what would become his beloved country. You see, he entered the United States through the immigration process that was offered to him and he waited for the invitation. He recognized that the laws of what would become his home required that he wait and he respected that. But, that's the way Tom was.

Tom knew no English when he arrived. He could have isolated himself in small Spanish-speaking communities, but chose not to. He wanted to be an American and he believed to do so required speaking the language. So, he learned to speak as an American by sitting through movie after movie until he was able to converse. Imagine learning another language that way.

Tom went on to become a citizen of the country he loved so much. He often told me about the first time he voted and how his candidate for president, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, actually won as if it was his single vote that accomplished it. He was so proud of the American Flag, a pride that was only exceeded by that for the country it represented. He taught me as much about government as any civics teacher I ever had. His knowledge came from preparing to become a citizen and he believed that was especially important.

After their mother died, Tom worked hard to raise his five children by himself. They lived in near-poverty, but probably didn't realize it. The siblings grew up speaking English, never learning Tom's native Spanish. He often said that if you were going to be an American, you should speak the language.

My grandfather Tom went to be with the Lord almost 50 years ago, but I think of him often. I respect his patience as he waited to come to this land of opportunity every time I read of those who use some other method of entry. I remember his pride in the American Flag each time I see a photograph of it being burned or flown upside down. I think about how important our language was to him each time I'm asked whether I want a message in another language. And, I absolutely know how very upset he would be if he were alive today to witness some of what I now must.

There's more to this story, so much more. However, limited available space does not allow it to be told. I wish you could have known Tom, but I'm sure some of you did. He loved this country, was proud to be an American, and just happened to have a cow that is remembered by the name of a street she helped create. 🌿

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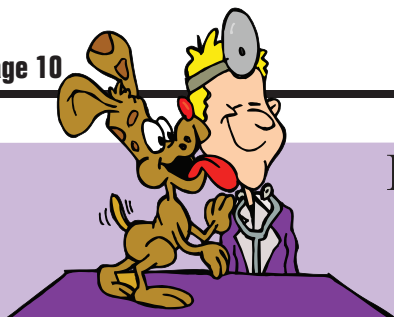
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Hyperthyroidism in Cats

By Dr. DiBenedetto

ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

Hyperthyroidism is the most common endocrine (hormone) disorder that affects cats. It occurs most commonly in older cats. Only about five percent of hyperthyroid cats are younger than 10 years of age. Hyperthyroidism is the result of an overproduction of thyroid hormone by the thyroid glands. There are two thyroid glands located in the neck. One or both of the glands can become enlarged and overproduce thyroid hormone. The enlargement is usually caused by a benign (non-cancerous) increase in the number of thyroid gland cells.

Thyroid hormone affects the function of most organs in the body. For this reason, signs of hyperthyroidism can be quite variable including:

- Weight loss despite an increased appetite
- Increased activity and restlessness
- Aggressive or "cranky" behavior
- Poor hair coat
- Fast heart rate
- Increased water drinking and increased urination

- Periodic vomiting and increased amount of stool or diarrhea
- Occasionally difficulty breathing, weakness and depression

A diagnosis of hyperthyroidism is made by looking for clinical signs, palpating for enlarged glands (normal glands can not be felt) and/or testing a blood sample to see if the level of thyroid hormone is increased. Most hyperthyroid cats have very high levels of hormone but some cats will have signs of hyperthyroidism with normal or only slightly increased levels. Multiple blood samples or other testing may be needed in some cases. A complete blood profile, urinalysis and chest radiographs should also be done, due to the advanced age of these cats to rule out other systemic diseases that have very similar clinical signs. This will also help determine the best treatment for each individual cat.

There are three treatment options currently available. Each option has its advantages and disadvantages. The first option is medical management with an anti-thyroid drug called Methimazole. Lifelong treatment is needed with this

medication to control clinical signs and T4 thyroid levels need to be monitored. It is available in pill form, chewable flavor tablets or a transdermal form that is absorbed through the skin on the ear pinnae. The next option is surgical removal, only if the cat is a good anesthesia candidate. Post-op complications can occur when both glands are removed at the same time. The third option is a radioactive iodine treatment. This is a non-invasive treatment, given in capsule form that will cure the disease. However, your cat will need to be quarantined in a special facility until the radioactive levels are at an acceptable level (usually 2-7 days). There are only a small number of clinics that are equipped to administer this treatment. If you have an older cat with any of these signs you should consult your veterinarian. 🐾

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The funeral home, located at 1634 Lapeer Avenue in Port Huron, caught fire about 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 15. The fire was an accident caused by work being done on the roof.

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Melanie Duquesnel

Securing Your Child's Identity: Advice That Every Parent Needs to Know

Hundreds of online businesses are finding inactive Social Security numbers online – most of which are assigned to children under the age of 18 who have not started using them yet – and selling them under different names to help people establish fake credit. The scheme may lead to significant debts for children that might be almost impossible to pay off. Better Business Bureau is warning parents to be on the lookout for the signs that point to their child's identity being compromised or stolen.

For adults, last year alone, 8.1 million Americans became victims of ID theft, resulting in the loss of \$37 billion, according to a 2011 report from Javelin Strategy and Research. While this number is exorbitantly high, NBC TODAY reports that it becomes harder to define how many children are actually affected by identity theft because of the fact that most cases go undiscovered for years. However, an identity theft monitoring company, Debix, found an alarming 4,000 cases of tainted identities, out of only 40,000 children.

"It's terrifying to think that your child or even unborn child's identity could be comprised for the sole reason that they have a clean record," said Melanie Duquesnel, President and CEO of Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. "It is extremely important that parents take the necessary precautions to ensure the safety of their child's precious and helpless identity."

BBB urges parents to follow these important steps to secure their child's identity:

- Be aware of how to obtain your child's credit report. Getting access to your child's records is actually a different process than obtaining your own. Your child's report cannot be obtained using the congressionally mandated free credit report website when under the age of

13 and even sometimes for children ages 14 to 18, AnnualCreditReport.com. For parents with children under the age of 13, the easiest way to obtain your child's records is through Trans Union. According to NBC TODAY, if Trans Union says there is no report, odds are good that your child is in the clear. But if there is a report – or you have a specific reason to believe your child is a victim – you'll want to follow up with the nation's other two major credit bureaus – Experian and Equifax – and get a report from them, too.

- Recognize the signs of trouble. Watch out for red flags that indicate there might be a problem, such as your son or daughter receiving pre-approved credit card offers or calls from collection agencies.

- Know what to do if you suspect that your child has fallen victim. According to the FTC, every parent should check their child's credit report on their 16th birthday. It's not good to check it too often, but checking then leaves sufficient time to fix errors and activity before their child goes off to college and tries to obtain financial aid. If suspicious activity arises, parents must contact all three credit bureaus and request a report immediately. From there depending on your state's credit freeze rule, placing a credit freeze should be considered. For more information on securing your identity, visit www.bbb.org/us/bbb-news/.

Editor's Note: Melanie Duquesnel is the president and CEO of the Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan, 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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Like a Diamond That Glistens in the Sun

By Mrs. Marie Czelusniak

ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

Like a diamond that glistens in the sun, St. Patrick Church in Clifford, Michigan shone on Sunday, June 5, 2011. More than 200 people came to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the founding of this holy place. It is here that the community has been able to receive spiritual nourishment and formation in the Catholic faith. The lives of those who have been members give testimony to the virtues that have been strengthened by their participation and worship.



Father Schmedberger, Archbishop Vigeron, Father Treml and Father Anthony Camerilli offer the gifts of bread and wine to God.

At the Sunday celebration, Archbishop Allen Vigeron from the Archdiocese of Detroit, Fathers Charles Fox, Richard Schmedberger and Anthony Camerilli joined the present pastor, Father Richard Treml, in leading the congregation in the celebration of the Liturgy. Also



Father Treml holds a written copy of the Papal Blessing from Pope Benedict XVI.

present were 14 Knights of Columbus, Grand Knight Paul Rogers and State Representative Kevin Daley and his wife. Local government officials and their spouses attending were Diane Peplinski, Mrs. Mary Ode, Aaron and Valerie Ledsworth and Joanne Moses. The choir, composed of musicians from several parishes and under the direction of Nancy Bussure, complemented the special significance of this day.



State Representative Kevin Daley presents a Proclamation from Governor Snyder to Father Rich Treml.

Prior to the conclusion of the Liturgy, Fr. Richard Treml was presented with a Proclamation by Governor Snyder and a Congressional Statement by Candice Miller. A framed Papal Blessing from Pope Benedict XVI was shared with everyone. Services ended with an acknowledgement (by singing "Happy Birthday") of those celebrating a birthday during the month of June.



Grand Knight Paul Rogers extends a greeting and gift to Archbishop Allen Vigeron.

Attendees were invited to view artifacts from 1900, a book with historical documents from the early years of St. Patrick, and a slide show of past and present involvements. Snacks were available to all.

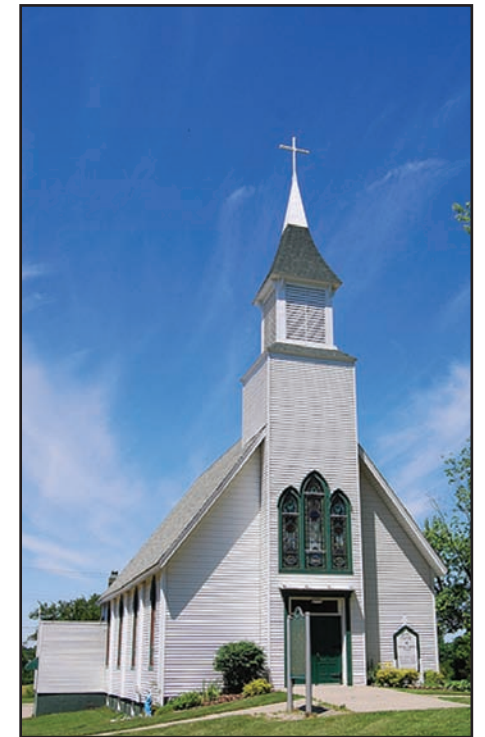
Comments such as "This was a great spiritual event!" and "Everything had made



Oldest Parishoners (from left): Charles Bussure, Rose Cabic and Stanley Pachla

this a most pleasantly memorable day!" could be heard. They echo the words of Archbishop Vigeron in his homily, "... we have a task to perform when we come to celebrate. At this time in history, our work today is to thank God for the graces bestowed on all people in this community for 125 years! ... here in this place God has established an embassy of the New Jerusalem ... where we celebrate the real presence of Jesus Christ."

Present members, strengthened in this faith community, plan to continue being witnesses by their good works and involvements that would meet the needs of others.



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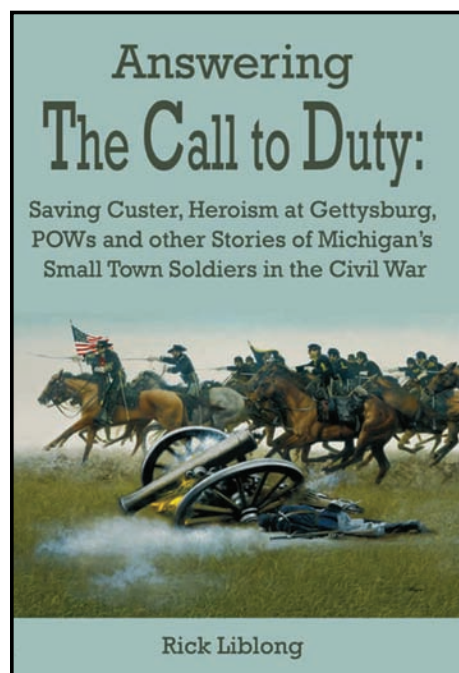
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as 219 other county residents who would die either from disease contracted during the war or from other causes.

Rick begins his book describing the recruitment process that took place and a little background of Lapeer County during that period. However, the heart of the book is the individual stories that are told, with the surnames of Churchill, Brewer, Sitts, Johnston, Wilcox, Stone, Roberts, Hamilton, McCollough, Dygert, Clark, and Justin, to name a few. The names of major battles, Antietam, Gettysburg, Gaines Mills, Atlanta, Chickamauga and more resonate from the pages. The history being made by George Armstrong Custer, General Robert E. Lee, and more intertwine with the lives of these men from Lapeer County. Through each of the men's stories, the reader gains just a small glimpse into the life of one of Michigan's own and also realizes that each man's story was repeated thousands of times across Michigan and America in thousands of other rural areas.

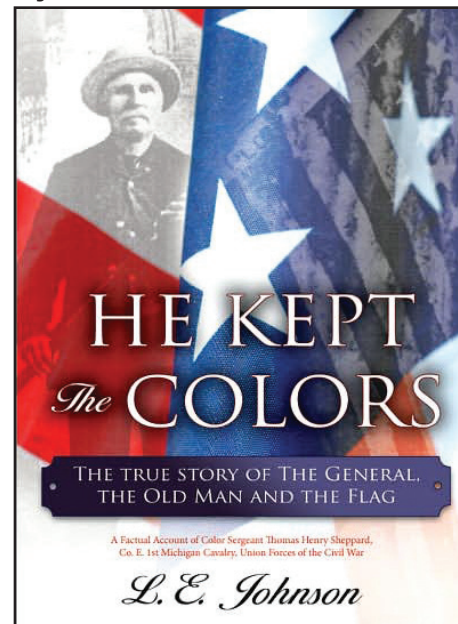
This book will be enjoyed by those who want to learn more about Michigan in the Civil War as well as by genealogists and researchers in Lapeer County, Michigan. Black and white photographs of both Michiganders in the Civil War and of early Almont provide added historical background and interest. 🌱

Editors Note: Rick's book is due out in July and is being distributed by Arbutus Press in Traverse City, Michigan. For more information about purchasing a copy of the book, email info@arbutuspress.com or visit www.ArbutusPress.com. The ISBN # is 978-1-933926-29-2.



And now for the rest of story: The General, The Old Man, and the Flag

By L. E. Johnson



The whistle-stop campaign of America's much loved General John Alexander Logan for Vice-President of the United States of America took him across the fair state of Michigan by Special run of the Port Huron and Northwestern Railroad in September of 1884, stopping at every little railroad station along the way to give a brief campaign speech from the back of the train. According to the official 1884 Rail Report, the road-bed was in first class condition, and it was believed to be the finest narrow-gauge railroad in the entire United States. (The railroad had come to Marlette, Michigan, in the very heart of the Thumb, in 1881. The little town had to raise \$15,000 towards the costs to entice the railroad to come.) Although the average speed of the train that year was 30 mph, this train made an all-out effort that particular day for General Logan, making six miles in seven minutes, reaching their record speed for 1884 of 59 mph! They must have known that General Logan was running for the Vice-Presidency!

A large crowd of people had gathered to wait in anticipation at each little stop

General Logan's Obituary

General Logan was a member of the U. S. Grant Post #28, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Illinois. Known affectionately as "Black Jack", he was the first Grand Commander and one of the founders of the G.A.R.

When called into service by the Angel of Death, Logan's obituary declared of Logan: in war he was in full measure the epitome of a true American soldier, always showing boundless courage in the face of danger. "Black Jack" was patriotic to the highest extreme and was universally well-loved and respected by those under his command. He was that rare human being who also treated his enemies with the utmost kindness, and he was generous to the fallen foe.

Those who knew him were likewise just as proud of his record in peace time as they were of his war record. To all eyes, it seemed as though he was loved by everyone. Throughout his public service

along the way, for everyone wanted to see Black Jack Logan, the great soldier and statesman. The train pulled into the little village of Marlette, in Sanilac County, on September 13, 1884, where a large group had indeed gathered at the railroad station. General Logan stepped out of the caboose, and everyone's hero spoke to the crowd from the rear platform of the train.

The General gave his brief and rousing campaign speech, ending as he always did with an anecdote about an unknown soldier from the Civil War. Black Jack Logan, himself known as the "great volunteer," told his favorite tale of this nameless volunteer who marched off to war with "flashing eye and sturdy stride," proudly carrying an American flag made for him by the women of his little town. While he was talking, the General's eyes looked out over the crowd and came to rest upon a gray-haired old man standing at the far edge of the crowd, a man whose form was bent and who held in his trembling hands a worn and tattered old flag. Pausing for a moment, Logan began anew. Glancing again at the old soldier, the General could somehow picture the scene on that day when the man was young and strode forth carrying that flag at the head of his regiment. Then the General ended his speech with a flowing tribute to the volunteer soldiers of the Rebellion. When the applause had died down, he went back into his railroad car and sat down by the window. No sooner was he seated than there came a tap on the glass. It was the old man with the flag.

"General," faltered the old man through the raised window, "General, the women of this town made this old flag, and I had it with me all through the war. When I was captured, I wound it around my body under my clothes, and kept it all through my imprisonment at Andersonville Prison. I've got a little farm here worth \$3000, and I've got this old flag, but if I couldn't keep but one, the farm might go."

Tears came to General Logan's eyes as he answered tenderly, "Tell the boys Jack Logan says that when you come to die they must wind that flag around your body and

bury it with you - 'twill be the countersign to admit you through the gates of heaven."

Then the train moved on, and the last thing we saw was the old man standing there with his flag.

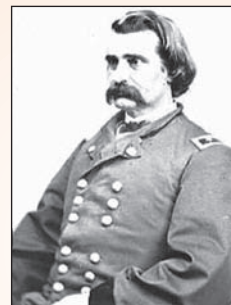
The preceding excerpt was told by William Bates, aide to General John (Black Jack) Logan regarding their trip across Michigan in Logan's whistle-stop Campaign for the Vice-Presidency of the United States. It appeared in the *Marlette Leader, Detroit Journal*.

The "old man" in this story was Thomas Henry Sheppard. The flag made by the women of the Marlette area and carried by Thomas had 34 stars. It survived 13 major battles and over one hundred skirmishes. It went through 16 months of war and bore 72 bullet holes. It survived 505 days of prison in several prisons of the South, including, according to an interview with Mr. Sheppard himself in the *Detroit Free Press*: Libby Prison, Belle Isle, Savannah, Charlotte, Andersonville, Goldsboro, Macon, the government shops in Georgia and Mellans Stockade.

Thomas Henry Sheppard's old flag was not buried with him, as General Logan had suggested, although I am certain the old man made it through Heaven's Gates just fine.

Instead, his grandson donated it to the Dearborn Historical Society in Dearborn, Michigan, where it is their most prized possession. The old flag has been returned to the Commandant's Quarters of the Detroit Arsenal USA (1833-1875) at 21950 Michigan Avenue in Dearborn, Michigan, from which Thomas Henry Sheppard and the First Michigan Cavalry were armed and departed from to go off to war. It is now with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. 🌱

Editor's Note: Lois E. Johnson, the author of the above story, is the author of five books. The above story comes from her book, He Kept the Colors: The True Story of the General, The Old Man and the Flag. Lois had read the article by David Gillis about Memorial Day in the May edition of ThumbPrint News and was thrilled that he mentioned Black Jack Logan. Lois wanted to let our readers know "the rest of the story." Lois' book can be ordered from Author House Publishing by calling (888) 280-7715 or by visiting www.authorhouse.com. Lois currently lives in Marlette, Michigan.



General John Alexander Logan

career, even when closely watched by his opponents, Jack Logan was never found guilty of an unworthy or dishonorable act or deed. "He lived before the world, as he died, at his post of duty, an honest man." (1889 *Marietta Leader*)

General Logan showed his abilities in the hallowed hall of Congress by his wise and needed legislation on the floor of the Senate, by the debates he participated in, and by the many speeches he gave. All in all, Logan was considered one of the greatest statesmen of that era.

When the Death Angel came trumpeting to summon the great volunteer, the Grand Army of the Republic muffled its drums, pulled out its mourning clothes, and draped the flag in deepest black to show in a small way the deep regard they held for its best loved and most distinguished fallen comrade. Never before was the U. S. Grant Post such a lodge of sorrow. Never before was the post so deeply hushed. With hearts beating heavily in sorrow, tears flowed from the eyes of every bowed head, for General Logan was dead.

A Few Facts About Michigan in the Civil War

Gathered by Ralph McKinch

ThumbPrint News Staff Writer

- President Lincoln called for volunteers in 1861. Within weeks, the 1st Michigan Regiment was assembled, trained at Fort Wayne, Detroit and deployed.
- Michigan provided 87,364 men for the war effort, which translates into 2.3% of the total men who served on both sides.
- Approximately 85,000 of the men who served were volunteers.
- Michigan ranked 16 out of 44 states and territories in the number of men who served.
- In Michigan, there were no raids, skirmishes or battles during the war.
- There were 14,753 Michigan deaths attributed to the Civil War from all known causes, including disease.
- The number of soldiers who died from disease was almost twice as high as the number of soldiers who were killed or mortally wounded during combat.
- Michigan soldiers fought in every major battle of the Civil War, and in most minor ones.
- It was a Michigan Calvary Unit, under General George Custer, who captured the Confederate President Jefferson Davis in Georgia in May, 1865.
- Sixty-seven Michigan soldiers received the Medal of Honor for bravery in combat.

I Am Proud To Be An American

By Shane Ryan

Age 14, grade 8, Dryden High School, Dryden, Michigan

I feel proud to be an American for several reasons. The American military has fought, and continues to fight, wars for our freedom. That should make all of us proud of our country and everyone in it. I am also proud because we decided that slavery was wrong and we stopped it. We do not force someone to be our president, and we have chosen to let every citizen vote to decide who becomes president. We give everyone the rights of freedom of speech and religion. When segregation started up, the people knew they could speak out against that and they did, which led to the abolishment of segregation.

Also, because of our freedom of speech, women won the right to vote. When children were being forced to work long hours for little pay, our country established a law protecting them from unfair labor practices, and the Child Labor Law was enacted. All of these laws are still in effect today.

When the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor during World War II, our country entered the war and our troops went to Germany to stop Hitler and the Nazis. Meanwhile, the women of our country helped our troops win the war by going to work in the factories to make the ammunition and build the aircraft we would need to end the war.

I'm proud to be an American because whenever there is an injustice, the American people stand up together and will fight to do the right thing. That should make all of us proud of our country and everyone in it. 🇺🇸



The above flag is flown at the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor.

Kerstyn Ketelhut, Regan Knox, Jacob Lange, Ashley Lowney, Sam Lukas, Brianna Marsh, KC McKeehan, Jared Paton, Erin Riley, Shane Ryan, Joey Savarino, Marnie Schwiderson, Nadia Thomas, Jordan Vallad and Tabitha Walton. The contest was sponsored by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of The United States of America, Lapeer Area Elks # 2567. In April, the judges selected Shane Ryan's essay as 1st in Division II for the Michigan Elks Association. As 1st place winner, his entry has been forwarded to the Grand Lodge Americanism Committee for judging at the National level. Shane's entry will represent all 7th and 8th graders across the state of Michigan and will be the sole entry from his division in the state. The results of the National Contest will be available on the website www.Elks.org after the National Convention in July. As the winner at the State Association level, Shane will receive a \$200 U.S. Savings Bond and a wall plaque inscribed with his name and the complete text of his winning entry. This award was presented to a representative of the sponsoring Elks Lodge, Lapeer Area # 2567, at the State Convention in Kalamazoo on May 21, 2011.

Editor's Note: In December 2010, the following Dryden Junior High students submitted essays to the "Why I am Proud to be an American" Essay Contest: Maddie Burke, Audrey Cahill, Mike Couch, Rachel Johnson, Madison Jones,



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Editor's Note: In this section we encourage readers to write in or to email their automotive questions for our resident automobile expert to answer. Keith Kodet is a self-proclaimed car nut, who has worked for many years as a mechanic. Keith also is an avid collector of vintage and specialty automobiles and has owned over 200 different cars to date. Please email your questions to thumbprintnews@comcast.net and put "Ask the Greasy Thumb" in the subject line or mail your questions to: ThumbPrint News, 8061 Marsh Rd., Algonac, MI 48001.

Summer is starting to heat up and the old cars are coming out. Here are some great questions from some antique automobile enthusiasts.

Q: I inherited a 1951 Chevy that has been in inside storage for about 10 years. It is in decent shape and was running when it was put away. What do I need to get it going again? I'm fairly handy.

Bill from East China

A: There are many things that can happen when an old car sits for a long period of time and without directly looking at it I can give you a few places to start. You almost certainly will need to drain and replace the old fuel. Also, rubber such as the seals inside the brake system and the

tires will not be the best. You may need to go through the brakes and possibly install new tires. Check the exhaust thoroughly for rust and leaks. You will need a new battery as well. Check the fluid levels and replace the old oil.



Mice also like to chew on wiring and build nests inside air cleaners. Check the entire car over for mice damage before attempting to start it.

Lastly, if the engine has not seized up from sitting, it will be very dry internally, as all the oil has run down into the oil pan. It would be best to remove the distributor and prime the oil pump, or at very least remove the spark plugs and spray some WD40 in the cylinders before turning the engine over. This will help to reduce dry start-up damage.

If you are not a mechanic, it would be best to have one thoroughly check over the car before putting it on the road again, and once you do, you'll have a lot of fun!

Q: My son is turning 16 and desperately wants a classic car to fix up and drive. He doesn't have much money, but is very good mechanically. What should we look for?

Sue from Chesterfield

A: Your son is entering a wild part of his life. He's becoming a car nut! Stock up on soap and cleaners to remove grease stains from everything he touches!

There are many great cars out there. I would recommend finding one that is currently running, driving, and road worthy, and let him work on it from

there. Since he is on a budget, he may want to look at older pickup trucks and four door cars or uncommon brands. These often can be had for much less money than some of the more popular antique cars. I would suggest looking for something from the mid 1950's or newer, as these cars are going to be easier to find parts for, and tend to have mechanical systems that can be used safely in today's higher speed traffic. And if at all possible, have a certified mechanic check out any car he may be serious about buying. This can be a safe and fun hobby that he can also learn great skills doing. Have him send pictures to the *Thumbprint News* of his progress and stories! 🐭



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(ARA) – Despite a turbulent job market and economy, if you are a recent college graduate, there is much to be optimistic about as you leave campus and head out into the real world. No one ever said life on your own would be easy, but post-graduate financial bliss can be a reality.

These six tips offer a starting point for recent graduates who are ready to put their education to work for a secure financial future:

Get real about your paycheck

Compared to the minimum wage jobs you survived on through college, the annual earnings at your first post-graduate job may give you dollar-sign eyes. Don't be fooled though; after taxes, benefits, living expenses and student loan payments, your remaining monthly spending money could amount to less than half of your gross income. Being realistic about your paycheck doesn't mean you can't have any fun, though. That new car may have to wait a while, but with smart budgeting you can still enjoy some of the finer things in life with a clear conscience.

Your credit score matters

Thought you were done worrying about test scores? Think again. Whether you want to get an apartment, mortgage, car or a new job, your credit score says a lot about you and can make or break you when trying to move forward with these important steps. Free credit reports are available at www.annualcreditreport.com, and for a small fee you can also obtain your credit score. Examine your report regularly for accuracy, and pay off any existing credit card debt as soon as possible. Credit card interest is wasted money, and outstanding debt can hurt your credit score.

Look out for yourself first

After expenses and taxes, your paycheck may look too slim for comfort, but protecting your assets, health and income with insurance is worth the additional cost. If you have an apartment, renter's insurance is a relatively inexpensive way to protect your possessions. Health insurance is also a must, whether you get it through your employer or stay on your parents' plan. Your paycheck is worth protecting, too. Disability income insurance is not just for those with physically demanding jobs, as most beneficiaries are on disability from illness, not injury. Preparation for the unexpected comes at a small price considering the costs associated with the alternative.

Save for the fun stuff

Again, being responsible with your finances doesn't mean you can't have any fun. You have worked hard to start your career, and deserve to reward yourself. The best way to spend smartly is simply to spend



less than you have. Diligent saving allows for the occasional splurge without having to feel guilty or anxious about your decision to spend. Consider directly depositing a certain amount from your paycheck into a savings account for a "fun fund."

Save for the grown-up stuff, too

Your parents' nagging may start to quiet now that you've graduated, but their retirement planning advice is worth listening to. Start investing now; you won't regret it. As you barely scratch the surface of your career, retirement seems a long way off, but successful investors understand that the longer your assets remain invested, the greater their potential for growth. The cash you forfeit now will pale in comparison to the amount you'll end up getting back at the end of your career if you start as early as possible.

Don't pass up free money

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Money is just one of many aspects of adulthood that college graduates must meet head-on to start living independently. Personal finance may seem daunting, but don't be discouraged. The above-mentioned tips boil down to common sense: spend less than you earn, stay protected through proper insurance, maintain good credit and save for the short and long-term, and you will be off to a great financial start in the next chapter of your life. For more financial tips and advice, visit www.thrivent.com. 🌱

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After receiving his son's letter, the father immediately replies by sending a letter back.

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SELFRIDGE: Air Field

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to fly in. This was on December 6, 1907, and was Selfridge's first flight and the first by a member of the military. The Aerial Experiment Association's first powered aircraft, the Red Wing, was designed by Selfridge. It was not named Red Wing because Selfridge was an early Detroit hockey fan, but because the wings were covered with red silk. Its design inspired Glen Curtiss to build the Flying Jenny. On September 17, 1908, Selfridge met Orville Wright in Fort Myers, Florida, where Orville was demonstrating a new aircraft, the Wright Flyer. Selfridge arranged to be a passenger while Orville tested the plane. The plane crashed, killing Selfridge. This is how Orville Wright described the crash, in a letter to his brother Wilbur:

"On the fourth round, everything seemingly working much better and smoother than any former flight, I started on a larger circuit with less abrupt turns. It was on the very first slow turn that the trouble began. ... A hurried glance behind revealed nothing wrong, but I decided to shut off the power and descend as soon as the machine could be faced in a direction where a landing could be made. This decision was hardly reached, in fact I suppose it was not over two or three seconds from the time the first taps were heard, until two big thumps, which gave the machine a terrible shaking, showed that something had broken. ... The machine suddenly turned to the right and I immediately shut off the power. Quick as a flash, the machine turned down in front and started straight for the ground. Our course for 50 feet (15 meters) was within a



Crashed Wright Flyer

very few degrees of the perpendicular. Lt. Selfridge up to this time had not uttered a word, though he took a hasty glance behind when the propeller broke and turned once or twice to look into my face, evidently to see what I thought of the situation. But when the machine turned head first for the ground, he exclaimed 'Oh! Oh!' in an almost inaudible voice."

And so, Thomas Selfridge, the first military flyer, at age 26, became the first aircraft casualty, and Joy Aviation Field was renamed Selfridge Air Field in his honor. In 1918, Selfridge became the first aerial gunnery school and was used to help train pilots for World War I. In 1921, Henry Joy formally sold the field to the U.S. Government for \$190,000. In the early days of the airfield, horses were used to pull mowers to cut the grass on the runways. There were no lights, so fires were built at the end of runways to guide planes.



Winter maneuvers in 1925 at Selfridge Air Base.

Many of the aerial pioneers made stops at Selfridge over the years, including Eddie Rickenbacker and Charles Lindbergh. Rickenbacker returned for the base's 50th anniversary in 1967.



Eddie Rickenbacker, center, with other unidentified members of the 94th Aero ("Hat in the ring") Squadron. The squadron was based at Selfridge.

In 1942, as the U.S. entered World War II, Selfridge Field was expanded to 3,700 acres. In 1947, as the U.S. Army Air Corp



Aerial view of Selfridge in the 1930s

developed into a separate service, Selfridge Field was renamed Selfridge Air Force Base. In 1971, the base was transferred to the Michigan Air National Guard. Since the 1970s, the main ongoing organization at the base has been the Michigan Air National Guard's 127th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing. These units had formally been housed at Detroit's Metro Airport.



Twelve 127th Wing F-16 Fighting Falcons returned to Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich., March 2 after serving in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Approximately 250 members of the Michigan Air National Guard's 127th Wing were deployed to Balad Air Base, Iraq. (U.S. Air Force photo/John S. Swanson)

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By Gabriel Jones, ThumbPrint News Columnist

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meetings and gatherings that interest you.

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Gabriel is now going to various
gatherings and meetings for seniors
and it feels great. I feel needed and
wanted by these various groups that I
am attending.

There are even groups for seniors
who are interested in working part-time.
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In fact, already this week I've met
with two different groups for seniors
who are interested in part-time work.
Imagine, working at your leisure and
making money!

I'm going home now to see if there are
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"Gabriel! Where are we going to put
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"Gabriel..."

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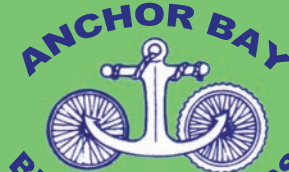
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Thumb Area Activities & Events for July 2011

If you have an event in August that you would like listed in the August issue of *ThumbPrint News*, please email it to ThumbPrintNews@comcast.net by July 12, 2011. There is no charge for the listing.

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 County

Fenton – July 4

Freedom Festival, downtown area, all day events. A full day of family fun, including a pancake breakfast, arts, crafts and vendors, a parade at 10:00 a.m., followed at 11:00 a.m. by a chicken bbq, hot dogs, brats, chips and pop, a rubber ducky regatta, a children's game tent, pony rides, entertainment and much, much more! Go to www.fentonchamber.org for a full schedule of events and times.

Goodrich – July 9

Garden Tour, sponsored by the Goodrich Garden Club, various locations, rain or shine, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. If you've never been, you need to check this one out! Call (810) 636-3409 for more information, or email Info@GoodrichChamber.org.

Huron

Caseville – July 16

Rafflemania Fundraiser, Caseville Eagles, 7017 East Park St., doors open at 5:00 p.m. The general public is invited to buy a \$100 ticket for a chance to win one of 17 cash prizes totaling \$7,500. Also included in the ticket purchase is two dinners, DJ music, karaoke and unlimited draft beer. There will also be a cash bar. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. and raffle begins at 6:30 p.m. There will be music and 50/50s throughout the evening. Funds from the evening help to support local charities, like the Thumb Bread Basket, police and fire departments and our area public schools. Tickets can be purchased through July 10 by visiting the club, or by calling (989) 856-4104.

Pigeon – July 18-24

Farmer's Festival, downtown area. This annual celebration honors farmers and the farming community and includes an art and craft show, barbecues, professional entertainment, an antique tractor and machinery show, huge fireworks display, farm tours, and one of the largest parades you will witness! Join us to learn why it is indeed "A Great Life in a Small Town." For more information call (989) 453-7400.

Lapeer

Lapeer – July 4

Fourth of July Fireworks Display, Lapeer West High School, 170 Millville Rd. Contact the Lapeer Chamber of Commerce at (810) 664-6641 for more information.

Columbiaville – July 15-17

Columbiaville Days, downtown area. Three days of events for the whole family to enjoy. An old-fashioned small-town U.S.A. festival. Go to www.columbiaville.org for a schedule of events or call (810) 614-0130 for more information.

Macomb

Chesterfield – July 7

The Chesterfield Historical Society Presents: Local History in the Library, Chesterfield Township Public Library, 50560 Patricia Ave., 6:30 p.m. Alan Naldrett will be discussing the "History of Chesterfield Township," in support of the Arcadia book of the same name coming out on July 4. The program is free and will feature many pictures of Chesterfield Township in its earlier days. For more information call (586) 598-4900.

Warren – July 9 & 10

Art in the Park, Halmich Park, 13 Mile between Ryan and Dequindre. Juried fine art, paintings, sculpture, photography, pottery, fine jewelry, glass, etc. will be available. Other activities include entertainment, food, a children's tent, and hourly drawings for \$20 gift certificates. Artists interested in entering

for the first time, or others requesting more information, may contact Michael Psychich at (248) 259-2315.

Chesterfield – July 10

Village Open House, Chesterfield Historical Society, 47275 Sugarbush Rd., 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. The village and working blacksmith shop will be open to the public, free of charge (donations accepted). For more information call Roy at (586) 504-0661.

Oakland

Oak Park – July 4

Independence Day Parade and Funday, downtown area. Funday activities include a Mayor's 3 Mile Run at 8:00 a.m., a Youth Assistance Pancake Breakfast at 9:00 a.m., food booths, family games, a petting farm, pony rides and more from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. At 1:00 there will be a live band on stage – Kimmie Horne. Funday activities are at Shepherd Park. Parade starts at 11:00 a.m. at 9 Mile and Coolidge. For more information call (248) 691-7555.

Davisburg – July 12-17

Oakland County Fair, downtown Davisburg. Playworld Amusements will provide the midway. All of your traditional fair excitement will be on board; animals, food, horse shows, petting zoo, racing pigs, commercial exhibits, 4-H exhibits, along with nightly events such as a rodeo, a demo derby and figure 8 races, daily circus shows, a bottomless glass of chocolate milk and 4-H's Farmer For a Day. Also our Miracle of Birth Exhibit will be bigger and better than ever! There is something fun for everyone at our fair! For more information, call (248) 634-8830.

St. Clair

Algonac – July 4

Genealogy Circle, Algonac-Clay Library, 2011 St. Clair River Dr., 6:00 p.m. Support fellow genealogy researchers in their quest to trace their family history. Share your knowledge, success and pitfalls as you

do your research using library resources. Adults only. Registration is required. Call (810) 794-4471 for more information.

Lakeport – July 5

Ancestry Computer Class, Burtchville Township Library, 7097 Second St., 10:00 a.m. Learn how to use the Ancestry genealogy database to research family history in order to create or to add to your family tree. Adults only. Registration is required. For more information call (810) 385-8550.

Marysville – July 5, 12 & 19

Learn American Sign Language, Marysville Library, 1175 Delaware, 4:30 p.m. Class is taught by the Deaf and Hearing Impaired Services, Inc. staff and is sponsored by the Marysville Friends. Registration is required. Everyone in the family may attend. Call (810) 364-9493 for more information.

Port Huron – July 5

Transform & Roll Out! Port Huron Library, Main Branch, 210 McMorran Blvd., 2:30 p.m. Meet an Autobot at the library! Enjoy refreshments and make a craft. For ages 12 and under. For more information, call (810) 987-7323, ext. 132 or 130.

East China – July 6

Low Vision Support Group, St. John River District Hospital, 4100 River Rd., meeting room 2, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Guest speaker at this meeting will be from the Star Library. For more information call Paul Dailer at (810) 329-5172.

Capac – July 7 and 21

Kid's Kreation, Capac Library, 111 N. Main, 3:00 p.m. Do fun crafts and hear age appropriate stories. For ages 5-10. For more information call (810) 395-7000.

Kimball – July 11

Smart Phones & Other Phone Technology, G. Lynn Campbell/Kimball Township Library, 1995 N. Allen Rd., 5:00 p.m. Everyone in the family is invited to have their questions answered by experts about smart phones and also will be shown the latest phones and accessories. Registration is required. Call (810) 982-9171.

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Port Huron – July 11-15

Vacation Bible School, The Salvation Army, 2000 Court St., 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. each day. For ages 3-12. To register, please call (810) 984-2679.

Yale – July 14

Basics of Digital Photography, Yale Library, 2 Jones St., 5:30 p.m. Staff from Best Buy will demonstrate basics and answer questions. Please bring your camera. Adults only. Registration is requested. Call (810) 387-2940 for more information.

Capac – July 15, 16 & 17

Capac Museum Quilt Show and Activities, Capac Museum, 401 E Kempf Ct., 1:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on Friday, 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. One hundred quilts and wall hangings will be on display. Other activities include tractors on display, a fire truck, a crafts show and a senior fabric sale. For more information call (810) 395-2510 or email: johnsandycapac@yahoo.com.

Fair Haven – July 15

Website Creation, Ira Township Library, 7013 Meldrum Rd., 2:00 p.m. Learn how to create a free website. Adults only. Registration is required. Call (586) 725-9081 for more information.

Marine City – July 15

I'm Getting Murdered in the Morning, Washington Life Center, 403 N. Mary St., 6:00 p.m. Please join the mystery and fun at an interactive wedding and reception for "Miss Brenda Anne Marie and Mr. Edward Crock," under the direction of The Algonac Community Theatre. There will be a delicious dinner of baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, California mixed vegetables, tossed salad, dinner roll, and, of course, wedding cake for dessert. Live music and entertainment will be provided. Tickets are now on sale and must be purchased no later than Monday, July 11. Seating is limited, so don't delay! Call (810) 765-3523 for more information.

Harsens Island – July 16

Boat4vets 3rd Annual Boat Outing, Tashmo Marina South, 10:00 a.m. sign-in. Are you a veteran? If you are we need you! Call us and join in on the free boat ride, food, music, prizes and fun on Lake St. Clair. If you own a boat, we need you too! Call us and become a part of our organization. Take a veteran out for a boat ride then back for a BBQ – free food for you too! Sponsors are also needed (of time, money, or prizes for the vets). Veterans MUST call Mike Shawl at (810) 742-0173 to sign-up! Those wishing to help can also call Mike at the same number. Rain date for the event is July 30.

Marine City – July 16

Scrap Space, Marine City Library, 300 S. Parker, 1:00 p.m. Do you need a couple of hours a month, in a quiet, relaxed setting

to do your scrapbooking? Bring your own materials and join with others who share similar interests. For more information, call (810) 765-5233.

St. Clair – July 16

Lego Club, St. Clair Library, 310 S. Second St., 1:00 p.m. Build Lego creations based on a theme with your friends to display in the library. Ages 7 and up. For more information, call (810) 329-3951.

St. Clair – July 18

St. Clair Rotary Golf Classic 2011, St. Clair River Country Club, 1714 River Rd. The net proceeds from this year's Golf Classic will go to Kids in Distress Services. K.I.D.S. is an outstanding non-profit charitable organization in our community and one of the many charities that members of the St. Clair Rotary Club work hard to support. K.I.D.S. is currently serving over 14,000 children a year from infants to 18 years of ages throughout the Blue Water area, providing them with clothing and personal hygiene items. The public is invited to participate. The player's entry fee is \$120 per person or \$460 per team and includes breakfast, golf and golf cart, free range balls, player gift, hotdog at the turn, and dinner/awards ceremony. Registration is at 10:00 a.m. For more information call (810) 364-6222 or (248) 231-4984.

Marine City – July 19 & 26

Farmer's Market, Parker and High Streets, next to the Marine City Library, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Be part of the growing trend toward buying local and eating fresh. For additional information, please contact (810) 765-5165.

Memphis – July 25

One World, Many Colors, Memphis Library, 34820 Potter St., 4:30 p.m. John Pettinato returns for his annual painting workshop. Mr. Pettinato will teach painting techniques for the beginner to advanced level. For ages 6-12. Call (810) 392-2980 for more information.

Port Huron – July 27

St. Clair County Family History Group, Port Huron Museum, 1115 Sixth St., 7:30 p.m. This month's program will be "Genealogy: Step One" – the first step all genealogists, both beginners and advanced, need to take. The St. Clair County Family History Group welcomes guests and new members to our meetings. Anyone interested in local history or researching their family tree is encouraged to become a member of our group or to just attend one of our programs. More information can be found on our website www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~miscfgh/ or by calling (810) 989-0399.

Sanilac

Sandusky – July 9 and 23
Thumb Dance Club, Maple Valley

School, 138 Maple Valley St., 7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Bring finger foods and friends. Admission is \$4.00 for members and \$4.50 for non-members. A year's membership is \$10.00. On July 9 dance to the music of Melody Magic and on July 23 to The Natural Tones (Hawaiian Night). For more information call (810) 657-9349 or (810) 404-4250.

Port Sanilac – July 10

Victorian Summer Brunch and Concert, Sanilac County Historic Village and Museum, 258 S. Ridge St., 1:00 p.m. Brunch will be served, followed by a concert. Reservations are requested. The cost is \$50.00 for Sanilac County Historical Society Members and \$55.00 for non-members. Profits go to the museum. For details go to www.sanilaccountymuseum.org or call (810) 622-9946.

Port Sanilac – July 29, 30, 31

Port Sanilac Summer Festival, various locations in Port Sanilac. From shanty races to 5K races, from talent shows to live entertainment, and from children's games to carnival adventure rides, the Port Sanilac Summer Festival offers something for the entire family! Visit www.portsanilac.net for more information and a schedule of events.

Tuscola**Caro – July 17-23**

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Mayville – July 28-30

21st Annual Sunflower Festival, downtown Mayville. Events include a Bump and Run, fireworks, inflatable rides, children's activities, softball tournament, beverage tent with entertainment, concessions, car/truck show, grand parade, garage sales, garden tractor pull, 5K walk/race, and much more. For a complete list of activities please visit www.mayvillemi.com (click on Festival).



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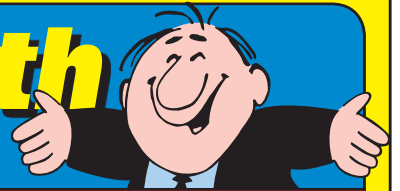
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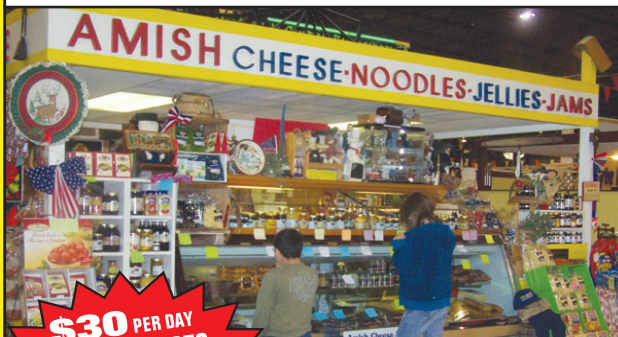
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Recipes Submitted by Our Readers

Last month we invited our readers to submit their favorite barbeque recipes. From those submitted, our staff picked out four we would like to try. Enjoy!



Barbeque Sauce Recipe

Contributed by Sally Jett from Port Huron

Ingredients:

- ½ cup soy sauce (light sodium works)
- 2-4 Tablespoons of olive oil
- 2 Tablespoons of ketchup
- 2 cloves of garlic, chopped
- ¾ teaspoon dry mustard
- ½ teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 Tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- Wine, if desired

Directions:

Mix in order given above. Marinate the meat in a glass or stainless steel baking dish, overnight, unrefrigerated. Bake or grill.



Beer Can Whole Chicken

Contributed by Laurie Finegold, Ortonville

Ingredients:

- 1 cup butter
- 2 Tablespoons garlic salt
- 2 Tablespoons paprika
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 (12 fluid ounce) can beer
- 1 (4 pound) whole chicken

Directions:

1. Preheat an outdoor grill for low heat.
2. In a small skillet, melt ½ cup butter. Mix in 1 tablespoon garlic salt, 1 tablespoon paprika, salt, and pepper.
3. Discard half the beer leaving half in the can. Add remaining butter, garlic salt, paprika, and desired amount of salt and pepper to beer can. Place can on a disposable baking sheet. Set chicken on can, inserting can into the cavity of the chicken. Baste chicken with the melted, seasoned butter.

4. Place baking sheet with beer and chicken on the prepared grill. Cook over low heat for about 3 hours, or until internal temperature of chicken reaches 180°.



Grilled Pineapple – with a Kick!

Submitted by: Ron Verheyden, Port Sanilac

Ingredients:

- 1 fresh pineapple – peeled, cored and cut into 1 inch rings
- ¼ teaspoon honey
- 3 tablespoons melted butter
- 1 dash hot pepper sauce
- salt to taste

Directions:

1. Place pineapple in a large resealable plastic bag. Add honey, butter, hot pepper sauce, and salt. Seal bag, and shake to coat evenly. Marinate for at least 30 minutes, or preferably overnight.
2. Preheat an outdoor grill for high heat, and lightly oil grate.
3. Grill pineapple for 2 to 3 minutes per side, or until heated through and grill marks appear.

Old-Fashioned Hotdog Sauce

Contributed by Virginia Lambert, Sterling Heights

Ingredients:

- 1 Tablespoon vegetable oil
- 4 ounces ground beef
- 4 ounces ground pork
- 4 beef frankfurters, diced
- ¼ cup diced sweet onion
- ½ clove garlic, peeled and minced
- ½ teaspoon browning sauce
- ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- ¼ (10.75 ounce) can tomato soup
- 2½ cups water
- ¾ teaspoon paprika
- ½ teaspoon chili powder
- ¾ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ½ cup fine dry bread crumbs

Directions:

Heat vegetable oil in a large, deep skillet over medium high heat. Place ground beef, ground pork, frankfurters, and sweet onion in the skillet. Cook until meat is evenly brown and onion is soft. Drain and lower heat. Mix in garlic, browning sauce, ground black pepper, salt, tomato soup, water, paprika, chili powder, cinnamon and dry bread crumbs. Slowly simmer until thick, about 25 minutes. Spread over grilled hotdogs in a bun. Delicious!



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How to Prevent and Handle a Lost Child Situation

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A lost child is a parent's worst nightmare. And, as families plan to spend more time outdoors, on vacation and in busy public places this summer, it is important to be prepared. A survey of parents by the Center to Prevent Lost Children showed that 90 percent of families will experience losing a child in a public place at least once, and 20 percent said it has happened more than once. The United States Department of Justice reports that more than 300,000 children become temporarily lost for at least one hour, but the good news is that a majority of those children are quickly found and not harmed.

It is important to try to prevent a child from getting lost but even more important that the child knows what to do if they do get lost. Preparing yourself and a child can make this frightening situation become a bit easier for everyone involved.

- Before you go anywhere, talk to your family about what to do if someone gets lost. Discuss a designated place to go if you get lost or advise children to stay right where they are when they feel they are lost. Tell children to find a security officer, police officer or an employee if you are in a public place, or remind them they can ask another mom with kids for help.

- Prepare your children so that they can identify themselves. For younger children, have their identification information in their pocket. If they are old enough to speak and can relay the information, practice reciting your phone number with them, and let them know they can always call 911.

- For younger children or when clothes don't have pockets, be creative. Make a bracelet out of numbered beads or write your phone number inside a shirt collar or on a shirt tag with a fabric marker.

- Dress children in bright colored clothing so they can easily be spotted. Lemon yellow and lime green are the suggested colors because they easily attract the eye. You might also have a piece of clothing that is only worn when the child goes out in public so you can easily remember what they are wearing.

- Take a photo of your child with your

phone before you leave home or when you arrive at your destination. This will help police find a lost child because they will be aware of exactly what the child is wearing, and how they look that day.

- Positive reinforcement is the best way to prevent a child from wandering away from you when you are in a public place. Speak with your child about stranger danger, and remind them of the importance of staying with you.

- Sometimes children do get lost, and it is easy for parents and guardians to forget what to do in this scary situation. Many public places have standard procedures of what to do when a child is missing, so make sure authorities and the venue's management are notified that the child is lost. Authorities will be able to help because they are familiar with the area's surroundings, and could have the capability to lock down buildings or issue an alert.

Amusement parks and vacation spots are not the only places where children can get separated from their parents. This can occur at home as well. If the child is lost at home, be sure to look in the most common hiding and play spots first.

- If you are at home, search your house first before going outside. Check closets, laundry baskets and piles of clothes, in and under beds, in large appliances, in vehicles and other areas where the child may hide or play.

- If you still can't find the child in the home, call 911 to notify them and let them know if you feel the child is in any danger. Police departments would rather be aware of the situation and called back when the child is found, rather than wasting valuable minutes to find the child. Time is crucial once a child has been separated from you.

- Stay calm. Screaming the child's name won't help you locate the child any faster if they are not close by. Plus yelling the child's name could lure the wrong type of person to your child who may be screaming back for you.

- Make sure the phone number your child knows, preferably a cell phone, is on and is receiving a signal. Also, be sure to have a close family member or neighbor near your home phone so that you can stay in the area where the child was last seen.

Just like any other emergency plan, it is important to review and practice your family's strategy if a child gets lost. Children can be better prepared to know what to do in the situation, and will feel more confident that they will be reunited with their family if they understand the family's "lost" procedures.

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2. On this day in 1777, Vermont became the first American colony to abolish slavery.

3. On this day in 1806, Michael Keens exhibited the first cultivated strawberry.



4. On this day in 1789, the first U.S. tariff was enacted.

5. On this day in 1841, Thomas Cook opened the first travel agency.

6. On this day in 1848, the Mexican-American War ended with the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo.

7. On this day in 1802, the first comic book, *The Wasp*, was published.

8. On this day in 1776, Colonel John Nixon gave the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence (Philadelphia).



9. On this day in 1776, the Declaration of independence was read to Washington's troops.

10. On this day in 1866, the indelible pencil was patented by Edson P. Clark of Northampton, Massachusetts.

11. On this day in 1789, the U.S. Marine Corps was created by an Act of Congress.

12. On this day in 1843, Mormon leader Joseph Smith stated that God OKs polygamy.



13. On this day in 1832, the source of the Mississippi River was discovered (Henry R. Schoolcraft).



14. On this day in 1798, the first direct federal tax on states was established – on dwellings, land and slaves.

15. On this day in 1870, Georgia became the last confederate state to be readmitted to the U.S.

16. On this day in 1861, the Battle of Bull Run, the first major battle of the Civil War, was fought.

17. On this day in 1775, the first U.S. military hospital was approved.

18. On this day in 1925, Hitler published *Mein Kampf*.

19. On this day in 1927, Ty Cobb got his 4,000th hit.



20. On this day in 1881, Sioux Indian Chief Sitting Bull surrendered to federal troops.

21. On this day in 1904, after 13 years, the 4,607-mile Trans-Siberian railway was completed.

22. On this day in 1775, George Washington took command of U.S. troops.

23. On this day in 1829, William Austin Burt patented the "typographer" (typewriter).



24. On this day in 1866, Tennessee became the first Confederate state readmitted to the Union.

25. On this day in 1952, Puerto Rico became a self-governing U.S. commonwealth.

26. On this day in 1848, the first Woman's Rights Convention was held (Seneca Falls, New York).



27. On this day in 1866, the Atlantic telegraph cable was successfully laid (1,686 miles long).

28. On this day in 1858, the first use of fingerprints as a means of identification was made.



29. On this day in 1715, ten Spanish treasure galleons sink off the Florida coast from a hurricane.

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Focus on the Market: Marine City Neighborhoods

By **Scott Anderson**

ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

Every now and then we will take a look at the real estate market in a specific area, to give you an idea as to what is going on in your neighborhood, for some of you. This month we look at Marine City from a real estate point of view. If you live nowhere near Marine City, this might still be useful to you for two reasons: first, it will give you some idea about just how very localized the market is in any area, and second, you might want to live in this beautiful community someday!

I'm not going to get into the history of Marine City or how it was developed; there are lots of good sources on line for that kind of information, if you're interested. But Marine City, a small community of a little over 4,500 people in its 2.2 square miles of land, is diverse in the composition of its neighborhoods and housing.

First of all, there are waterfront homes in Marine City, and waterfront homes always have had a special cachet that adds to their perceived value. The city is partly on a peninsula between the Belle River and the strait known as the St. Clair River.

There is spectacular variation in home values. As I write this, mid June 2011, the least expensive house for sale is a government-owned house for \$11,900 and the most expensive is a 4,000 square foot historic waterfront home listed for \$650,000. What accounts for the variation is a combination of things: of course size, but also specific neighborhoods (like in most communities some neighborhoods

are perceived to be of higher value than others), waterfront vs. non waterfront, amenities of the home and so on.

Let's divide Marine City into four areas: the Belle River splits the city into east and west, and Broadway – West Blvd. more or less splits it into north and south.

In the southwest area, M-29 serves as the business district for the neighborhood with gas stations, hair salons, various places to eat and other shops. The Middle School and High School are in this area. Like the rest of Marine City, hardly anything is ever for rent. This is a relatively new area of the city; the historic housing is in the southeast downtown area for the most part. The median home price is \$79,900 with the highest priced at \$124,900. Homes tend to be around 1,200 square feet, various styles, many built from the 1930s to the 1950s. There is a part of Cottrellville Township which somehow managed to get itself surrounded by Marine City, just north of the Lumber Jack store.

Moving to the northwest, M-29 curves around and changes name a few times. Marine City's main industrial district on Degurse, with quick access to Marine City Highway and I-94, is in this area. The median home price here is \$69,900 and \$120,000 is the highest priced home. Lots of ranch style houses and some of Marine City's very few condos can be found here. Some homes have a view of, or sit on, the Belle River, which is navi-

gable for most pleasure craft south of the Broadway Street Bridge.

The northeast brings in homes with a direct view of the St. Clair River and Canada. There are few businesses, but some of the city's more stately and historic homes give this neighborhood a quaint and interesting appeal. The most expensive homes in the city, including our \$650,000 friend from earlier in the article, sit on the St. Clair River. Off the river, this area is very affordable with many homes under \$100,000. The Marine City Beach, the only public beach in southern St. Clair County, is in this district.

My favorite area downtown, or what I'm here calling the southeast area, is the peninsula. Two bridges give you access from the north and west, and one ferry gives you access from Canada. The downtown antique shops, restaurants and various other boutique businesses are within walking distance of all homes in this section.

The median home price, \$94,900, is the highest of the four areas, and there are some more very elegant homes on Water St. where it dead ends south of Holy Cross Church and the homes have the Belle

River behind and the St. Clair River in front. A great many homes of historical interest dot the old city streets, and an architectural walking tour is a pleasant way to spend a sunny afternoon. South Water Street has a linear system of city parks along the waterfront, and free music concerts occur all summer, about every other Saturday.

So Marine City has a variety of homes; every style and price is available. If you'd like to drop by, the Chamber's visitmarinecity.com web site has information about the restaurants, antique shops and other businesses. If you have any more detailed questions than I could answer in this space, please feel free to get in touch with me, scott.anderson@kw.com. I will answer all questions received, and questions of general interest will appear in this column from time to time. 🍀

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When we began inviting our readers to submit photos of where they have taken ThumbPrint News, we never expected such an overwhelming response! This month, Wales is joining the list of countries where ThumbPrint News has traveled. Soo Betteridge, who live in West Yorkshire, England, traveled with their daughter, Emily, to Oxwich Castle on the Gower Peninsula in South Wales and took these photos. If you are a reader of ThumbPrint News and have taken our newspaper with you on a vacation or to an unusual place – or have done something unique with it, you may submit an email and photo to us at thumbprintnews@comcast.net. (The photo should be in jpeg format.) 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 ThumbPrint News, as we are receiving a tremendous amount of photos each month! 🍀



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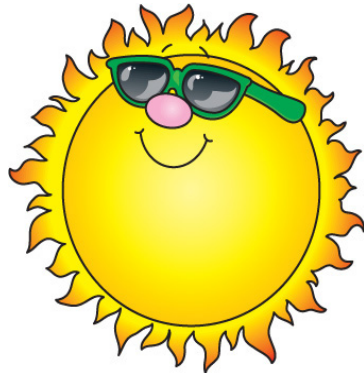
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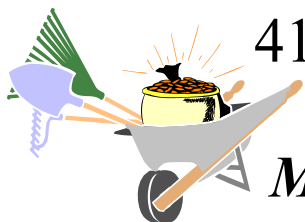
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ThumbPrint News Contest

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. All correct answers received by the 15th of the month will

be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate to Foxfire Farm Country Store at 8061 Marsh Road in Clay Township. (You can apply it toward the delivery of a floral arrangement, also.) The winner of this month's contest will be announced in the August edition as well as information about the object or place. In June's edition, we asked our readers to identify the object pictured above. The winner of the drawing was Owen C. Davis of Waterford, Michigan who correctly identified the object as a queen excluder used by beekeepers in raising honeybees for honey. (See short description on right.) Owen will receive a \$25 gift certificate from Foxfire Farm in Clay Township.



This month we are again asking the question, "What is it?" Identify the object pictured below and send an email to thumbprintnews@comcast.net if you think you know the answer. Be sure to include your name, address and phone number in case you are the winner

of the random drawing for a gift certificate to Foxfire Farm Country Store. Good luck!



The queen excluder keeps the queen bee out of the honey supers.

In beekeeping, the queen excluder is a selective barrier inside the beehive (supers) that allows worker bees, but not the larger queens and drones, to get through the barrier. The purpose is to limit the queen's ability to get into the supers that contain the honey. If she does, she may lay eggs in the honey supers and when the brood develops, the honey will be contaminated.

In the fall, the beekeeper removes the queen excluder so the queen bee can cluster together with the other bees in the hive to keep warm.



A beekeeper gets ready to harvest his honey.

It's Not Gone!

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 (FOG's) 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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Tips For Teaching Kids To Swim

Swimming Educator Reveals Kids Can Survive

Rita Goldberg can't believe some people still teach kids to swim by proverbially throwing them in the water to see if they sink or swim instinctively.

"Many parents and even some traumatic swim programs still use that ancient and ridiculous method of introducing children to swimming by throwing them into the water without any knowledge about swimming whatsoever – and all they are doing is teaching their children how to be terrified of the water," said Goldberg, a former national swimmer in Great Britain, owner of a swimming school and author of the children's book *I Love to Swim* (www.ilovetoswimthebook.com). "These advocates claim they are teaching survival, but I believe teaching survival can be – and should be – gentle and fun."

Goldberg's lament is that too many children drown needlessly every year, and too many parents are either resistant to teaching their toddlers to swim, or teach them the wrong way.

"No child, and I mean no child, has to ever drown in a swimming pool again if they are taught how to survive in the water the right way and at the earliest possible age," she added. "Drowning is actually the second leading cause of accidental death in the country. It is leading in Florida and a few other states, and the real tragedy is that most every child who drowns could have been saved by simply being taught to swim correctly. Traumatizing them only teaches them to fear the water, and who among us makes the best choices, or can even process calm thought, when we are afraid? Children are no different. They need to be given the tools to survival and draw their confidence in the water from that knowledge. We want kids to respect the water, not fear it."

Goldberg's tips for teaching kids to swim include:

- **Start Young** – New studies show that the best age to teach a child to swim is between the ages of six and twelve months. Just as parents are learning, this is a good time to teach children how to read. They are beginning to understand this is a time when children are able to absorb information like sponges. Teaching them to swim at this early age is a great way to make swimming second nature to them.
- **Float to Survive** – As a supplement to safeguarding your kids through extra vigilant supervision and a safety gate around the pool, focus on giving your child the best lifesaving tool you could offer them - the ability to survive in the water. The first gift I give children when I teach them is the ability to



float on their backs. This is the most important survival skill of all. This enables all swimmers to rest, breathe and call for help, thus alleviating the "silent" danger of floating face down.

- **Gentle and Fun** – Swimming will come more naturally to children who are taught gently, without trauma, and with a sense of fun. You cannot teach a 2-year-old not to go near the swimming pool. You cannot teach them that the pool is dangerous. Parents see the swimming pool as a potential death trap for their kids, but all kids see is a big, wet playground. You're not going to change their opinion, so stop trying. Focus on calm, gentle fun, and your kids will take to their lessons like fish to water.

"Parents need to understand that playing in a swimming pool is the same as playing on dry land to children," she added. "It's all play to them. While it's important for them to feel confident in the water, we need to help temper that confidence with a strong sense of safety and good judgment. Adhering to those rules as parents will serve to reinforce those rules. However, the best way to pull it all together is to start them young. Once both swimming and safety are second nature to them, they'll be safer and your supervision of them in the water will be more fun for everyone."

About Rita Goldberg

Before opening her British Swim School locations in the USA, Rita Goldberg was a national swimmer in Britain, who went on to become a dedicated teacher. Working in the education system for many years, she left in 1981 to open her own private swim school in the basement of a Victorian house in Manchester, England. It was there she developed the unique teaching methods that have become a recognized trademark of British Swim School. Goldberg is an active member of the US Swim School Association and served as a board member for two years. 🌱

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