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**JUNE**  
 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

# THE GRANDE POINTE HOTEL

## 1889 to 1909 – Harsens Island

By Derek Smith, ThumbPrint News Contributor

Harsens Island was an entertainment and vacation hotspot in the early 1900s. It was St. Clair County's version of Atlantic City, New Jersey. Over ten hotels/clubs boasted first-class accommodations and superb dining. They afforded magnificent views of the river, its delta waters and the island. Some of these complexes included the Old Club, the Hotel Mervue, the Rushmere Club, Marshland Club, Muir House, Kehl's Public House, Riverside Hotel, Star Island House and Joe Bedore's. One could enjoy hunting, golfing, swimming, fishing, boating, billiards, baseball, lawn bowling, lawn tennis, dancing, hiking, bird watching and many other activities for those so inclined.

Getting to the island was very simple, as there were numerous local ferries, private boats and several steamers making stops along the banks of the beautiful waters surrounding Harsens. The steamers *Idlewild*, *Cole*, *White Star's Tashmoo* and the *Wauketa* were daily



Harsens Island map from 1895



View of Grande Pointe Hotel from the South Channel, photo credit Don Harrison via flickr.com

visitors to the island. The steamers used the docks at Maple Leaf and Sans Souci to disembark and embark passengers and cargo. Sans Souci was the island's only village. The name means "without worries" *en Francais*.

For those traveling by land, there were many options such as driving (if you were fortunate enough to own a car), biking, by carriage or horse; also available was the Rapid Railway, which ran between Detroit and Port Huron. It was advertised that the train trip from Port Huron to Algonac, or return, would only take about one and a half hours, and the journey could be made at almost any hour day or evening. From the port at Algonac, you would board one of several naphtha launches or perhaps the Raymond Ferry, which traveled to and from Harsens every 45 minutes.

The island itself has a long and colorful history. It was purchased by Jacob Harsen from Native North Americans in 1783. Originally it was called Jacob's Island.

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## GUINEA PIGS AS PETS

By Dr. Elizabeth Gray, *ThumbPrint News* Columnist

Hamsters, guinea pigs and rats were some of my first pets as a child. If your family has an interest in animals and animal husbandry, you may want to consider one of these smaller mammals to start. These caged pets are a good stepping stone in exploring pet ownership, as well as the responsibilities that go along with it.

If your child is interested in getting a pet, make sure that all family members are involved in the day-to-day care. Keep your new pet in an area of the house where everyone spends time. Everyone can play a part in caring for the animal. It may be helpful to create a chart to keep track of responsibilities – food, water, bedding changes, playtime, etc.

Avoid keeping them in the child's bedroom. This is important to ensure the pet gets enough attention, as well as to ensure the furry friend doesn't keep your child up at night.

One major benefit of choosing a small mammal over a cat or dog is the ability to easily leave them overnight. When properly set up, your "pocket pet" can be left home alone for a day or two. No need for a pet sitter or boarding facility.

I was particularly fond of my guinea pig Herbie. He was a very friendly guy who enjoyed company. He would cuddle up in a blanket and fall asleep on my lap. He squealed with excitement when the refrigerator door opened. He was always hoping for a treat; strawberry tops were one of his favorites.

Guinea pigs can make wonderful pets for several reasons. They take up relatively little space, are social animals, and can enjoy human interaction.

If given the correct husbandry, pigs can provide years of fun and entertainment for their owner. Here's a little information regarding guinea pig care.

**Cage requirements** – The general minimum space recommended for one guinea pig is two square feet. As this is a minimum, the more space you can provide the better. Keep in mind that most commercially made guinea pig cages are enough room for one pet. Solid bottom cages (not wire) are a must. Wired bottom cages can cause tiny pig feet injuries if they get stuck. Improper cage flooring can also lead to Bumblefoot (also called pododermatitis). This is one of the more common foot issues that veterinarians treat in guinea pigs. Bumblefoot is an infection of the footpad and can be very painful. If you notice any abnormality in your guinea pig's movement or changes in the footpads, consult a veterinarian right away.

The sides of the cage should allow for air transfer. Glass aquariums do not allow enough airflow through the cage and can lead to respiratory issues. While guinea pigs do not climb, a secure lid is a must as other pets in the house may have a strong curiosity.

**Bedding** – The safest bedding for a guinea pig is made from wood pulp fibers. It has a soft, fluffy texture which is easy on their feet and absorbent. Other bedding, such as pellets or straw, can cause foot or eye injuries. Wood chips, especially aromatic wood, can cause respiratory issues. Timothy hay can also be used as bedding. Pigs enjoy burrowing through it and taking a few bites along the way. The most important aspect of bedding is frequent cleaning. Dirty cages are the breeding ground for infections and respiratory issues.



**Diet** – The focus of a guinea pig's diet should be Timothy hay. Hay is high in fiber to support gastrointestinal health. The constant chewing motion also helps keep guinea pigs' teeth functioning properly. Hay, as well as a fresh clean water bottle, should always be available. There are commercially available products to hang the hay inside the cage. This can



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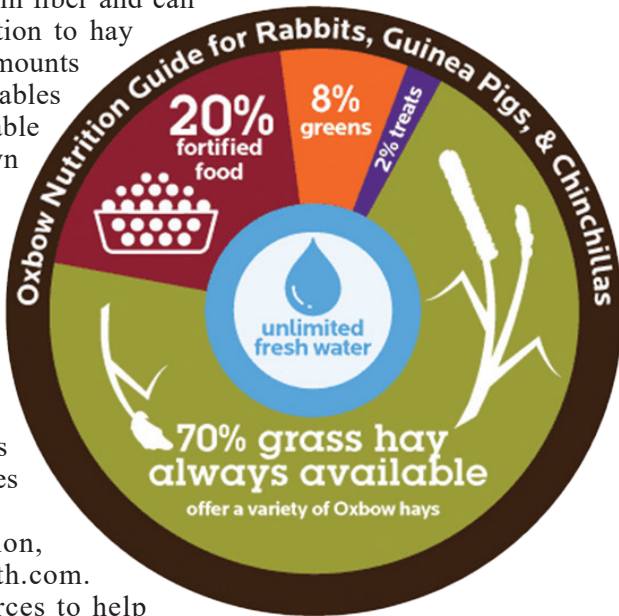


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make it easier to keep the hay clean and dry, avoiding waste. Avoid alfalfa hay, as it can cause excessive weight gain and the high calcium level can cause urinary issues. Guinea pigs should also have a small amount (around one ounce) of commercial guinea pig pellets daily. Pellets help provide adequate vitamins and minerals. Pellets are very nutrient dense and can easily lead to obesity problems if overfed. Pellets should never be the sole source of nutrition as they are low in fiber and can upset gut health. In addition to hay and pellets, offer small amounts of fresh fruits and vegetables daily. Guinea pigs are unable to make or store their own vitamin C. It is very important to give your pig a vitamin C source daily. The best way to do this is by feeding fresh fruits and vegetables. The fruits and vegetables highest in vitamin C are guava, kiwi, bell peppers (not green), strawberries and oranges.



For more information, visit [oxbowanimalhealth.com](http://oxbowanimalhealth.com). They have lots of resources to help you explore the nutritional needs of herbivores including using nutrition for environmental enrichment. 🌿

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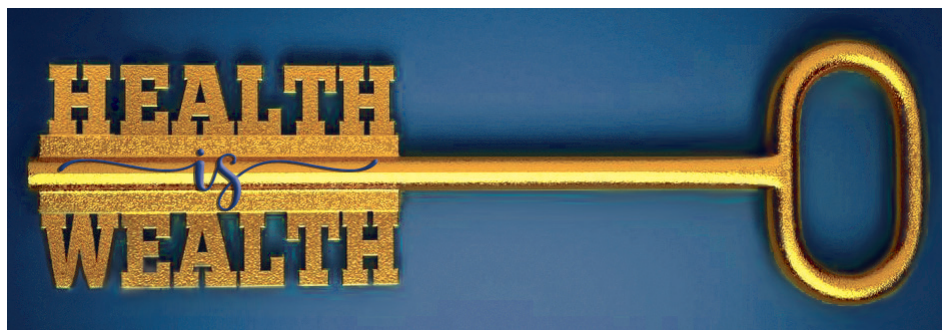
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**What Happened On This Day in History?**

<p><b>4</b> On this day in 1989, the Tiananmen Square Massacre halts the student-led protests when the Chinese military and police opened fire on the crowds with the death toll near 1,000.</p>	<p><b>5</b> On this day in 1972, World Environment Day is established by the United Nations.</p> 	<p><b>6</b> On this day in 1844, the YMCA (Young Men's Christian Association) is formed by George Williams in London.</p> <p><b>WORLD YMCA</b></p>	<p><b>7</b> On this day in 1965, the Supreme Court of the U.S. decides on <i>Griswold v. Connecticut</i>, effectively legalizing the use of contraception by married couples.</p>	<p><b>8</b> On this day in 1969, MLB legend Mickey Mantle gives his farewell retirement speech during "Mickey Mantle Day" at Yankee Stadium with 60,096 people in attendance.</p>	<p><b>9</b> On this day in 1902, the first U.S. Automat restaurant opens at 818 Chestnut St. in Philadelphia.</p> 	<p><b>10</b> On this day in 1845, U.S. President Andrew Jackson's African Grey parrot, Poll, is removed from the president's funeral for swearing so loud and long it disturbed the attendees.</p>
<p><b>11</b> On this day in 1993, <i>Jurassic Park</i>, directed by Steven Spielberg, opens and sets a box office weekend record of \$502 million.</p>	<p><b>12</b> On this day in 1942, Anne Frank receives her diary for her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday.</p> 	<p><b>13</b> On this day in 2015, the city of Tbilisi, Georgia, experiences a significant flood resulting in at least 20 human deaths, and half of the city's zoo's animals either dead or on the loose.</p>	<p><b>14</b> On this day in 1777, the U.S. Continental Congress adopts the Stars &amp; Stripes flag, designed by Francis Hopkinson, replacing the Grand Union flag.</p>	<p><b>15</b> On this day in 1996, the "Queen of Jazz", Ella Fitzgerald dies at the age of 79 in Beverly Hills, California.</p>	<p><b>16</b> On this day in 1960, the psychological horror film directed by Alfred Hitchcock, <i>Psycho</i>, opens in New York City.</p>	<p><b>17</b> On this day in 1939, the last public guillotining in France takes place. Eugen Weidmann, a convicted murderer, is guillotined in Versailles.</p>
<p><b>18</b> On this day in 1953, civil rights activists Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott are married.</p> 	<p><b>19</b> On this day in 1897, Moses Harry Horwitz, better known by his stage name Mo Howard leader of the Three Stooges, is born in Brooklyn, New York.</p>	<p><b>20</b> On this day in 1840, Samuel Morse is awarded the patent for his telegraph.</p> 	<p><b>21</b> On this day in 1893, the first Ferris Wheel opened to the public as the centerpiece of the World's Columbian Exposition at Midway Plaisance in Chicago.</p>	<p><b>22</b> On this day in 1969, actress and singer, Judy Garland, dies at 47.</p> 	<p><b>23</b> On this day in 1989, the movie <i>Batman</i>, directed by Tim Burton and starring Michael Keaton and Jack Nicholson, premieres.</p>	<p><b>24</b> On this day in 1916, Mary Pickford becomes the first female film star to receive a million dollar contract.</p>
<p><b>25</b> On this day in 1950, North Korea invades South Korea, beginning the Korean War.</p>	<p><b>26</b> On this day in 1807, lightning hits a gunpowder factory in Luxembourg, killing more than 300 people.</p>	<p><b>27</b> On this day in 1949, <i>Captain Video &amp; His Video Rangers</i> debuts on DUMONT-TV. It is television's first sci-fi series.</p>	<p><b>28</b> On this day in 1846, the saxophone is patented by Antoine-Joseph "Adolfe" Sax.</p> 	<p><b>29</b> On this day in 2003, actress Katharine Hepburn dies at 96 in Connecticut.</p> 	<p><b>30</b> On this day in 1859, French acrobat Charles Blondin is the first to cross Niagara Falls on a tightrope.</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.



Over the last few years, our world has changed drastically. Hopefully, our perspective and priorities have become crystal clear and many of the trivial things that we sometimes tend to place a high level of importance on, have taken a backseat to what is truly most important – our health! Without our health, nothing else matters. There are many aspects to personal health, including: mental, emotional, physical, financial and spiritual. I would beg to say that for most of us, in some way, all aspects of our health have been affected recently and will be for quite some time. Keeping that in mind, below are a few keys for establishing and maintaining a good, healthy, balanced life.

**MENTAL**  
**EMOTIONAL**  
**PHYSICAL**  
**FINANCIAL**  
**SPIRITUAL**

When it comes to mental health, regularly expanding our knowledge and skills does wonders to keep our mind stimulated, engaged and firing on all cylinders. Participating in hobbies and tasks that we enjoy, which also challenge us, can provide a sense of confidence, achievement and purpose when all else seems lost. It is also essential to get adequate amounts of rest, which gives our mind time to decompress and process all that it takes in daily and prepare for more to come.

Staying connected to family, close friends, pets and our local community is not only important for our emotional health, but also theirs. Support in difficult times is crucial. Furthermore, surrendering to the many things that are out of our control can go a long way in maintaining our emotional health. We create and are responsible for how we choose to feel, think and act in any given moment or circumstance. These feelings, thoughts and actions are the only things that we truly have control over. As difficult as it may be sometimes, choosing to view things as they are and not how we think or feel they should, could or ought to be, can help alleviate stress and anxiety and increase our capacity to create solutions for change, rather than remaining stuck in emotionally unhealthy cycles.

Staying physically active, exercising and consuming nutrient-rich foods, such as fresh fruits, vegetables and quality spring water, are all keys to maintaining not only our physical health, but our overall health. Healthy in, healthy out! Additionally, in order to monitor our overall physical health, it is important that we establish great relationships with our healthcare providers and have an annual physical, dental cleaning, eye exam and hearing exam to ensure that our vital organs are working at their optimal levels.

Assessing our relationship with money and being able to decipher between wants and true “needs” requires a level of self-discipline and developing new habits, especially in difficult times. Living within our means, finding good deals on necessities and being responsible managing our sometimes-limited resources, are all sure keys to good financial health. Additionally, creating and following a budget can aid in avoiding and eliminating debt, as well as ensuring that we have adequate savings for emergencies and long term needs, such as healthcare and retirement. Lastly, preparing, updating and safekeeping essential documents, such as wills, trusts and medical directives, is imperative.

Attending our chosen place of worship is so important too, as we get to sing our praises and practice prayer, meditation and grieve together. Getting out into nature is also another way to connect with the source and maintain a peaceful and harmonious spirit. We can also volunteer our time or donate items to those in need, which always feeds our soul and sows good seeds into the universe, which keeps us spiritually healthy!

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## OF SPIRITUALITY & PATRIOTISM

By **David Gillis**, *ThumbPrint News* Columnist

Over more years than I care to remember, I have come to rely on the Bible's Book of Proverbs for guidance, advice and, in fact, to serve as a daily calendar. Each of the 31 Proverbs serves well as an excellent way to begin each day and by repeating the process each month, the lessons learned become well-fixed in my mind. Some of the advice provided, without fully realizing it, becomes a well-established habit in a journey through life.

I looked at that same reference as I began to pen this article. King Solomon, who authored most of the Proverbs, had a way of calling for moral and spiritual integrity by his citizens for the benefit of their nation. Some may say that's outdated wisdom, but I can find meaning and purpose in his principle of practicing patriotism by doing right. I believe we need to stress and heed his message relating to righteousness exalting a nation.

History provides evidence of the importance of spiritual awakenings that have served to turn the tide of moral and spiritual decay and, thereby, ushering in better times. I believe, too, that by following Solomon's ideals,

the practice of patriotism will cause us to seek what is right and that, in turn, creates a higher level of meaningful spirituality in our lives. That brings me to the focus of this article, the symbolic image of the Flag of the United States of America.

Sandwiched between Memorial Day, a time when we honor our nation's heroic dead, and the Fourth of July, when we celebrate our independence, is Flag Day. Positioned on the calendar in mid-June, this one day offers an opportunity to reflect on what that red, white and blue banner really means.

From the time this nation was established, Old Glory served as a symbol of the patriotic ideals and spiritual qualities of the citizens of this great nation. Like a pastor in the pulpit preaching about the need for our love for each other, our flag stands as a silent voice proclaiming a government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

Certainly, we can find some comparisons in the foundations of a dedication to spirituality and a true commitment to patriotism. Both require that we, at all times, hold to fearless

courage, integrity, self-sacrifice and devotion. Each offers separate yet similar emblems of our heritage and birthright purchased by the blood of others who came before us. Surely, we can see in our patriotic pledge to the flag a strong sense of spirituality enveloped in the words, "one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all."

As a military veteran, as a practicing chaplain and as a citizen of the greatest constitutional republic ever known, I encourage us to seek and receive the wisdom Solomon offered. Let's understand how our lives affect our country and that spirituality and patriotism can be coupled so that we choose what is right and reject what is wrong. Let us, on Flag Day, salute the symbol of our freedom recognizing that our spirituality made it a reality. 🇺🇸





# THE PETRIFIED FROG

By **Rita MacDonald**, *ThumbPrint News* Columnist

I titled this story before I ever wrote one sentence. You have no idea just how unusual that is for me.

And, it was easy too. You'll see why shortly.

This is a true story ;)

One day a long, long time ago...Thanksgiving, 1985, to be precise...I was stationed at the Presidio of Monterey in Northern California, the first of my four times being stationed in California. I was learning how to speak Italian at the Defense Language Institute. I wanted to spend the holiday with family, and luckily for me, my dad's brother's home was in Anaheim. My classmate and friend, Wendy, who was from Boston also had family in Los Angeles, so we planned a long weekend trip from Northern California to Southern California and decided to see the Coast and take Highway 1 to get there.

I would never, ever suggest driving round-trip from Northern California to Southern California on Highway 1, if you only have a four-day weekend. I would never suggest it because it is too breathtakingly beautiful not to stop and take pictures at every turn of the coastal highway. Also, it takes way to doggone long. Do it once or twice in your lifetime, but do it when you are not in any kind of a hurry! Really.

I dropped off Wendy at her family's home in LA and then headed to Anaheim for Thanksgiving dinner. And by the way, Wendy and I had paper maps - the old-fashioned kind that folded up about 12 times, and you unfolded it a little bit at a time. There was no GPS back in those days, and car phones had not been invented yet! I'm not sure I'd be brave enough to re-live this adventure today. In fact, I probably would not re-live this adventure again.

Yeah, I would definitely not re-live this adventure without GPS and a phone.

Anyhoozwhatsit, I pulled into Uncle Al's driveway at 1227 E. Flower Street, Anaheim, California, which I still remember by heart which is A-MAZING, and the front door opened and someone stepped out to greet me. I will never forget it.

Dad!

I seriously thought that my dad and mum had flown in from Detroit to surprise me because Uncle Al was the spitting image of my old man. We had such a great time that weekend, and I got to see all of my cousins - the MacDonalds and the MacInnis. Over the years, and during the other three times I was lucky enough to be stationed in California, Uncle Al and Aunt Jean's home became a second home to me. So did my Aunt Joanie and Uncle George's, who I also cherish fond (and fun) memories (and shenanigans) with. And over those many years, I can't even tell you how fun it was to hear the stories from Uncle Al and Aunt Joanie that I had heard growing up from my dad, but completely different versions of them!

Uncle Al and Aunt Jean had orange trees in their backyard, and in the past 38 years, I've yet to taste an orange as delicious as the ones that grew behind their home on Flower Street. The key to the house was in a secret hiding place in the garage, and I was welcome to it anytime. There was always pop in the fridge there, too.

It was there in Uncle Al's home that Beth, Scott, Heather and I became close, and at that kitchen table that Beth's son Daniel got hooked on sweet pickles (my fault). Lots of stories were told at that table, wisdom passed down, and Uncle Al was even known to have inhaled a few helium balloons and entertained us by singing "Golly, golly," like a munchkin from the Land of Oz. Trips to Disneyland were frequent, and the dancing waters show at night was a favorite for all of us, but Uncle Al's favorite remained "It's a Small World". Trips to Hollywood to see the homes of the rich and famous stars were some of my favorite outings of all time with my cousins. And

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Aunt Jean still hasn't shared the secret to her amazing lemon meringue pie, and there's not been a slice I've enjoyed as much since I last had hers.

In the driveway there, at 1227 E. Flower Street in Anaheim, California, was Uncle Al's old truck. And on the dashboard of that old truck sat an old dead frog. Uncle Al called it his "petrified frog". It was ugly. It was gross. It was disgusting. But Uncle Al was so proud to show it off to anyone who would come look at it, which always begged the question, "Whyyyy???? Whyyyy do you have an old dead frog on the dashboard of your truck???", and Uncle Al would chuckle and answer, "Well, just in case I ever need a jump!"

Uncle Al's sense of Nova Scotia humor always made me feel like I was home. There's nothing quite like it and reminds me of the time my mom commented to my dad that there were two red lights at one intersection in Antigonish. My dad just laughed and said to her, "Yeah - you have to stop twice as long."

The humor runs in the family, and I hope it never, ever stops running in the family.

Uncle Al's been gone for quite a few years now, but his petrified frog lives on. Well, not really "lives" on, but he's still in the family. Cousin Beth's daughter Anne-Marie hangs on to him these days, just in case she ever needs a jump.

To all of my cousins I loved getting to see so often when I lived in California - golly, golly, I sure do miss you all so much!

Some people will always be remembered. Uncle Al is one of them.

And some stories just need to be remembered. This is one of them.

And yes, this is Uncle Al's old petrified frog. I told you - this was a true story! 🐸



**THE GRANDE**

Continued from Page 1

Harsen was of Dutch descent and migrated there in 1779 from New York. (I plan to write in greater detail about the island's history in a future story.)

Around 1872, a club was established at Grande Pointe (northern Harsens Island) to promote hunting and fishing on the island and the St. Clair Flats area.

A clubhouse was built that served as the headquarters for this group of hunting and fishing enthusiasts. Some of the original members were Fred Wells, Henry Howard and Loren Sherman, the owner and editor of the *Port Huron Times* and namesake of Sherman Woods subdivision in Port Huron. The initial membership fee was \$25, with a limited membership of 200. Dues per year would vary somewhere between \$15 to \$30.

Over the following years, it was decided that a new building should be erected, a facility that yielded more favorably to the social, recreational and vacation requirements of both the outdoors people and their families.

It would become part of the Grande Pointe Improvement Company's development plan, a plan that included a multifaceted tourist destination at the island's north end. The cost of the development and associated furnishings was published at \$30,000.

Captain H.G. McQueen of Algonac had acquired 500 acres of land at the island's north end; he then sold some of his property to the company mentioned above. 70 of those acres were immediately platted, the plans of which included an eight-acre garden area, a hotel with surrounding grounds and 103 building lots. Several channels would be dredged in the front and some at the rear of these lots to provide water slips for small boats and safe swimming areas. It was anticipated that more than half of these lots would have waterfront locations. No boathouses would be allowed, but there were no objections to an uncovered dock. Carriage drives would be built along the banks of the canals to provide easy access to the waterfront lots.

The Grande Pointe Hotel was completed and opened for business in the



*The Grande Pointe Hotel near Sans Souci on Harsens Island, circa 1901*



*The Tashmoo steamer*



*A naphtha launch*

summer of 1889. It was a colonial-style structure featuring three floors with 60 guest rooms, handsomely decorated, all with water views of either the North or South Channels. The first floor housed the reception area, office, parlor and a grand dining area big enough to seat 150 guests. A large well-equipped kitchen was in place, designed to handle the hundreds of guests arriving every week.

Along the front of the hotel, there was a 300-foot veranda that gave beautiful views of the South Channel, and its daily queue of marine traffic while at the same time sharing its shade with the hotel's contented onlookers.

There were plans to hire a gardener to grow flowers and plants, eventually supplying the hotel with fresh produce. Also, there was to be a farm on the premises to provide fresh eggs, milk, butter, cheese, and other kitchen staples. The sale of intoxicating liquors was prohibited on the grounds of the hotel, so the original design did not include plans for a bar.

Mr. Oscar F. Morse was chosen to manage the facilities. He was previously employed as steward and manager of the Oakland Hotel in St. Clair. He would bring considerable experience and a loyal following of customers to Grande Pointe. Unfortunately, for whatever reasons, the management of the Grande Pointe Improvement Club proved unsuccessful, and its monetary obligation to the mortgage company was not being met.

In 1892, F.B. Dickerson, the postmaster for the City of Detroit, purchased the property for the mortgage price. He was one of the investors and past president of the island's Rushmere Club.

On a fateful summer day shortly before the Grande Pointe purchase, the Dickerson's two sons were drowned near the Rushmere. As such, their being there had become increasingly difficult for Dickerson and his wife. The facility was now full of unpleasant memories for the two of them. They eventually spent less and less time at the Rushmere.

The purchase of Grande Pointe would give them a new project, something to keep their minds occupied while providing them with a fresh start, a new adventure.

Dickerson, and 15 other business associates, would incorporate the "Grande Pointe Club". Shares would be limited to 200. Each member could purchase only one share. Dues would not exceed \$25 per year. The shareholders would be entitled to use all the facilities at Grande Pointe. It would be the member's home away from home during the warm summer days. A place for relaxation and entertainment for both them and their guests. A place where one could forge new alliances and friendships, a place of comfort and convenience. The cost of room and board was a mere \$1.50, a bargain even 115 years ago.

The president and the board of directors intended to equip the hotel with the best furnishings and amenities. The hotel was lit using gas, a modern luxury back in those days. It was also equipped with electric call bells, a commodities kitchen and a unique dining area for nurses and children.

In June 1893, the Grande Pointe Club announced plans for a larger boathouse. It was to be 30 feet wide and 80 feet long, and two stories high. The second level would accommodate a billiard room and some new sleeping quarters. It would be located north of the clubhouse on an artificial See *THE GRANDE* Page 17

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# COTTAGE LIVING

By Pamela Lynn Hayes, *ThumbPrint News* Columnist

Our spring was delayed this year, especially our early spring, but our late spring is finally here. This month brings the official first day of summer on the 21<sup>st</sup>! The cottage is shaped up and ready for the summer festivities.

I wasn't sure when the hummingbirds were going to arrive in northeast Michigan with the cooler spring we had last month, but they are finally here! The second week in May while finishing up my inside spring cleaning, I glanced out the kitchen window and there was a beautiful male ruby-throated hummer hovering at the window with his tail swaying side to side for just about 4 seconds. The feeder was ready for him.

Some interesting days this month are, Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> is "International Picnic Day". Another day is June 23<sup>rd</sup> "National Let It Go Day" one of my favorites. It is a day to remember that we need to let go of old negative baggage, bad vibes and old hang-ups that rob us of our happiness at times. I'm down for that.

June brings so many fun things to do in the Thumb, outdoor farmers markets, concerts at local beaches, summer festivals and late nights at the bonfire with friends solving all of the world's problems, or trying to at least.

The only thing about June that I can do without are those June bug beetles. I will run away from one of those as fast as a marathon runner if I hear one of them coming out of the ground in the late evening. I'm still trying to figure out what their purpose is in their short life span other than to freak me out and get tangled in the grass or to fly clumsily into your drink. But all creatures have a purpose. I pray for a cloud of bats to come circling around the lawn lights during this whole month for their crunchy evening snack. I am looking forward to days of sandy feet and sunburnt skin. We've waited all winter for this beautiful Michigan weather to arrive, make sure you all enjoy it to the fullest.

Don't forget to honor the fathers in your life this month whether in your heart or in person on Father's Day, June 18<sup>th</sup>.

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# THUMBPRINT NEWS visits Denver & Glenwood Springs, CO

Laura and Alayna Irwin of Marine City, Michigan, took ThumbPrint News with them to visit family in Colorado.



The cool pool (98°)

My youngest daughter, Alayna, surprised me earlier this year with plane tickets for her and me to visit my mom, Cheryl, and stepfather, Hugh, whom I haven't seen in person since pre-pandemic times.

Before we even left Michigan, we had news that our ride from Denver to Glenwood Springs would be delayed due to an impending snowstorm in the high country predicting up to 24" of snow, which would effectively close the roads, potentially for hours! We amended our plans, booked a hotel in downtown Denver, took a train from the airport to Union Station then had a lovely afternoon walking around the 16th Street Mall and viewing some of the old architecture on the Lower Downtown Walking Tour. We had tacos and tequila for dinner at Machete where our waitress, Carla, posed for a picture with me. We then hit the hot tub at the hotel and soon after, the pillows for some much-needed sleep. We got up early the next morning to catch the Amtrak to Glenwood (which we almost missed) and faced a few more delays, which we learned trains are notorious for.

At the beginning of the ride, the conductor said we had over 40 tunnels to go through before we reached our destination. The Moffat Tunnel, at 9,200 feet above sea level, took us 6 miles through the mountain under the Continental Divide. Arriving safely two hours late, we were overjoyed to see Mom/Gramma and Hugh/Grandpa who took very good care of us and treated us to several of the wonderful hotspots around the area. We visited the Hot Springs Pool for an early morning soak, took a walk up to historic Hotel Colorado (aka Teddy Roosevelt's Western White House), visited some shops downtown, squeezed in some cave tours, an alpaca farm, some hiking, and the hilarious Vaudeville Revue. The afternoon before our flight home, we visited the Denver Zoo. As with most vacations, the memories are precious and time too short.

**THANK YOU, LAURA AND ALAYNA, FOR TAKING US ON YOUR TRIP.**

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## HIDDEN TRAVEL FEES

As the weather begins to warm up, it's time to start packing your bags and hitting the road for new adventures. However, an unsettling trend has emerged in the world of travel: the insidious rise of hidden fees.

From airlines to accommodations, car rentals to cruises, unsuspecting consumers are falling prey to additional charges concealed within the fine print. Knowledge and staying one step ahead can help avoid the financial pitfalls that can turn an idyllic vacation into a budgetary nightmare.

Consumers are always on the hunt to find the best deals when planning their vacations. However, those deals that are too good to be true often contain hidden fees that can add up fast.

Better Business Bureau® Serving Eastern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula recommends the following tips to predict, prepare for and even avoid the hidden travel fees buried in the fine print.

### IDENTIFYING AND AVOIDING HIDDEN TRAVEL FEES

- **Watch out for resort fees.** These fees – sometimes called “destination fees” or “urban fees” – are often not listed on hotel aggregator websites, which means you need to click through several pages to find the hotel’s final price. If you want to avoid these fees, you have a couple of options: book hotels that don’t charge resort fees; get elite status at a large hotel chain if you travel often; or use loyalty points for your stay. The last option only works with certain hotel chains, so make sure you double-check before booking.
- **Look for hospitality tax.** Some cities charge hotel or hospitality taxes, which aren’t included in the hotel’s nightly rate. Check the total amount you’ll be charged before paying to see if you are charged any extra taxes.
- **Find out about parking.** Not all hotels offer free parking, so ensure this is included before you book, especially in high-traffic areas with limited parking space.
- **Don’t assume hotel amenities are complimentary.** Poolside towels, early check-in, in-room snacks and even a continental breakfast may not be included in your room rate. Avoid getting hit with a bigger bill than you expected by asking before using any of these services.
- **Find out precisely what is included in the price of your airline ticket.** Picking your seats, for example, and even in-flight entertainment, headphones, snacks and beverages, airline pillows and blankets and in-flight WiFi are not always free services. More and more, airlines are adding extra fees for services that used to be included in the price of a ticket. Think about what you’ll need, bring what you can yourself, and ask if that blanket is free before you bundle up.
- **Check-in and print your boarding pass before going to the airport.** Some airlines now charge steep fees to check you in and print a physical boarding pass at the airport. If you prefer checking in in person, speak with the airline ahead of time to find out if there is a fee. Otherwise, do it ahead of time online and use the self-check-in kiosks to avoid extra fees.
- **Understand your airline’s change and cancellation rules.** Many airlines advertise free cancellations and change policies, especially since COVID-19 made traveling much more unpredictable.

However, there are usually time limits or other limitations. For example, a free cancellation might not mean you’ll be reimbursed with cash. Many airlines simply offer a voucher to fly with them another time, usually within a year.

By remaining vigilant and reading the fine print, consumers can save money on their vacations. For more travel tips, visit [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org).

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Melanie Duquesnel



## OUR FIRST DATE... (Ah, yes, I remember it well!)

By Bob Jones, ThumbPrint News Columnist

After having been married almost 45 years, my wife and I tried to remember when we first met and what we did on our first date. We were both teachers and our classrooms just happened to be across the hall from each other. Our first encounter centered around food. I knew this lovely young lady was Italian. I was teaching my class Italian culture, so I ordered a pizza for the class and went across the hall to offer a piece to this lady. I claimed she refused it and said it was not true Italian pizza, but merely an American-made dough, gaseous fake.

My wife told me she was just starting her class and needed to get in her room. She doesn’t remember saying anything about the pizza not being truly Italian.

I am reminded of the song from *Gigi* “I Remember It Well”. The lyrics go, “We met at 9; we met at 8; I was on time; no, you were late; ah, yes, I remember it well.”

On our first date, we went to a Chinese restaurant. I told my wife, “I thought you ordered sweet and sour rice.”

She exclaimed, “I ordered Gau Pei chicken with rice.”

(Ah, yes, I remember it well.)

“You wore your red party dress,” I intoned.

“I wore my black polka-dotted sundress,” she reported.

(Ah, yes, I remember it well.)

“We shopped along the avenue after dinner,” I suggested.

“No, not on that first date,” she replied.

(Ah, yes, I remember it well.)

“Didn’t I lock my keys in my car?” I blurted out.

“No, that was much later in the relationship,” she chimed back.

(Ah, yes, I remember it well.)

The last few lines of the song sum it up well: “Am I getting old? Oh, no, not you. How strong you were, how young and gay, a prince of love in every way.”

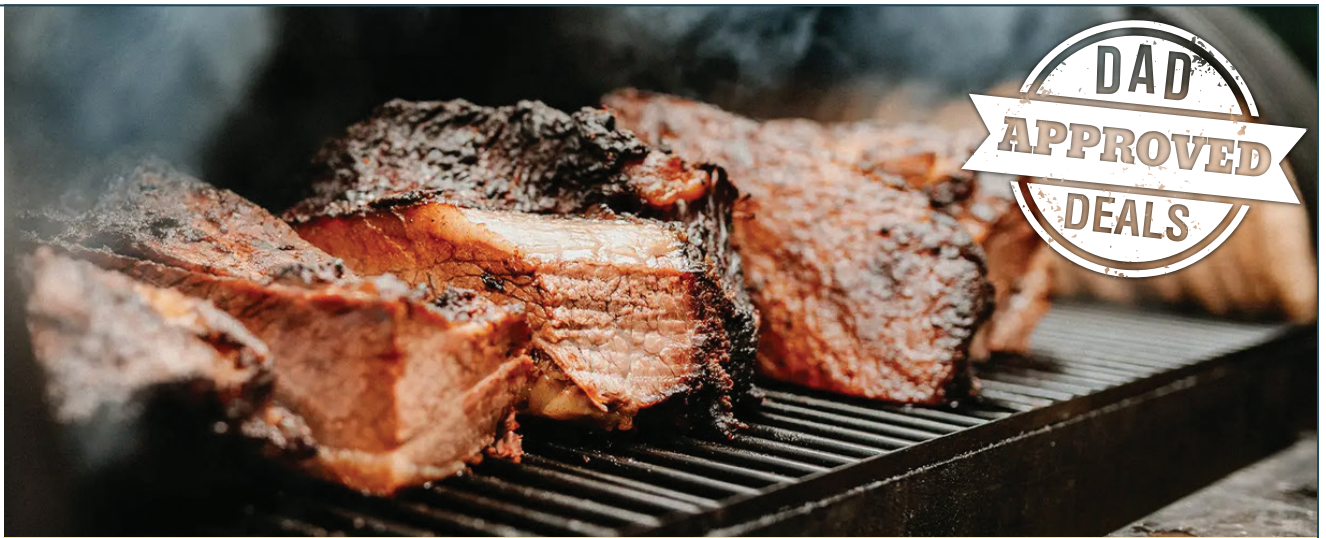
(Ah, yes, I remember it well.)

The years pass quickly in any relationship, especially, it seems, in a close one. The memories fade, but the bonds of love grow stronger than ever. Cherish and remember what you can about the past, however, live in the present and wonder what new experiences will keep the relationship continually fresh and loving in the future.

(Ah, yes, I remember it well.)



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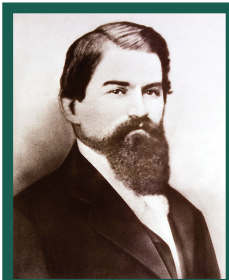
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For our May 2023 contest, we asked our readers to identify who is pictured to the left. Of the many who submitted the correct answer, Valerie Gossman of Burtchville, Michigan, was randomly chosen as May's winner. Valerie correctly identified this as John Stith Pemberton, creator of Coca-Cola.

Pemberton was an American pharmacist and Confederate States Army veteran. He suffered from a

sabre wound sustained in April 1865, during the Battle of Columbus. His efforts to control his chronic pain led to a morphine addiction. He began to experiment with various painkillers and toxins, creating a beverage that blended alcohol and cocaine. Prohibition led to Pemberton to create a non-alcoholic alternative which he later blended with carbonated water, thus creating the soft drink Coca-Cola.

Soon after Coca-Cola hit the market, Pemberton fell ill and nearly bankrupt. Sick and desperate, he began selling rights to his formula to his business partners in Atlanta. Part of his motivation to sell was that he still suffered from expensive continuing morphine addiction. Pemberton had a hunch that his formula "someday will be a national drink", so he attempted to retain a share of the ownership to leave to his son. However, Pemberton's son wanted the money sooner, so in 1888, Pemberton and his son sold the remaining portion of the patent to a fellow Atlanta pharmacist, Asa Griggs Candler, for \$300, which in 2022 purchasing power was equal to \$9,372.88.



For our June 2023 contest, we are asking our readers to identify what is pictured to the right. If you think you know, visit [www.thumbprintnews.com](http://www.thumbprintnews.com) to answer.

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## MARKET MATTERS

U.S. existing-home residential sales declined 2.4% year-to-date through April 2023, as compared to the same period in 2022, according to the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR). Fluctuations in mortgage interest rates and economic uncertainties have likely caused this buyers' pullback, with pending sales dropping 5.2% month-over-month.

In our local area(s)<sup>1</sup>, New Listings were down about 12% compared to the same time period in 2022, Pending Sales decreased by 14.8%, and Closed Residential Home Sales decreased by approximately 20% compared to the same time period in 2022.

The Median Sales Price was unchanged at \$225,000 while the Average Sales Price dropped slightly from \$280,036 in 2022 to \$276,219 in 2023 year-to-date.

The Months Supply of Inventory through April is at 1.6 Months, reflecting a continuing tight market. The Inventory of Homes for Sale in our market area has dropped from 8,924 in 2022 to 7,719 in 2023. The Condo Market is trending similarly.

The lack of existing inventory continues to impact home sales and competition for the available properties remains strong. The percentage of List Price Received continues to fluctuate at 98 to 102%.

As of May 10, the national average 30-year fixed mortgage rate was 6.89% and the 15-year fixed rate was 6.26%. Specific mortgage rates will vary based on factors including credit score, down payment, debt-to-income ratio and loan-to-value ratio. Lower fixed rates can be obtained by paying mortgage or discount points up front in exchange for a lower interest rate and resulting in a lower monthly payment.

## HOW MUCH HOME CAN WE AFFORD?

There are many tools to assist with estimating what you likely qualify for but there's no substitute for talking with a professional. That's why we recommend you consult a good mortgage lender at the beginning of the process to best understand what your financing and mortgage options are, as well as the estimated closing costs associated with a purchase.

You will learn how your credit score affects your ability to borrow (something that has recently changed) and the interest rate(s) you are eligible for. You will also learn about debt-to-income and housing expense ratios and how they apply to your situation and how property taxes and insurance factor into the equation.

There are a number of home buyer assistance programs for first-time and other home buyers. The Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) made changes to its program that began on May 8, 2023. Down Payment Assistance (DPA) has been streamlined to offer *one DPA program for \$10,000*. Previously only available in select zip codes throughout the state, MI 10K DPA is now available to all eligible<sup>2</sup> homebuyers and homeowners in Michigan, helping to make housing more attainable for Michiganians by eliminating or assisting with one of the most common barriers to homeownership: the down payment.

**A lender pre-approval is a must in this market.** In addition to enabling you to make a speedy and viable offer, knowing what you qualify for, your financing options and what fits your budget lets you use your time wisely and focus on homes that are realistically within your price point. This will save you time and enable you to make realistic purchase offers in this competitive market.

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## Grocery Store Visit

By Rix Quinn, *ThumbPrint News* Columnist

Last week when I walked into the grocery, I was in no hurry. If I get home too early, my wife makes me work.

Each time I enter that store, I scrub my hands with the free sanitizer. After a couple of minutes, I am the model of sterility. An older lady at a small table invites me to try a new recipe. The texture is fine, but it tastes like my morning breath. I figure I can serve it anytime I want guests to leave quickly.

Next comes the egg aisle. What's the difference between A and AA eggs? Did the hen take an IQ test? Do extra-large eggs come from extra-large chickens?

One carton says the eggs inside are "cage-free." I'm happy for the eggs... but what does this mean?

Why does an egg need a cage if it can't escape on foot? Well, I guess it could go on an egg roll.

Is the chicken who lays that egg also free? Do cage-free birds have outdoor access? Do they play sports, or do they chicken out?

My grocery visit also includes a search for morning multivitamins, formulated to help me function at peak efficiency. (For me, that means I can get through the day with only one nap.)

I also want a breakfast that combines coffee for quick energy, plus a cereal fortified with 30 or 40 healthful ingredients. I want strong bones and teeth, antioxidants to prevent disease, a healthy heart and lungs, and good blood pressure.

My goal is to live 130 years, so I plan to purify my lifestyle soon.

The last thing on my shopping list is toothpaste. I take my time on this aisle because last month I chose a tube the same color as my athlete's foot cream.

However, the toothpaste seemed to whiten my toenails. And on my last podiatrist visit, I had absolutely no cavities between my toes.

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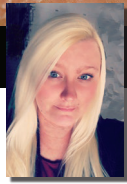
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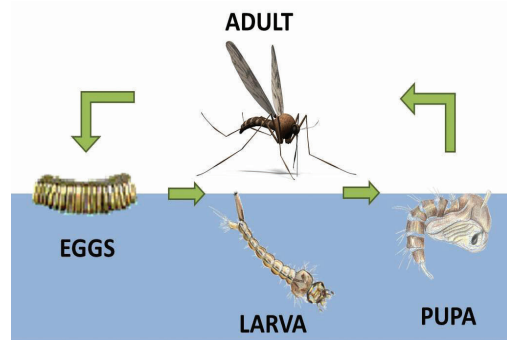
Informational Tips and Advice on Common Household Pests from Nicole Szymczak, President, ABC Home & Commercial Services



June is the perfect time to enjoy the great outdoors, but every year the same pests arrive to drive you and your family back indoors. Mosquitoes use many methods to locate us. They are attracted to the carbon dioxide humans and animals emit. They also use receptors and vision to pick up body heat, perspiration and skin odor to find a potential host. If you're outside at this time of year in Michigan, you know they will be relentless in searching out your blood as the perfect snack. There are more than 3,000 species of mosquitoes worldwide and more than 60 species are in Michigan.

An interesting bit of information is that male mosquitoes feed and survive on plant materials and nectar. This means that only females feed on blood because it is required for most of them to produce eggs. If they didn't bite us, they would not be able to reproduce. Mosquitoes can harbor and transmit several life-threatening diseases, such as West Nile Virus, St. Louis encephalitis, La Crosse encephalitis, eastern equine encephalitis (EEE), Zika and heartworm, to name a few. They can transmit these diseases to humans, pets, livestock and wildlife. It only takes one bite from an infected mosquito to spread the disease they are carrying.

Mosquitoes go through four stages of development: egg, larva, pupae and adult.



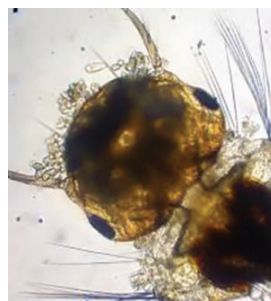
That means there are several types of products and treatments available, depending on what stage they are at in their life cycle. The earlier you stop the development of these blood suckers the better! It is best to target these pests in the larvae and pupae stages before they become free-flying insects.

Mosquito larvae are typically found in shallow, stagnant water, which makes standing water around

your yard an optimal breeding ground! Mosquito eggs must be in water to hatch, so they will lay their eggs either directly in water or in areas subject to flooding. Knowing this can help you reduce the risk of mosquitoes taking over your yard. Try to eliminate any standing water you can find, such as buckets or any type of container that collects water when it rains. Make sure you're pouring the water out if it collects, or angle the container so it can no longer collect water. Being proactive in this area can help you minimize mosquito activity.

Adult mosquitoes are most active during dawn and dusk. If you are out and about during these times, be sure to keep yourself protected. Wear long sleeves and long pants and some type of bug repellent. And don't forget about your pets! There are products on the market that will protect your pets from these pesky insects and the diseases they carry as well. Taking these simple precautions will save you a lot of suffering and distress.

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Mosquito larvae face close up

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**THE GRANDE,** Continued from Page 8  
channel dug in previous years. The view from the front of the club would remain unobstructed. Over the winter, the lodge had been repainted, inside and out. Sales of the memberships were brisk and nearing the 200 limit. Things were “grand” at the Grande!

For some unknown reason, on November 9, 1901, the Dickerson Group sold their interest in the Grande Pointe Hotel for \$35,000 to Dr. D.J. Kennedy of Detroit. Kennedy had plans for a \$20,000 addition expanding the hotel to 125 rooms. It included modern improvements such as an electric lighting plant, bowling alleys and several stylish bathrooms. And a Mr. J.L. Stone was set to be the new manager.

During the next few years, Kennedy completed the expansion; things proceeded well, and business was good. There were new and regular visitors registered at the hotel. Everyone enjoyed the comforts and grandeur of the hotel’s facilities and the scenes afforded by its waterfront location.

There was a long list of vacation activities to keep Mom, Dad, and the little ones occupied while simultaneously providing all with enjoyable family moments and fond memories. New friendships and new associations would be formed, some of which would continue well beyond the Grande.

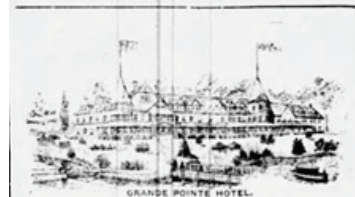
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Grande menu for July 4, 1902

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Grande Pointe Social Hop ad

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For further particulars address  
**HOTEL GRANDE POINTE,**  
Box 85, DETROIT, Mich.

Rooms were \$2.50 to \$3.00 per day or \$17.50 for a whole week! The ad to the left depicts the types of activities available. It mentions the elegant outside areas and features the Grande Pointe’s farm, which supplies fruits, vegetables, and dairy products. The \$3.00 room most likely included a private bath.

Suddenly and unfortunately, on June 3, 1909, the inconceivable occurred. The Grande Pointe Hotel burned to the ground. I remark it was inconceivable but not unusual. The wooden structures of the early 1900s were welcome venues for fire. There were few structural fire codes in place to help prevent such tragedies. Fire equipment was rudimentary and or non-existent. There were no flame suppression systems or fire-retardant building products. This and many other fire-related issues plagued the man versus-fire scenario back in the early 1900s.

It was reasoned that the fire was caused when workers were preparing the hotel for summer use. Some of these workers were burning swallows nests out of the hotel’s chimneys. It would have been possible that one of the embers from the burning nests fell onto the roof, which then caught on fire.

I wonder if they had a fire marshal at that time to investigate such occurrences.

Harsens Island’s wooden structures were particularly susceptible to fire. There was no fire department on the island and very little fire equipment or trained personnel. The island did not have instantaneous access to the mainland, which would have been

needed for more people to assist with these combustible events. The usual line of fire defense was a trained “bucket brigade”, a human chain of people passing buckets of water back and forth to douse the fire.

The Grande Pointe Hotel burned in 1909, the Rushmere, which I mentioned earlier, in 1908, the Marshland in 1929 and 1931, and the Old Club in 1926, and just recently in March 2023, six cottages there burned to the ground.

The island was also susceptible to marshland fires. In the fall and early winter, the marshland grasses would become dry and tinder-like and could be quickly set on fire by careless duck and muskrat hunters. Some of these grasses extended to the doors of cottages, so they became the fuse to ignite these homes. The usual means of fire suppression involved a broom and shovel.

It is for these reasons that it was illegal to fire marshland grasses.

With no tangible means of fighting fires, the big insurance companies of 1909 suspended the insurance for dwellings on Harsens Island and in the St. Clair Flats.

Dr. Kennedy was devastated by the loss of his hotel. He had put a great deal of time, money, and effort into making it one of the most magnificent hotels in the area.

There was chatter about Kennedy rebuilding the Grande Pointe Hotel, but his disappointment surrounding the loss and health issues would override such lofty ambitions.

The Grande would be no more, burned to ashes and buried like many of her beautiful sisters. However, if it is any conciliation, her memories from those glorious days remain with those of us still curious about the past while planning our way to the future! 🌱

*Editorial note: Derek Smith moved to Port Huron in 1987, from Sarnia, Ontario. You can read Derek's full bio and other articles he has written by visiting [bluewaterhealthyliving.com/author/dereksmith/](http://bluewaterhealthyliving.com/author/dereksmith/).*

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We are headed to Bosnia and Herzegovina this month upon the suggestion of *ThumbPrint News* reader, Walter Schirmacher from Troy, Michigan. You can read his message to us in the "Notes from Readers" section on page 26.

We discovered jabukovača, a traditional Bosnian apple pie recipe originating from the capital city of Sarajevo. It is made similar to baklava, but rolled instead of layered with the main ingredient being grated apples.



### Bosnia and Herzegovina Quick Facts

- Bosnia and Herzegovina is located on the Balkan Peninsula and gained independence from Yugoslavia in 1992.
- The country has been nicknamed the "Heart Shaped Land" due to its shape.
- Stari Most in Mostar is one of the country's most identifiable landmarks. It is a 16<sup>th</sup>-century Ottoman bridge that stood for 427 years, until it was ruined in 1993 during the war. The bridge was reconstructed and opened in 2004. (Seen in bottom left photo.)
- It has three official languages and three major religions: Bosnian, Croatian and Serbian and Muslim, Roman Catholic and Orthodox.
- 40% of the country is covered in forests, and it has the last remaining jungle in Europe at Perućica. Some of its trees are over 300 years old.
- The difference between a Bosnian and a Herzegovinian is upheld as a regional, not an ethnic distinction.
- The Sarajevo Sahat Tower is a historic timepiece which is said to be the only clock in the world that keeps lunar time. (Seen to the right.)
- The name Bosnia comes from the Indo-European word which means water as the country is full of waterfalls, rivers and lakes.



### INGREDIENTS

#### FOR THE PIE

- 3 lb sweet apples, grated
- 1 c walnuts, chopped (optional)
- ½ lemon, juiced
- 1 lemon, zested
- 10 tbsp butter, divided
- 2 tbsp sugar
- 2 tsp cinnamon
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 1 package phyllo dough

#### FOR THE SYRUP

- 1 ¼ c sugar
- ½ c (approx.) apple juice (squeezed from the grated apples)
- ½ c water
- ½ lemon, sliced



### THE INTERNET INSPIRATION

*Author's note: This one was tough to find a recipe in English for! After looking up many blog posts, watching some YouTube videos and using Google translate, I figured I wouldn't have too much*

*trouble with this Bosnian apple pie recipe. There were enough steps that I once again enlisted my sister's help. We found that it wasn't overly difficult since many of the steps needed cooling time allowing for each step to be accomplished individually instead of all at once.*

*During the first step after squeezing out the juice from the grated apples, my sister pointed out that the apple-filled towel looked almost like an anatomical heart. I had to get a photo since the country itself is also heart-shaped!*

*The only issue we ran into was that I accidentally bought puff pastry instead of phyllo dough so we had to adjust the assembly and cooking time. That being said, it still turned out amazing. It might not look as pretty as the phyllo dough, but it was just as delicious! Everyone who tried it agreed that it was a winner. Thank you to Walter for suggesting we visit Bosnia and Herzegovina for a dish to try!*



### DIRECTIONS

1. Peel and grate your apples. Add the lemon zest and the juice of ½ the lemon. Squeeze out about ½ cup of apple juice, reserve for the syrup.
2. Melt 2 tablespoons of butter in pot on med-high heat. Add the grated apples, sugar, cinnamon and vanilla and mix. Simmer for about 7-10 minutes. Let cool while you make the syrup.
3. Mix all the syrup ingredients in a saucepan and bring to a boil. Slice the remaining ½ of lemon and let cook on medium heat for about 15 minutes. Then let cool while you assemble the pie.
4. Stir the walnuts into the cooled apple mixture.
5. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Melt 1 stick of butter. Stack 3 phyllo sheets on top of each other, brushing each sheet with melted butter. Place about 3-4 tablespoons of the apple mixture on the long side of the dough and roll up. Continue like this until all of the filling is used.
6. Cut the rolls into 2-inch pieces before placing them into a buttered baking dish. (Cutting is not a must, but makes serving later easier and allows the syrup to soak into each piece.) Brush the tops of the rolled pieces with the remaining butter (about 3 tablespoons) and then bake in the middle of the oven for about 25-30 minutes, until golden.
7. Pour the syrup over the pie immediately when it comes out of the oven. Allow at least 3 hours for the syrup to absorb.

### MY PUFF PASTRY RESULTS



**We're still hoping to receive some international recipes from our readers! Recipes can be submitted to [thumbprintnews@comcast.net](mailto:thumbprintnews@comcast.net). We'll be sure to share these recipes in future editions so that we may all take a journey around the world through the recipes that are shared.**

# VOCABULARY VOYAGE

Compiled By Laura Irwin, ThumbPrint News Staff

An Exploration of Universally Relatable Words from Countries Across the Globe

**Bosanska Poslovica** **Bosnian Proverb**  
*Briga je zloupotreba mašte.*  
 Worry is an abuse of the imagination.

**daj ba** DIE·bă  
 Translates to “Oh, come on”, used when you are disbelieving of someone’s statements or actions.

**nide veze** NEE·Jă· VĚ· ză  
 Translates literally to “there is no connection” meaning “that makes no sense.”

**koji kralj** KŌH·JH·ee KR·ahl  
 These words, when used as slang translate to “what a king” which you would use when someone does something really cool or particularly well.

**nema frke** NAY·mä FR·kā  
 This phrase translates into “no freak”, meaning there is no panic or stop fussing. If someone starts complaining about your life, you can reply with “Nema Frke!” Other translations imply it to mean “No Problem” or “No Sweat.” This phrase has been made into a song.

**zdravo** z·Drov·o **zbogom** z·Bə·gõm  
 Hello. Goodbye.




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.

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## Native American Words of Wisdom


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**“Beware of the man who does not talk and the dog that does not bark.”**  
 -Cheyenne Proverb

Cheyenne tribal history indicates that sometime during the 17th century, they were driven from the Great Lakes region by a rival tribe, the Assiniboin people, and settled in what is now Minnesota. By the early 18th century, contact with Europeans had driven them further west into North and South Dakota.

Portrait of Cheyenne chief, Né-hee-ó-ee-wóo-tis, Wolf-on-the-Hill, by George Catlin, 1832. A band of Cheyenne visited Fort Pierre, South Dakota in 1832 where some were painted by Catlin during a westward expedition.



**Heads or Tails?** Coin tossing has been used to make decisions since ancient times. No need to worry about difficult choices, trust the universe and toss a coin in the air.

Coin tosses have been used as an unbiased, neutral way to solve disputes for centuries. You might think that if you flip a coin 100 times you will get an even number of heads and tails; not necessarily, the coin tends to fall towards the heavier side when flipped so 50/50 is not always the case but there are now websites that will do a virtual coin toss for you, no weight involved.

**Interesting Coin Tossing Info**

- The coin flip dates back to the Roman Empire where it was known as "Heads or Ships" which had Janus, the god of beginnings on one side and the prow of a galley ship on the other.
- Julius Caesar used coin tosses for important decisions.
- The term "heads or tails" was first used in the late 1600s, created by a man named Thoma Otway.
- In March of 1793, the U.S. Mint began circulating the first copper coins. Silver coins became available in 1794, followed by gold coins in 1795.
- American football adopted the coin toss in 1892.
- The most common coin toss question is "Should I quit my job?"
- It was a coin toss that enabled Wilbur Wright to be the first to fly instead of his brother Orville.
- In Oregon, the city name of Portland was chosen when two of the city's founders tossed a coin to see whose hometown they would name it after, either Francis Pettygrove's hometown of Portland, Maine, or Asa Lovejoy's Boston, Massachusetts.
- One more fun coin toss fact is the brand name Hewlett-Packard had a 50/50 chance of being Packard-Hewlett.



First circulated, copper coin minted in the U.S. in 1793; Lady Liberty with flying hair

**Things to do to celebrate this day include:** 1. flip a coin for every decision you make then 2. post on social media with the #flipacoin for some (for all) of the decisions you make during the 24 hours. 3. Have a coin flipping contest with friends and family with the person who flips the most coins in 50 seconds being proclaimed the winner.

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# The Tea Party

By Theresa Nielsen, *ThumbPrint News* Columnist

Once upon a time I attended a tea party, it was in my friend's backyard, and I was probably ten years old. It was fun. There were little peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, chocolate chip cookies and lemonade in paper cups. My friend's mom had decided to serve lemonade instead of tea, she thought perhaps we wouldn't drink the tea. I'm sure she was right.

At home, my parents only drank coffee so I never knew of tea. Many years later while visiting my grandma, she was drinking a cup of black tea. Even though it didn't sound appealing to me at all, Grandma let me taste it. I, of course, didn't care for it. She let me know she was sure I would enjoy a good cup of tea when I got older. She, of course, was right.

Now, years later, I prefer a nice cup of Earl Grey after dinner while I do some quilting. I now even have a favorite teapot I use; it has little flowers on it.

Experts say that teapots date back to around 1500AD China. The potters back then crafted small individual teapots with the handle and spout design that we are familiar with today. They used purple and red clay to make those teapots.



Many tea drinkers today have not only their favorite teapots and tea flavors but also a favorite teacup and saucer. I do remember my grandma had a few teapots on the shelf in her cozy little kitchen. There were also teacups with the matching saucers on a rack along with her collection of spoons. But she never used them.

Teapots are a symbol of friendship. Friends and acquaintances will gather together, tell stories and usually leave the party even better friends. I've attended many tea parties over the years with many friends, and my, what fun we always have.

At some parties, everyone was asked to bring along their favorite teacup and saucer, at others there were teapots on every table. Occasionally, I've been to parties that had place settings along with little tea sandwiches, lemon curd and scones. There is almost always a variety of tea flavors, tiny desserts and laughter. Lots of laughter, stories to share and catching up with old friends near and dear. And did I mention sometimes we'll have activities after enjoying the tea? My favorite is when we quilt!

I hope that everyone enjoys the festivities, admiring one another's cherished teapots and teacups as much as I do. I don't know why we wait so long to get together, but these parties are certainly days to remember. Now after my after-dinner cup,

I carefully wash my teacup and saucer and put my teapot back on the shelf; I'm headed to sit by the window with my needle and thread in hand. It's time to finish this quilt while enjoying a moment of solitude and dreaming of the next tea party I'll have with friends.



## outdoor fun

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**ACROSS**

- 1. Bryan of "Summer Of '69" fame
- 6. Lake in Provence
- 9. \_\_\_ \_\_\_ good example
- 13. Hypotenuse/opposite side
- 14. Fuss, to Shakespeare
- 15. Pine
- 16. Filthy dough
- 17. Marxism or Taoism, e.g.
- 18. Skylit lobbies
- 19. \*Outdoor repast
- 21. \*Two-wheeling
- 23. Agreement word
- 24. \*Climbing turf
- 25. "I wish I \_\_\_\_, I wish I might..."
- 28. Cracked by yegg
- 30. Cowardly color
- 35. Slightly (2 words)
- 37. Matterhorn location
- 39. Charles III's ex
- 40. She played Carla on "Cheers"
- 41. Nev.'s neighbor
- 43. Rotisserie skewer
- 44. Indianapolis team
- 46. Underwater "nose"
- 47. Color of a bruise
- 48. Trying experience
- 50. "The Breakfast \_\_\_"
- 52. p in mph

**DOWN**

- 53. Ranees husband
  - 55. \_\_\_ de plume
  - 57. \*Gather berries, e.g.
  - 60. \*Water slaloming
  - 63. Soft single in baseball
  - 64. \*Sun "kiss"
  - 66. Beau's and Jeff's acting dad
  - 68. Cut-down sailing sheep
  - 69. How many "if by sea?"
  - 70. Have effect
  - 71. Gibbons, e.g.
  - 72. Coniferous tree
  - 73. Rejuvenate or renovate
- DOWN**
- 1. Knee-related acronym
  - 2. Make pretty (2 words)
  - 3. Mushroom spore sacs
  - 4. Shawn Mendes' 2016 hit
  - 5. Parts of a play
  - 6. Secular
  - 7. Commercial break clips
  - 8. Fast food option
  - 9. Looking for aliens org.
  - 10. Get bacon?
  - 11. H.S. math class
  - 12. All Nippon Airways, acr.
  - 15. Rattled on
  - 20. Writer Asimov

**22. Like icee**

- 24. Not an original
- 25. \*Call to Polo
- 26. Opposite of adore
- 27. Triangular road sign
- 29. \*Capture it!
- 31. Speech defect
- 32. Drink like a cat (2 words)
- 33. Chilled (2 words)
- 34. \*Balloon filler
- 36. U.K. art gallery
- 38. Place for a house plant
- 42. Get an F
- 45. Serape, alt. sp.
- 49. Jet follower
- 51. Water-heating apparatus
- 54. Bulwark
- 56. Hundred Acre Wood creator
- 57. Wing motion
- 58. Exude
- 59. Fish eggs, pl.
- 60. Winter precipitation
- 61. Person, place or thing
- 62. Swirling vortex
- 63. \*Part of a bikini
- 65. Leave speechless
- 67. Morning condensation

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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

**June 6 – Burton**

**Flint Genealogical Society Meeting**, Burton Senior Center, 3410 S. Grand Traverse, 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly meeting! We are remembering the "70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Beecher Tornado" and are inviting the audience to speak and share remembrances of that fateful event. It was the most severe tornado of Michigan for many years. There is no charge and all who are interested in genealogy are welcome! For more information visit [flintgenealogy.org](http://flintgenealogy.org).

## LAPEER

**All Month Long  
All of Lapeer County**

**4-H New Adventures Day Camp Registration**, Camp Lael, 2062 Ferns Rd. *Camp is July 12-14.* Space is limited, so sign up early! This camp is for kids ages 5-12 who have completed K-6th grade by July 1. We'll have lots of activities! We're still accepting adults and teens (13 and up) to volunteer as counselors! For more information call Jean at (810) 667-0341.

**June 3 – Hadley**

**A Grand Old Day in Hadley!** Hadley Mill Museum, 3633 S. Hadley Rd., 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. This free event marks the Museum's opening for the 2023 season! Local residents will display their collections of vintage items, old cars, tractors and farm equipment. Visitors can explore the three floors of the Museum which are full of agricultural and domestic artifacts from Hadley Township's past. A 1929 Durant Sedan will be on display. At 4:00 PM a ceremony to properly retire worn American Flags will be held by American Legion Post #16. Bring your worn-out flags. For more information find the Hadley Township Historical Society on Facebook, at [HadleyTownship.org](http://HadleyTownship.org) or email [HadleyHistorical@gmail.com](mailto:HadleyHistorical@gmail.com).

## 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.

**June 2 & 16 – Memphis**

**Fried Chicken Dinner & Fried Cod/Chicken Tender Dinner**, Memphis American Legion Post 566, 34330 Bordman Rd., 3:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., for both eat in or pick up (if picking up, you'll need to call ahead and set up a pick-up time). Join us every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month for our Fried Chicken Dinner and every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month for our Fried Cod/Chicken Tender Dinner. Adult dinners are \$15 each and includes 9 oz. of fried chicken, fried cod or chicken tenders, five sides and a dessert! Children (ages 5-12) dinners are \$8 and include 6 oz. of fried chicken, fried cod or chicken tenders and smaller side portions. We guarantee you will not go hungry! We will be taking calls beginning at noon on dinner days. Call early for the best choices on desserts (which are limited!). For more information call and leave a message for Mary Beth at (810) 392-3237.

**June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30  
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 information call and leave a message for Mary Beth at (810) 392-3237.

**June 3 & 4 – Washington**  
**Barn Sale, Open House and Octagardener Plant Sale**, Octagon House Barn, 57500 Van Dyke, Barn Sale: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (no entry charge), Octagon House Open House: noon – 4:00 p.m. (\$5) and Octagardener Plant Sale (June 4th only): 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (no entry charge). Come by to see what items you might discover! On June 1 and 2, noon – 7:00 p.m., attendants will be available to collect your items to be sold at the Barn Sale, a fundraiser for the preservation of the Octagon House and property. For more information call (586) 781-0084 or email [info@octagonhouse.org](mailto:info@octagonhouse.org).

**June 4, 11 & 18  
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. June 4<sup>th</sup> is our Plant & Flower Day with our Annual Dahlia Challenge Kick-Off and June 18<sup>th</sup> is our Spring into Summer Day with FREE Market tote bags given to customers (both while supplies last). The market will run every Sunday from May 7<sup>th</sup> through October 29<sup>th</sup> (except on June 25 during the BayRama Festival). Our market accepts the Michigan Bridge Card (SNAP) and participates in Double Up Food Buck (DUFEB). For more information email [marketmanager@newbaltimorefarmersmarket.com](mailto:marketmanager@newbaltimorefarmersmarket.com) or text (586) 215-7484.

**June 6 – Richmond**

**Woman's Life Chapter 855 Meeting**, Lois Wagner Library, 35200 Division Rd., 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. We are a friendly group of women who enjoy doing charitable acts for those in need in the community. We are looking for new members to help us in our cause. We will be taking a summer vacation from meetings in both July and August. Join us again on September 13. For questions, please call (586) 872-3867.

**June 7, 14, 21 & 28 – 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 information call and leave a message for Mary Beth at (810) 392-3237.

**June 9 – Washington**

**Friends of Foster Kids Annual Charity Golf Classic**, Greystone Golf Club, 67500 Mound Rd., 7:30 a.m. Registration Putting Contest, 9:30 a.m. Shotgun start. Help us change a life... one child at a time! Join the Friends of Foster Kids for 18 holes, challenges and gaming holes! There will be a continental breakfast, hot dog on the turn, plated chicken & filet dinner with a 2-hour open bar after the golf charity raffle. Cost is \$150 per person. For more information call (586) 307-4438.

**June 10 & 11 – Chesterfield**  
**Lac Ste. Claire Habitants et Voyageurs de Detroit**, 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 this special event to promote learning about the Great Lakes Fur Trade Era showing skills, items, period clothing and accoutrements circa 1750s. Donations: adult \$1, family \$2. Food and drink will be available for purchase. We will also be presenting History Alive featuring a timeline events WWI and WWII and more! For more information on Lac Ste. Claire Habitants,

email Micki at [tustin777@yahoo.com](mailto:tustin777@yahoo.com). For more information on History Alive call Kathy at (586) 949-3810.

**June 15 – Washington  
New Baltimore**

**The Greater Washington Area Historical Society's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Outing**, Greystone Golf Club, 67500 Mound Rd., 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., golf starts at 9:30 a.m. Come out and play to help us replace the roof on the Washington Museum (a former school built in 1916). Tickets are \$125 for breakfast, golfing and dinner, or \$40 for just dinner. We'll also have prizes! For more information find us on Facebook, visit [washhistsoc.org](http://washhistsoc.org), email [washingtonmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:washingtonmuseum@gmail.com) or call 586-786-5304.

**June 16 – July 28 – Roseville**  
**Summer Reading Challenge 2023:**

**All Together Now**, Roseville Library, 29777 Gratiot Ave., kickoff at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, June 16. 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 information and a full list of library events, visit [rosevillelibrary.org/wordpress/programs-events](http://rosevillelibrary.org/wordpress/programs-events) or call (586) 445-5407.

**June 21 – Roseville**

**Zumba Fitness**, Roseville Library, 29777 Gratiot Ave., 6:30 p.m. Join us for this Latin rhythm-based exercise class that is a dynamic calorie-burning form of dance workout for people of all fitness levels and age groups. Program will be outdoors, weather permitting. No registration required. For more information and a full list of library events, visit [rosevillelibrary.org/wordpress/programs-events](http://rosevillelibrary.org/wordpress/programs-events) or call (586) 445-5407.

**June 24 – Clinton Twp.**

**June's Jazzy Jamboree Part II Pop-Up Shop presented by Estes Essentials**, The Legacy Loft, 34770 Groesbeck Hwy., 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Join us for shopping, music, food and fun! Vendor and craft opportunities available, for more information or to become a vendor, find EstesEssentials on Facebook and Instagram or contact Tia at (586) 745-0752.

**June 27 – Roseville**

**Michigan Beers: A Heady History**, Roseville Library, 29777 Gratiot Ave., 2:00 p.m. Join us in welcoming Patti F. Smith for a discussion on the history of Michigan beers. This program is part of our *Tuesdays With Roseville* series of fun and informative daytime programs for adults. No registration required. For more information and a full list of library events, visit [rosevillelibrary.org/wordpress/programs-events](http://rosevillelibrary.org/wordpress/programs-events) or call (586) 445-5407.



**June 29 – Roseville**

**African Dance**, Roseville Library, 29777 Gratiot Ave., 6:30 p.m. Come out and learn the history and get your feet in on the action of African dance! No registration required. For more information 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. The Museum invites visitors to once again experience the artist-designed miniature 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 information visit [cranbrookartmuseum.org/mini-golf](http://cranbrookartmuseum.org/mini-golf).

**June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30  
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 information call (248) 628-9081.

**June 16 – Royal Oak**

**“The Journey Never Ends” Opening Reception**, The Royal Oak Historical Museum, 1411 W. Webster, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. This solo exhibit featuring a collection of sculpture and paintings by local artist and museum curator, Johanna Schurrer. This exhibit will be open until Saturday, July 1. Light refreshments will be served at this reception. For more information email [curator@royaloakhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:curator@royaloakhistoricalsociety.org) or call (248) 439-1501.

**ST. CLAIR****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/](http://paypal.com/)

[paypalme/sccmitreasurer](http://paypalme/sccmitreasurer). For more information or to schedule a donation pick-up, call (810) 987-4903.

**June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29  
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. or more information on Blankets with Care visit [blanketswithcare.com](http://blanketswithcare.com) or call (586) 219-5015.

**June 2 – 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 information call (810) 367-6351.

**June 3 – Marysville**

**Annual River Run**, Marysville Park Community Center, 867 E. Huron Blvd., registration opens at 6:30 a.m., the 1-mile Fun Run begins at 7:45 a.m., the 10K and 5K races will start at 8:15 a.m., the 3-mile walk will begin at 8:20 a.m. and the awards presentation will be at 9:15 a.m. This event is hosted by the VNA & Blue Water Hospice. Funds raised benefit charity care at the agency, ensuring all patients receive care, regardless of their financial standing. 10K, 5K and 3-mile races cost \$40 for adults and \$30 for children 13 and under. The 1-mile Fun Run costs \$15. Register online at [vnabwh.org/river-run](http://vnabwh.org/river-run) or by calling (810) 984-4131.

**June 3 – Goodells**

**Celebrate Your Child – StoryWalk Installation Ribbon-Cutting**, Pine River Nature Center, 2585 Castor Rd., 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., the ribbon cutting will be at 10:00 a.m. Join St. Clair County RESA as they unveil their newest StoryWalk installation featuring free-standing panels holding pages from a children’s book along the path. The first book is *There’s a Hole in the Log on the Bottom of the Lake* by Loren Long. This even is free for families of children ages 0-5. There will be activities, games, a scavenger hunt and more! For more information call (810) 455-4397.

**June 3 – Port Huron**

**The Sturgeon Cruise at the Friends of the St. Clair River’s 10<sup>th</sup> Annual 2023 Sturgeon Fest**, Huron Lady dock, 102 Huron Ave., cruise tickets are available at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., the Fest is located at Fort Gratiot Light Station Park, 2802 Omar St., from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The Cruise is \$35 per person and is 1½ hours aboard the Huron Lady on the St. Clair River and Lake Huron to

interact with biologists catching, tagging, measuring and releasing lake sturgeon. Visitors to the Fest will experience a live sturgeon touch tank, stage entertainment, hands-on activities, baby sturgeon hand-release, Native American drum ceremonies, food, music and more! Fest admission is free. For more information visit [SturgeonFestival.com](http://SturgeonFestival.com).

**June 6 – 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. Everyone is welcome, and we’re always looking for new members. We would also like to thank everyone who helped with our Care Bag Movement in April and the Algonac High School National Honor Society Color Run to help fight cancer in May. For more information contact Paula at [paulaburgess@comcast.net](mailto:paulaburgess@comcast.net), (810) 278-4466 or (810) 794-9641.

**June 7 – Fort Gratiot**

**St. Clair Kennel Club General Meeting**, NEW LOCATION: 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 information visit our website [stclairkc.org](http://stclairkc.org) or email [stclairkennelclub@gmail.com](mailto:stclairkennelclub@gmail.com).

**June 7 – Port Huron**

**The St. Clair County Retirees’ Association Meeting**, Council on Aging Senior Center, third floor, 600 Grand River Ave., doors open at 11:30 a.m., lunch is served at noon. Join us in welcoming this month’s speaker, Dennis DeLor, Jr., Director of St. Clair County Parks and Recreation. Cost is \$5. For more information email [sccra917@gmail.com](mailto:sccra917@gmail.com).

**June 7, 14, 21 & 28  
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 information call (810) 364-6800.

**June 7, 14, 21 & 28  
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 information call (810) 966-3755.

**June 13 – Memphis**

**Bee Prepared for Bees!** Memphis Library, 34830 Potter St., 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Join us as Mrs. Karyl explains all things bees! After the presentation, you will plant your own bee-friendly flower to take home. For

ages 6-11 with adult supervision. For more information or a full list of library events, visit [stclaircountylibrary.org/events](http://stclaircountylibrary.org/events) and select your local library or call (810) 392-2980.

**June 14 – Port Huron**

**Blue Water Doll Club Meeting**, Council on Aging/Senior Center, 600 Grand River Ave., 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Join us as our members meet the second Wednesday of each month to discuss doll history, maintenance and to display dolls based on that month’s theme. June will feature a sale of doll-related items. Everyone is invited to stop by to purchase or just to look. Visitors and new members are welcome! For more information contact Linda at (810) 765-4663.

**June 16 – Port Huron**

**Black History 101 Mobile Museum**, Don Lodge Auditorium behind the Main Library Branch, 200 Grand River Ave., 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Come check out this national award-winning traveling exhibit that educates and informs about the rich and diverse history of African Americans. The museum’s founder, Dr. Khalid el-Hakim, will be giving a presentation at 1:00 p.m. For more information 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.

**June 17 – Algonac**

**Boat4Vets 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Lake St. Clair Outing**, Algonac VFW Hall, 1005 Pointe Tremble Rd., 10:00 a.m., with boat rides from The Algonac Harbour Club, 1999 Pointe Tremble Rd., 10:00 a.m. RSVP by June 2. This is free to all veterans and their spouse or caretaker! For more information call Forrest at (810) 512-4660 or email [walker00@comcast.net](mailto:walker00@comcast.net).

**June 18 – 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 information call (810) 982-5044.

**June 19 – Port Huron**

**Port Huron Elks Lodge #343’s 51<sup>st</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. For more information call (810) 982-8531 or email [elks343@comcast.net](mailto:elks343@comcast.net).

### June 22 – St. Clair

#### St. Clair County Genealogy & History Society Annual Meeting,

St. Clair Historical Museum, 308 S. Fourth St., 6:00 p.m. Join the St. Clair County Genealogy & History Society for their annual meeting with the topic "Bluewater Prohibition – Stories of Beer, Booze and Bootlegging on the St. Clair River" presented by Robert Freehan. \$5 donation suggested for non-members. For more information visit [sccghs.org](http://sccghs.org) or find us on Facebook.

## SANILAC

June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30  
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. On June 30<sup>th</sup> there will also be an event at the Museum with a petting zoo and fun activities for families! For more information or questions email [sanilacfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:sanilacfarmersmarket@gmail.com).

### June 3 – 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 information or questions visit [sanilaccountymuseum.org](http://sanilaccountymuseum.org), follow on Facebook or call (810) 622-9946.

### June 17 – Port Sanilac

#### Rockin' the '70s Music Festival,

Sanilac County Historic Village & Museum, 228 South Ridge St. (M25), noon – 6:00 p.m. Join us for the hippest music festival in the Thumb! We'll have four different outdoor performance areas, plus a vintage car show, arts & crafts vendors, craft beer and great eats from Kelly Joy's Smokehouse. Bring a lawn chair, but no coolers. Tickets \$15 at the gate, kids and students through high school are \$5 and 5 years old and under are free. For more information or questions follow on Facebook, call (810) 622-9946 or visit [sanilaccountymuseum.org](http://sanilaccountymuseum.org).

## NOTES FROM OUR READERS

My name is Walter from the Troy Historical Society. I just wanted to let you know I really appreciated the Bataan Death March article by David Gillis in your April 2023 issue. I knew someone who had a relative that survived Bataan, and as a WWII buff myself, I agree that everyone should know that story.

I also enjoyed the article on American Sign Language and the monthly Traveling Tastebuds. I met a kind woman awhile back from Bosnia, so I would love to see you find and feature a recipe from there.

Walter S., Troy, MI

Loved the baseball article by Bob Jones in your May 2023 issue.

It brought back so many great memories of my father who played his high school championship at Tiger Stadium. Baseball is America's game, it starts with tee ball and just keeps going.

Loved when my Dad came to watch me play.

You can stop at any field and not know a single player but yet it is an enjoyable game to watch.

Dale R., Macomb, MI

Thank you!! I really enjoy reading your publication!!

Diane K., Macomb, MI – TPN Subscriber

Dear Patricia:

The picture with your article caught my eye. As I read the words, I was nodding my head in agreement! I, too, have never had the need, urge, want to reproduce and have spent my entire adult life explaining why to friends, and maybe some nosy not friends. My most favorite aunt asked me one time, I think I was in my middle 20s, why I wasn't having kids for my mom. I said, well if mom wants another kid ( she has 5 of us already) she can have one herself. My sister is the same, no kids for her and it's because she is NMT-BAM, too.

Thank you for your article. Sister and I are going out today to celebrate our NMT- BAM Day and we will raise a glass in your honor.

Wishing you a Happy NMT- BAM Day!

Nancy F., Otisville, MI

Hi Nancy!!!

Oh my! Your note took my breath away!! A toast in my honor...overwhelming!

I am proud to have given a public voice to this unique decision. I am hopeful that those who do not understand the decision not to have children will gain a better understanding of how we feel. A clearer understanding of how others feel in all cases can only help move our society to a calmer place...tiny step by tiny step.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read my column and to respond to me....it's very, very meaningful to me.

For now, I'm sending a big "Happy NMT-BAM Day" to you and your sister!! I'm certain those wishes are well earned.

Best,

Pat Cosner Kubic


Thank you, Walter, Dale, Diane and Nancy for your kind words! We love hearing that readers are enjoying the articles we include. We also want to thank all of our wonderful authors for providing such amazing articles!

We hope you all continue reading and loving our paper.

Thank you again so much,

ThumbPrint News Staff

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