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# Festivities & Traditions

## A Closer Look in Honor of America's Birthday

By Laura Irwin, ThumbPrint News Staff Writer

I love cake! Especially, specifically a pink cake with pink frosting – or icing, I'm not all that picky! Sadly, since developing a gluten intolerance several years ago, my relationship with cake has changed dramatically. While I've had to deny myself the conventional ingredients, I'm never one to turn down a gluten-less cake. However, thus far, I've been unsuccessful in finding or making a comparable substitute that has the same soft texture that glutinous cakes offer – but I refuse to give up!

Since this month holds America's birthday (as well as my own), my history-loving brain begged me to find out where birthday festivities and traditions began – particularly the expectation of eating cake.

According to the *Oxford English Dictionary*, the word cake is traced back to an Old Norse word from the 13<sup>th</sup> century, *kaka*, perhaps because cakes haven't always been as delicious as they are now. Sugar was very expensive and more often than not, unavailable to most, with only those of privilege having access. Before the Industrial Revolution, cakes were more reminiscent of sweet bread, made out of ground grain, cheeses, honey, nuts and dried fruits – think fruit cake, the kind that can last for months! Hmmmm, not for me, thank you.

When refined flour and baking powder replaced yeast as a leavening agent in the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the cakes more similar to the ones we know and love today began to appear. In the February 2021 issue of *ThumbPrint News'* cover article, I described how I attempted to make a chocolate cake from



Fannie Farmer's *Boston Cooking School Cook Book*, originally published in 1896. I can say that despite following the recipe exactly – minus a coal oven – the result was tasty (I was told by my family as it had gluten), but it left me a little disappointed because the chocolate shavings did not melt as expected. I basically had a white cake full of teeny-tiny chocolate bits. I should have melted it first! Ah well, even with my love of cake, baking is an art I have never truly mastered.

In the 1920s, ready-made cake mixes became available and really caught on in the 1940s when Betty Crocker came on the scene. I was surprised to learn that Betty was never a real person. She was the creative genius of a marketing campaign of a flour milling company, Washburn-Crosby Co., that later became General Mills. From what I could find through my research, cake has generally not changed much since then, besides in experimental flavoring and alternative ingredient developments.

Now, onto the best part of the cake – in my opinion – the frosting! (Which I can thankfully still partake of and have been known to leave pieces of “naked” cake in my wake!) Before icing/frosting, you might have enjoyed a honey drizzle or in later years a sprinkling of powdered sugar or sometime in the early 16<sup>th</sup> century, fondant, but the term “icing” doesn't make an appearance until the late 1600s.

In the mid-1600s to “frost” a cake you would place egg whites, beaten stiff with rosewater which was then poured over the top of the cake, and sprinkled with fine sugar. This confection would be finished in the oven to make it hard and glossy. It is believed it was called “icing” because the shiny

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By David Gillis, *ThumbPrint News* Columnist

# VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

## *A Fading American Icon*

In April 1951, General Douglas MacArthur, one of our nation's greatest military leaders, addressed a joint session of Congress. His speech that day is best known for its final lines in which he quoted words from an old army ballad that state, "Old soldiers never die – they just fade away." Possibly there's much more truth to those well-remembered words than we really want to accept.

I have chosen to focus my attention this month on a group of organizations that have truly been important to our nation over several decades but are rapidly decreasing in size for several reasons. So, you may ask, why the importance and why the loss of membership?

If you are closely related to a veteran, you may come closer to answering one of those questions than others who are not. If you are a veteran member of one of several veteran service organizations (VSOs), you won't have difficulty not only answering the questions but expanding on them.

Allow me to begin by defining the membership of many VSOs in our nation today. They, of course, are veterans of military service to the United States. From the most recent Census Bureau figures, there are approximately 16.5 million veterans in the United States, and, while that may seem like a large number of people, it represents only 6.4% of the nation's total adult population. As an example, in Michigan's seven-county Thumb region, there are less than 50,000 veterans. And only a small percentage of these veterans are members of a veteran's service organization. Ask yourselves, how many of your family, friends or neighbors are veterans?

VSOs have had many purposes but are primarily in existence to serve veterans. Their activities may encompass a wide range of services, such as providing programming for veterans in their communities. These programs may relate to helping veterans find employment, raise funds to assist veterans and their families in need, and guiding veterans to obtaining needed medical services. VSO members are

the people who plant the thousands of American flags on deceased veterans' grave sites each Memorial Day. They are the ones that conduct the numerous Memorial Day parades and ceremonies each May. They provide most of the Honor Guard observances at thousands of veteran funerals each day. Members of VSOs are the veterans who give their time visiting ill and dying veterans in hospice care and in hospitals nationally. To capsulize who they are, we need to use such words as caring, compassionate, proud and patriotic. But they are rapidly fading from the American scene.

Some VSOs are federally chartered, meaning they are recognized or approved by the Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary of the United States for preparing, presenting, and following VA claims submitted on behalf of veteran clients. A federal charter is not necessarily an endorsement, but to many, it indicates that the agency in question has a favorable record with the Department of Veterans Affairs. It should be noted here that VSOs are not federal agencies and are mostly nonprofit organizations. They, however, provide a tremendous service that supports governmental agencies and do it at no cost to the American citizenry.

There are over 100 VA-recognized, national Veterans Service Organizations in our nation and VA works most closely with the larger of those VSOs. Many maintain locations in numerous communities throughout the nation. You will find them in several areas of the Michigan Thumb area.

To identify just a few that are probably recognizable to many are The American Legion, American Veterans (AMVETS), Disabled American Veterans (DAV), the Marine Corps League, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), and Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA).

I have only mentioned a few reasons why VSOs have been so important to American veterans and to the communities where they are located. If you need more, just ask any member of a VSO. However, to answer the other questions



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as to why they are fading, you need only attend a VSO membership meeting, take a good look at those veterans serving as members of an Honor Guard at a veteran's funeral, or watch those who proudly carry the American flag in next year's Memorial Day parade. With some exceptions, most are noticeably aging. For a VSO like the VVA, most of their members are in their 70s and 80s and whose names can be found monthly in the member death notices. There are only so many veterans of the Vietnam War. When they're gone, their VSOs will no longer exist. Couple the aging process with what appears to be a lack of interest on the part of many younger veterans. They just are not aware of the importance of the VSO in America's society.

Those who are considered a part of the "Greatest Generation" also fought in World War II between 1939 and 1945. As of 2022, there were still approximately 167,000 surviving WWII veterans. That number is decreasing quickly, and they were the veterans that created the effectiveness of the veteran service organizations. They were the inspiration and the backbone of VSO development. This strong motivation for VSO membership and services is also fading.

Is there hope for VSOs? I would like to think there is, but to what extent is only a guess. They certainly will not exist in their current local numbers and in their membership size. The scope of their services may need to be reshaped and their objectives re-evaluated. I truly believe there is a place for the camaraderie, compassion, patriotism and desire to continue serving others that currently exists. They need our support and, if you are a veteran, your membership. 🇺🇸



## THUMBPRINT NEWS CONTEST

Each month, *ThumbPrint News* prints a photo of an object, person or a place for our readers to identify. If you think you know the answer, go to [www.thumbprintnews.com](http://www.thumbprintnews.com) and enter your answer. Of all persons submitting the correct answer by the 12<sup>th</sup> of the month, one person will be randomly selected to be entered into a drawing for a wonderful surprise gift at the end of the year! On December 13, 2023, one winner will be drawn out of all the monthly winners and that lucky person will be notified via email, and we'll share the winner's name in our January 2024 issue.

For our June 2023 contest, we asked our readers to identify what is pictured to the right. Of the many who submitted the correct answer, Karen Fleanor of St. Clair, Michigan, was randomly chosen as June's winner. Karen correctly identified this as vintage hair dryer.

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## Our Beautiful Michigan

By Theresa Nielsen, *ThumbPrint News* Columnist

There is so much to love about Michigan; yes, even the snow. I so enjoy the four seasons – especially summer, when it finally arrives. I look forward to planning my garden, what to plant and when. Oh, my goodness, last year, that first tomato didn't get ripe until late July, but it was so delicious. The flowers started blooming in the front garden bed and it was wonderful.

When summer arrives, I always feel the urge to be near water, which is why I love visiting Port Huron. A few weeks ago, after mentioning this to my sister, she reminded me that she had never been there before. Upon hearing this, we agreed a trip up the Thumb was in order on a free Saturday. We were able to convince a couple of friends to join us as well!

We did a little shopping downtown before stopping in at the farmers market located next to Desmond Landing. It was simply lovely as the water and sunshine made for a beautiful day. Once getting our fill of the market, my sister reminded me that it was time for our much-anticipated beach visit.

I sat back as the other three were determined to park their chairs right at the water's edge and stick their feet into the water. I watched as they encountered all those small rocks and pebbles leading up to the water – in a word, OUCH!

While they braved the rocks to dip their feet, I began to wonder about how all those rocks got there. Our beautiful state of Michigan has so much to share, the Petoskey stone, copper, quartz and more! So beautiful but such a pain to walk over. Regardless of the pain, we were able to enjoy everything else that beach has to offer, the sailing ships and a lovely view of the Fort Gratiot Lighthouse. And of course, seeing freighters go by.

Being on that beach and near the water made for a perfect day. What else could I ask for? Mother Nature had it covered! I sat and relaxed and truly enjoyed the moment. My sister kept remarking on how peaceful it was there and how

she never wanted to leave – I had to agree, but in spirit only as we both had jobs and homes to get back to!

Before we left for the day, I looked down at the rocks covering the beach once more and this time instead of thinking about how they got there I wondered about them leaving. Maybe I could take a couple home as a memento of the day. Thinking of having them at home reminded me of my friend Bev and her rock collection. I called her up that night and told her about my adventure with my sister. She invited me over to see her collection and catch up face-to-face.

When that day arrived, Bev showed me the many rocks she has – which even included Petoskey, copper and quartz! Then we moved to her backyard and her huge cedar tree caught my eye. It is just massive! Its big long limbs stretch out like arms reaching for a hug. Bev told me all about how her grandchildren would climb up and sit in the tree for hours when they were younger. Seeing that tree, how beautiful and tall it is now, and picturing those little kiddos climbing in it made my heart do a flip-flop. Gee, if I were younger, I would love to climb up and sit in that giant tree too!

I know that the season of fall will be here before we know it, and I'm looking forward to lots of apples and peaches for eating and baking and visiting the fruit stands and cider mills along the way. But before it gets here, I'll do my best to soak in and enjoy every moment of the summer! I love our state of Michigan, each time I step out the door in the morning to walk my dogs I breathe the air, and it is so nice!

Whether I'm sitting in my yard, at a friend's or on the beach, Michigan is beautiful and I'm so happy to always call it my home. 🌿



# REGAINING INDEPENDENCE THIS 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY

As we approach the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday, more formally known as Independence Day, it's a good time to consider what independence means for us individually. When we're young, we craved it. That desire to be on our own and do things our way is a strong driving force. In our middle-age years, we are in total control of our independent destiny and live life on our own terms. However, as we begin to enter our golden years, sometimes physical ailments and health conditions pose a threat to our independence that cause us to have to become dependent on others for things we've done for ourselves our whole lives.

As we age, we develop conditions, such as hearing loss, which can be extremely debilitating. Research from Johns Hopkins University has shown that adults with hearing loss experience a 30 – 40% faster cognitive decline than those with optimal hearing. If you've ever experienced or can imagine losing your hearing, it's evident how it can hinder our independence. For some people, it's missing phone calls, the doorbell or normal daily conversations. For others, it leads to cognitive decline, increases risk of falling and increases the chances of developing dementia and Alzheimer's. Scientists have shown that when we experience hearing loss, the brain attempts to work harder as hearing becomes more impaired, attempting to focus and comprehend what is going on. Many connections in the brain then begin to reorganize themselves to try to compensate for the increased workload, which results in cognitive decline. When this happens, we often become dependent on family, caregivers, medications, etc.

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This 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday and always, please be sure to protect your hearing health from the beautiful fireworks that emit loud noises which are very damaging. Wearing ear plugs or muffs and staying a safe distance away from ignition sites are good forms of protection. Additionally, limiting excessive noise exposure, limiting ototoxic medication intake and staying in overall optimal health are keys to preventing hearing loss. Happy Independence Day! 🇺🇸



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finish combined with sugar granules resembled ice. It wasn't until well over 200 years later, in the 1950s, that buttercream frosting made an appearance. The actual difference between frosting and icing is that frosting is usually much thicker, creamier and spreads easily, whereas icing is much thinner and used for piping and drizzling and will harden when it cools.

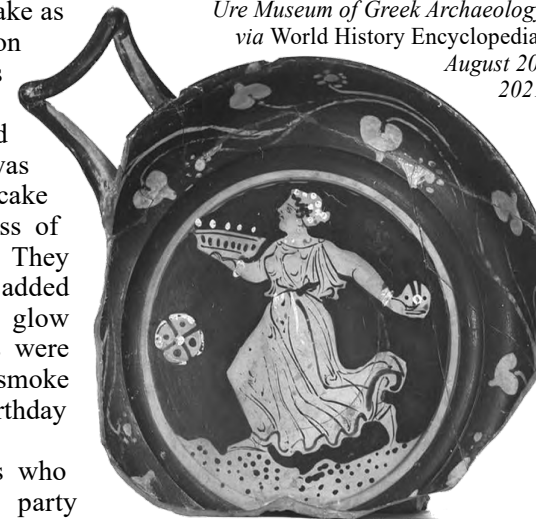
Onto plating the cake – I've always, rather unimaginatively, cut a round cake into wedges like a pie chart and a sheet cake into squares, but while researching for this article, I found that there are many, many ways to slice it. One that captured my attention was a tutorial on a mathematical method of cake cutting, invented in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century by mathematical scientist, Sir Francis Galton, that will keep the frosted cake fresh and soft for several days without covering it.

1. Cut the cake fully, right down the middle, then make an identical cut about an inch from the first cut.
2. Pull it out from the center, plate and slice it into whatever size piece you need.
3. Slide your knife under one half of the remaining cake and gently push the two halves together, making it look like an unsliced cake again.
4. Next time, cut in the opposite direction of the center cut previously made, then slide the ends together.
5. Keep cutting the rest of the cake in the same manner until gone.

I will be trying this method when I have a slice (or two) on my upcoming birthday!

So, where did the idea of celebrating the day of our birth begin? It can be traced to the ancient Egyptians (3000 BCE) who believed that pharaohs become gods on the day they were crowned, thus their birthday and coronation day were one and the same and involved one big celebration. There is no record of them being given cake as part of the festivities, that tradition

*Apulian stemless cup showing a processional dancer bringing cake offerings, c. 350-325 BCE. From the Ure Museum of Greek Archaeology via World History Encyclopedia, August 20, 2021*



is credited to the ancient Greeks (700-480 BCE), who decided that the Egyptians had the right of it and celebrating the day we were born was a good idea with the addition of cake as an offering to Artemis, goddess of the moon, childbirth and wildlife. They baked moon-shaped cakes and added candles atop each so it would glow like the moon; when the candles were extinguished, it was believed the smoke from the candles carried your birthday wish(es) to the goddess.

It was also the ancient Greeks who started the boisterous birthday party tradition. Their common belief was that evil spirits would seek you out every year on the day of your birth trying to cause mischief and mayhem, making it important for friends and family to gather together to make lots of noise to scare the evil spirits away. Thus, our modern-day gatherings and noisemakers.

Moving along to less ancient traditions, we can thank the Germans of the 18<sup>th</sup> century who adapted the Greek's moon-cake with candles into a larger round cake with a candle for each year of the person's life, plus one additional candle in the center, called "the light of life", to represent the hope of another year.

This tradition, started among German peasants, became known as *kinderfeste* which translates to children's festival or children's parties. They did not, however, light the candles immediately before serving the cake and then blow them out after a wish was made. Instead, they would light the candles in the morning and keep them burning all day long, replacing them as needed, until after the evening meal when the cake could finally be enjoyed. The birthday child would blow out the candles as a symbol of celebration and good luck in the coming year.

In America, it wasn't until the Victorian era that children in all walks of life celebrated growing older with a party. Prior to that, American birthday celebrations took place only for the wealthy and important individuals. Colonists celebrated the king's birthday annually until July 4, 1776, when instead some began to hold mock funerals for King George III on that day. In the years that followed, Americans began to celebrate "America's birthday" or Independence Day. Since the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, our country's take on birthday traditions

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# THE LOYAL WING CLUB

By **Bob Jones**  
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Sitting at the dais as a non-member of the club and as a recent groom, having married into an extended Italian family, my new bride at my side; now 40 years later looking back in hindsight the significance of the moment in 1969, at that hall, completely escaped any semblance of cognition my young brain could conjure up.

My place at the head table was where my mother-in-law used to sit prior to her passing away a few years previous.

The assembled group of club members and guests were waiting to hear from their club's president and officers to commemorate their great event.

I looked around the hall and took in the multicolored mural extending on a wall from one end to the other. A village was portrayed with pristine mountains surrounding the town with a stream running through the valley below.

Some of these members and guests had attended my wedding only months prior. That night before the ceremony, my new bride and I were toasted by these individuals to lead a loving, prosperous life. Most spoke fluent English. There were a variety of professions represented from doctors and lawyers to bricklayers and teachers.

That night before my wedding I felt that I was truly marrying into an extended family which would give me love and encouragement to push on into the many tomorrows I hoped to share with my bride.

The occasion we were at the hall to celebrate was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Italian Loyal Wing Club of Detroit, made up of individuals and families who came from the town of Alfedena in the province of L'Aquila in the Abruzzi region

of Italy, located about three hours southeast of Rome.

Later that evening, it was explained to me that the club's name, Loyal Wing, came about in 216 BCE when the residents of this small, isolated, mountain town actually fought Hannibal and his army and successfully defended Rome from the potential onslaught.

In the years since that celebration, my wife and I have attended numerous weddings, showers, confirmations, baptisms and funerals which club members also attended.

I am proud to be part of this great Italian extended family. Never have I been slighted or overlooked by any member of the club. My father-in-law passed away in the early 1970s, but the family always continued into the next generation and the next.

The history of these individuals from that small town, Alfedena, is but one story of thousands that made our country great. These Italian immigrants became educated and lent their talents to the fabric of the melting pot of America.

May the Loyal Wing (*Ala Fidelis*) continue to flourish albeit in whatever positive form it may take.

My family will know the social, historical and economic impact this club has had on the great American landscape. I am proud to have married into this extended family. I now know the significance of sitting on that dais in 1969, enveloped by the accumulated years of the most loving, caring, productive Italians who were members of the Detroit area Loyal Wing Club. 🇮🇹

*Editorial note: This article first ran in Senior Living – Macomb, April 2011, but was written in by Bob in 2009.*

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**Kreyòl Ayisyen Pwovèb Haitian Creole Proverb**  
*Kay koule twompe soley soley men li pa twompe lapil.*  
A leaky house can fool the sun, but it can't fool the rain.

Compiled By **Laura Irwin**, ThumbPrint News Staff

**Lè poul a gen dan** lā poo-ya a gén dan

Translation: "When chicken have teeth", a fun way of saying "never"!

**voye flè** vò-yè flay

Translation: "Throwing flowers", can mean to flaunt or strut, thinking more of yourself than you should or to really goof up, completely flub a performance or task.

**kreyòl pale, kreyòl konprann** kray-owl pāle, kray-owl ko-pon

Translation: "Speak Creole, understand Creole", meaning do not complicate things – get to the point.

**ban m zòrèy mwen** bän m zor-hay m-whah

Translation: "Give me my ear", meaning be quiet or shut up!

**chape poul** shape poo-ya

Translation: "Escape his chicken" meaning to escape or flee.

**alo** aa-low  
Hello.

**na wè** naa way  
See you later.



I beg forgiveness, in advance, for the (mis) pronunciations, they are the best I could devise based on listening to recordings of them spoken over and over on translation websites.

A good vocabulary is a powerful tool, making communication simpler. Readers can contribute to our learning journey by submitting underused, misused or uncommon words they've discovered to [thumbprintnews@comcast.net](mailto:thumbprintnews@comcast.net). Your name will be credited as the contributor.

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## HOME OWNERSHIP MONTH

The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) celebrates home ownership month every June. According to NAHB's April Housing Trends Report, 18% of U.S. adults surveyed have indicated plans to buy a home within a year. Of these prospective buyers, a majority said they would be first-time home buyers.

Following a brief uptick in new home sizes in 2021, NAHB reports that the average new home size dropped slightly in 2022 from 2,525 square feet to 2,480 square feet; 33% of new homes had 3+ full bathrooms and 17% had 3+ car garages. The percentage of new homes with 4+ bedrooms rose slightly to 48%, believed to be in part because of the usage flexibility that bedrooms can provide. It is expected that home size and amenities will continue to grow in 2023, before dropping again in 2024.

NAHB's Assistant Vice President of Survey Research Rose Quint said, "The decrease in new home size reflects the escalation of home prices in 2022, and builders scaling back to try to meet demand. The move toward larger homes and more amenities in 2023 reflects the preferences of those who can afford higher interest rates, and in 2024, size will fall back as affordability improves with lower mortgage rates and more buyers re-enter the market."

As part of a post-pandemic shift, Donald Ruthroff, AIA, Design Story Spaces LLC, says, "Home buyers are looking more and more to their homes to provide a sense of well-being; they want their homes to support their day-to-day health – physically, emotionally and mentally."

This is being addressed by builders and designers with paths and other outdoor spaces connected to the home. Builders report a large jump in the demand for exterior amenities, such as patios, decks and porches, along with increased demand for home office space — which appeared on the list of buyers' most-wanted features for the first time this year.

Other home features reported to resonate with both first-time and repeat home buyers include:

- Laundry rooms
- Exterior lighting
- Ceiling fans
- Patios
- Walk-in pantries
- Hardwood flooring on the main level

New buyers recognize that housing affordability remains a struggle, and the majority (91%) are willing to compromise to afford a home. The top three areas are a smaller house, simpler more basic interiors and fewer exterior amenities.

## MARKET MATTERS

New residential listings in our MiResource areas<sup>1</sup> were down 17.6% year-to-date and condo sales were down 12.3% through May 2023, compared to the same time period in 2022. Pending residential sales were down by 15.3% and pending condo sales were down by 11.6%. Closed residential sales were down 18.7% and closed condo sales were down 19.2%, compared to the same time period in 2022.

Average days on the market is increasing in most areas. The median residential and condo sales prices were up 0.4% and 1.3% respectively.

Averages sales prices in the MiRealsource areas were \$272,616 for residential and \$256,971 for condos, up 1.2% and 2.6%. Further breakdowns by area include:

County	Residential	Condo
Genesee	\$201,420 ↓ 0.9%	\$223,357 ↑ 1.7%
Lapeer	\$285,190 ↑ 3.5%	\$198,340 ↓ 18.9%
Oakland	\$419,816 ↑ 4.4%	\$285,088 ↑ 1.2%
Macomb	\$272,263 ↑ 0.9%	\$208,541 ↑ 7.8%
Sanilac	\$188,167 ↑ 14.3%	\$280,000 ↑ 34.8%
St. Clair	\$250,416 ↑ 4.4%	\$203,167 ↑ 4.6%
Wayne	\$203,990 ↓ 4.7%	\$243,347 ↑ 0.7%
GP Area*	\$437,996 ↓ 8.3%	\$367,777 ↑ 21.1%

\*Grosse Pointe Area

Percentage of List Price Received year-to-date through May 2023 was approximately 99%. Months Supply of Inventory in May was at 1.8 Months, reflecting a continuing tight Sellers' market. Inventory of Homes for Sale in our market area this May versus last May was down by 18.6% and condos were down by 13.8%. The lack of existing inventory continues to impact home sales and competition for the available properties remains strong.

As of June 12, the national average 30-year fixed mortgage rate was 7.08% and the 15-year fixed rate was 6.48%.

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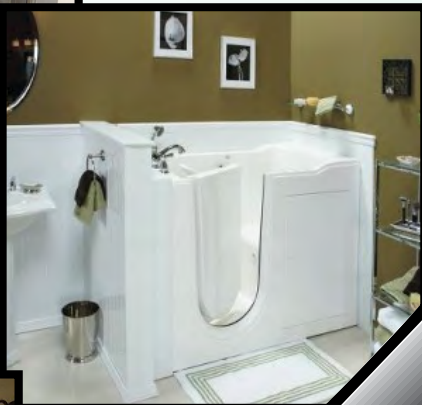
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## GO FORWARD

By Rita MacDonald, *ThumbPrint News* Columnist

Out of the mouths of babes...

I follow a little 6-year-old girl and her mom and dad on Instagram who are big into snowboarding – not because I'm into snowboarding, but because they make it look like so much fun. They travel all over the world and snowboard down the scariest slopes with the most breathtaking views. I guess one could say I'm just mindlessly scrolling, but to be honest, after watching a few of their Reels, I kind of feel like I may have strengthened my calf muscles and burned off a few calories. Wishful thinking, I know, but say what you will – I enjoy keeping up with them. The little 6-year-old girl's name is Cash, but they frequently call her "Cashy", and she has coined this phrase, "If you're scared – do it scared!" Her mom and dad sell T-shirts and hats and all sorts of merchandise with her words of wisdom on them.

And then there's the famous missionary, Elizabeth Elliot, whose inspiring words, paraphrased by me are, "When in dark times, just do the next thing." Those words have brought me great comfort, especially during one particular time in my life, and I still often think of them.

Then there's my dad. He coined a number of phrases like, "When in doubt, don't," and "Just do the right thing," and one of our all-time favorites, "When you're going to jump in the bathtub, make sure there's water in it."

(Okay, maybe you had to be there for that last one.)

But today! Today, I took my sweet little 6-year-old granddaughter Lyla on a field trip with her kindergarten class, and when we were leaving to come home, I asked her if she wanted to stop for ice cream. Well, of course, you know she said yes, and so I pulled out my phone to Google where the closest Dairy Queen was. But Lyla insisted she could give me directions. "Gummy, I know how to get there! You don't need directions!"

By this time, I'd found the directions and plugged them into the GPS, but I

wasn't going to steal her thunder, so I let her believe she was directing me to the Dairy Queen in town.

"Okay, Lyla! Which way should I go?" I asked as I started to pull out of the parking lot.

"FORWARD, Gummy! Go FORWARD!" And then she said, "Oh shoot, I can't remember which way is left, and which way is right!" But I turned, and she got her bearings, then promptly directed me. "Gummy, pass the Tractor Supply store, and then pass McDonald's, and then Dairy Queen will be next! See! There it is, Gummy!" And she was right!

Those were some precious moments with Lyla, and she found out how much she loves a good old-fashioned chocolate shake, just like her daddy and her Uncle Ian did when they were her age. So did her siblings, Owen and Maci, because we brought some back for them too!

But at the end of the day, I thought her words, "Go Forward!" were as profound as Cashy's and Elizabeth Elliot's. I don't think I'll be selling T-shirts or baseball hats, and I doubt if people will quote her 20 years from now, but I most certainly will be reflecting on it with a little chuckle for decades, and will definitely be recording it in my little notebook of funny things the kiddos say. (If you have kids or grandkids, and you don't do that – you should start! It will give you laughs for the rest of your life.)

I'm heading to bed now, but tomorrow morning is my first day back to work after a little vacation. I need to jump back on the treadmill, lose the couple of pounds I managed to find, and get back into the daily groove again, and I'll start at 6:00 a.m. by taking Lyla's advice and go forward!

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# COTTAGE LIVING

A lot of people I know get so excited about the end-of-the-year holidays, especially Christmas. They prep for months and plan everything around that joyful season. I am the same way with the month of July. This month, by far, has my favorite holiday and always has been since I was a little kid. I love to celebrate and get excited around the Fourth of July. Not just because of the hot summer weather, but because I like to pause and remember what a great country this really is and what our celebrations are for.

July is to celebrate our beautiful America and the freedoms our forefathers created, planned and fought so hard for. We will celebrate our history, our people and the heroes who proudly defend our country and our flag.

Thank God we have our Constitution and the Bill of Rights to back us. It's funny how our forefathers knew back then what political battles we would encounter in the future with government power struggles and takeovers. Those documents and creeds are what is standing in the way of our freedoms being totally stripped away from us in the blink of an eye. They are not just old pieces of paper displayed in a historic museum somewhere.

While none of us are completely happy with the path our country is going down, we still hold strong to our American values. With the chaos going on in our nation's capital, we must remember that We the People are the majority. The Constitution and our Bill of Rights were not written to keep the people in line, but to keep those in power in line. The powerful elected elites work for us, not the other way around!

Never lose sight of your hopes and dreams for a better America. Try to relish the colors of red, white and blue on Old Glory this month. Our national anthem should be heartfelt when we recite it, not just words that are sung at sporting events. Hats off, hand on heart, standing up. There is no other way to pay respect to that song and our country.

Our beautiful American flag should be well cared for when being flown. One of the five American flag rules states that our flag should fly above any other when on display.

In 1923, the U.S. National Flag Code was created and became Public Law in 1942. Another rule is that our flag should always be damage-free and without wrinkles or frays in the fabric. Once a flag has been retired, disposal of the flag should be done in a dignified manner. There are a lot of military and veterans' establishments that will take worn-out flags to recycle or to be properly disposed of. No place for a flag...? Buntings are a good way to display the national colors and decorate for Independence Day without discrediting our flag.

While having some exterior work done at my little cottage, I had to relocate my flagpole. Without my flag up, it just doesn't feel right. Those colors need to wave in all her glory! 🇺🇸

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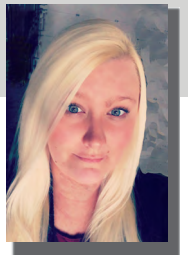
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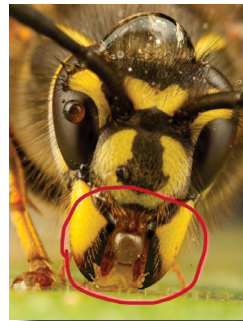


# Yellow Jacket JERKS

*Informational Tips and Advice on Common Household Pests from Nicole Szymczak, President of ABC Home & Commercial Services.*



July is here, and unfortunately, that means aggressive and territorial yellow jackets are too. These flying insects are becoming more active and increasingly protective of the nests they've spent time building up and have been known to attack those who get too close. An attack from them can be scary since just one sting can be extremely painful, made worse by the fact that they do not lose their stingers, meaning you can get stung over and over again. Not only that, but each colony can grow to upwards of thousands of workers. Because of this, attempting to remove one of their nests without proper knowledge and gear can be very dangerous.



Now that you know to stay away, maybe it would be helpful to understand what to look for? Yellow jackets themselves look very similar to the European paper wasps, but with a few distinct differences. First, their antennae are black, whereas the European paper wasps' are a yellowish-orange color. Second, yellow jackets are noticeably smaller measuring on average a 1/2 inch long, as opposed to the 3/4 inch length of the European paper wasp. Third, the type of nests built by yellow jackets are very different than those of the European paper wasp. A description of a visual nest is usually enough for a professional to identify which insect you have over the phone.

Yellow jackets have three main nest types they build: an aerial paper nest, ground nests or a wall void nest. The aerial paper nest will almost always be attached to a tree branch and look to be mostly enclosed with a single entry/exit hole at the bottom. Construction of the nest will normally begin in early spring, but they generally remain unnoticed until they're the size of a basketball this time of year.

Ground nests can be dangerous since they aren't easy to spot, but they will have one or two entry/exit holes. If you start to see several insects constantly entering or exiting one area of your yard, it is a safe bet there's a ground nest. The activity will be constant due to the fact that they need to be out hunting for food and materials that aid

in expanding their nests. Despite the constant flow of activity, these nests can be hard to spot and are often discovered inadvertently by disrupting them. Stepping on it or running the nest over with a lawn mower will cause these stinging insects to attack! It is important you know not to start swinging your arms; they will feel more threatened and call for help from others in the nest to aid in the attack. RUN!

Put as much distance between you and them as possible until they stop following you.

Perhaps the most disturbing place for yellow jackets to build their nest is in a wall void. They will find gaps or holes in, around and underneath siding or even cracks in bricks that can lead into a wall void of your home or garage. This can be exceptionally unsafe because yellow jackets have chewing mandibles, which means they are able to chew through drywall. Blocking the nest entry hole will cause them to search for an alternate escape route which just may be directly through the drywall into your home. Alternatively,

using over-the-counter products can also worsen the situation. By law, over-the-counter products are required to have a smell. If you can smell it, they can smell it! The scent will push the yellow jackets further into the wall void to get away from the bad smell, and in their attempt to escape, they may possibly chew through your drywall and pour into your home by the hundreds or thousands.

So, what can you do? Unfortunately, there is no preventative treatment for yellow jackets. You have to treat them as they appear. Due to the high number of insects in the colony by this time of year, their nests are exceedingly difficult to eliminate completely. Couple that with the fact that each insect can sting repeatedly, and you have a potentially perilous situation. Nevertheless, calling for professional help is the best way to proceed. Self-treating these nests can be much more dangerous for you! If you notice yellow jacket activity in your yard or home, call immediately because the longer the nest goes untreated, the larger and more aggressive the colony will become. At ABC Bees, we understand how dangerous yellow jackets are. Give us a call at (810) 794-5678 to set up treatment, letting our trained technicians tackle your yellow jacket infestation! 🐝



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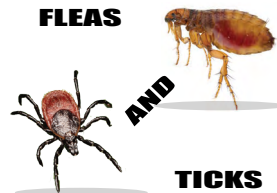


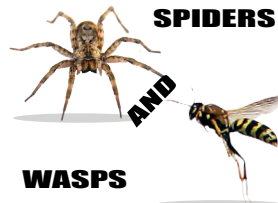



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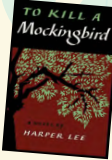






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## WHAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY?

<p><b>2</b> On this day in 1850, Benjamin Lane patents a gas mask with a breathing apparatus.</p> 	<p><b>3</b> On this day in 1767, Norway's oldest newspaper still in print, <i>Adresseavisen</i>, is founded.</p> 	<p><b>4</b> On this day in 1939, Lou Gehrig is the first MLB player to have his jersey number retired on his "Appreciation Day" at Yankee Stadium.</p>	<p><b>5</b> On this day in 1971, the 26<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution is certified, reducing the voting age to 18.</p>	<p><b>6</b> On this day in 1957, John Lennon (16) and Paul McCartney (15) meet for the first time in Liverpool.</p> 	<p><b>7</b> On this day in 1930, construction begins on the Boulder Dam, later renamed the Hoover Dam.</p> 	<p><b>8</b> On this day in 2021, a sketch done by Leonardo da Vinci circa 1480, <i>Head of a Bear</i>, 7x7 centimeters (the size of a Post-It) sells for £8.9M (\$12.1M) at an auction in London.</p>
<p><b>9</b> On this day in 1956, American actor and filmmaker, Tom Hanks, is born in Concord, California.</p> 	<p><b>10</b> On this day in 1796, Carl Friedrich Gauss discovers that every positive integer is representable as a sum of at most three triangular numbers.</p>	<p><b>11</b> On this day in 1960, <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> by Harper Lee is first published by J.B. Lippincott &amp; Co.</p> 	<p><b>12</b> On this day in 1957, Dwight Eisenhower is the first U.S. president to fly in a helicopter.</p> 	<p><b>13</b> On this day in 1939, Frank Sinatra makes his recording debut, with The Harry James Orchestra, singing "From the Bottom of My Heart" and "Melancholy Mood".</p>	<p><b>14</b> On this day in 1946, Dr. Benjamin Spock's <i>Common Sense Book of Baby &amp; Child Care</i> is published.</p> 	<p><b>15</b> On this day in 1876, the first no-hitter officially recognized by the MLB is pitched by George Bradley of the St. Louis Brown Stockings.</p>
<p><b>16</b> On this day in 1439, kissing is banned in England in an effort to stop the Black Death from spreading.</p>	<p><b>17</b> On this day in 1918, the Romanov royal family and several of their retainers are executed by a Bolshevik firing squad in the basement of Ipatiev House, in Yekaterinburg, Siberia.</p>	<p><b>18</b> On this day in 1976, Nadia Comăneci (14) becomes the first gymnast in the Olympic Games history to score a perfect ten at the Montreal Games.</p>	<p><b>19</b> On this day in 1941, Tom and Jerry are given their names in the cartoon <i>The Midnight Snack</i> by William Hanna and Joseph Barbera.</p>	<p><b>20</b> On this day in 1973, Hong Kong and American martial artist and actor, Bruce Lee, dies in Hong Kong at 32.</p>	<p><b>21</b> On this day in 1969, Neil Armstrong becomes the first person to step on the Moon at 2:56:15 a.m. (GMT).</p>	<p><b>22</b> On this day in 1918, a flock of 504 sheep is killed by lightning in American Fork Canyon in the Wasatch Mountains in Utah.</p>
<p><b>23</b> On this day in 1827, the first U.S. swimming school opens in Boston.</p> <p><b>29</b> On this day in 1836, the Arc de Triomphe opens in Paris.</p> 	<p><b>24</b> On this day in 1975, the luxury brand Giorgio Armani is founded in Milan, Italy.</p> <p><b>30</b> On this day in 1930, the first FIFA World Cup Final is played in Uruguay.</p> <p><b>31</b> On this day in 1981, Arnette Hubbard is the first woman president of the National Bar Association.</p> 	<p><b>25</b> On this day in 1966, The Supremes release their single "You Can't Hurry Love".</p>	<p><b>26</b> On this day in 1896, Vitascope Hall, the first permanent for-profit movie theater, opens in New Orleans.</p>	<p><b>27</b> On this day in 1377, the first ordered quarantine law was passed in Dubrovnik on Croatia's Dalmatian Coast to prevent the plague from spreading.</p>	<p><b>28</b> On this day in 1914, Austria-Hungary decides against mediation and declares war on Serbia – the first declaration of war of WWI.</p>	<p><b>29</b> On this day in 1836, the Arc de Triomphe opens in Paris.</p>

Editorial note: This calendar's purpose is to provide entertainment for our readers and to mention lesser-known historical events. We are aware that there also may be well-known events that have happened on these days, and not listing them does not indicate that we are unaware of their importance.

**BIRTHDAY**

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with cake, parties and presents seems to have remained steady. Birthday traditions in cultures around the world look a lot different than ours – many don't celebrate with cake at all. For instance, in South Korea, you start your day with a bowl of seaweed birthday soup, served because it is healthy, nutritious and delicious – don't knock it until you try it. In China, it's a bowl of longevity noodles; basically, egg and chicken broth over one really long noodle that fills the entire bowl, symbolizing a long and prosperous life. In the West African country of Ghana, you'll nosh on Oto – a mash of yams and eggs fried in onion-infused oil. Russians prefer personalized pie over cake, the flavor, either sweet or savory, is up to the celebrant but a personalized message will be carved into the top crust. Australians serve up fairy bread, which is buttered white bread covered in sprinkles – called Hundreds and Thousands in the Land Down Under. The bread is either rolled up jelly-roll style or left flat. Up in the Netherlands, the popular birthday tidbit is *taartes* (fruit-filled tarts), and, if it's a milestone birthday, you may also be served powdered sugar pancakes. The Spanish birthday treat is often the centuries-old dessert of *arroz con leche* (rice pudding) instead of cake.

I remember getting birthday “spankings” – one for each year, plus one to grow on. From what I could discover, this tradition is most similar to the Irish practice of birthday bumps, where several people flip you upside down, then “bump” your head on the ground in the same manner as the spankings. It's called “bump to grow an inch” and if you make it through 21 years of head bumps you're given a set of keys to symbolize the unlocking of the door to your future. A little less dramatic than bumps or spankings, several countries, including Italy, Brazil and Argentina, will pull on the celebrant's ear lobes one pull for each year and one extra tug for good luck. In some areas of Canada, the tradition is to smear your nose with butter, making you too slippery for bad luck to get a grip on you! The Danes celebrate birthdays by using the Danish flag on everything from your clothes to balloons, plates and cakes. Hey, it makes decorating easy. Traditional Vietnamese culture celebrates everyone's birthday on the same day, known as Têt – which celebrates the arrival of spring based on the Vietnamese calendar (set sometime in January or February). Infants turn one on Têt, no matter how close to the day of Têt the child was actually born. Modern Vietnamese peoples often choose to celebrate the actual day of their birth and again on Têt – that's like getting a bonus birthday without getting any older! The Mexican tradition has your family and friends trying to distract you by shouting “*mordida*” (bite) as you're trying to take the first bite of cake while your parent, or someone



else, tries to sneak up on you to smash your face in it. Yikes! I don't think I would like that very much.

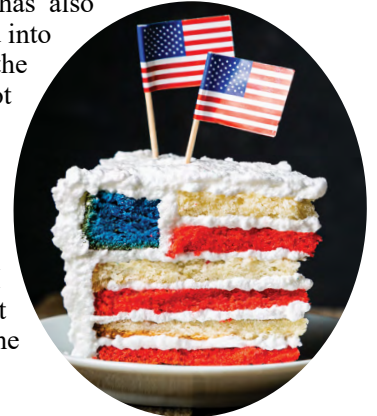
Finally, the all-American, most recognized and highest-earning song in the English language is “Happy Birthday to You”; however, originally it wasn't about birthdays at all. In 1893, in their cabin home, near the southside of Louisville, Kentucky, sisters Mildred Jane and Patty Hill wrote the melody and lyrics to the song entitled “Good Morning to All”. Patty, a school kindergarten principal, and Mildred, a pianist and composer, collaborated to create a song that would be easy for the school children to learn and sing. They published the song in their songbook *Song Stories for the Kindergarten* with Chicago publisher the Summy Company. Updated lyrics that make up the popular tune we sing today were published in a songbook by Robert Coleman in 1924. Then in 1935, the Summy Company registered a copyright for the song, crediting the Hill sisters as the authors. The value of the birthday song at the time was \$5 million. Sometime in 1957, Summy Co. became the Summy-Birchard Co. which became a division of the Birch Tree Group Ltd. in 1970, and then Warner/Chappell Music bought them in 1988, for \$25 million. For many years it was actually illegal to sing “Happy Birthday to You” for profit (in the movies, television, etc.) without paying a steep royalty fee. At one point, Warner/Chappell reported collecting about \$2 million per year for commercial use of this song. Finally, in 2016, the song was cleared of court reprisals and became public domain. This tune has also been adopted and translated into many languages around the world. Whew! That's a lot for a little song!



MILDRED PATTY



As we can see, birthday traditions have many layers (just like really tall cakes); I hope you are blessed to enjoy many more years of celebrating, and I hope you give some of the ancient or international traditions a try! And now, while I wade through the frosting and continue my quest for a delectable gluten-free stand-in, go enjoy some 21<sup>st</sup>-century frosted and layered cake!



Happy Birthday, America (and me)! 🇺🇸

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## Start a Free Life this July

By Patricia Cosner Kubic, *ThumbPrint News* Columnist

Each July, my mind circles around the concepts of freedom and independence, and my heart fills with gratitude and thankfulness. Those important emotions are more intense after watching updates on the Russian war in Ukraine. I had such high hopes that a fierce Ukrainian defense would shut down Russia in just a few months. But, close to a year and a half later, we're still discussing it, desperate for some military strategy to be the final and triumphant launch against Russia.

During the initial days of the invasion, I saw an interview with a Ukrainian citizen who I will never forget. The woman looked so typical: she was about 45 years old and had (hopefully still has) a family, a job and a home. She summed up her emotional whiplash in one sentence: "Last Wednesday, I was at my Pilates class; this Wednesday, my gym is demolished," she said with a blank look. I, too, have a strength-gaining class each Wednesday; I've never taken that class for granted since that short, poignant sentence.

So this July, I'm thinking about all sorts of freedoms. Yes, our rights to vote, gather, worship and so many others are things to cherish. What about other freedoms – liberties that are not mentioned in legal documents? Maybe July is the time to list the liberties we want and more importantly, need to have.

For example, unfortunately, toxic people have found their way into my little world. But after some decisions, these people are no longer around me. And, every few days, I find myself exhaling that the toxic residue continues to fade. How would you feel free from the negative people in your world?

Speaking of being free from negative people, I'm reminded of a comprehensive investigative study

I read about years ago on women trying to escape stalkers. This report stated that about 75 percent of stalked women were eventually murdered by their stalkers. Chilling. Gratefully, the study was filled with at least a dozen escape strategies. The description of being free reminded me of how people track their sobriety. "I've been sober for over two years," some recovering addicts report. A previously stalked woman in this study said: "I've been free for one year, five months, and three days." That type of freedom is as important as our right to vote.

*(If you are being stalked or know someone who is, please consider these two resources: The 24-hour hotline at Turning Point is (586) 463-6990. Also, the National Domestic Violence Association has some critical ideas to help someone who is being stalked. Visit the website [www.thehotline.org](http://www.thehotline.org), and in the search bar enter: Stalking Safety Planning.)*

There are so many other types of freedoms waiting for us: Freedom from smoking, vaping, eating the wrong foods, over-spending, porn... so many other pressures preventing us from having a lighter life. What if we used this July to start a new story? What would it feel like next July if we could say that we don't have to worry about toxic people, cigarettes, cupcakes, or even shopping? Can you imagine what we could do with the energy that was no longer wasted on people and things that didn't benefit us, even hurt us? Thinking back to that study on women who escaped stalkers, I can't imagine how their life bloomed after their escape. They went from being in a prison to a life of choices. And that is something everybody wants this July here in the Mitten of our country and, especially in Ukraine. 🇺🇸

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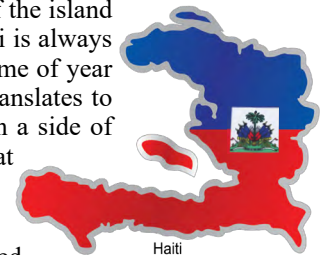
## TRAVELING TASTEBUDS



By Laura Irwin  
*ThumbPrint News* Staff

### THIS MONTH'S RECIPE IS FROM HAITI TAKO POUL WITH EPIS AND JUC DE CITRON

We are headed to the west side of Hispaniola island in the Greater Antilles archipelago in the Caribbean region to visit Haiti. (The eastern side of the island is home to the Dominican Republic.) The weather in Haiti is always summer-like which makes these recipes perfect for this time of year in Michigan. We're making *tako poul* with *epis*, which translates to chicken tacos marinated in a Haitian seasoning base with a side of *juc de citron*, aka lemonade! Truly a wonderful combo that I was excited to make!



#### WHAT WE LEARNED ABOUT HAITI

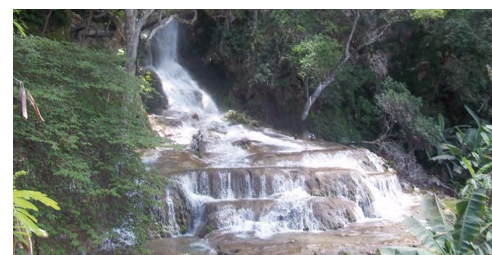
1. The name Haiti derives from the Taino people who lived on the island for thousands of years before Europeans arrived. They called the island Ayiti which translates to "land of the mountains." (Within 25 years of Europeans setting foot on Hispaniola, most of the Taino people were dead from disease, slavery and massacre.)
2. Haiti is roughly the size of Maryland with 75% of the population living in rural areas.
3. It is the first country in the western hemisphere to abolish slavery. In 1791-1804, the Haitian slaves revolted under the leadership of Toussaint Louverture (aka 'Black Napoleon'). It is the only revolution in history initiated by a slave uprising that led to the founding of a state.
4. All of Haiti's first leaders were former slaves and it became the first black-led republic.
5. Haitian Creole (Kreyòl) is the most spoken Creole language in the world.
6. The peanut butter in Haiti, called Mamba, is not only made with peanuts but also hot peppers, ginger and other local spices.
7. Haiti, formerly called Saint Domingue while under French rule, was also known at that time as "the pearl of the Antilles".
8. The National History Park includes Haitian monuments dating from the beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> century when Haiti proclaimed independence. The Palace of Sans Souci, the buildings at Ramiers, and the Citadelle Laferrière are universal symbols of liberty and independence constructed by black slaves who had gained their freedom.
9. Haiti possesses beautiful beaches, mountains, cascading waterfalls and meandering hiking trails.



*Citadelle Laferrière, completed in 1820*



*Remains of the Palace of Sans Souci, completed in 1813*



*Saut d'Eau waterfalls is said to have healing powers. It is believed that the Virgin Mary (or the Vodou spirit Erzulie Dantor) was seen here in the 19<sup>th</sup> century*



*Abaka Bay, Haiti – ranked the 57<sup>th</sup> most beautiful beach in the world*



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**INGREDIENTS**

**FOR THE JUC DE CITRON (LEMONADE)**

- 4 lemons (cut in halves)
- 3 c of water
- 1 c sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- ¼ tsp kosher salt
- ice
- mint (optional)



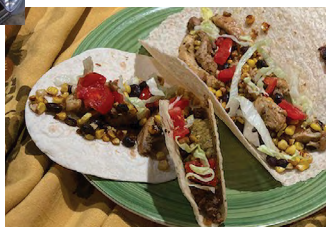
**FOR THE EPIS (SEASONING BASE)**

- ½ c chopped fresh parsley
- 10 sprigs thyme
- 1 tbsp cloves
- 10 cloves garlic
- ½ c bell pepper
- ½ c onion
- 1 c green onion
- 2 tbsp basil
- 2 tsp salt & pepper
- 2 tsp cayenne pepper
- 1 c olive oil
- ½ c apple cider vinegar
- 2 tbsp Better than Bouillon vegetable base



**FOR THE POUL (CHICKEN)**

- 4 boneless chicken thighs
- 2 tbsp epis
- 1 tbsp taco seasoning
- 4 tortillas
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- ¼ tsp kosher salt
- ¼ tsp ground black pepper



**DIRECTIONS**

**FOR THE LEMONADE**

1. Wash and cut lemons in half.
2. Squeeze the lemons over a large pitcher to release the juice.
3. Add in the water, sugar, vanilla extract and salt.
4. Stir well and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes before serving.
5. Pour over ice when ready to serve.
6. Garnish with fresh mint leaves, if desired.

**FOR THE EPIS**

1. Place all the ingredients in a blender or food processor. Blend to desired consistency but do not liquify. It should be a thick paste, similar in texture to pesto.
2. Place in a 16 oz jar.
3. Refrigerate for later use on various meats, fish, beans, rice, stews and soups.

**FOR THE CHICKEN**

1. Wash, pat dry and cut chicken into strips.
2. Season with epis, salt and pepper.
3. Cover and let marinate for at least 30 minutes.
4. In a large skillet, heat the oil then put the chicken with the marinade into the skillet and cook for 5 minutes, stirring constantly.
5. Add the taco seasoning and cook for an additional 10 minutes on medium low heat.
6. Serve with warm taco shells and your favorite toppings.
7. Traditional Haitian toppings include: marinated tomatoes (chopped tomatoes, onion, with oil and vinegar dressing with salt, parsley, lemon juice and garlic powder) and **Pikliz** (pickled cabbage, carrots, bell peppers, scotch bonnet peppers seasoned with garlic and onion, pickled in white vinegar.)

*Author's note: All of these were easy, tasty and worth it to make! The epis is a fantastic seasoning blend that I will be keeping on hand and using to flavor many dishes but I did leave out the cloves because it's one of the few things I truly dislike the flavor of. (It's right up there with goat meat!) We pan seared the chicken in a cast iron skillet and used double the amount epis. It was very delicious. If you wanted to serve to a crowd, I feel putting the chicken, epis and additional seasonings in the crockpot with a little chicken broth would work well. The lemonade was my favorite; the addition of the vanilla and salt really enhanced the fresh citrus.*



A rural home in Haiti



Housing in the capital city, Port-au-Prince



Dancers in traditional attire perform during the parade at Kanaval (Mardi Gras). The celebration lasts several days with people celebrating freely on the streets.

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Lake Superior Day has been celebrated on the third Sunday in July every year since the 1990s. It was started by lake lovers in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

**Well-Known Facts about Lake Superior:**

- It is the world's largest freshwater lake by surface area, a whopping 31,700 square miles and it is the third largest lake in the world by volume.
- Lake Superior holds 10% of the world's fresh water.
- It holds more water than all of the other four Great Lakes combined with the deepest part of the lake measuring 1,332 feet deep.
- There is evidence of people being in the Lake Superior region 10,000 years ago. Artifacts from the Ojibwe people dating back to 5000 BCE show they had settlements along all along it's shores and called it *otchipwe-kitchi-gami* (the sea of the Ojibwe people.)
- It is home to over 350 known shipwrecks and upwards of 10,000 people have perished in its icy waters. (The average temperature of the lake is -30° F in the winter and 45° F in warmer weather.)

**Not So Well-Known Facts about Lake Superior:**

- A process called karstification is believed to have caused sinkholes, caves, lakes and rivers in Lake Superior's limestone and dolomite lake bed, which created an entire lake underneath Superior, named Lake Inferior. It was first discovered by a team of geologists in th the 1900s.
- There is a fish that is only found in Lake Superior – the siscowet lake trout. It thrives in the lake's deep waters and is considered to be the lake's main predator.
- The highest wave ever recorded on Lake Superior was 29 feet on October 24, 2017, near Marquette, Michigan. The waves that sank the *Edmund Fitzgerald* in 1975 were measured at 23 feet.

**Even if you don't live on Lake Superior's shores, there are still things you can do to show your appreciation of this natural wonder and all the Great Lakes' essential, life-giving natural resources.**

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- Contact your legislative officials and let them know that keeping our Great Lakes clean and safe is important to you and your community.
- Help young people in your life understand the importance of the Great Lakes and their waterways.
- Wear natural fiber clothing (cotton, silk, linen, wool). Synthetic clothing (fleece, acrylic, nylon, polyester) releases pollution in the form of microscopic plastic fibers into the water system that are too small to be filtered out by wastewater treatment plants.
- Choose phosphorus-free fertilizer and native plants that filter out pollutants that are causing toxic algae blooms.
- Clean your boat bottoms (including paddle boards and kayaks) and let it dry completely before taking it to a new body of water.
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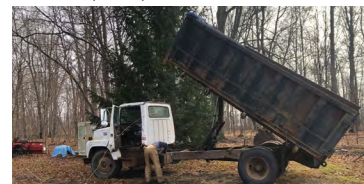
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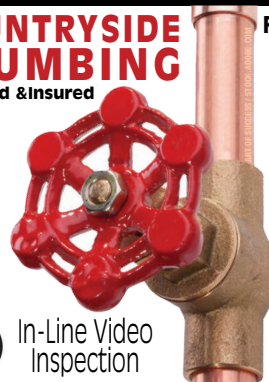
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*Editorial note: Before traveling beyond your hometown to attend any of these events, please call ahead for any changes in dates or times or for any cancellations.*

## GENESEE

None submitted this month.

## LAPEER

### July 4 – Hadley

**Hadley 4<sup>th</sup> of July Events!** Hadley Mill Museum, 3633 S. Hadley Rd., varying times for the different events. The Hadley Run (5K Walk/Run) will start at the museum at 8:00 a.m. For more info visit [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com) and search "Hadley". The Hadley Children's Parade will begin at 10:00 a.m., the famous Hadley 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade will begin at noon, and we'll have a craft show at the Old Town Hall from 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. For more info find the Hadley Township Historical Society on Facebook, at [HadleyTownship.org](http://HadleyTownship.org) or email [HadleyHistorical@gmail.com](mailto:HadleyHistorical@gmail.com).

### July 4 – Hadley

**Hadley Mill Museum Open,** Hadley Mill Museum, 3633 S. Hadley Rd., 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Stop by to see three floors of Hadley Township history and don't miss 1929 Durant automobile on loan from the Stahls Automotive Foundation. For more info find the Hadley Township Historical Society on Facebook, at [HadleyTownship.org](http://HadleyTownship.org) or email [HadleyHistorical@gmail.com](mailto:HadleyHistorical@gmail.com).

### July 12-14 – Lapeer

**4-H New Adventures Day Camp,** Camp Lael, 2062 Ferns Rd., Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., and Friday 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. with families are invited to join their camper for dinner and an activity! This camp is for kids ages 5-12 who have completed K-6th grade by July 1. We'll have lots of activities: arts and crafts, swimming, games and songs, a scavenger hunt and special guests! The cost is \$90. For more info call Jean at (810) 667-0341.

### July 14 & 15 – Attica

**Attica Days Festival!** 4350 Peppermill Rd., 2:00 p.m. – midnight on Friday and 8:00 a.m. – midnight on Saturday. On Friday, the Attica Fire Dept. will host a Spaghetti Dinner starting at 4:00 p.m. and Barb Wired will supply the music on the main stage at 6:00 p.m. Both days will have crafters and vendors, food vendors and live

sawmill demos throughout the day. The Eagles Beer Tent will be open both days. Saturday will have a kid's central tent with the Bubbleman, cupcake eating contest and more. There will be a petting farm and for \$10 (free for kids 3 & under) there will be inflatable rides, spider bungee jumping and a rock wall. Also a car/motorcycle show and an awesome fireworks display at dusk. For full schedule of events and more info visit [atticadays.org](http://atticadays.org).

## MACOMB

### All Month Long

**All of Macomb County Woman's Life Chapter 855 Bottles and Cans Drive,** helping those in need in our community. Make a difference today by donating. For larger donations, we have a pickup service. Call (810) 392-5136 for pickup or drop off places in Memphis and Richmond.

### All Month Long

**St. Clair Shores Diaper Drive,** drop off point at Right to Life of Michigan's Macomb Educational Resource Center, 27417 Harper Ave. It's Christmas in July! During the month of July, we will be collecting diapers and baby wipes to help local crisis pregnancy centers and baby pantries throughout Macomb County. All size diapers are needed, especially sizes 4-6. For more info call (586) 774-6050 or email [MacombRLM@rtl.org](mailto:MacombRLM@rtl.org).

### July 1-28 – Roseville

**Summer Reading Challenge 2023: All Together Now,** Roseville Library, 29777 Gratiot Ave., visit during library hours to sign up. Read all the books you love to read, and compete in other "challenges" to earn points. 1,000 points gets you into the Grand Prize drawing! Speak with a librarian for more details. Open to all ages. For more info and a full list of library events, visit [rosevillelibrary.org/wordpress/programs-events](http://rosevillelibrary.org/wordpress/programs-events) or call (586) 445-5407.

### July 2, 9, 16 & 23

**New Baltimore New Baltimore 16<sup>th</sup> Season Farmers Market,** on Washington St., between Main St. and Front St., 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. July 16<sup>th</sup> is the NBFM's 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party! We'll have

FREE birthday treats for Market guests (while supplies last). The market will run every Sunday until October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Our market accepts the Michigan Bridge Card (SNAP) and participates in Double Up Food Buck (DUFEB). For more info email [marketmanager@newbaltimorefarmersmarket.com](mailto:marketmanager@newbaltimorefarmersmarket.com) or text (586) 215-7484.

### July 5 & 19 – Roseville

**Zumba Fitness,** Roseville Library, 29777 Gratiot Ave., 6:30 p.m. Join us for this class that provides a dynamic calorie-burning form of workout for people of all fitness levels and age groups! No registration required. For more info and a full list of library events, visit [rosevillelibrary.org/wordpress/programs-events](http://rosevillelibrary.org/wordpress/programs-events) or call (586) 445-5407.

### July 5, 12, 19 & 26 – Memphis

**Wednesday Night Bingo,** Memphis American Legion Post 566, 34330 Bordman Rd., 5:30 p.m. – 9:15 p.m., games start at 6:30 p.m. Concession stand available, light dinner served at 7:30 p.m. for a small charge. For more info call and leave a message for Mary Beth at (810) 392-3237.

### July 7, 14, 21 & 28 – Memphis

**Friday Night Euchre,** Memphis American Legion Post 566, 34330 Bordman Rd., doors open at 6:30 p.m., start time is 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$10. For more info call and leave a message for Mary Beth at (810) 392-3237.

### July 8 & 9 – Chesterfield

**World War II Reenactment,** The Chesterfield Historical Village Green, 47275 Sugarbush (north of 21 Mile Rd.), 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. Join the Chesterfield Historical Society as they host the Michigan Military Technical & Historical Society in public demonstration of authentic WWII combat, both Allied and Axis encampment life and vehicle displays. There will be two public battles on both days at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Entrance fee is a donation of \$1 per person or \$2 for a family. For more info visit [chesterfieldhistoricalsociety.org](http://chesterfieldhistoricalsociety.org).

### July 10 – Ray Twp.

**The Reptarium: Bring the Zoo to You!** Ray Township Public Library, 64255 Wolcott Rd., 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. This is a hands-on learning experience for all ages by Reptarium Keeper with 10-15 of their favorite reptilian friends that you won't forget! This event is FREE but please register in advance so we know approximately how many friends to expect. For more info on this, or other library events, visit [raylibrary.org](http://raylibrary.org).

### July 11 – Chesterfield Twp.

**Food Truck Roundup,** Brandenburg Park, 50050 Jefferson Ave., 3:00

p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Blankets with Care is partnering with the Chesterfield Township Parks & Rec for this awesome summer event! Blankets with Care will be selling beverages to raise fund for their mission of bringing joy to the homeless, veterans, elderly and those in need in Macomb and St. Clair Counties. Admission to the park will be free! Blankets with Care will be at the booth with the purple top. There will also be additional vendors and fun! This event will also be happening on August 8<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, same place and times! For more info call (586) 219-5015 or visit [blanketswithcare.com](http://blanketswithcare.com).

### July 12 – Roseville

#### Teen Tabletop Game Night,

Roseville Library, 29777 Gratiot Ave., 5:30 p.m. Gather with friends for a night of strategy and RPG games! We'll have a variety of games, including Disney Villainous, Dungeons and Dragons and more. This event is for teens going into grades 7 through 12. No registration required. For more info and a full list of library events, visit [rosevillelibrary.org/wordpress/programs-events](http://rosevillelibrary.org/wordpress/programs-events) or call (586) 445-5407.

### July 14 – Utica

#### Lions Bear Lake Camp 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Baseball Game & Picnic Fundraiser,

Jimmy Johns Field, 7171 Auburn Rd., buffet picnic is from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., game starts at 7:05 p.m. Come out and support Lions Bear Lake Camp while watching the Utica Unicorns take on the Westside Woolly Mammoths. Tickets are \$36 and includes pregame buffet, two drinks and a seat at the game – \$10 from each ticket sold is donated to the Lions Bear Lake Camp. There will also be a Fireworks Spectacular presented by Magna. For more info call (248) 330-1101 or (248) 521-6293.

### July 15 – Mt. Clemens

#### Crocker House Museum Garden Walk,

Macomb County Historical Society, Crocker House Museum & Gardens, 15 Union St., 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Come out and get a behind-the-scenes look at some of Mt. Clemens' beautiful gardens! Start at the Crocker House Museum Garden, where you can enjoy refreshments and an optional museum tour, then pick up a map leading you through nearby neighborhoods. Tickets are \$12 for members, \$15 for non-members and are available at the door. For more info call (586) 465-2488, email [info@crockerhousemuseum.org](mailto:info@crockerhousemuseum.org) or visit [crockerhousemuseum.org](http://crockerhousemuseum.org).

### July 21 & 22 – New Baltimore

**Blankets with Care Joining the Bay Area Sports Show,** Walter & Mary Burke Park, 36300 Front St., 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. on Friday and 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Saturday. Blankets with Care will be at the Craft

& Vendor Section (organized by Coordinated Crafters Connection LLC – cconnectionllc@yahoo.com) of the show (bayareasportsshow.com). There will be a lot of activities for the whole family at this Sports Show and Fishing Tournament. Come see Blankets the Caring Elephant and BABY (Be a Better You) Peanut! Get some coloring pages. For more info on Blankets with Care visit [blanketswithcare.com](http://blanketswithcare.com), find us on Facebook, call/text (586) 219-5015 or email [blanketswithcare@yahoo.com](mailto:blanketswithcare@yahoo.com).

**July 23 – Warren**  
**Warren Garden Club 2023 Garden Walk**, 5750 Chicago Rd., 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Join us as we “Return to our Roots” with our garden walk around the historic Village of Warren and Chicago Road (once a Native American trail). Besides seeing gardens, you will experience historic buildings from 1840-1941, including the outbuildings of a historic farm, a restored 1920s auto dealership, Historic Union Cemetery, the 1857 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church, as well as the newly installed Beebe Park. Tickets available at many locations, \$8 in advance or \$12 day of walk. For more info call (810) 656-6490.

**July 25 – Roseville**  
**Piano Concert: Music of the Motor City**, Roseville Library, 29777 Gratiot Ave., 2:00 p.m. Join pianist David Rodgers for a trip through the 1960s sounds of Detroit. Featuring solo piano performances of hits by Smokey Robinson, the Supremes, the Temptations and many more, Rodgers will offer historical background info and stories behind the songs, musical trivia and a Q&A session. No registration required. For more info and a full list of library events, visit [rosevillelibrary.org/wordpress/programs-events](http://rosevillelibrary.org/wordpress/programs-events) or call (586) 445-5407.

## OAKLAND

**All Month Long (Wednesdays – Sundays only) – Bloomfield Hills**  
**Cranbrook on the Green**, Cranbrook Art Museum, 39221 Woodward Ave., 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., and 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays. Come experience the artist-designed mini golf course that will be open to the public until September 3. Visitors are highly encouraged to purchase tickets online in advance. Each ticket includes admission to the galleries to explore other exhibitions also on view. \$15 for adults, \$10 for ArtMembers and Detroit residents and \$8 for children under 12. For more info visit [cranbrookartmuseum.org/mini-golf](http://cranbrookartmuseum.org/mini-golf).

**July 7, 14, 21 & 28 – Oxford**  
**Friday Fish Fry**, American Legion Post 108, 130 E. Drahner Rd., noon – 8:00 p.m. Average cost is \$12/person. We have walleye, cod and shrimp, combo plates and have carry out available. Every Friday! Building is

sanitized daily. For more info call (248) 628-9081.

## ST. CLAIR

**All Month Long – Algonac**  
**Algonac-Clay Twp. Historical Society Ticket Sales for the Larger than Life Cash Raffle**, tickets sold by the Algonac-Clay Historical Society members. Raffle drawing will be held on October 24. Get your tickets now before they sell out (typically before the end of August!). They are \$100 each and only 300 will be sold. 1<sup>st</sup> prize: \$10,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: \$3,000 and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: \$2,000! Federal and state tax will be withheld. For more info call Paula at (810) 794-9641 or email [paulaburgess@comcast.net](mailto:paulaburgess@comcast.net).

**All Month Long – Port Huron**  
**Diaper Drive by the St. Clair County Health Department’s Maternal and Infant Health Program (MIHP)**, drop off point St. Clair County Health Department, 3415 28<sup>th</sup> St., during their regular business hours: Monday 10:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. or Tuesday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Donations of new packages of baby diapers (all sizes), including baby wipes, rash creams or baby hygiene items are being requested. 100% of donations will be given to eligible MIHP participants. Monetary donations can also be made via St. Clair County Treasurer’s PayPal at [paypal.com/paypalme/sccmitreasurer](http://paypal.com/paypalme/sccmitreasurer). For more info or to schedule a donation pick-up, call (810) 987-4903.

**July 5 – Fort Gratiot**  
**St. Clair Kennel Club General Meeting**, Denny’s, 4010 24<sup>th</sup> Ave., 6:00 p.m. We meet the first Wednesday of the month at an area restaurant. Come to see what we’re all about! For more info visit our website [stclairkc.org](http://stclairkc.org) or email [stclairkennelclub@gmail.com](mailto:stclairkennelclub@gmail.com).

**July 5, 12, 19 & 26**  
**Marysville**  
**Knights of Columbus #9526**  
**Wednesday Bingo**, Knight Club, 1195 Gratiot Blvd., 6:20 p.m. start time. (Doors open 2 hours prior.) For more info call (810) 364-6800.

**July 5, 12, 19 & 26**  
**Port Huron**  
**Veterans Walking Group**, Blue Water River Walk, starting at the Tuskgee Airman Memorial just north of the Blue Water Bridge, 9:00 a.m. This group is open to all current and former service members and their families. No registration or commitment required. We’ll be meeting every Wednesday. For more info call (810) 966-3755.

**July 6, 13, 19 & 26**  
**Marysville**  
**Weekly Bingo that Benefits**  
**Blankets with Care**, Knight Club,

1195 Gratiot Blvd., 6:20 p.m. start time. (Doors open 2 hours prior.) Join us every Thursday for Bingo, as well as helping us make Blessing Bags for the Homeless and do Acts of Caring for veterans and seniors in Macomb and St. Clair County. For more info on Blankets with Care visit [blanketswithcare.com](http://blanketswithcare.com) or call (586) 219-5015.

**July 7 – Smiths Creek**  
**All You Can Eat Fish Fry**, American Legion Post 525, 7150 Smiths Creek Rd., 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. First Friday of every month! Cost is \$10 for adults and \$4 for 12 and under. For more info call (810) 367-6351.

**July 8 – Port Huron**  
**Summer Walk and Talk Book Club**, Blue Water River Walk at Desmond Landing, 51 Court St., noon – 1:00 p.m. Join the Main Branch of the St. Clair Library System as they celebrate the county parks with this summer club! July’s book: *Blood and Fire: The Unbelievable Real-Life Story of Wrestling’s Original Sheik* by Brian R. Solomon. All are welcome to come, even if you haven’t read this selection! We’ll gladly talk about other books too. Registration is required. For more info or a full list of library events, visit [stclaircountylibrary.org/events](http://stclaircountylibrary.org/events) and select your local library or call (810) 987-7323.

**July 11 – Algonac**  
**Genealogy Circle**, Algonac-Clay Library, 2011 St. Clair River Dr., 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Come out and support fellow genealogy searchers in their quest to trace their family history. Share your knowledge, success and pitfalls of research. We have WiFi for laptop and our desktop computers, all will have free access to our in-house database: Ancestry Library Edition. For more info or a full list of library events, visit [stclaircountylibrary.org/events](http://stclaircountylibrary.org/events) and select your local library or call (810) 794-4471.

**July 11 – Algonac**  
**Woman’s Life Chapter 883**  
**Meeting**, Maritime Museum, 1117 St. Clair River Dr., 6:00 p.m. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month (unless otherwise stated). Everyone is welcome, and we’re always looking for new members. For more info contact Paula at [paulaburgess@comcast.net](mailto:paulaburgess@comcast.net), (810) 278-4466 or (810) 794-9641.

**July 15 – Ira Twp.**  
**Blankets with Care Joining the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Immaculate Conception Family & Fun Festival**, Immaculate Conception Church, 9764 Dixie Hwy., 1:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Blankets with Care will be at the Craft & Vendor Section (organized by Coordinated Crafters Connection

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**July 16 – Port Huron AYCE Breakfast**, Port Huron Masonic Lodge #58, 927 St., Port Huron, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Join us every third Sunday of the month for our All You Can Eat Breakfast. We'll have choice of eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon, potatoes, amazing coffee, as well as juice and water. Cost is \$12 for adults, with a discount for veterans, service members and seniors. For more info call (810) 982-5044.

**July 17 – Port Huron Port Huron Elks Lodge #343's 52<sup>nd</sup> Consecutive Blood Drive**, Port Huron Elks Lodge #343, 3292 Beach Rd., noon – 6:00 p.m. We have been supporting the American Red Cross since our first blood drive on January 7, 2013, and have collected over 205 gallons of blood. To make an appointment, please call (800) RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or go to [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor code: [porthuronelks343](mailto:porthuronelks343). For more info email [elks343@comcast.net](mailto:elks343@comcast.net) or call (810) 982-8531.

## SANILAC

**July 7, 14, 21 & 28 Port Sanilac**

**Sanilac Farmers Market**, Sanilac County Historic Village & Museum, 228 South Ridge St. (M25), 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., rain or shine. The Market will be open Fridays from May through October! Buy fresh, buy local! We'll have many vendors for you to visit each week, as well as a fundraising dinner on the last Friday of each month. For more info or questions email [sanilacfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:sanilacfarmersmarket@gmail.com).

**July 8 – Port Sanilac Thumb Dance Club & Euchre**,

7066 Main St., 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Please join us for fun, fellowship, live music and good fun for only \$5. Please bring a snack to share or a dish to pass. This is a smoke and alcohol-free environment. Hope to see you for dancing and euchre! For more info call (810) 310-2715.

**July 16 – Port Sanilac Troop Train Open House & Ghost Army Presentation**, Sanilac County Historic Village & Museum, 228 South Ridge St. (M25), 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend this open house! Tickets are \$15. Join us for this important lecture on *The Ghost Army* by Rick Beyer. Learn all about the artists, designers, radio operators and engineers who pretended to be the 603<sup>rd</sup> Armored Division of General Patton. For more info or questions visit [sanilaccountymuseum.org](http://sanilaccountymuseum.org), follow on Facebook or call (810) 622-9946.

**July 22 – Peck Thumb Dance Club & Euchre**, St. John Catholic Church's Carmen Banquet Hall, 5335 Sandusky Rd., 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Please join us for fun, fellowship, live music and good fun for only \$5. Please bring a snack to share or a dish to pass. This is a smoke and alcohol-free environment. Hope to see you for dancing and euchre! For more info call (810) 310-2715.

**July 22 – Port Sanilac Open Mic at the Museum**, Sanilac County Historic Village & Museum, 228 South Ridge St. (M25), 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Join us as we team up with Quad Productions to bring you an afternoon of free live music one Saturday a month from May through September! Be sure to bring a lawn chair, your cooler and your talent! We have space for 12 performances, and sign up begins at 3:30 p.m. All genres, instruments, ages and abilities are welcome! Individual performers can play two songs, and duos and groups can play three. This event is free, but donations to support the Sanilac County Historical Society are gratefully accepted! For more info or questions visit [sanilaccountymuseum.org](http://sanilaccountymuseum.org), follow on Facebook or call (810) 622-9946.

## NOTES FROM OUR READERS

All of your historical stories are so enlightening and interesting. Keep them coming, please and thank you!

MaryAgnes S. via Facebook

Thank you, MaryAgnes! We appreciate your kind words and are happy you enjoy the paper so much.

ThumbPrint News Staff



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## ENTICING SUMMER SALES

The Fourth of July embodies the celebration of our nation's independence and everything that represents America. Many believe that this holiday would be incomplete without an all-American barbecue cookout, parades in shades of red, white and blue, and a grand finale of fireworks.

Engaging in holiday sales has become a beloved American tradition, and July Fourth is certainly no exception. However, it's unfortunate that some advertisements promoting these sales and enticing savings can be misleading. Better Business Bureau® Serving Eastern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula advises you to exercise caution and be wary of deceptive advertising while indulging in the sales.

Amidst the allure of enticing deals, let us remember that deceptive advertising can be a stealthy predator, preying on unsuspecting consumers. A price promised may not be a price honored, and a dream deal may vanish like smoke.

Year after year, BBB receives numerous complaints regarding advertising-related issues. In the majority of cases, consumers express frustration when businesses fail to honor the advertised price or when the item advertised for sale is already sold out.

To ensure that you are shopping smart this Fourth of July, BBB advises you to:

- **Determine if the item is available for a limited time.** Read the fine print to determine the guidelines for the sale. Some sale items are only available for the advertised price during certain days or even certain hours on a specific day.
- **Consider “on sale” or “sale” claims.** Look for clear end dates on sales. A “sale” is defined as a temporary reduction from the usual price of an item. If the sale price is offered for more than 30 days, an advertiser will need to show that the sale price is indeed reduced and not their regular price.
- **Be careful with “free” offers.** Free offers should be temporary. If offered continuously, they may become combination offers, no part of which is free. Also, if you must make a purchase in order to receive the “free” item, the information should be clearly disclosed in the ad.
- **Clarify the specifics of “meet or beat a competitors’ price” offers.** Some businesses may offer a refund on the difference in price if a shopper finds the same product for a lower price elsewhere. Consumers should take the time to understand the specifics of these offers, including what proof is necessary.
- **Research lowest price claims.** Prices for products and services can fluctuate, making it extremely difficult for businesses to claim that their prices are lower than competitors’ prices. Consumers should engage in comparison shopping to make sure they are getting the lowest price available.

For more tips to avoid deceptive advertising, visit [bbb.org](http://bbb.org).

*Editorial 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 [bbb.org](http://bbb.org).*



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## THC AND PETS

By **Dr. Elizabeth Gray**, *ThumbPrint News* Columnist

With increased legal access to marijuana and marijuana-infused products for people, veterinarians are seeing an increase in cases of marijuana poisoning in pets. The active compound in marijuana that makes people high, THC (delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol), is toxic to pets. Pet Poison Helpline® has experienced a 448% increase in marijuana cases over the last six years.

THC and CBD (cannabidiol) are the most known and studied cannabinoid compounds in marijuana, but hundreds more chemical compounds have been identified in marijuana plants so far.

CBD is not psychoactive and is thought to be non-toxic or to have limited toxicity. Advertised products claim CBD can treat a multitude of issues, but at this time there is limited evidence. One of the first studies regarding the positive action of CBD in dogs was done at Cornell. This study concluded that CBD can help with pain management for many dogs. In the study, more than 80% of the dogs with osteoarthritis experienced a decrease in pain, allowing them to be more comfortable and active. Other studies in recent years may prove CBD can help control seizures and skin disorders in dogs.

It takes just a few clicks to find pet CBD products for sale, but their efficacy and safety may not be reliable. CBD products are not FDA regulated or approved. Products that claim to contain only CBD can be contaminated with THC, posing a risk of using CBD products for pets. A 2020 Wakshlag study published in *Vet Med* looked at 29 CBD products. The results found heavy metal contamination in four of the products. Two products had no cannabinoids in them at all. Of the remaining products, only 10 were measured to have a total cannabinoid concentration that was within 10% of the amount that they claimed to have on their label.

Other studies done with CBD have shown that it can affect liver enzymes involved in the metabolism of certain prescription medications.

This means that there is a risk that using CBD in combination with other drugs could change how the medications perform. Always check with your veterinarian before giving CBD or any supplement to your dog.

A major risk for pets is marijuana-infused edibles for people. These are made with oil or butter used to extract THC from the plant material. As a result, these products often contain higher levels of THC than plant material (buds, leaves and stems) and pose a greater risk of poisoning pets. In addition, they may contain chocolate or other substances that also are toxic and/or that could make an animal sick.

Because THC is toxic to pets, animals that are accidentally or intentionally exposed are not just “high or stoned”. They don’t simply need to “sleep it off”. They should be taken to a veterinarian for an examination and if needed supportive care.

### Common Signs of THC Exposure to Watch For

- Inactivity
- Incoordination
- Increased sensitivity to motion, sound or touch
- Urinary incontinence

Your vet may also note depression of the central nervous system and an abnormally slow heart rate. More severe signs include restlessness, aggression, slow breathing and low blood pressure. Rarely, animals can have seizures or become comatose. Death is extremely rare. Signs can last for less than an hour or for several days, depending on the amount of THC to which the animal was exposed.

Owners who know or suspect that their pet has eaten or was exposed to marijuana (plant material, edibles, oils, prescription medications and/or smoke) should be completely honest with their veterinarian. Being honest

and open helps them provide the best and most appropriate care quickly while avoiding unnecessary tests or treatments.

While diagnostic laboratories, such as the Michigan State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, can test for marijuana exposure, those tests take days to run, and animals have typically recovered by the time results are available. Urine tests widely available for human use often have false negative results when used on animals. This is because dogs process THC differently than people. Their urine contains different compounds that tests designed for people do not detect.

Supportive care may involve inducing vomiting, using activated charcoal, providing IV fluids and warming or cooling therapy as needed. Additional medications are used for animals experiencing more severe signs, such as agitation, tremors, seizures or slowed heart rate.

Marijuana products (plants, edibles, lotions, oils, etc.) in the home should be kept securely away from pets, just like alcohol or medications. Pet owners should be particularly careful about how they store and use products with concentrated levels of THC. If you suspect poisoning or notice signs of potential poisoning in your pet, contact your veterinarian or a pet poison hotline immediately. 🐾



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## THUMBPRINT NEWS PET PHOTO CHALLENGE

We are featuring classy  
Halle Blu Berry, sent in by  
mom, Katie S. of Algonac, MI



Thank you, Katie,  
for sharing Halle  
Blu Berry with us!

Halle Blu Berry loves playing with her toys and enjoys going for walks. She is a true greyhound and loves running! Summertime and pup cups are her favorites! She passes the time waiting for summer by reading *ThumbPrint News* and going to work with her mom.



YOU CAN VIEW OUR ENTIRE MENAGERIE AT  
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in with all uppercase letters)

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