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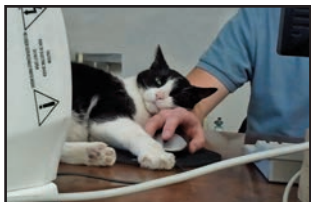
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By Scott Zimmer

*ThumbPrint News* Advertising Manager

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Milky's Party Time, featuring a live studio audience, used an announcer dressed as a Twin Pines milkman to pitch the commercials. The dairy's famous phone number, Texas-four-one-one-oh-oh, was repeated by four different spokesmen.

## Local Authors Spotlight Early Marine City in New Book

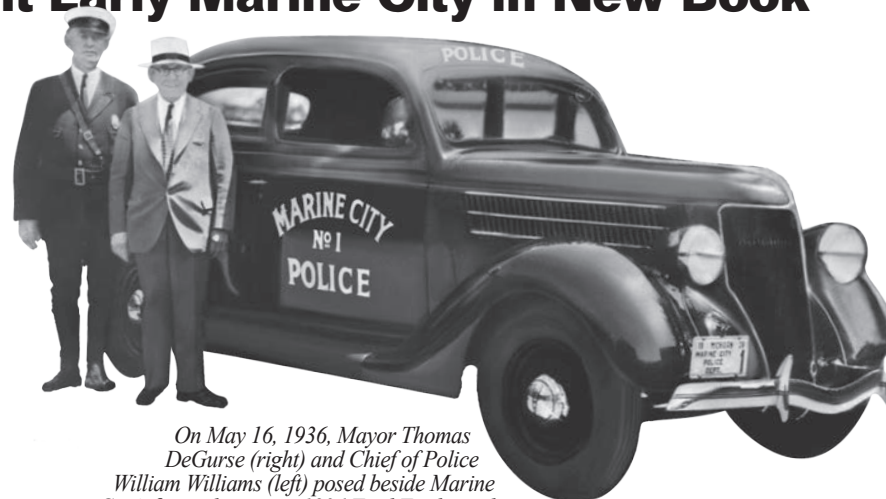
By Scott Buel

*ThumbPrint News* Guest Writer

If you are born and raised in a small town like Marine City, it is easy to believe that nothing important ever happened there – certainly nothing very exciting! But, in the new book *Images of America: Marine City* (published June 11, 2012, by Arcadia Publishing), written by life-long Marine City resident, Gene Buel, 86, and his grandson, Scott Buel, 39, the big history of this small town proves such beliefs wrong.

The area of modern day Marine City had been Ojibwa territory for centuries before the first Europeans made contact. French fur trappers and Catholic missionaries settled in Detroit during the Colonial period, slowly moving their settlements north into the wilderness. In the 1780s, the area's

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On May 16, 1936, Mayor Thomas DeGurse (right) and Chief of Police William Williams (left) posed beside Marine City's first police car, a 1936 Ford Fordor sedan.

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On July 3, 1776, John Adams excitedly wrote to his wife after the Continental Congress decided to proclaim the American colonies' independence from England that "The day will be most memorable in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more."

John Adams' predictions were certainly correct. The day that has become known as Independence Day or the Fourth of July has all the makings of one of our country's most important and memorable holidays, with pomp, parades, bonfires and illuminations (fireworks), just as Adams predicted.

Fireworks, in particular, are something I have always looked forward to and that I have fond memories of for almost every year of my life on Independence Day. Growing up in Midland, Michigan, I recall my sister and I bundling up in our pajamas an hour or so before dusk, piling into the old olive green Buick station wagon, and heading down to the Midland County Fairgrounds with our parents – and most of the other families who lived in and around Midland in the late 1950s.

Once there, we would spread out mom's old patchwork quilt on the ground – the one that had been pieced together with love by her from pieces of her family's worn out clothing and now was too worn out itself to be used as a bed covering. My sister and I would argue over which spot on the blanket would be best for viewing the fireworks, though that seems silly now, as we would lay on our backs and watch the fireworks burst overhead and fill up the entire sky.

It was a most magical time the moment just at dark when the fireworks began. The entire fairground would reverberate with "Oohs" and "Ahhs".

Fast forward now thirty years and I am again laying on an old quilt, spread out on the ground, but this time on the long strip of grass running along the boardwalk in Algonac, Michigan, two children of my own in tow. As we wait excitedly for the fireworks to begin, we hear the background noise of the Pickeral Tournament drawing in the crowds for one of the final nights of the season. The fish flies were abundant (at least there weren't any yellow jackets, as it was evening). As the barge in the St. Clair



River slowly positions itself, the crowd of thousands is almost silent as they wait for the first rockets to start the display. When the fireworks begin, once again the "Oohs" and "Ahhs" drown out the noise of the carnival.

Now fast forward another twenty years (yes, 50 years total from when I first laid on those old quilted blankets at the Midland Fairgrounds) and I am joining my oldest son and his wife and my two grandchildren for the annual fireworks display, still on the St. Clair River, along the Algonac Boardwalk. They spread out their blankets – though now its not hand-quilted and the treats are more like what we would call "junk food" from the carnival – and excitedly wait for the fireworks to begin. Just like every other year, I am sure the "Oohs" and "Ahhs" will soon follow, just as if it were the first time in our lives that we had ever seen fireworks.

These traditions of Fourth of July fireworks have tied our family together over many generations and bring back fond memories, just as they have for thousands of Americans since our country's beginnings and just as John Adams predicted they would.

However, I also feel that John Adams was anticipating something more when he wrote

to his wife back in 1776. He felt Americans would be remembering the struggles and suffering and the valiant bravery of those who fought for our independence so long ago.

I am not sure that as a child laying under the stars on the Midland Fairgrounds, or later when I was laying with my own children under the stars in Algonac, that I was really thinking about the meaning of our Independence Day. Perhaps it is maturity. Perhaps it is a greater appreciation for the history of our great nation and even for my own ancestors who fought in the Revolutionary War. Whatever the reason, for the next years when I continue the tradition of enjoying "illuminations from one end of this continent to the other," I will be remembering the significance of this day and will make a point to share this also with any of the younger generation who may be with me. I challenge all of the parents and grandparents who will be enjoying the fireworks with their children or grandchildren this Fourth of July to do the same. Happy Independence Day to all!

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# THROUGH Laura's LENS

By Laura Smith  
ThumbPrint News Columnist

*Editor's notes: With this July issue of ThumbPrint News we are starting the first in a series of articles on photography. Our columnist, Laura Smith, lives in New Baltimore, Michigan and is a professional photographer who started her business back in 1990. Laura attended Scottsdale Community College in Arizona, where she focused on photography. A majority of her work was done in Arizona before moving to Michigan. She has photographed weddings, business and other types of events, parties, families, pets and individuals. Laura won ribbons for her photography at the Maricopa Country Fair in Arizona back in 1996. Since then, she has been featured in several newspapers, exhibitions and has had two solo one woman shows in Michigan.*

*Laura will be offering tips to photographers of all skill levels – from beginners to professionals. Each month we will highlight a few of her photos. This month Laura is offering tips geared towards the home photographer. Laura's website is [www.photographyplusbylaura.com](http://www.photographyplusbylaura.com).*

Back in the olden days of photography, people would stare at slides on a screen or look through endless photo albums of poorly taken photos. Fortunately, digital cameras and social media, such as Facebook, have made it easy to snap and post photos. However, that ease still does not guarantee the skill of the photographer and the viewer may still find the photos boring.

Here are a few simple tricks to make the next set of photos you post ones that people will enjoy viewing. Let's start with photographing babies and children:

- Have the camera ready by having it on and in your hand. A spontaneous cute moment is measured in seconds – not minutes – while you run to grab the camera, turn it



Laura suggests getting down to a baby's level by lying on the carpet or in the grass.

on and then try to pose the baby or tell kids to redo their cute actions again.

- Get down to a baby's or a child's eye level, even if it means lying on your stomach on the carpet or in the grass. Baby's necks do not have the strength to keep looking up at a photographer standing above them.
- Babies are in control – let them move. If babies want to crawl, crawl with them. Do not make babies sit to take a photo; it frustrates babies and either makes them fussy or start to cry.
- Make goofy noises. Meowing, barking and grunting like a pig not only has the babies laughing but everyone else in the group as well.

Here are a few tips for photographing individuals or objects:

1. **Fill the frame.** The mind is conditioned to fill in blank areas. That is why a child fills in every space on a white sheet of paper when they color. If a person or thing is set against a blank wall, the photographer's instinct is to move closer to fill in the blank space around the person. Hence when we take photos outdoors of a person, the area around them is filled in with grass, trees, buildings, etc. That is why a



Turn the camera vertical when the subject is vertical.

novice photographer may not move in for the shot. It takes practice to think about moving in to fill the frame and for the action to become automatic.

2. **Turn the camera vertical when the subject or subjects are vertical.** Two people



standing together, a tall building and a beautiful tree all are vertical. Landscapes, groups of people and the family pet are horizontal. The mind thinks horizontal and it takes practice to turn the camera vertical. With practice, it will become an automatic action.

3. **Keep the subject's eyes open.** I say to people before I snap the photo, "Okay, one, two, three, smile. DON'T BLINK!" It works every time for me – and I get a smile.

In the August issue of *ThumbPrint News* I will be offering some simple lighting tips to help your photographs be spectacular. 🌟

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# ALL REMAINING INVENTORY





# The First TV



By David Gillis

ThumbPrint News Columnist

I can remember the day like it was yesterday. It was the day we became the first family in our quiet Algonac neighborhood to get a television. It was a real event that attracted a crowd and was the gateway to many weekend evenings with relatives we rarely saw before.

The year, as I remember, was mid-1950. Many of our neighbors gathered around to watch my father and uncle erect the towering antennae that would introduce us to a completely new world of information and entertainment. Many from generations since then may not think of it as exciting, but these were the first occurrences of visual images brought right into the homes, virtually changing our lives forever.

Our first television set (they weren't called TVs yet) was an RCA Victor model with a sleek cabinet approximately 18 inches square. It had two adjusting knobs (sorry, no remote control) and a massive 10 inch screen. It

sat in the corner of the front room on a table formerly used for something less important. All of the room's furniture, of course, had to be rearranged to provide a good view of this small box in the corner.

Everything viewed on our new television was in black and white with varying tones of grey. Each morning the three broadcasting stations available (yes, you read that right) would begin the day with the National Anthem. One station, as I recall, even offered a brief prayer. And, at the close of the broadcasting day well before midnight, the stations would close with the National Anthem. Imagine that happening today. In fact, there is no beginning or end of the broadcasting day any longer.

My memory takes me back to visits from

my Uncle Bob and Aunt Jo every Saturday night just in time for Milton Berle's *Texaco Star Theater*. That lasted a couple of years until they purchased their own larger television set. Then we would see them only on birthdays and holidays. Oh, how the television changed people.

I remember how television brought to visual life "The Aldrich Family." Until then you could only imagine who was behind the mother's voice calling out, "Hen-reeeee", to which the awkward teenage son Henry would respond, "Coming, Mother." Somehow I enjoyed the comedy show better on radio and lost interest entirely after it became a television presentation.

This golden era of television offered variety shows and what we now refer to as sitcoms. The airwaves were filled

with these types of programs, well in advance of game shows and the move of "westerns" from the movies to the small screen.

I don't remember when they were presented weekly, but I do recall a steady viewing diet of Ed Sullivan's

*Toast of the Town*, Arthur Godfrey's *Talent Scouts*, and the "Philco Television Playhouse." Let us not forget the *Cavalcade of Stars*, the nightly *Kukla, Fran and Ollie*, and the *Camel News Caravan*, John Cameron Swayze's daily fifteen minute newscast.

As long as we're on the road of memories, let's not forget *Mamma* with Peggy Woods and the always entertaining Bob Smith, *Clarabelle*, *Flub-a-Dub*, *Dilly Dally* and the freckle-faced marionette star of the show that carried his name, the *Howdy Doody Show*. Of course, I would not have watched this silly children's show if it hadn't been a favorite with my sisters and if the always attractive Princess Summer-Fall-Winter-Spring was not a member of the cast.

Many of the first serial comedy programs

on television were makeovers from radio. They included *I Love Lucy* and *Amos 'n' Andy*. You can still find "Lucy" in re-runs, but you'll not see any of the famous couple that gave us *The Kingfish*.

Another favorite of mine and, as I remember, the aforementioned Uncle Bob and Aunt Jo, was the *Lucky Strike Hit Parade*. Every Saturday night the cast of singers would present a countdown of the top songs on the market. They were sung by such performers as Dorothy Collins and Snooky Lanson. For several weeks Snooky had to offer a newer way to sing "The Green Door" as it remained at the top of the charts far too long. Later we would meet Gisèle MacKenzie and Russell Arms.

Those seem like such simpler times. Sure, with the newer big-screen TVs we no longer have to squint to watch our favorite programs and certainly don't have to remove ourselves from the recliner to turn to another station. But I do miss the honest and direct newscasts of John Cameron Swayze, the very cute Princess Summer-Fall-Winter-Spring, and even the weekly visits with Uncle Bob and Aunt Jo. 🍀

*Editor's note: Reading David's article brought back many fine memories of our family's first TV as well. But, what really came back to me was the memory of the time my oldest son, Keith, was around 7 years old and we were watching an old rerun of one of the early 1950s programs. I can't even remember which one it was, but I do remember it was in black and white. All through the show, I could tell that Keith was pondering something. He would always get that look on his face when he was trying to make sense of something in his young world. I am not sure if this was the first time that he had watched a program in black and white, but when the show was over, he turned to me and said, "Mom, can I ask you something?"*

"Sure," I replied.  
"I was just wondering, what year was it when the world finally got colors?"

I always thought this was precious. In his young mind, the reason early television programs were in black and white was because the world existed at that time only in black and white. It is one of those moments I will always remember.



## NATURE CENTER TRAIL RUN COMING IN AUGUST

Submitted by Carrie Kloka

Pine River Nature Center Assistant Program Coordinator

WALES TOWNSHIP – Runners and walkers will have the opportunity to use the nature center's trails at the Pine River Nature Center Rock & Root Ramble 5K Trail Run.

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The nature center is owned and operated by the St. Clair County Regional Educational Service Agency. The 5K trail run/walk is in memory of Joseph Caimi, a former superintendent at Algonac Community Schools and St. Clair County RESA. 🍀

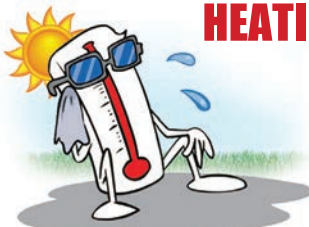
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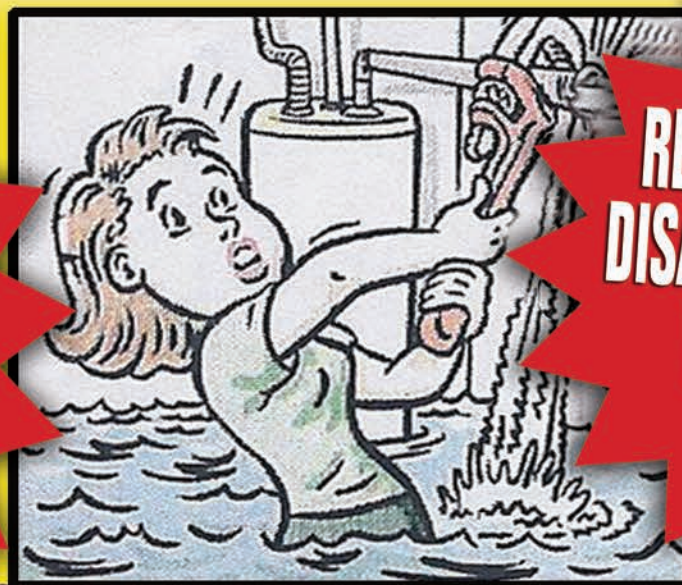
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If they build a nest IN your home, they have the ability to chew through drywall causing extensive damage. They do this to enlarge their nest. Never plug or seal a yellow jacket nest from the outside of the home. This will only trap them inside your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

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

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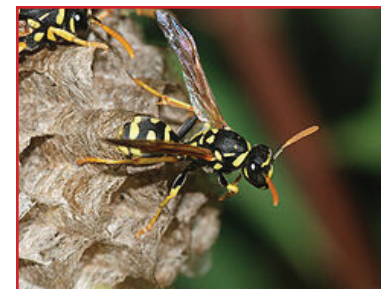
These flies make irritating, buzzing noises, spin around and move sluggishly. They can also leave a greasy spot on upholstery, carpets, wood, and other surfaces.

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

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



## PAPER WASPS



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

**These wasps are very aggressive.**

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



Tell us the number of times the words "yellow jacket(s)" appear in this issue of *ThumbPrint News* and you'll receive **\$20 off** your yellow jacket treatment.

*(Hint: count the two times here we just used it in the above sentence!).*

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first Europeans – French, Austrian, and German families – settled on farms below the mouth of the Belle River in what would become Cottrellville Township after 1822. From there the populace spread north along the Belle and St. Clair Rivers. The French called the area “la Belle Reire,” or Belle River, while English speakers called the community “Yankee Point,” probably because many of the settlers migrated from New England.

When Captain Samuel Ward arrived here on a trading expedition in 1818, James Monroe was America’s fifth President, Old Glory donned only twenty-two stars, and Michigan wouldn’t be admitted to the Union for another nineteen years. In 1819, Ward built a log home on what is now Water Street. He moved his family from Conneaut, Ohio, navigating Lake Erie in his schooner, the *Salem Packet*. For a brief time after their arrival, the area was known as “Ward’s Landing.”

In 1820, Ward built a shipyard on the St. Clair River at the foot of current day Broadway where he built the schooner *St. Clair*. She was put into service along with the *Salem Packet*, peddling pumpkins, potatoes, whiskey, and other produce and merchandise along the shores of the Lakes.

The Erie Canal officially opened on October 26, 1825. It was the first



A group of shipwrights and carpenters at the Lester Shipyard in front of a hull-in-progress, circa late 1800s

transportation system between the Eastern Seaboard and the Great Lakes that did not require portage or carts pulled by draft animals. In 1826, Ward set out for New York City with the *St. Clair* carrying skins, furs, potash and black walnut lumber for use in gun stocks. This was the first vessel to pass from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic via the Erie Canal. Ward continued in the shipbuilding industry until his death and was popularly known as the “Commodore of the Lakes.” His fleet included seven

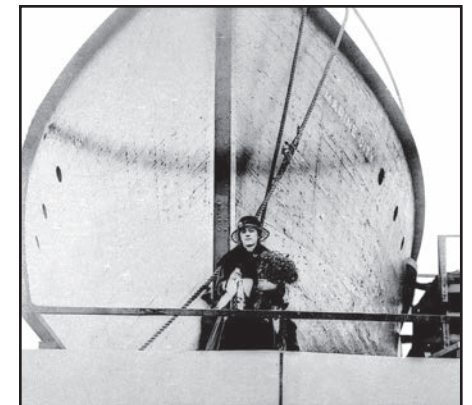
sailing vessels and twenty-three steamers.

When St. Clair County was established in 1821, Ward made an attempt to make Belle River the county seat, but lost out to St. Clair, which claimed the distinction. In 1831, he successfully established a post office and was appointed its postmaster. In 1834, Ward plated the village as “Newport,” and it held that name for 31 years. In 1865, it was incorporated as the Village of Marine City. In 1887, thirty-three years after Ward’s death, the village

re-incorporated as a city. Captain Samuel Ward can truly be considered the founding father of Marine City.

By the 1870s, shipyards in Marine City employed hundreds of men for good wages and produced an estimated 243 wooden hulled ships – schooners, steamboats, tugs, and every kind of vessel in between. As expected, with ships came sailors. According to the 1890 Annual Review Edition of the *Marine City Magnate*, “Sailors constitute a large percentage of our citizens; and it is possible that no city on the chain of lakes turns out as large a percentage of sailors as may be found from Marine City.”

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Charlotte F. Armsbury prepares to christen the tug *Marine City* for its launching at McLouth Shipyard on December 1, 1919.

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# The Angel Advisor

## PATRIOTISM

By Jeffrey Johnson

ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

Who among us has not heard this conversation: Child to his father, "I can't believe how far it is to the school bus! Why doesn't the bus pick us up at our house?" The response from the father, "You think you have it bad? When I was your age I had to walk over a mile to school and they didn't even have buses." Well, the story, if carried out to its logical conclusion ends up with the father having no socks, no shoes, and always with multiple feet of snow. The point is, every following generation is perceived to have it easier than the previous generation. I have it easier than my father, and my daughters will have it easier than I have had it ... and so it goes.

In everyday life that may or may not be real, but it is the brunt of many jokes and continues to be what older generations strive for – to make life better for their offspring. Yet, does that philosophy carry over into other areas of our existence? For example, what about love of our country? Patriotism versus nationalism, at least for me, has always been a nagging question, especially as it reflects personal and cultural opinions and behaviors. So, how has our parents' perceived patriotism filtered down to us, and how do we define our own brand of patriotism versus nationalism.

Some may see our elder's devotion to this country's flag as blind obedience rather than a true patriotic behavior. Others may see the ability to actively disagree with one another as true patriotic relationship. Yet, for most of us, we see, as did our parents, that patriotism is a love of country, not a love of our government (as many politicians must view patriotism). Rather than focusing on concern for our government, a true patriot focuses on the people of the country, and that is a belief

that I see being passed down from one generation to the next, albeit in different ways for each generation.

In our world, few would argue that most who believe in patriotism work for the good of the country and defend that same country when necessary. This has not changed in hundreds of years. Whether we condone burning the flag as a right to free speech, or see it as a violation of constitutional law, both parties will fight for this country's way of life, the freedoms it provides its' citizens, and the rights it offers through the laws of the land (the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence). Which brings me to why I write this message today, the Fourth of July, or our country's Independence Day. When we think of the hardships and struggles our parents, and their parents, and their parents before them went through to maintain our land's freedoms and philosophies, we should consider other less fortunate countries who struggle with patriotism versus nationalism (and many not even able to conceive those definitions as options). On this, our country's Independence Day, I think it is wise to recount our history and see that although we may differ in so many ways from our parents, we still hold to the same profound level of patriotism. It is not said of true patriots that they first choose the path of least resistance, but rather that a patriot fights against falling victim to tyranny.

We live in a free country. Do we have obstacles to overcome? Of course we do. Yet we have learned and inherited much from our forefathers. Let's tell our elders thank you for providing us with such a wonderful country, and let's continue to work at providing an even better country for our children. Happy Independence Day!

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## MICHIGAN STATE HISTORIC SITE

# Kolping Park and Chapel in Chesterfield

By **Ralph McKinch**

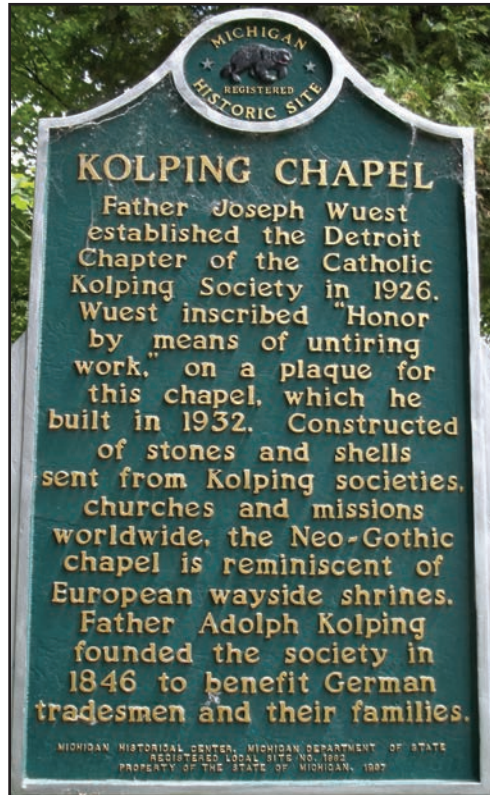
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In 1849, Adolph Kolping founded a Catholic journeymen's association to benefit German tradesmen and their families. It became the forerunner of what is now the Kolping Society.

In 1926, Father Joseph Wuest, a former bricklayer who was born in Nassau, Germany in 1869, established a chapter of the Kolping Society in Detroit. Father Wuest's work with immigrant German families was well known. He was also one of the first white church leaders to reach out to the African American families in Detroit.

In 1929, the Detroit Society acquired the land at 47440 Sugar Bush Road in Chesterfield Township that today is known as Kolping Park. Many of the buildings on the site were constructed by the Detroit Branch. Father Joseph Wuest himself designed and constructed the famous wayside chapel that exists in the park today. Stones and shells from Koepling societies all over the world were sent to Father Wuest to incorporate into the building and decoration of the chapel. Inside the chapel is a plaque inscribed by Wuest with the words "Honor by means of untiring work".

Kolping Park covers 19 acres with the southernmost boundary sitting on the Vase River. In addition to the historic chapel, the park contains a shrine to Blessed Father Adolph Kolping, a pavilion, a dance hall, a rifle range, a picnic shelter, parade grounds, a playground, a soccer field and a landscaped parking lot. For more information on the Kolping Society visit [www.kolping.org](http://www.kolping.org).



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*Louis Pesha's business advertisement from the April 1907 issue of Ship Master's Association of the Great Lakes Directory.*

In 1874, Marine City experienced another boom with Crocket McElroy's discovery of rock salt. This discovery made the entire salt industry in Michigan's Thumb possible. Over the years, 13 different salt companies produced rock salt here, many owned by former shipbuilders.

In 1892, steel-hulled ships usurped the demand for the construction of wooden vessels. With no direct railroad line to bring iron in, combined with shallow launching sites on the Belle River, shipbuilding diminished. However, the town still remained an important stop for the Lake steamers that relied upon wood for fuel supplied by the local lumber industry, as



*These students of the Second Ward School enjoy a day outside of the classroom dressed for an end-of-year pageant in the early 1920s.*

coal had not yet come into use. In 1900, Marine City became home to one of the first "modern" photographers to document the Great Lakes shipping industry at the turn of the 20th Century: Louis Pesha. Additionally, he left behind an important photographic register of the

turn of the century, capturing everything from railroad stations to street scenes to everyday moments of life. Over one hundred years later, Pesha's work helps tell the story of this city, its industry, and most importantly, its people. Today, his post cards are highly valued by collectors. By 1901, Marine City had grown by



*This sign came from the Marine City Opera House, a venue which often hosted boxing matches and other events that drew big crowds. The Opera House was on the upper floor of City Hall.*

leaps and bounds. City Hall and the waterworks were completed; there were three school houses, and a volunteer fire department consisting of 80 men, each receiving a salary of \$5.00 a year. The town had a city marshal, one deputy sheriff, and three constables. In 1906, the Edison Electric Light Company was awarded a thirty-year contract to install and maintain electric street lights. Marine City was growing and changing. As time marched on, the town would witness even more interesting events, thriving through the happiness of the Roaring Twenties and the lawlessness of Prohibition.

In the 1920s, the passing of the



*Pesha did much of his work from his own backyard on the St. Clair River where he photographed both the "old" era of Great Lakes shipping, like this schooner, as well as the "new" era of wooden and, later, steel hulled steamers.*



*Looking through the fence at the impound yard of the U.S. Border Patrol, this picture shows a sizeable collection of seized automobiles.*

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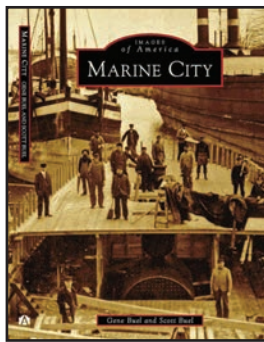
A 1928-1929 Model A open cab pickup truck from Crowley Ford is shown here with two 1927 McCormick-Deering tractors pulling a plow on Belle River Avenue.

18th Amendment to the United States Constitution and the Volstead Act, also known as the National Prohibition Act, turned the border between the United States and Canada into a hotbed of criminal activity. From 1920 to 1933, the St. Clair River, along with its neighboring waterways, transported 75% of the United States' black market liquor supply. The river's relatively narrow expanse, combined with its tendency to freeze over during the winter months, made the St. Clair an ideal smuggling route from Canada. Marine City, nestled on the shores of the St. Clair River (a major artery for the illegal sale and distribution of liquor and beer), became active in the enforcement of Prohibition. Underground tunnels, hidden cargos, and double "gas tanks" in automobiles certainly gave the local law enforcement a run for their money.

Although our narrative ends in the 1920s Prohibition era, Marine City's unique history does not. As America changed, grew, and developed, so did Marine City. It is certain that a fascinating history remains to be explored, investigating this town as it survived the Great Depression, produced its share of

World War II heroes, and entered the second half of the 20th Century. 🍀

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# LANDSCAPING THE THUMB



## *I've had it with these Bugs!*

**By Paul Bujak**

*ThumbPrint News Staff Writer*

The summer months are filled with many fun activities like boating, barbecues, and of course gardening. While we are enjoying the great outdoors, we have to deal with pesky little bugs. Besides damaging your landscape, insects can put a damper on family barbecues inside and outside the home. One of the major bugs that can ruin your summer fun is the Asian lady beetle. It is not uncommon for these pests to show up in early fall by the thousands. They like to feed off apple trees, roses, and various other ornamental shrubs. Let's go a little more in depth about what the Asian lady beetle is and how we can rid our property of these little pests.

Asian lady beetles (sometimes called the Halloween Beetle) are one of several species of lady beetles originating from northeastern Asia. They are about 1/4" long and are variable in color. Adults may be yellow, orange, or red with black spots on the wing covers. Their life cycle starts in mid-spring and takes about 40 days from egg to hatch. The multicolored Asian lady beetles feed on host insects of maple, walnut, willow and oak trees.

The Asian lady beetle can become a nuisance when in large numbers on or around homes and large buildings. They also tend to feed off and cause damage to various plants such as roses, apple trees, grape vines, and raspberry bushes. Soybeans are a favorite for Asian



lady beetles as they feed on the aphids that dwell on a farmer's crop.

During the early fall months, the Asian lady beetles seek spots for winter hibernating. They tend to move toward warm areas of houses and buildings seeking shelter. In addition to biting, they also produce a foul-smelling, yellow defensive chemical that can cause staining on walls and curtains. Sinus problems and skin irritations can also occur from interaction with the Asian lady beetles.

We can take precautionary measures to keep them from entering our home by caulking cracks and spaces around windows, attic vent screens, and wherever a pipe, telephone or cable TV wire goes through the siding.

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## TELEPHONE EXCHANGES

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As much as I may not want to admit it, I am old enough to remember telephone EXchanges. I grew up in St. Clair and the exchange for that community was FA and that stood for FAirview. My phone number was FA9-4261. My grandparents on my mother’s side lived in Port Huron. To call them, you started dialing with YU (for YUkon).

### The telephone EXchange

Telephone numbers used to begin with two letters, which were an abbreviation for a word. For example, there was a Glenn Miller song called “PENnsylvania 6-5000”, and Liz Taylor made a movie called *BUTterfield-8*. I’m just barely old enough to remember that my phone number at home when I was five years old or so started with SYcamore 4, or SY4. These were telephone exchanges and had exchange names, such as PENnsylvania, SYcamore, KLondike, etc.

### What was your EXchange name?

If you are fortunate enough to still live in the same place that you grew up, and you are old enough, you or one of your family members may still remember your EXchange name. Many people in today’s



society, however, have moved away from the city of their birth and probably cannot remember what the EXchange names were back then. Besides satisfying one’s natural curiosity, knowing what your EXchange name was, along with other local history, helps to establish a tie with your past.

### EXchange name formatting in the United States

New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Chicago were the first cities to use the EXchange name system. At first, the 3L-4N system was used (a combination of three letters and four numbers). However, this was shortly replaced with the 2L-5D system (a combination of two letters and five digits, although some areas went to 2L-4D). As telephone customers began dialing their own long distance calls in the 1950s (as opposed to going through a switchboard operator), this became the standard format.

In the Thumb area of Michigan, here are few of the EXchange names that were used:

- Algonac: **RI**verside and **SH**erwood

- Marine City: **RO**ckwell and **PO**rter
- Port Huron: **EV**ergreen and **YU**kon
- Richmond: **RA**ndolph
- New Haven: **PI**oneer
- Romeo: **PL**ateau
- Memphis and Capac: **EX**press
- Yale: **FU**lton
- Walled Lake: **MA**rket
- Port Sanilac: **MA**dison
- St. Clair: **FA**irview
- Marsyville: **EM**erson and **FO**rest
- Marlette: **ME**dford
- Lapeer: **MO**hawk
- Mt. Clemens: **HO**ward

The first two capitalized letters are what you would dial, followed by five digits. So, for example, if you lived in Marine City, Michigan, you might have the phone number “ROckwell 54678”. Someone who wanted to give you a call would dial, “RO 5-4678”.

Some of the more recognizable EXchange names would have been:

- MURray Hill 5-9975 (one of the Ricardos’ numbers on *I Love Lucy*. Even though the H in Hill was not dialed, it was still capitalized.)
- PENnsylvania 3317 (George Clooney’s character, Jack Taylor, in the movie *One Fine Day*, explains that this is his mobile number.)
- PENnsylvania 6-5000 (a song recorded by Glenn Miller), LONesome 7-7203 (recorded by Hawkshaw Hawkins), BEechwood 4-5789 (recorded by The Marvelettes) and ECHO valley 2-6809 (recorded by the Partridge Family).
- DIamond 3132 (mentioned by disc jockey Wolfman Jack in the movie *American Graffiti*).

By 1958 the demand for phone service had grown so large that difficulties arose with trying to assign unique phone numbers to all subscribers and All-Number Calling was slowly phased in by AT&T (the use of a three-digit area code and seven numbers). Most areas of the country had adopted it fully by the late 1960s, though some isolated areas still used EXchange names through the 1980s.

No discussion of early remembrances of making a phone call would be complete without touching on that unique social networking of the times, the party line. Introduced in 1891 by Bell Telephone,

party lines helped to make phone service more affordable to working class families. A party line was where two or more customers (sometimes more than a dozen) were connected directly to the same local telephone loop. Telephone operators, who manually connected the calls, developed different ring patterns for each of the subscribers. For example, if a call came in to the first subscriber on the line, the pattern may be two short rings. If the second subscriber received a call, the pattern might be a short ring followed by a long one. When the phone rang, all connected parties could hear the phone ringing in their own individual homes, but the honest thing to do was to not answer the phone unless it was intended for one of your own household members.

Party lines made it easy for not so scrupulous subscribers to listen in to other subscriber’s calls. Children and teenagers, in particular, often made games of trying to pick up another person’s call without letting the other subscriber hear any sounds that would indicate their additional presence on the line. As phone service exploded across the nation, frequently ringing phones were an annoyance, as was the difficulty of making important calls over congested lines. By the mid 1950s, party lines had basically been phased out, except in rural areas where private loops were still uneconomical when spread sparsely over a large area.

Today, EXchange numbers, party lines and even the old fashioned dial up telephones are mostly memories of the past, with out-dated equipment being relegated to museums. Even finding a pay phone to make a phone call is almost impossible today. I guess we are riding the wave of technology, and for the most part it gives us capabilities far beyond the comprehension of our ancestors. However, reminiscing about the good old days is also fun – and gives us a connection with our past. 🍷

*Editor’s note: According to Wikipedia, “One example of a community still linked by a party line is in Big Santa Anita Canyon high in the mountains above Los Angeles, near Sierra Madre, California, where 81 cabins, a group camp and a pack station all communicate by magneto-type crank phones. One ring is for the pack station, two rings for the camp and three rings mean all cabins pick up.”*



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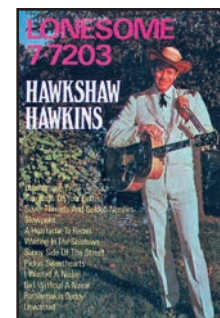
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## Noise Phobias in Dogs

By Dr. DiBenedetto *ThumbPrint News* Columnist

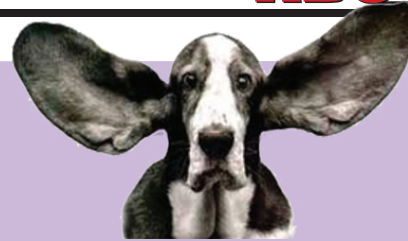
In dogs, excessive reactions to sudden noises, such as those produced during thunderstorms and fireworks, are relatively common, especially in herding breeds. Fears may develop gradually but phobias generally develop quickly, and once they develop, there can be an increase in their intensity over time.

Researchers suspect that dogs with noise or storm phobias may be at a higher risk for developing separation anxiety or other anxiety-related conditions. Storm phobia is defined as an extreme response to any attribute associated with storms (e.g., thunder, lightning, darkness, wind, ozone and barometric pressure changes). Reactions can be anything from simply hiding from the offensive noise to throwing themselves through windows or destroying enclosures trying to get away from the inciting cause. The signs of noise phobia and separation anxiety can be very similar: trembling, salivation, defecation, urination, destruction, escape, panting, vocalization and any combination of these.

Treatment for noise phobias is multifaceted. My first choice is trying the

natural approaches such as the supplements melatonin or L-theanine and Composure for relaxation. There is new research being done to show Pheromone diffusers and collars and body wraps like Thundershirts are effective in controlling anxiety related to noise phobias. If the anxiety has been long standing, it may require using anxiolytic medications to alleviate the signs of panic and anxiety. Newer medications such as Alprazolam (Xanax) are in the benzodiazepine class of drugs. They are quite effective at lower doses, but higher doses can be sedating. They can also have the opposite affect and cause your pet to become over excited and frantic. If this reaction happens, the dog is not a candidate for benzodiazepine therapy and other medications can be tried. Antidepressants and anticonvulsant medications are good secondary choices.

I always recommend testing the medication when there is no active stimulus. Give the first dose and evaluate your pet in 30 minutes. If there seems to be no effect, another half dose can be given. If this combined dose has a calming effect, that would be the dose you would give about one hour prior to a storm. This dose may



have to be increased based on how often it is being used or the amount of anxiety that is present when it is given. The medication is more effective when given with the least amount of anxiety.

These medications are metabolized through the liver and kidneys. Blood work is monitored every 6-12 months, depending on what medication is being used and how often.

Using behavioral modification to teach your dog a different reaction to the stimuli is important. This involves desensitization and counter-conditioning, which can be very time consuming and may take several months or more to accomplish.

In next month's article I will discuss further behavioral modification plans and how they work in conjunction with the anxiolytic medications. 🐾

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### Bill & Leo's

## Sweet Memories of Diana Sweet Shoppe

Submitted by **Melissa Davis**

Director of Knowlton's Ice Museum of North America

The Knowlton's Ice Museum of North America is proud to announce their new summer exhibit: Bill & Leo's "Sweet Memories of Diana Sweet Shoppe." Diana Sweet Shoppe operated in Port Huron from 1926-2001. In 2010, Gibson Guitar, Inc. acquired the shop from owners Bill and Leo Deligianis, reassembled it, and opened the store in Nashville, TN. Named after Diana, the Roman version of Artemis, the Greek goddess of the hunt, charming memorabilia long replaced from the original Diana Sweet Shoppe will be on display just a few short blocks from where the original sweet shoppe store operated for 75 years. Thanks to the Deligianis brothers, you will see history brought to life in this rare time capsule of Americana and one of Port Huron's most revered businesses. The exhibit will run thru October 13, 2012.

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## THE THRILL OF THE GRILL

Grilling season is here, and that means it's time to get fired up for the smoky flavor of your favorite foods cooked in the great outdoors over charcoal.

These grilling recipes were created by chefs from all over the country who participated in the Choice Steak Challenge to find out who has the best steak-grilling chops. Their recipes feature Walmart Choice Premium Beef, as well as delicious sides to try with each dish. Only one in five steaks is good enough to earn that label of distinction, and shoppers who aren't satisfied with their purchase only need to bring back the receipt for a full refund.

Find more recipes, tips and information at [www.Grilling.com](http://www.Grilling.com).



### Cherry Cola Smoked Chili Ribeye

Makes: 4 servings  
Prep Time: 1 hour  
Cook Time: 15 minutes

4 Walmart Choice Premium Ribeye Steaks  
1 lime, cut in half

### Cocoa Cherry Coca-Cola Marinade

¼ cup Cherry Coca-Cola  
2 tablespoons cocoa powder  
1 tablespoon chipotle powder  
1 tablespoon kosher salt  
1 tablespoon garlic powder  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
1 teaspoon black pepper

Preheat grill using Kingsford charcoal, until briquets are consistently ashed over. Mix all marinade ingredients in a bowl with a whisk until blended.

Rub each of the steaks liberally with marinade and let stand for 1 hour at room temperature, or chill covered for up to 4 hours. Discard any leftover marinade.

Grill steaks for 5 to 7 minutes over medium heat on each side or until an internal temperature of 140°F is reached for medium rare.

Grill each lime half for 5 minutes.

Let steaks rest covered for a few minutes. Squeeze juice of grilled lime over each steak and serve.

### Grilled Corn and Peach Salad with Queso Fresco

Makes: 4 servings  
Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cook Time: 20 minutes



4 ears sweet corn, shucked  
4 fresh peaches or nectarines, pitted and sliced in half  
½ small red onion, sliced  
1 head frisee (or your favorite lettuce), chopped  
4 sprigs fresh mint, chopped  
4 sprigs fresh cilantro, chopped  
2 limes, juiced  
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil  
6 ounces Queso Fresco  
1 avocado, peeled, seeded, and quartered  
Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat grill using Kingsford charcoal, until briquets are consistently ashed over.

Grill corn for 7 to 10 minutes over medium heat, turning every two minutes until kernels start to soften. Remove from heat, set aside to cool.

Grill peaches and onions for about 4 to 5 minutes on each side. Remove from heat, set aside to cool.

Once cooled, remove corn from cob; slice peaches and onions. Place in large mixing bowl.

Add lettuce, mint, cilantro, lime juice and extra virgin olive oil. Season with salt and pepper and toss.

Grill the Queso Fresco over medium heat for 3 to 5 minutes or until grill marks appear. Remove and crumble.

Serve the salad over avocado slices and garnish with the crumbled cheese.

## The Key to Great Grilling

### Build the Right Fire –

Use different briquet arrangements depending on what's going on the grill.

- Thinner pieces of meat respond best to high temperature, direct-heat grilling, which requires spreading the coals out evenly across the grate.
- Thicker pieces of meat cook beautifully all the way through, without burning on the outside, with a two-zone fire.
- Stack briquets to one side of the grate for high and low temperature zones. Begin cooking directly over the coals until the outside of the meat has reached the desired doneness; then move the meat to the other side of the grate (the low temperature zone) to finish cooking.





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OUR RIGHTS AND FREEDOM - A PERSPECTIVE  
By Joseph McKoan  
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As Americans, we celebrate the principles our country was founded on during this time of year, our right to life, liberty and property. But what does that mean exactly?

In a nutshell, it means freedom.

The bedrock of our freedom is the principle of our individual rights. Freedom itself implies freedom of choice, voluntary action or inaction, and an affirmation for justice among individuals and the society upon which we call our own.

The nature of man may be defined as individualism, while the nature of government may be defined as unity among society.

In order to secure our rights, freedoms and individualism, we have instituted a government by men and among men which derives its power from the consent of the people to whom it governs of which its purpose should be to protect our life, liberty and property.

Because we live in a democratic system where we choose elected officials – or representatives of the people – and enact laws, we as a society sometimes have a tendency to believe something is right because we voted for it or our elected representatives have enacted a law on our behalf. Let us never forget that a majority vote will never determine whether something is right or wrong, just that it is legal or illegal.

It is up to us, as individuals, to remain informed, to preserve our individualism, our creativity and to remember that our government must have the limited purpose of preserving justice and preventing injustice.

One thing I am personally grateful of is that our system of government is never stagnant and is ever evolving and that our system of capitalism remains the most just, fair, productive and moral system of government and the only one that is consistent with our individual liberties.

I want to thank everyone as individuals, who with your creativity, compassion, dedication, ideas, and pursuit of justice, allows America to continue to be the country that provides the rights of life, liberty, property and the pursuit of the American Dream. 🇺🇸

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## Memoirs from The Restless Retiree

### GOING TO THE CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE!

By Gabriel Jones, *ThumbPrint News* Columnist

"Gabriel, that large church on the avenue is having a rummage sale tomorrow."

"So?"

"Gabriel, I want to go! I know that it will be very crowded and if we want a parking place close to the church, we'll have to get there early."

"OK, but let's go later in the afternoon when the crowd is smaller."

"No! All of the bargains will be gone by then!"

"Well, can't you go by yourself?"

"Gabriel, I don't want me to be in that traffic jam and parking lot without you."

"Oh! Now, you need me."

"That's right!"

Morning comes and Gabriel and his wife get up early to go to the rummage sale. Gabriel's wife is prepared. She has her money belt and has put on good walking shoes. Gabriel, also prepared, will be wearing a backpack with two water bottles and empty bags inside to fill with the treasures that his wife will purchase.

Off they go to the church. As they try to enter the parking lot, they see that it is jammed. They'll have to park on the street. After walking to the church, they get into a long line that is in front of the door. Gabriel looks at his wife, as if trying to say something, but nothing comes out.

They remain in line and finally get inside the door. The rummage sale is being held in the church's large gym.

Gabriel's wife enters the gym and starts to walk very fast, looking around to find the treasures that she came for. Gabriel quickly falls behind looking for man-stuff. He leaves his wife and starts to walk to the far end of the gym where the men's things are.

"Why do they put the things that men are interested in at the far end of the room?"

When he gets there, he sees that the early men have already scoured the tables for the best selections. What's left are old TVs, radios and computers (not guaranteed to work). Gabriel looks around searching.

But then he hears his wife calling him from a short distance.

"Gabriel, I need your help."

Gabriel sees his wife and walks toward her and sees the large filled bags on the floor around her.

"What did you buy?"

"I can't talk now. I have to hurry over to the other tables. Could you stand by and watch the bags that I have over here?"

"Alright!"

Gabriel walks over and stands guard by the bags that his wife has filled.

"Don't take too long. This is a lot to carry."

After a short time, Gabriel's wife then comes back with a cart for Gabriel to put the bags in.

"Here's a cart. Put the bags in and why don't you wait for me at the door. I'll call you on the cell phone when I'm finished."

"Okay, but hurry, I'm getting tired."

Gabriel loads up the cart with the bags and walks to the door.

As Gabriel approached the group of men standing there, one of them asked, "How are you doing?"

Gabriel asked, "Is it this bad at all rummage sales?"

"This isn't so bad. They have carts here and enough of them so that you don't have to carry the merchandise. Just think if you had to carry all of this stuff."

"I guess that's true. How long have you guys been waiting for your wives?"

"Oh, not too long. About a half-hour."

"A half-hour! I hope I can last that long."

"Oh, you will. You have no choice."

After a short while, Gabriel sees his wife approaching with more bags.

"I'm done. Let's go home."

After they get home, Gabriel starts to unload the car. He carries the filled bags inside the house and stacks them in the kitchen. He notices that his wife is carrying other bags into the dining room. Hmmm.

When they get done, Gabriel's wife says, "Look what I bought you."

She starts to show him a couple of shirts, a sweater, and some pajamas.

"How do you like them?"

"Oh, they're alright. I can use them."

"But here's something special!"

"Video tapes of your favorite TV Show, *Northern Exposure*."

"What!!!"

"Yes, I bought you six tapes of their shows."

"Where did you get them? They weren't on the TV table."

"I got them from a woman who wanted to put them back and couldn't find the table they came from."

Gabriel's face quickly went into a smile as he said, "Dear, those video tapes made the whole trip worthwhile. Thanks for getting them."

Later in the evening, the two sat on the sofa enjoying a *Northern Exposure* video, while having coffee and cake on the "church" dinnerware.

Another lesson learned by The Restless Retiree. 🐜

## I'm Going Buggy Word Search

July is the perfect month to enjoy the outdoors – camping, boating, picnicking and grilling. Unfortunately, insects tend to enjoy the same activities, much to our dismay! This month see if you can be a pest control expert and solve our "Buggy Word-Find"!

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

For those who have no connection with or no reason to think about our Council on Aging, let me give you some food for thought. Last Friday I was fortunate enough to serve "Meals on Wheels." I was given a short orientation, picked up the cooler and bags which were pre-prepared and labeled as available for my assigned duties, and away I went to deliver some food and some companionship.

My first assigned stop was at the home of a lady who will be 98 years old yet this month. Two candles, shaped as a nine and a seven, were still on her kitchen table from nearly a year ago. This Grandma still lives in her own home, however it is very difficult for her to move about; she is VERY unsteady, even with her walker. I was concerned that she should not be alone, however she told me that her son was in a nursing home, and her granddaughter was very busy and comes maybe once a week; her grandson comes over every other month. The only regular companionship this frail lady has is from Council on Aging Meals on Wheels personnel. Even though it was lunch time and her warm meal was getting cold, this Grandma was not interested in eating; she wanted and needed to visit. This lady thanked and thanked and thanked me for coming to see her. I didn't want to leave, but I knew two others were probably

waiting for their meals and wondering when dinner would be served.

My second delivery was to the home of an elderly woman who still lives in her own home and was recovering from a hip fracture; she never left her recliner chair where she had her feet raised. She had been hospitalized for several weeks and had returned to her home only about 10 days prior. She had a walker. However, she told me it is so difficult to get around even with the help of the walker. This lady was very happy to have her meal, but even happier to have someone actually visit and check on her. She asked that I put her meal in her refrigerator for later. I put everything in her refrigerator for her. Her refrigerator was surprisingly bare; she had only several cartons of milk and some fruit cups (clearly these had been previously delivered from Council on Aging Meals on Wheels). It was obvious to me that her only source of food was Meals on Wheels. This lady had a life line which was chirping at her to call and confirm she was OK; I reminded her to call. She told me she did have a Visiting Nurse coming to see her once per week, and a Home Health Care worker stops in 3 times per week since she was released from the hospital. This lady had no children, but did have a niece; my sense was that her niece visited her seldom. Despite her being so alone and

suffering such physical difficulties, this lady was cheerful and so happy to have a visitor. She told me that the people who deliver Meals on Wheels are "angels."

My third delivery of the day was to an elderly lady who lives in a very small room in a place I did not even know existed in our area. This lady was confined to a wheelchair and had significant physical limitations. Her room was so small, I could not imagine how she could maneuver her wheelchair within her room. This was my last delivery, and it was after 1:00 p.m. The meal was still warm because of the Styrofoam packaging from Council on Aging. Despite my being late, and despite her considerable physical limitations, this lady was cheerful and happy to have her meal. She was genuinely appreciative of her meal and the visit. I didn't stay as long; I knew she was hungry. I can still picture her smile as she realized I was delivering her Meal on Wheels from Council on Aging.

The common thread amongst my three charges was the meal – the meat, potatoes, green beans, fruit, bread and milk. The physical sustenance was what brought us together. With every one of these visits, however, it was clear that these senior citizens needed to know someone cared about them: That someone was willing to not only bring them what was likely to be the only nutritious and delicious hot meal for the day, but that someone was also willing to listen and talk.

Simple human interaction was every bit as important as the physical sustenance

the Council On Aging Meals on Wheels Program provided.

At some point in every one of our lives, we will revert back to the position from whence we came, i.e., that we cannot take care of ourselves. We will need to rely on others for the basic care and comfort all human beings need. As a society, no one questions the needs and wants of infants as they cannot, nor should they, fend for themselves. But what about the seniors in our community? When we are at that stage in life where we can no longer care for ourselves, we should be afforded the same considerations and efforts afforded to infants in the provision of a healthy meal and simple human interaction.

The Council on Aging Meals on Wheels Program, I am convinced, is vitally important to our seniors, and consequently to our community. I urge you to get a firsthand experience with just how critical the Program is in our community. Volunteer a couple of hours of your time to deliver some meals and you will develop a profound understanding of the critical needs this Program fulfills in our community.

*Cynthia S. Platzer*

Dear Editor,

I picked up your paper (June 2012 edition) in a restaurant today and enjoyed reading the articles about local events. The article I really enjoyed was on page two "Letter from the Editor" about U.S. Flag

See *LETTERS TO THE EDITOR*, Page 30

## RainDrop Technique

By **Rennae Hardy**

*ThumbPrint News Guest Writer*

RainDrop Technique originated in concept with the Lakota people. For years the Lakota would travel across the border into the North Provinces of Canada to partake in a healing practice involving the Aurora Borealis. Raising their hands upward to connect with the electrical energy generated by the Northern Lights phenomena, the Lakota would breathe in the energy bringing its healing potential down the spine and into every cell of the body. On the exhale, disharmonious energy was released. In time, a border was established and the Lakota could no longer journey to the North. At this time, they developed a method reminiscent of their traditional practice. One person would "breathe" while another would apply light fingered



stroking along the spine.

Gary Young of Young Living Oils had the opportunity to learn this approach from a Lakota Elder. Gary's knowledge of essential oils and their healing potential provided the incentive to create "RainDrop Technique."

Research suggests that RainDrop Technique is based primarily on its theory that scoliosis, as well as spinal misalignment, are caused by viruses or bacteria lying dormant along the spine. These pathogens cause inflammation that lead to torquing and spinal curvature. High quality essential oils containing anti-microbial properties are key to RainDrop Technique. Each oil compliments the others working together to push toxins out of the body and reduce inflammation.

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out toxins from your tissues and cells.

RainDrop Technique may vary from facilitator to practitioner to massage therapist in some degree, generally with the "addition" of energy work or body work. The original process should never be compromised.

RainDrop Technique combines the wisdom of the Lakota, the ingenuity of Gary Young, and the healing power of essential oils to align the body's energy centers, fight viruses, reduce inflammation, assist in the realignment of the spine, and more.

Breathe, relax, let go, be well! 🌱



# YOUR INCREDIBLE, EDIBLE BACKYARD

By Stella Otto  
ThumbPrint News Columnist

## Sweet Strawberry Success

The variable spring weather has definitely made any fruit crops something special to be savored this season. Fortunately, strawberries grown on a small scale in the home garden can often be protected from frost. Traditionally sprinklers have been used for frost protection, but a new alternative is also very effective – floating row cover.

For those of you new to floating row covers, they are a spun bonded fabric that provides a few degrees of insulation to frost sensitive small fruit and vegetable crops. Given their light weight, they gently float on the surface of the plants and trap a layer of warmer air that rises from the sun heated soil. The cover is pulled over the plants at night and must be removed during the day to allow pollinating insects to reach the blossoms.

Hopefully, with the timely use of a floating row cover, you were able to enjoy at least a moderate strawberry crop. The bulk of the June bearing strawberry harvest will taper down quickly now following the Fourth of July. One of the most important things you can do to get a start on a top quality harvest for next season will require attention once the berry picking is done.

A patch of June-bearing strawberries should be renovated each year following harvest. This will insure that the patch remains productive by providing growing room for new daughter plants to take root and reducing competition from old weak plants. It also helps reduce fungus diseases by allowing more air circulation around the plants. **The steps to renovation are quite simple:**

1. Mow off excess foliage, being careful not to mow so deep that the crown is damaged. This can usually be done using a standard push mower set at its highest setting.

2. A week or two after mowing, narrow the plant row to roughly 8 to 12 inches. This is easiest to do with a rototiller, but can also be done with a hoe.

3. Next, so that you do not burn foliage, when conditions are dry, apply fertilizer. Typical application for a 100 square foot

patch is 1¼ to 1½ pounds of complete fertilizer. This will encourage strong plants and firm berries in next year's harvest.

4. After the third cropping season, you may want to plant new strawberries to insure a continuous supply of top quality fruit. Most strawberries start to lose quality, size and yield by their fourth or fifth year.

For gardeners growing day neutral berries (often also known as “ever-bearing”) these varieties typically don't send out many daughter plants and do not require renovation. A light (roughly ¼ of what you use on the June bearers) monthly application of fertilizer will keep them strong. The crop will continue to come in small waves to enjoy throughout the summer. 🍓

*Editor's note: Stella Otto is an award winning author, horticulturist, and Master Gardener instructor. Her books The BackYard Orchardist: A complete guide to growing fruit trees in the home garden and The BackYard Berry Book: A hands-on guide to growing berries, brambles, and vine fruit in the home garden are available as signed copies at her website [www.stellaotto.com](http://www.stellaotto.com). Also at*

*her website, find The Backyard Fruit Gardener with information and a subscription “Ask the Expert” Q&A resource for all of your fruit gardening needs.*

*Picked a strawberry,  
Picked a strawberry  
That was growing  
In the sun.  
Then I washed it,  
And I ate it,  
And I picked another one.*

- Author Unknown



## How to Hire a Roofing Contractor You Can Trust

Replacing or fixing your roof is a significant expense, so whether your roof got hit hard by a natural disaster, such as high winds or a tornado, or just needs to be replaced due to age, you need to take certain precautions when it comes to hiring a roofing contractor. In 2011, the Better Business Bureau received more than 3 million inquiries from consumers looking for reputable roofers – making it the top inquired about industry in the BBB system.

When you find yourself in need of a roofing repair, there are a few tips you should consider before hiring a contractor or signing any contracts:

**Stay calm.** Although you may be anxious to get things back to normal, especially after a storm, don't be pressured into making an immediate decision.

**Shop around.** Get at least three estimates based on the same specifications and materials.

**Verify credentials and reputation.** Verify that any contractor you are considering is licensed and, if required in your area, that they are registered to do the work. Also, check with your city's or county's inspection department to see if they have any concerns about the contractors you are considering. In addition, you can search for them on the [bbb.org](http://bbb.org) website to see if the businesses have any outstanding consumer complaints or government actions against them.

**Be wary of door-to-door workers.** Beware of contractors that show up at your door stating they have left-over materials from another job or are “in the area” and have special deals if you sign immediately.

**Trust your gut.** If you're worried about possible structural damage to your roof, have a certified inspector look at it first before calling a contractor. Don't allow someone you do not know to inspect your



Melanie Duquesnel

roof, as they may actually create damage or exaggerate the extent of needed repairs.

**Get everything in writing.** Get a written contract agreement with the company's name, address, license number and phone number included. Read the contract thoroughly and make sure you get a copy immediately after you sign.

**In regard to contracts, below are some items your estimate should include:**

1. The type of roof covering, manufacturer and color and materials to be included in the work
2. Possible additional costs, such as replacement of underlayment and ice dam protection membrane
3. Scope of work to be done
4. Ventilation work/adding new vents
5. Responsible party for repairing/replacing any damage that occurs during the course of the work
6. Approximate starting and completion dates
7. Disposal of old shingles and cleanup
8. Payment procedures
9. Length of warranty and what is covered
10. Who will do the warranty work – the company itself or a subcontractor?

If you received an estimate that is significantly less than the others it could sound much better than it actually is. Some less than reputable companies can bid below-cost because they use substandard materials or shoddy workmanship.

Never feel pressured to make such an important decision and make sure you are well informed before you sign on the dotted line. The BBB has business reviews on more than 67,000 roofing contractors available for free at [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org) that you can use as a guideline when searching for the best fit for your situation. 🍓

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



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### High Pollen Counts Means More Bees, Wasps, Hornets and Yellow Jackets!

Along with the high amounts of pollen, it should not come as a surprise to see large amounts of bugs fly from flower to flower enjoying all of nature's goodness. Already out in full force it seems are the summertime stinging pests that everyone dreads! Bees, hornets, yellow jackets and wasps have already begun to make their nests in the eaves of homes, branches of trees, attics, soffets, sheds, fences, under deck area's, light poles etc.

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# WHAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY?

## July

**By Diane L. Kodet**

ThumbPrint News Editor

**1.** On this day in 1200, sunglasses were invented in China.



**2.** On this day in 1940, Hitler ordered the invasion of England.

**3.** On this day in 1884, Dow Jones published its first stock average.

**4.** On this day in 1865, the first edition of *Alice in Wonderland* was published.

**5.** On this day in 1971, the 26th Amendment was certified (reduced voting age to 18).

**6.** On this day in 1954, Elvis Presley recorded his first hit, "That's All Right."



**7.** On this day in 1898, the United States annexed Hawaii.

**8.** On this day in 1889, the *Wall Street Journal* began publishing.

**9.** On this day in 1878, an improved corn cob pipe was patented by Henry Tibbe of Washington, Missouri.



**10.** On this day in 1892, the first concrete-paved street was built (Bellefontaine, Ohio).

**11.** On this day in 1916, Congress passed the Federal Aid Road Act.

**12.** On this day in 1859, the paper bag manufacturing machine was patented by William Goodale of Massachusetts.



**13.** On this day in 1865, Horace Greeley advised his readers to "Go west young man."



**14.** On this day in 1949, the USSR exploded their first atomic bomb.

**15.** On this day in 1922, the first duck-billed platypus was publicly exhibited in the U.S., at a New York zoo.



**16.** On this day in 1867, Joseph Monier patented reinforced concrete.

**17.** On this day in 1821, Spain ceded Florida to the United States.

**18.** On this day in 1907, Florenz Ziegfeld's "Follies of 1907" premiered in New York City.

**19.** On this day in 1961, the first in-flight movie was shown (TWA).

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



**21.** On this day in 1861, the first major battle of the Civil War ended (Bull Run in Virginia). The South won.

**22.** On this day in 1933, the first solo flight around the world took place in 7 days and 19 hours by Wiley Post.

**23.** On this day in 1903, the Ford Motor Company sold the first Model A car.



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

**25.** On this day in 1946, the first bikini was shown at a Paris fashion show.

**26.** On this day in 1926, the National Bar Association was incorporated.

**27.** On this day in 1844, fire destroyed the U.S. mint at Charlotte, North Carolina.



**28.** On this day in 1866, the metric system became a legal measurement system in the U.S.

**29.** On this day in 1907, the first helicopter ascent took place, in Douai, France.

**30.** On this day in 1909, the Wright Brothers delivered the first military plane to the army.



**31.** On this day in 1922, 18-year-old Ralph Samuelson rode the world's first water skis in Minnesota.



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When we began inviting our readers to submit photos of where they have taken *ThumbPrint News*, we never expected such an overwhelming response! The newspaper had traveled to five of the seven continents and we put out the call to our readers to try to get the newspaper to the continents of Australia and Antarctica, the only two where it had not yet been. Once again, our faithful readers came to the rescue and three of them sent us photos of *ThumbPrint News* in Australia, which we are featuring in this edition.

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](mailto: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! When it does appear, we will send you a complimentary edition.

There are many states and countries where *ThumbPrint News* has not yet been. But, of all seven continents, we only have Antarctica left! Can anyone out there help us with this one? The challenge is on! 🐛

# AUSTRALIA



**Stan Arnett II of Marysville, (Pictured on Left) vacationed on Kiritimati (Christmas Island).**

**Stan wrote:**

Christmas Island is the world's largest atoll and is located 1,338 miles south of Honolulu at 1 degree 52 minutes North Latitude, 151 degrees 20 minutes West Longitude in the country of East Kiribati. That's about 5,400 miles from St. Clair County.

Where Has Your ThumbPrint News Been?

Dear Thumbprint News,

My friend Jacob I. Schwartz from Geneva, Indiana, told me that you were looking for Australian photos featuring the Thumbprint News. I took this on a recent visit to the Australian Capital Territory. The ACT is our version of Washington D.C., as it houses the Australian capital city, Canberra.

We were in Canberra for the National Folk Festival which is held over the Easter weekend. We had a great time at "the National".

Colin Henson Killcare, Australia



We recently took a vacation on Princess Cruises. It was a 27-day cruise from Honolulu, Hawaii to Sydney, Australia. We left on February 18, 2012 to March 17, 2012.

We were celebrating our 60th wedding anniversary. This picture was taken at the airport in Sydney. We left on flight QF7 at 2:40 p.m.

Phil and Violet Westernman of New Baltimore, Michigan



According to Wikipedia, "The Territory of Christmas Island is a territory of Australia in the Indian Ocean. It is 2,600 kilometers (1,600 miles) northwest of the Western Australian city of Perth. ... Christmas Island has a population of 1,403 residents who live in a number of 'settlement areas' on the northern tip of the island: Flying Fish Cove (also known as Kampong), Silver City, Poon Saan and Drumsite. The island's geographic isolation and history of minimal human disturbance has led to a high level of endemism among its flora and fauna, which is of significant interest to scientists and naturalists. Sixty-three percent of its 135 square kilometers (52 square miles) is an Australian national park. There exist large areas of primary monsoonal forest. Phosphate, deposited originally as dead marine organisms (not guano as often thought), has been mined on the island for many years."

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

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

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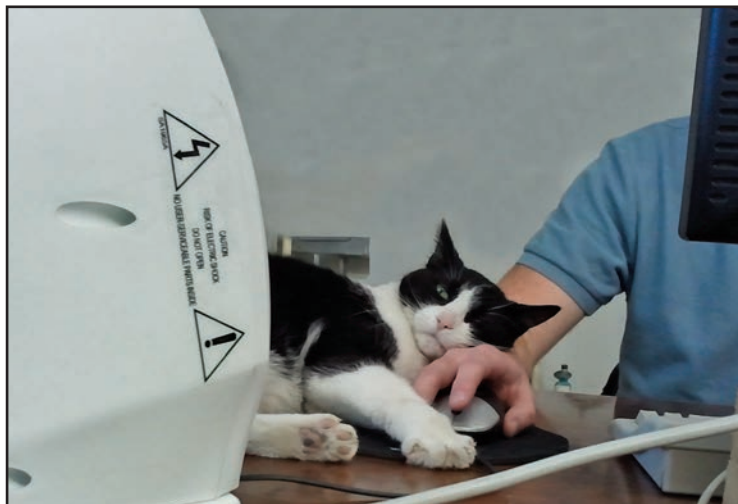
## Send Us Your Photos

ThumbPrint News is looking for funny pictures of people at work in the Thumb of Michigan. So start looking and capture those crazy, funny, unpredictable moments that occur within your working day. Our staff will choose the funniest pictures to include in our September (Labor Day) issue!

Email your photos to thumbprintnews@comcast.net and put "Funny Work Photo" in the subject line. Also, please tell us a little about the picture – who is in it, what is the place of business and the city the business is in, and anything else you would like to share about it. If the person in the photo is not you, please get permission from the person photographed to send it to us for possible publication in *ThumbPrint News*. Our staff will also choose

one first place winner who will win a year's subscription free of charge to be sent directly to their home. So, please be sure to include your name and address with your photo submission so we will know where the newspapers should be mailed.

Good luck!  
 Make us laugh!  
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*This photo was taken in our ThumbPrint News office. Our ThumbPrint News office cat, Lucky, seemed to think that our graphic designer's time was better spent as her pillow. Dare we say that it was a game of cat and mouse!*

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## ThumbPrint News Contest

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

On December 31, 2012 one winner will be drawn and the lucky person will be notified. In June's edition, we asked our readers to identify what the following object was:



No one was able to correctly identify the object as being an antique wooden duck call. Rubbing the stick across the ridges on the top

of the duck call makes a noise reminiscent of a male duck calling to his mate.



For our July contest we are asking the question, "Where is it?" Identify the building on which you can locate the weathervane pictured above and also the city where the building is located. Email your answer to thumbprintnews@comcast.net. Again, be sure to include your name, address and phone number in case you are correct and are entered into the random drawing for a gift basket valued over \$100 at the end of the year! Good luck!

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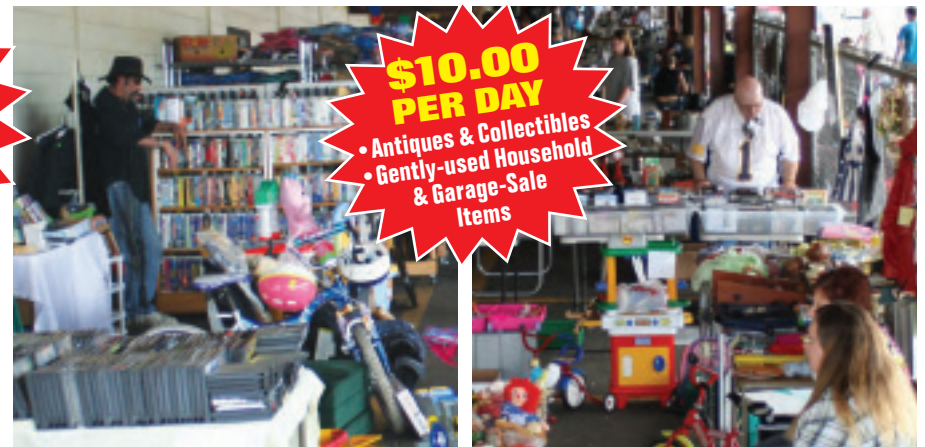
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## Thumb Area Activities & Events for July 2012

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

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

### Genesee

#### Davison - July 4-8

**Festival of Flags and Fourth of July**, Abernathy Regional Park, off Frank Boyce Parkway. Activities will continue nonstop for 5 consecutive days. Events will consist of an ice cream social, fire-works, pet show, carnival rides, car show, entertainment tent with live music, strong man contest, Art in the Park and much, much more! Fireworks are free; some events and activities have a fee. Visit [www.davisonchamberofcommerce.com](http://www.davisonchamberofcommerce.com).

### Huron

#### Bad Axe - July 7 & 21

**Tip of the Thumb Dance Club**, Bad Axe Middle School, 750 S. Van Dyke, 7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. All are welcome. Bring finger foods and friends. \$5 admission. Melody Magic will be performing both evenings. Call Jerry at (989) 269-6348.

### Capeer

#### Otter Lake - July 6 & 7

**Otter Lake Days and Annual Fireworks Show!** Enjoy the festivities with family and friends. Each year brings vendors in the park, music, food, games and more. Watch the parade on Main Street as well as a host of other activities. Fun for the whole family! Free admission. Fireworks at dusk July 7. Visit [www.villageofotterlake.com](http://www.villageofotterlake.com).

### Macomb

#### Chesterfield - July 5

**Macomb County Civil War Footprints**, New Book Presentation, Chesterfield Twp. Library, 50560 Patricia, 6:30 p.m. Authors Bill and Cherie Allen will be discussing their newest book. Admission is free and is sponsored by the Chesterfield Township Historical Society. For information contact [alannaldrett@yahoo.com](mailto:alannaldrett@yahoo.com).

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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etiquette. Like you, I was in elementary school in the 50s and remember so well the Pledge of Allegiance being the first thing we did every day without exception and how we learned honor and respect for our flag. Sadly, I don't think that is the case any longer and any sense of pride and respect for our nation will need to be passed down to children from their parents and grandparents and not by educators who seem to have their hands tied in the name of political correctness. That, however, is not the purpose for my writing and can be saved for another day. The reason I am writing is that I wanted to draw your attention to an error in the last point of your article relative to what happens during a ceremony of hoisting or lowering the flag.

Your article stated:

"Men not in uniform should remove

#### Utica - July 7 & 8

**Utica Antiques Market**, 11541 21 Mile Rd., 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Thousands of items to choose from. Step back in time and remember. Admission is \$5, parking is free. Visit [www.uticaantiques.com](http://www.uticaantiques.com) or call (586) 254-3495.

#### Chesterfield - July 21

**Meet-N-Greet**, Radiant Beings, your key to body, mind and spirit wellness. 25962 Knollwood Street. 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Free service samples. Stop by and get to know us! See our ad on page 20 or call (586) 949-0112.

### Oakland

#### Oxford - July 6

**First Friday**, downtown area. Focusing on arts in our community, on the first Friday of each month thru November, Oxford will play host to a number of artists offering quality hand-made art of various forms. Each month has a different theme and local restaurants will adopt this theme thru a special menu item and wine. July's theme will be French. Call (248) 210-0919 or (248) 628-5398.

### St. Clair

#### Port Huron - July 1, 8, 15 & 22

**Salvation Army Concerts**, Pine Grove Park, Pine Grove Ave. and Prospect, 6:00 p.m. Concerts are free. Each week the Port Huron Citadel Senior Band will perform, along with a Citadel Band from another area. Call (810) 984-2679.

#### Algonac - July 3

**Genealogy Circle**, Algonac-Clay Library, 2011 St. Clair River Drive, 6:00 p.m. Support fellow genealogy searchers in their quest to trace their family history. Share knowledge, success and pitfalls as you do your research. Bring your laptop and use our Wi-Fi or work on our computers. Free access is available to our in-house database Ancestry Library Edition. Call (810) 794-4471.

#### Lakeport - July 3

**Pizza and Pages for Teens**, Burtchville Twp. Library, 7097 Second St., 4:00 p.m. Come eat pizza and discuss your favorite pages in your favorite books! Play games. Registration requested, call (810) 385-8550.

#### Capac - July 5 & 19

**Kid Kreations Seasonal Crafts**, Capac Library, 111 N. Main, 4:30 p.m. Crafts and story time for the elementary school age children in the community. Registration requested. Call (810) 395-7000.

their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should render the military salute."

Actually, that's the way it was until 2009 when the Defense Authorization Act was signed by President Bush. Check out The United States Department of Veterans Affairs (<http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=1609>). The article at that site states in part:

"The new provision improves upon a little known change in federal law last year that authorized veterans to render the military-style hand salute during the raising, lowering or passing of the flag, but it did not address salutes during the national anthem. Last year's provision also applied to members of the armed forces while not in uniform. Traditionally, members of the nation's veterans' service organizations have rendered the hand-salute during the national anthem and at events involving the national

#### Port Huron - July 10

**Acquired Head Injury & Stroke Support Group Initial Meeting**, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, First Floor Conference Room, 2601 Electric Avenue, 2:00 p.m. New support group for survivors as well as family members and caregivers based on the needs identified by the group's individual members. Facilitated by Caille Stephenson, Speech Pathologist, as well as other certified professionals in the treatment of stroke and acquired head injuries. No registration required to join this free program. Meets the second Tuesday of each month. For information call (810) 987-1035.

#### Harsens Island - July 12

**Harsens Island St. Clair Flats Historical Society Lecture Series**, Lion's Hall, 230 La Croix Rd., 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Today's speaker will be Robert McGreevy who will be speaking on "Steamer *Key Stone State*," which was built in 1849 and was the second largest passenger vessel on the lakes. Robert will also conduct a book signing at the conclusion of the presentation. For information contact Bernard at (586) 530-7100.

#### Kimball - July 12

**Kid's Painting Class: Stars and Fireflies**, Kimball Township Library, 1995 N. Allen Rd., 4:30 p.m. Artist Jane Weis will have the kids painting trees, stars and fireflies. Markers and paints will be used so wear old clothes. Ages 5-13. Registration required. Call (810) 982-9171.

#### Marine City - July 13

**Dinner Theatre**, Washington Life Center, 403 N. Mary St., 6:00 p.m. The Life Center in conjunction with the Algonac Community Theatre will present the comedy, "Francine's Will." A spaghetti dinner will be served before the play begins. Tickets are \$15 pp (non-refundable) and must be purchased no later than July 9 from Washington Life Center or Algonac Community Theatre members. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Dinner served at 6:00 p.m. Call (810) 765-3523.

#### Harsens Island - July 14

**Annual Strawberry Festival**, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 208 Orchard Drive. For more information call (810) 748-3975.

#### Fair Haven - July 20

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

flag while wearing their organization's official head-gear.

The most recent change, authorizing hand-salutes during the national anthem by veterans and out-of-uniform military personnel, was sponsored by Sen. Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma, an Army veteran. It was included in the Defense Authorization Act of 2009, which President Bush signed on Oct. 14."

I am a proud Army Veteran that served with the Second Infantry Division, in Korea in 1970. On a recent trip to Hawaii I was able to purchase a flag that was flown over the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial on the 10th anniversary of 9-11. While at the memorial, they allowed me to have my newly purchased flag raised over the memorial the day I was there. Because of this new law, I was proud to be able to render a military salute (see attached picture) during this quick ceremony and I'm glad that flag etiquette was changed to allow veterans the ability to honor the flag this way. After

#### Port Huron - July 21

**Drumcommunity**, Port Huron Library, 210 McMorran Blvd., 2:00 p.m. A Drumcommunity Circle is a high-energy, fun, empowering activity. Lori Fithian, drum circle facilitator, is bringing her collection of hand drums and percussion toys. You won't believe your ears (or your eyes) when you hear everyone playing together on everything from hand drums, pickle buckets, salad bowls, to muffin tins! Musical experience not necessary. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Registration preferred. Call (810) 987-7323.

#### Port Huron - July 25

**St. Clair County Family History Group**, Port Huron Museum, 1115 Sixth St., 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in local history or researching their family tree may visit one of our programs as a guest or become a new member of our group. Tonight's topic will be "Ways to Get Extra Help with your Genealogical Research." Visit [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com-fiscchfg/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com-fiscchfg/) or call (810) 989-0399.

### Sauilac

#### Sandusky - July 14 and 28

**Thumb Dance Club**, Maple Valley School, 138 Maple Valley St., 7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome - bring finger foods (for 9:00 p.m.) and friends! \$4 for members and \$4.50 for non-members. Membership for the year is \$10. On July 14, we will be entertained by Melody Magic and July 28 will be Hawaiian Night with The Natural Tones. For information call Leola at (810) 657-9349 or Dorothy at (810) 404-4250.

#### Marlette - July 21

**Crafter's Needed for Craft Show for Marlette's 150th Anniversary Celebration**. No entry fee (free will donation appreciated). Contact Bruce at (810) 404-1535 or by email at [birland@marlette.k12.mi.us](mailto:birland@marlette.k12.mi.us).

### Tuscola

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reading your article, I felt compelled to write and point this out this honest error so in the future, when you see someone saluting the U.S. Flag who's not in uniform, it's because they've worn the uniform.

*Jim Burcham  
Washington, Michigan*





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