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HOLY TOLEDO! The Continuing War Between Ohio and Michigan

By Alan Naldrett
ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

Some say the war between Michigan and Ohio never ended. These are mostly the inveterate football fans that look forward to "The Big Game" between the University of Michigan and Ohio State every year. Ironically, there has been much more bloodshed and physical damage as a result of this annual Big Ten Conference football game than there ever was in the actual skirmish that history books have dubbed "The Toledo War."

Now, Toledo is not what one thinks of as a hotbed of dissent – it is the fifth largest

city in the state of Ohio and, without doubt, has many fine attributes. Among these are an excellent art museum, aquarium, and the Toledo Mud Hens, the minor league team for the Detroit Tigers. Jamie Farr, famous Section 8 discharge hopeful, and sometime transvestite army corporal from the TV show M.A.S.H., is a native and holds a self-named golf tournament each year.

Of course, the number one state sporting event is not the Toledo golf tournament but "The Game." This is the game touted in a survey by ESPN as the number one sports



rivalry in the United States, the Ohio State vs. Michigan football game. The first time these teams met was in 1897, and some say the Michiganders were driven by vengeance for the losses of the Toledo War, at least the Michigan portion who felt the Upper Peninsula was not a good trade for Toledo. The Michigan team was victorious in all the ensuing games until 1919, when Ohio State

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Spotlight on a Small Town – Kinde

By Ralph McKinch
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Kinde, Michigan is a small village in the center of Huron County with a population of around 500. Many people outside of Huron County have probably never even heard of Kinde. Today, the Wiley Coyote Water Slide and entertainment complex at 311 Main Street is probably the most notable business. If you are driving through Kinde on your way to Caseville or Port Austin and you blink, you just might miss it. The village, according to the United States Census Bureau, has a total area of one square mile. Yet, at one time it was known as "The Bean Capital of the World."

Back in the early 1880s, businessman and entrepreneur, John Kinde, for whom the town was

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Morden Street in downtown Kinde around the turn of the century included Weber Wagons (building on left) and Storbeck's Millinery (building on right) boasting Mrs. Wm. Storbeck as dress maker.

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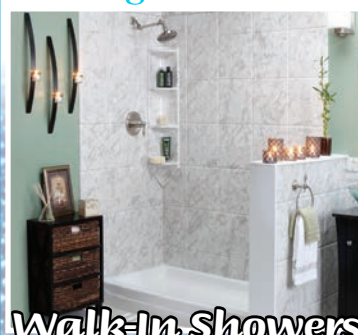
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

September 11, 2011 marks the ten year anniversary of the United States' greatest tragedy since the Civil War, the terrorist attacks in New York City, New York, the Pentagon in Arlington County, Virginia and in a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Documentaries will abound on all major television news stations, daily newspapers will commemorate the day, remembrance activities are planned not only in the locations of the attacks, but nationwide for that day. Schools and churches will be reflecting on the impact of that day. For most Americans everywhere, and certainly countless thousands of persons in other countries around the world, the ten year anniversary will be a time to solemnly meditate and to demonstrate the love for not only the innocent lives that were lost that day but also for those brave souls who sacrificed their lives in their attempts to save or rescue others.

September 11, 2001 is "a date that will live in infamy." Although the words within the quotations were spoken by Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States at the time of the Emperor of Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, September 11 also is a date that has attained that status.

If you were to ask the few people old enough today to remember the attack on Pearl Harbor, I am sure they could tell you exactly where they were, what they were doing at the time and what their reaction was. Another date for those of the next generation that became "a date that will live in infamy" was November 22, 1963, when

John F. Kennedy, President of the United States at that time, was shot by a sniper in Dallas, Texas. As I was thinking about "dates that live in infamy," I realized that all three above mentioned days impacted my life and were ones I will never forget.

The attack on Pearl Harbor was 11 years before I was born. However, my birthday being December 6, my father, who had served in the United States Navy at Pearl Harbor during World War II, was constantly reminding me that I was born a day before the attack on Pearl Harbor. When I started learning about World War II in history classes in middle school and high school, I never had to worry about knowing what the date for the attack on Pearl Harbor was on a test!

The second event, the 1963 shooting of President Kennedy, was more traumatic to me personally. At that time I was ten years old, going on eleven, and was still in elementary school – the fifth grade – at Sugnet Elementary School in Midland, Michigan. In the early afternoon on November 22, our class was in the middle of a geography lesson when the principal came to the classroom door and asked our teacher, Mrs. Allen, to step out into the hallway. A few minutes later, when she returned, she looked visibly upset. However, she didn't indicate to the class what was wrong. Those days, kids weren't quite as bold or outspoken as they are today, so no one asked her what was wrong.

Mrs. Allen announced that school was over for the day and we would be going



home (even though we officially had a couple of more hours left). Of course, that brought cheers from several students who, at that time didn't realize the reason behind the announcement and only had thoughts of a longer time to play hide-and-seek outside with the neighborhood children before dark.

All of the students at Sugnet School at that time either walked to school or, if they were one of the few lucky ones, were driven to school. There were no school buses. I walked. Not only did I walk $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile to school in the morning and home again at night, we also couldn't eat lunch at school, so we walked home and back mid-day for a lunch prepared by our mothers, who were in the majority as stay-at-home moms. It didn't matter whether it was raining or close to a blizzard, we got our exercise every day. (I must admit I was in a lot better shape back then!)

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Uncle Burch and The Cottage

By Liz Grove

ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

Mom's dear friend and former landlady from her single days was "Aunt Alma," a refined and gracious divorcee raising two teenage daughters alone. "Uncle Burch" was the owner of the home in which Alma, Jean and Dot lived. As time went on, the relationship between Alma and Burch blossomed from that of landlord/tenant to romance and marriage. I remember Uncle Burch as a gregarious, fun loving, endless fountain of information. Uncle Burch could converse knowledgeably on any given subject and was a self-made poet and historian. He was not a tall man – I would judge him to be between 5'6" and 5'7½" with a barrel-chested, bandy-legged stockiness. He had a distinctive Celtic nose and one eye that was slightly walleyed, and those eyes twinkled with good humor often. Uncle Burch was born and reared in Cardiff, Wales, and came to the United States as a young man to make a life for himself. An unhappy, childless first marriage left him bitter against women and he remained single for quite a few years before he and Alma wed.

Out of this unfortunate first union came one good and all-consuming passion for Uncle Burch: "The Cottage." He and the first wife had purchased property on



In this photo, taken in the early 1950s, is the author's brother Boydie Grove (in the water), story's author Liz (seated in boat) with her cousin Carolyn on her lap, and brother Billy Grove at back of boat.

Harsens Island, Michigan, which is located about fifty miles northeast of Detroit.

My first recollection of The Cottage is as a child of nine or ten. The drive was much longer then, before the advent of freeways or widened highways, but the distance made the anticipation even more exciting and I remember the many canals we passed and the huge lighthouse north of New Baltimore. Herons on one leg were like sentinels standing at attention while mother ducks gracefully glided along, ducklings following in obedient formation, through the rushes and water lilies. For a nine year-old, the ferryboat ride was a big deal. On a windy day, the St. Clair River would be choppy and at times, huge waves would rock the ferry and sweep over the cars, conjuring up in my childish fancy the deliciously terrifying prospect of being washed overboard, car and all. With his captain's hat, red face, and perpetual cigar, Mr. Champion guided the ferry while his son collected tickets on the voyage.

Much of the island at that time was undeveloped and there were wide expanses of swamp-like land with high grass and weeds, an abundance of wildlife, including robust, hungry mosquitoes. As Dad drove our old DeSoto around the North Channel Drive to The Cottage, it was like coming upon a witches' haunt. High, foreboding weeds covered the property – weeds as high as a man on horseback. We were greeted by a black tarpapered "house of seven gables" (but with fewer gables). The whole effect was that of a haunted house and we children (my two younger brothers and I) were enchanted right from the beginning. It was a child's paradise. A canal ran along one side of The Cottage and up the road at the property line was a bridge across and under which a kid could climb or take a rowboat, sit out a thunderstorm or stand on and fish – all of which we did many times over the ensuing years. The canal banks were loaded with a profusion of small frogs and we spent hours in the water capturing and later



Uncle Morris and Shaggums napping in Uncle Burch's hammock with the North Channel in the background.

releasing the longsuffering creatures. I remember one time we tracked down a basso croaker who turned out to be the biggest bullfrog I've ever seen. To hold him took both of my hands. Ugh! (I was braver in those days).

One would think with such an idyllic location that one would want to make things as presentable as possible. Uncle Burch's reasoning was that if he did finish the outside of the house and cut down the weeds, Uncle Sam would strap him with higher taxes. Eccentric as he was, Uncle Burch's full time occupation at The Cottage was to rip things apart and rearrange them in another part of the house, much like the Indian who tried to make his blanket longer by cutting off one end and sewing it to the other end! There was an unbelievable confusion of clutter and disarray. Gone to their final reward, there was an abundance of dried flies everywhere – on windowsills, in corners, all over the floors, countertops, along with spiders and their webs and various other crawly creatures. Consequently, our family did not lack for productive occupation

along with our swimming, boating and fun. There were old sinks, toilets, disemboveled plumbing, antique furniture, muddy pails, hoes, wheelbarrows, shovels, spades, lengths of hose, nails and hammers, all piled in studied confusion. Picture if you will a killer tornado touching down in sequence on the greenhouse of a Frank's Nursery and then an Ace Hardware Store, dumping its take in one location, followed by a visit from Attila the Hun and his raping, pillaging hordes, and you should get the general idea of the condition of the place, only without the blood.

To get from one part of the house to the other required all of the athletic prowess and homing instinct one possessed and the bathroom was straight out of *How to Live Like a Bohemian and Like It*. There was a curtain strung across the door which was one's only protection from the boiler room and back door entrance. It gave an added thrill to sit on the throne with the anticipation that someone could at any time breeze in with an overflowing bladder. If one could make

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By Lee-Perry Belleau

Executive Director, Studio 1219

Studio 1219 is proud to present "More Than Mud." This art show – anchored by three popular, professional artists – features art in multi-media, intarsia, paintings, ceramics and pottery, and more!

"More Than Mud" runs from now through October 2nd.

The featured artists are:

Jason Stier

An active artist, art educator, and art advocate from St. Clair, his explorations through art capture unique experiences of travel, adventure, the familiar and unfamiliar. Through the cross-pollination of clay, paint, and even found objects, each piece becomes a slice of life enhanced with unique color, perspective, and choice of media.

Deborah J. Bassett-Maxwell

Her new "Loft Art" series in this show captures textures and layers that resemble the noise of our lives. This popular Smith's Creek artist says, "The process of pottery requires that one maintains an open mind and sense of humor." Some of the industrial pieces have been fired four to six times!

• John Henry

This Port Huron artist shows his new work generates many distinctive directions. In the ceramic area, there is both low and high reliefs in the form of hand-painted tiles and

plaques using luster glazes. In wood, he has chosen hand-painted intarsia wood reliefs and small wooden laminated sculptures.

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A Fall Plant to Know: Kale

By Louise Allen

ThumbPrint News Staff Writer

Kale is a leafy green vegetable that is most readily found in Michigan farm markets in the fall, when the colder temperatures help to make the leaves taste sweeter. In supermarkets, it is available year round. It tops the lists of healthy food and is a powerhouse of nutrients, including being an excellent source of vitamin C, beta carotene, chlorophyll and manganese. It also has smaller amounts of iron, calcium and potassium. Kale also has an alkalizing effect on the body.

Kale leaves or “greens”, depending on the variety, may have curly or smooth edges. They are broad and may be blue-green, gray-green or even have white or pink markings. Kale is a member of the Brassica family. Other members of this vegetable group include collard greens, cabbage and brussel sprouts. Kale is an easy vegetable to grow in Michigan. Most varieties mature in about two months. Because the leaves are best harvested after the weather turns cool in the fall, time the plantings to mature in late September to late October. Frost will help rather than harm kale. Most varieties have about a 12 to 36 inch spread and grow from 12 to 24 inches in height. Many are quite ornamental and are grown simply to give color to the fall gardens. The leaves are most tender if picked before they are completely mature. You can harvest the older leaves on the outside and allow the center of the plant to continue producing.

Kale likes to grow in rich soil, high in organic matter and soil that is slightly acidic. High nitrogen fertilizer will help the foliage. Kale can be directly seeded into the garden or can be started indoors and set outside later. Adequate moisture will help keep the leaves tender and sweet. Being a member of the cabbage family, kale can be susceptible to cabbage loopers, cabbageworm, cutworms and flea beetles and to the diseases of black rot and club root. Mulching kale plants will help to keep the ground cool, which helps to keep the greens from becoming bitter.

Some of the suggested varieties to grow include:

- Vates – very weather tolerant to both heat and cold and quite tasty



Ornamental Kale adds color to the fall garden.

- Hanover Salad – a fast grower and early producer – nice for fresh use.
- Lacinato – an heirloom kale from Tuscany, with thin leaves. Can even be harvested after a snowfall.

The healthy benefits of eating kale are often overlooked because many persons just aren't sure how to prepare kale. Kale is much tougher than other leafy greens, such as Swiss chard, collard greens or spinach. However, it can be used in many ways as a nutritious part of a meal.

Those who enjoy juicing veggies for a healthy drink should consider adding kale to the juicer. However, for those who don't have a juicer, here are some great recipes that make use of kale:

Raw Kale Salad

Ingredients:

- 1 bunch of kale
- ½ teaspoon of sea salt
- Fresh squeezed juice of two lemons
- 1 teaspoon of olive oil
- 1 teaspoon of balsamic vinegar
- A pinch of cayenne pepper

Directions:

1. Rip leaves of the kale apart into a large bowl and remove stem.
2. Add the lemon juice and sea salt.
3. Thoroughly mix by hand or with a spatula for 20 minutes.
4. Add the cayenne, oil and balsamic vinegar.

It is important to make this at least six hours before serving to allow the ingredients to properly mellow. If you make it the night before it is even better.

Corn and Kale Casserole

Ingredients:

- 4 ears of corn
- 2 cups of vegetable or chicken stock
- A dash of salt and pepper
- 1 pound of trimmed kale
- 2 tablespoons of butter or oil

Directions:

1. Shuck the corn, using a fork or knife, scrape the kernels off the cobs. You do not have to get off every last bit.
2. Cut the cobs into chunks and simmer in the stock for about 10 minutes. Strain out the cobs but save the stock.
3. Season the stock to taste.
4. Chop the kale coarsely, add it to the stock; cover and simmer for about 10-15 minutes more, until the kale is tender, but not mushy.
5. Add the corn kernels and simmer another minute or two, just to heat through.
6. Add the butter or oil, stir it in, and serve.

Smoked Sausage, Kale and Potato Soup

Ingredients:

- 4 ounces smoked fully cooked sausage such as kielbasa, sliced into rounds
- 2¾ cups canned low-salt chicken broth



- ¾ pound small red-skinned potatoes, thinly sliced
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 5 cups thinly sliced trimmed kale leaves
- ¼ teaspoon caraway seeds, lightly crushed

Directions:

Sauté sausage slices in heavy medium saucepan over medium-high heat until

beginning to brown, about 3 minutes. Add chicken broth, sliced potatoes and white wine and bring mixture



to boil. Reduce heat to medium, cover and simmer until potatoes are almost tender, about 10 minutes. Add kale and caraway seeds to soup. Simmer soup uncovered until potatoes and kale are very tender, about 10 minutes longer. Season soup to taste with salt and pepper. Ladle soup into bowls and serve immediately with crusty wedges of a hearty bread. 🍴



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The History of the Algonac Waterfront

By Joe Nugent

Algonac/Clay Historical Society

Both residents and visitors of Algonac, Michigan, enjoy the peaceful waterfront park with its boardwalk, statues, and tree-lined grassy areas to enjoy the gorgeous views of the blue waters of the St. Clair River. There is a lot of history to this area of Algonac that may not be known to all who walk here.

Let's begin with the park at the north end. This was the original site of the residence of Gar Wood, the famous boat builder. The property included his home, a swimming pool, a boathouse and the launch for his hydroplane.

Later, Wood's home was used as the Algonac City Hall. The former swimming pool was filled in and covered with a cement slab so it could be used as a band stand for concerts on the river front. Eventually, the home was torn down.

Gar Wood's boat house was destroyed by an ice flow, and the ramp for the hydroplane was turned into the present day boat launch. The tall flagpole is all that is left of Gar Wood's estate.

Moving south, the Algonac/Clay Historical Society Museum is the next building you come to. Charles H. Beers built this Greek Revival home around 1849. Dr. Thomas Stringer located his office and home here from 1894 to 1913. In 1914, it became the home and office of Dr. Walter Bostwick. In 1943, after his death, his widow, Cordelia, lived in the home till her death in 1948.



Algonac/Clay Historical Society Museum

In 1949, the Clay Township Library moved into the main part of the building. The Township offices were in the north wing. When the Clay Township offices were moved to their current location on Pointe Tremble Road in Clay Township, the library was renovated and the library made use of the entire building.

On July 31, 1991, the City of Algonac dedicated to the City, in memory of June Crocker, the gazebo on the north side of this building. June Crocker served on the City Council from 1972 to 1989 and was Mayor of Algonac from 1978 to 1982.

As the library acquired more materials, additional space was needed, so the City and Township collaborated and found the library a new home – a building that housed the former Hemenger Hardware Store. The City of Algonac and the Township of



Crowd gathers at the U.S. Customs office in Algonac in 1926 as agents destroy beer that was confiscated.

Clay together leased the former Charles H. Beers' home to The Algonac/Clay Township Historical Society for a museum, which opened May 26, 1997.

On Sept. 12, 1999 the Historical Society dedicated the Helen Kane/Milford 'Curt' Jackson Memorial Gardens on the south side of the Museum.

On April 3rd, 2007, the Algonac City Council dedicated the area bordered by the St. Clair River on the east, M-29 on the west, Fruit Street on the south and Mill Street on the north as Heritage Square. In the square, you'll find the town clock (erected in memory of Donald Dodge for more than 40 years of community service) and the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument. Originally erected at the corner of Smith and Washington Streets in 1905, and unveiled on the 4th of July in 1907, the members of the VFW moved the monument into the city park in May, 1960.

The most recent addition to Heritage Square is just south of the Memorial Gardens. Connected by a walkway is a monument called "Legends of Algonac," which honors Christopher Smith and Garfield Wood. This monument is located on the original site of the first Chris Craft plant. It is now surrounded by flowers and natural grasses moving in the breezes by the river that helped to make Smith and Wood famous (or did they help to make this section of the river famous?).

U.S. Customs has been located at the end of Fruit Street since the founding of the Village of Algonac. Groups have attempted to have it moved and some even petitioned to have it shut down, however the Indian 1st Nation on Walpole Island contacted the White House in Washington D.C. because it was the entry point to their Nation. The result was that orders were given that it could not be moved or shut down. (The same scenario held true for the Marine City

Ferry service). A new building for the U.S. Customs crossing was built in 2007.

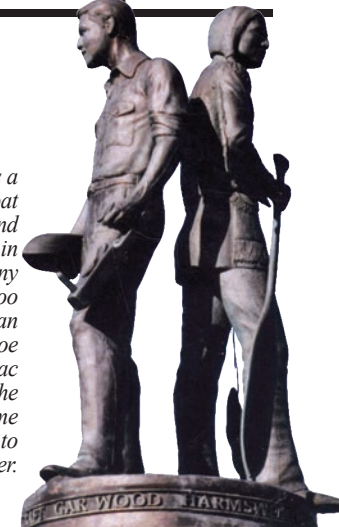
Continuing south in the park is the dock built for the U.S. Coast Guard Cutters to help improve response time during ice jams in the St. Clair River.

Next comes the historical marker proclaiming Algonac the "Water Speed Capital." This marker was dedicated on November 22, 1981. Almost right behind this marker is the monument focusing on



In Northern Waters sculpture

Chris Craft was a world class boat builder; born and headquartered in Algonac for many years. Tashmoo was an Indian trader and canoe builder in Algonac long before the motor boat became a preferred way to travel the water.



the unique history of Algonac. It shows a boat builder and an Indian, both of whom lived in the area for many moons.

Last but not least at the southern tip of the river front park is the sculpture "In Northern Waters." Some insist the abstract art form is an anchor. Others say it is a sailboat, a boat paddle, a surfboard, or even a fish hook. Regardless of the meaning individuals read into the piece, it has been a great conversation item ever since its dedication on August 29, 1982.

Plans are currently in the works for one more monument to be added to the park – the First Responders' Monument. This will be placed between the Don Dodge Memorial Clock and the Sailors' and Soldiers' Monument. It will stand about five feet tall and two feet square, with paver bricks to match the other monument. It will be dedicated to the police, firemen and all those who risk their lives responding to fires, accidents and emergencies. It will look like a small Washington Monument. 🇺🇸

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

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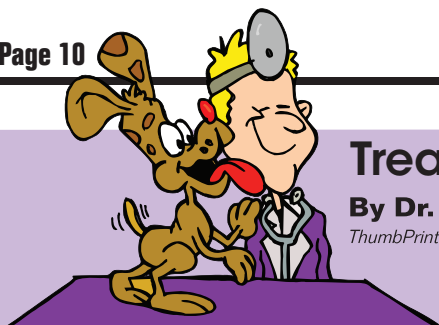
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Treating Separation Anxiety in Dogs

By Dr. DiBenedetto

ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

As I discussed in last month's article, treating separation anxiety in dogs is very complex. It takes time and patience. It is very important to work with your veterinarian to develop a behavioral modification program that fits both you and your pet's needs. In more severe cases, a board certified behaviorist may be needed to assist with this process and to determine if medical therapy is also needed.

A simple behavioral modification program starts with little changes like increasing your dog's exercise. Some young dogs can require 20-60 minutes of running per day to tire them out. Mental exercises, like training, exploring outside and social interaction with other dogs also have a big impact on improving behavior. A tired pet is less likely to be anxious. A full pet is more likely to be sleepy. Make sure your dog has ample time to eat and go outside before your departure. Stuffing a Kong toy with food or treats, giving him a treat ball to play with or hiding chewy treats throughout the house for him to find can occupy his time so he does not think

about being stressed during your absence. In some dogs placing them in a crate can make them feel comfortable and secure. However some dogs are more anxious when confined. Those dogs would do better going to a doggie day care or having a pet sitter come in, while you are training your dog to adjust to be home alone.

The next steps to a behavioral modification program involve desensitizing your dog to your getting-ready-to-leave cues, making your departures and arrivals low-key and boring and eliminating attention on demand. Desensitizing involves repeating your leaving routine sequence step by step until your dog no longer becomes anxious from any of the steps. This can help to eliminate the triggers for your dog's anxiety. Next you want to start walking out your door and immediately walking back in before your dog has time to be anxious. Each of these steps may need to be done for several days to weeks before your pet no longer responds to them. Each time you re-enter it reassures your dog that you walking out the door is no big deal. Once this has been accomplished you can start to increase the time you are out of his site. During all of this you need to down play any excitement or emotion in saying goodbye or

returning home. Once you are able to come back in the house with little to no excitement is when you praise and reward your dog with attention. This puts you in charge and tells your dog you have control and he has no need to be nervous or worried.

This is just a brief overview of what is involved in behavioral modification programs. The best option is to start your puppy out from the beginning by giving him periods of time away from you even when you are home. This teaches him that quiet, alone time is ok. All puppies should go through obedience training. A well trained dog has something to fill his mind with, has better self-control and is more likely to respond to you when you ask him to be calm. Of course getting plenty of exercise is a key component to a well behaved puppy. Another important factor in helping to avoid a lot of problems is making sure that the dog you choose and the age of that dog fit your lifestyle and activity level. 🐾

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

1. Never plug an active yellow jacket entrance on your home.
2. Never use an over the counter liquid yellow jacket product in the nest entrance. This added moisture can amplify the stench of rotting yellow jackets and their larvae.
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These flies make irritating, buzzing noises, spin around and move sluggishly. They can also leave a greasy spot on upholstery, carpets, wood, and other surfaces.

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



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



PAPER WASPS



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

These wasps are very aggressive.

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



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Better Business Bureau Advises Homeowners on Mold Must-Knows

Many homeowners are looking for remedies for dealing with the aftermath of the devastating floods that have hit so many homes around the country. While a little part of the water damage picture, mold can be an ever growing, pesky problem that, if not taken care of quickly, can last forever. Better Business Bureau (BBB), along with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), is advising homeowners to be proactive when it comes to dealing with mold and mildew.

When looking to eradicate mold, homeowners may choose to either tackle the problem on their own or consult the expertise of a contractor. Either way, BBB advises that, it's important for homeowners to do their research. According to the EPA's Mold Guide, the many types of mold may begin growing indoors when mold spores land on surfaces that are wet. Mold can grow on any kind of wood, paper, carpet or food.

"In 2010, BBB received nearly 30,000 inquiries nationally on mold and mildew eradicators," said Patrick Bennett, BBB Director of Community Relations. "As mold can ultimately destroy anything that it lands on, it's important to act smart and fast."

While homeowners should always avoid handling and touching mold without wearing proper gloves, there are also other things to keep in mind. BBB and the EPA advise you to consider the following:

Know your risks and side effects.

There are many health risks associated with mold and mold growth. Many may experience an allergic reaction and other respiratory complaints when mold is present in the home.

Be proactive. The EPA attests that there is no practical way to eliminate all molds and mold spores in the indoor environment. The way to control indoor mold growth is to control moisture. If you notice a

leak in your shower faucet or sink, repair it immediately to avoid the ideal habitat for mold. Clean and dry any wet or damp surfaces within 24-48 hours to prevent mold growth. Vent all bathrooms, kitchens and other moisture-generating sources to reduce indoor humidity and prevent mold growth.

"A damp or wet basement can provide a breeding ground for molds that can gradually destroy the things they grow on. However, you can prevent damage, save money and avoid potential health problems by controlling the moisture", said Jeff Schleuning, owner of a waterproofing business in Sterling Heights, Michigan. "If you clean the mold but don't fix the water or moisture problem, then most likely the mold will come back."

Choose wisely when picking a contractor. Some mold eradicators can be imposters. It's important to check a business' BBB Business Review at www.bbb.org before selecting a contractor. Ask for referrals from friends and family members and check with at least three contractors before deciding on one. Make sure the contractor has experience cleaning up mold. Check references and ask the contractor to follow the recommendations in EPA's Mold Remediation in Schools and Commercial Buildings, or other guidelines from professional or government organizations.

For more tips you can trust, visit <http://easternmichigan.bbb.org/Consumer-Tips/>.

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Grandpa's Gift

By David Gillis

ThumbPrint News Columnist

It was just a few short years ago while rummaging through a box of old family memorabilia that I came across a small item my paternal grandmother had given me when I was a boy. It was the American Legion lapel pin once worn by my deceased

grandfather. He had received it as a charter member of the newly formed veterans' organization in 1919. She told me that since I was his namesake and, at the time, the only male descendent in my generation, it was only fitting that I have it.

It was almost 60 years since she carefully wrapped the brass emblem in paper and handed it to me. I almost forgot I had it and hadn't even looked at it but a very few times during those rapidly disappearing decades. However, as I now held it in my hand I could still remember her telling me with tears in her eyes how proud the man she simply referred to as "Grandpa" was to have it and how I might someday feel the same way. It obviously symbolized much for him and certainly to her.

My grandfather had lived most of his life within a 150-mile radius of where he would finally find rest in Algonac. He was a gentle man and supported his family as a farmer, laborer and carpenter. He never could afford to own the home he lived in, but worked the land on farms he rented from others in Memphis and Richmond. He was a quiet man and his life was simple, with one exception: The few years he spent in France as a "doughboy" during the Great War we now know as World War I.

I didn't really know my grandfather. He passed away at age 56 when I was only 4-years old. I do recall vaguely looking up at his thick black hair and strong hands as I sat on the floor beside his favored rocking chair. He didn't like others taking photographs of him so there are few, a tattered and faded one of which I have.

Grandpa left very few personal items to remember him by and I have one of them also; it's the little brass lapel pin my grandmother gave me.

Now, you may think this story is about my grandfather and in a way it is. But, it's really more about the importance of the American Legion lapel pin he found pride in wearing that was given to me as a loving gift.

Ninety-one years ago, on September 16, 1919, The American Legion was granted a federal charter by the U.S. Congress. Its commitment then and still today is to serve as a voice and resource on behalf of all American veterans of military service. Across our great nation, Legionnaires dedicate themselves to the betterment of communities they live and work in. In over nine decades since it was founded, The American Legion has been guided by the founding principles and vision maintained in its Four Pillars of Service: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children and Youth.

In many cities, towns and villages throughout the country, you will find Legionnaires involved in providing numerous veterans' assistance services, offering youth educational programs and placing a special emphasis on the development of good citizenship. They are dedicated to upholding the ideals of freedom and democracy, while working to make a difference in the lives of all fellow Americans.

The American Legion is not a political organization, but is a strong, honest and influential advocate on issues relating to military service veterans and their families. Its focus, as it originally was, is on veterans' rights and quality of life. Its success is perpetuated by the dedicated efforts and participation of a volunteer membership.

September 16, 2011 has been designated as American Legion Day nationally. It's a time that provides an opportunity to show appreciation to the Legionnaires in our communities for their many contributions to our country. I ask that all Americans join in this one day of recognition.

Oh, are you wondering about the little brass pin once worn by a proud grandfather? Well, I now wear it proudly on my American Legion cap. Thanks Grandpa and all other veterans for your contributions and service. You're part of what makes this country great and life more meaningful. 🍀

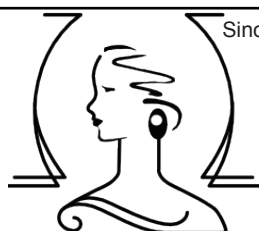


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Preventing Falls is Important to Senior Health

(ARA) – When you think of your aging loved ones, what do you worry about most? Is it a heart attack or stroke cutting short their life, or perhaps cancer? While these illnesses are very real worries for everyone as they age, it may surprise you to discover that falls are the second leading cause of accidental death in the United States, and 75 percent of these falls occur in the older adult population.

Falls are the single largest cause of injury among seniors. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, older adults are hospitalized for fall-related injuries five times more often than they are for injuries from other causes. One-third of older adults who fall, sustain a hip fracture and are hospitalized, die within a year.

Even if a fall does not result in hospitalization, fear of falling can become a major factor in seniors' quality of life. Fear leads to inactivity and loss of confidence which in turn produces a cycle of fear, loss of self-confidence and inactivity.

Dr. Roberta A. Newton, Ph.D., Temple University College of Health Professions in Philadelphia has spearheaded efforts to study and research why falls occur and how they can be prevented. Recognizing the importance of preventing falls, Visiting Angels, a national network of franchised non-medical senior homecare agencies, has partnered with Dr. Newton to increase the public awareness and importance of this sometimes overlooked issue.

To help seniors and their families find out more about falls and how to prevent them,

Visiting Angels conducts free seminars across the country. "As our loved ones age, it is important to recognize that things like throw rugs that once didn't warrant a second thought, now become household hazards. Mobility and agility limitations require a fresh look at the everyday contents of the home," says Pat Drea, Vice President of Operations. Here are some easy tips to help minimize the risk of life-altering falls for your loved ones.

- Throw rugs can be a tripping hazard. Either remove them or make sure they are securely tacked down.
 - Add hand rails to all stairs.
 - Clear clutter from walking paths, and make sure hallways and stairways are well-lit.
 - Eliminate long extension cords that snake across a room. Plug lamps into outlets near the wall so cords are tucked away.
 - Add grab bars next to the toilet, tub and shower.
 - Getting in and out of the tub can be hazardous. In addition to grab bars, make sure the tub has non-skid mats. A tub seat may make showering easier, too.
 - Trade in floppy slippers for well-fitting slippers with non-skid soles. Also, avoid night clothing that drags on the ground.
- The experts at Visiting Angels can help you check for hazards in your loved one's home. Attend a free fall prevention seminar, or call your local Visiting Angels' office for a free consultation to help you assess your situation and address the issues that are important to you and your family. Call 810-3-ANGELS or 810-326-4357 or visit their website www.VisitingAngels.com.

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posted its first victory against the Michigan insurgents (This was the 16th time they met. Ohio State managed to tie in 1900 and 1910). Therefore, Toledo was considered a valuable prize to be fought over and the battles over it remained in the collective grudge consciousness of the people of Ohio and Michigan. Ironically, the Toledo War is not even considered a “real” war by historians, but rather a minor skirmish, a footnote not well-known to most history students, while the Michigan-Ohio State game is nationally famous, often deciding



The mouth of the Maumee River at Toledo on Lake Erie was the prize in the 1835 war between Ohio and the Michigan Territory.

the national college football championship!

Situated at the mouth of the Maumee River, Toledo is unfortunately more well-known to motorists and others as the point where the Ohio Turnpike and I-75 converge – an area known (to their dismay) to never be devoid of orange construction cones. However, the truth is that because of its dominant position at the mouth of the Maumee, Toledo was thought to be the future towering metropolis that Chicago became. In an 1868 pamphlet titled *Toledo – Future Great City of the World*, Jesup Wakeman Scott expressed the belief that the center of world commerce was moving westward and by 1900, it would be located in Toledo! Therefore, Toledo was considered a prize to be fought for, to the point of raising money for militias and sending actual armed patrols to the disputed

Toledo parcel. This was necessary because this area, due to ever-changing maps and the ambiguous nature of the Northwest Treaty, was claimed by both Michigan and Ohio!

Cartography was not the science back then that it is today. As late as 1839, most maps of Michigan showed inaccuracies in both the shape of the peninsula and with placement of the various lakes and rivers. The Northwest Ordinance of 1787 established the boundary between Ohio and Michigan as an east-west line “drawn from the southern tip of Lake Michigan across the base of the peninsula.” The original line was drawn using maps that showed the line intersecting Lake Erie north of the Maumee River. Later, maps that are more accurate included area around the Maumee River, which was not originally shown on the earlier maps. Should this “new territory” rightfully go to Ohio or Michigan? This disputed area became the territorial “line of scrimmage” for the Toledo War. When Ohio drafted their state constitution in 1803, this original “base of the peninsula” line is the one they used to establish the official state boundary. When the Michigan Territory was created in 1805, surveyors and fishermen realized the tip of Lake Michigan was actually further south and included the area that would later become Toledo.

The revelation that the Toledo area would fall within the Michigan Territory was not well received by the new state of Ohio. Much like what Ohio State football coach Woody Hayes would do many times many years later, Ohio declared Michigan “offsides!” The state immediately began campaigning for the borderline from the survey that originally awarded Toledo to Ohio. However, Michigan also claimed jurisdiction in the area, and did not relinquish control. Michigan had been governing the territory, the residents had been voting in Michigan elections, and the residents, for the most part, considered themselves part of Michigan. The Michigan territorial government had begun construction on a road from Detroit to the Toledo area. However, not all of the residents in the area felt like Michi-

ganders. In 1812, Amos Stafford submitted a petition with the signatures of 50 families living in the disputed area. They claimed that they felt themselves to be Ohioans and were opposed to the Michigan laws they were living under. In response, the Act of 1812 was passed by the U.S. legislature which called for a resurveying of the line. In 1817, U.S. Surveyor General, and former Ohio governor, Edward Tiffin, sent William Harris out to survey the line as it stood according to Ohio’s constitution. Coincidentally, when the results coincided with where Ohio thought the line (called the Harris Line) should be, including the Toledo area at the mouth of the Maumee River, the results were greeted with skepticism in Michigan. This was partly due to Tiffin’s status as a former Ohio governor. The Michigan Territorial Governor, Lewis Cass, went to President James Monroe to protest the situation. Surveyor John A. Fulton was then called into the fray to make another survey of the disputed claim in accordance with the Northwest Ordinance (the “Fulton Line”).

It was obvious that each surveying team had its own agendas because the two surveys resulted in two lines eight miles apart at Lake Erie and five miles apart at the Indiana border, with a total of 468 square miles in between. This area became known as the Toledo Strip. Meanwhile, Michigan continued its assumed jurisdiction over the area. In 1821, Ohio established Wood County, which included property up to the Fulton line but not including the Toledo Strip. Interest grew in the area as Ohio incorporated a canal system and first envisioned Toledo as a metropolis on the scale of Chicago. In 1832, Ohio unofficially established the city of Toledo.

In 1832, the Michigan Territorial Council petitioned Congress for an enabling act that would permit Michigan to call a constitutional convention. Congress refused the request due to the boundary dispute between Michigan and Ohio. Congress then passed a law providing for a third survey of the Ordinance Line to be completed by December 31, 1835. Andrew Talcott, captain of U.S. Army Engineers, was commissioned to undertake the project, and Lieutenants Washington Hood and Robert E. Lee, the same person who became the Confederate States chief general, made the actual survey. This line was known as the “Talcott Line.”

However, in 1833, Michigan was still assuming jurisdiction over the area as it filed for statehood on December 11. At this point, Ohio congressional representatives successfully lobbied to block Michigan’s acceptance as a state until it agreed to Ohio’s version of the boundary. Former President John Quincy Adams, who returned to the House of Representatives after his presidential stint, commented, “Never in the course of my life have I known a controversy of which all the

right so clearly lies on one side and all the power so overwhelmingly on the other.” This was because, as a territory, Michigan had no electoral votes, while Ohio, as an official state, did – a definite disadvantage for Michigan in dealing with the federal government.

This animosity, with Ohio taking advantage of Michigan’s weak position, was remembered years later when Michigan came to dominate the Big Game, winning, as of 2007, 57 games to 38 games for Ohio State (5 ties). The “Big Game” has decided the Big Ten championship 32 times since the contest was moved to the last Saturday in the season in 1935; on 18 of those occasions, Michigan and Ohio State settled the title between themselves! The last game of the Big Ten season had often decided who went to the Rose Bowl, back when the Rose Bowl was always a game between the winners of the PAC-10 and Big Ten conferences. Just as Michigan residents thought Ohio had robbed them of prime land, Ohio felt Michigan was trying to cheat them. Maybe this wasn’t what Woody Hayes was thinking about when he would drive 60 miles out of the way to avoid driving in Michigan, but it was the result of years of interstate rivalry.

Meanwhile, back in the 1830s, in an attempt to influence the Jackson administration to favor the Michigan side, Michigan had created counties named after the members of President Andrew Jackson’s cabinet. These counties include Calhoun, Van Buren, Livingston, Eaton, Cass, Berrien, Barry, and Branch. Lewis Cass had resigned as Michigan governor in 1831 when he was named Secretary of War in Jackson’s cabinet. John T. Mason had been the territorial secretary and was named governor after Cass’s appointment. When Jackson reportedly sent him on a mission to Mexico, Mason left his son Stevens to be territorial secretary. Stevens Mason was only 19 when he assumed the job but had already been helping his father navigate the rough waters of Michigan politics for a few years. Jackson appointed George Porter as governor in 1831 but Porter was not actually in the state very often and left much of the governing to his secretary, young Stevens Mason. When Porter died in the cholera epidemic of July 1834, Mason at age 23 was officially named territorial governor of Michigan.

(Stevens Mason returned to his native New York after his two terms as governor. After dying of cholera at the youthful age of 31, he was re-buried at the base of his statue in downtown Detroit’s Capitol Park at the corner of Griswold and Shelby. This was the location of the original Michigan statehouse.)



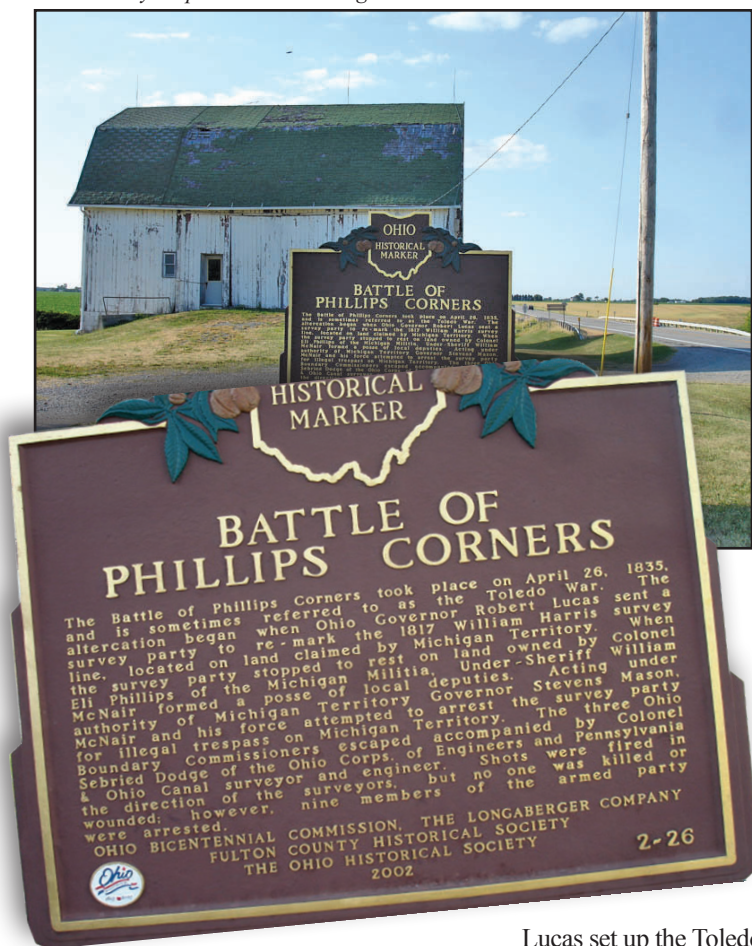
Stevens Mason



Two early, inaccurate, 1700s maps used to determine border boundaries for the Michigan and Northwest Territories.



The Ohio Historical Marker for the Battle of Phillips Corner, which was part of the Boundary Dispute between Michigan and Ohio.



On April 25, 1835, matters began to come to a head. Ohio governor Robert Lucas, planning to rerun the survey line, gathered a force of surveyors and about 40 men to guard them at Perrysburg. After working most of the day, they ran their line to Phillips Corner; a small field located about 14 miles south of Adrian, Michigan. Because of the lateness of the day and because the next day was Sunday, the group decided to pitch camp. Alerted to their presence by the undersheriff of Lenawee County, the Michigan militia, in this case about 30 citizens recruited from nearby Adrian, moved in on the surveying party about noon on Sunday. Thrown into a panic, the surveyors made a run for the Ohio border, making it back to Perrysburg, Ohio, beyond the disputed area, on Monday morning. In the meantime, nine Ohio guardsmen took shelter in a log cabin on Phillips' property and barricaded themselves inside. Surrounded by the posse, they gave themselves up after a short delay. After the surrender, they attempted to bolt for the woods with the Michiganders firing volleys over their heads. None were wounded and all nine were taken prisoner. Six entered bail, two were released, and one was retained for refusing bail on principle. Forever after known as the "Battle of Phillips Corner," the only casualties were the loss of a few coats and pairs of trousers. The main consequence of the battle was that

Governor Lucas moved his men out of nearby Perrysburg into the disputed area.

After this incident, when Ohio governor Robert Lucas refused to negotiate with them, the Michigan territorial government under Mason passed a resolution, the Pains and Penalties Act, on February 12, 1835, imposing heavy fines of \$1,000 or 5 years in prison at hard labor, on anyone other than Michigan or federal officers trying to exercise authority in the Toledo Strip. Ignoring these actions, Governor

Lucas set up the Toledo area as a county named after him and appointed a sheriff and judge. (Toledo today is still in Lucas County.) This set off the saber rattling! Michigan "boy governor" Stevens Mason put together a 250-man militia and headed to Toledo. In response, the Ohio legislature voted to approve a \$300,000 military budget; in response to this Michigan approved \$315,000! Mason was peeved when Arkansas was approved to be admitted as a state in 1836. Michigan had begun statehood discussions long before Arkansas and now had these prevailing conditions and border disputes with no end in sight. It was time for some action designed to resolve the obstacles in the way of Michigan statehood. Elections were held selecting congressional representatives from Michigan, even if they could not yet be seated. Mason now believed that Michigan should be considered a state regardless of the border dispute. Sending the newly-elected but not yet legal representatives to the federal legislature, Michigan was commented on as being the first U.S. state attempting to "break into the union."

At this point, both militias headed out to the disputed area but mostly faced off and taunted each other from opposite sides of the Maumee. According to some accounts, some of this militia was lost in the Great Black Swamp, which was nearly impassable most of the year, for over two weeks and never actually found their opponents to engage in any battles.

In spite of the fact that they did not yet have electoral votes, President Jackson was sympathetic to the Michigan cause and sent Congressman Benjamin Howard of Baltimore and Richard Rush of Philadelphia to negotiate the Rush-Bagot Agreement. This provided for complete disarmament of the Great Lakes. The agreement called for another survey and for the people of the area to democratically decide if they wanted to be part of Michigan or Ohio. With this, Ohio governor Lucas pulled the Ohio militia out of the area.

This might have led to a peaceful solution if the Michigan militia hadn't started arresting Ohio supporters in the Toledo Strip. The chief Ohio "patriots" in the area were Major Benjamin E. Stickney, and his two sons, One and Two (!). Major Stickney had been known as an eccentric resident of the Toledo Strip area and a main proponent for the area to become Ohio's. (Besides his unorthodox numbering instead of naming his sons, i.e., One, Two, etc., Major Stickney felt women should have names that are more distinct and named his daughters after the states of the Union.) Michiganders broke into Stickney's house, arresting houseguests Dr. Naaman Goodsell and George McKay. Stickney's daughter was reportedly injured in the fracas when she attempted to call for help. (Which state this daughter was named for is unfortunately, lost to history.) Then, on April 25, 1835, a force of 1,000 Michigan

militia enforcing the Pains and Penalties Act ambushed a team of Ohio surveyors (Uri Seely, Jonathon Taylor, and John Patterson) and about 50 Ohio militiamen. Most of the Ohioans were simply driven past the Fulton line into definite Ohio territory and were not pursued further. On May 11, Michigan was once again blocked entry into the Union because of the conflict. Ohio was now ready to fully fight for Toledo and passed a law making it illegal to kidnap Ohio citizens. On July 12, Joseph Wood, the deputy sheriff of Monroe County, received an arrest warrant for some Ohio patriots. He arrested Major Stickney and George McKay. Major Stickney put up such a struggle that they had to tie his legs to the bottom of a horse in order to take him back to Michigan. The two prisoners were taken to Monroe, given a mock trial two days later, and released on bail. On July 16, Wood attempted to arrest Two Stickney, but Stickney stabbed him in the left leg with a penknife, making Joseph Wood and the unnamed Stickney daughter the chief casualties of the Toledo War. (Many accounts mention a pig fatality, but do not specify when this occurred.) Two then fled past the Fulton line and was not pursued by the 250 Michigan militiamen sent to do so. After these events, according to local newspaper accounts, about 200 to 300 Michigan militiamen moved into the

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



15th Michigan Volunteer Infantry Civil War reenactment team.

To Ralph McKinch:

My name is Tommy J. Spanski and I am a Civil War reenactor with the 15th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, a unit that operates in and around southern Michigan. Last year we performed at the New Baltimore History Fair and will do so again this September.

On another note, regarding the July, 2011, cover story, "Michigan's Small Town Soldiers in the Civil War," two of the Civil War soldiers you listed as served and killed in action from Michigan, Hamilton and Roberts, are both interred at Goodrich Cemetery located on North Kidder Road off Van Dyke just south of the town of Almont.

Hamilton served with the 9th Michigan Infantry and was killed in action at Murfreesboro, Tennessee in 1862. Roberts, of the 5th Michigan Calvary, served under George Armstrong Custer at Gettysburg and was killed in action in a skirmish in Virginia in 1864.

It would be nice if your publication would advertise our upcoming event in the September issue of *ThumbPrint News*.

Also, if you can direct me to someone in Clay Twp. and Algonac who might be interested in having our unit perform it would be greatly appreciated, like a historical society or other interested organization.

Thank you!

Tommy J. Spanski

Editor's Note: If any organization is interested in having this group perform, it can reach Tommy at (313) 779-3357. On September 24 and 25, the 15th Michigan Volunteer Infantry reenactors will be joining the 5th Texas and the 8th Arkansas reenactors and the New Baltimore Historical Society for New Baltimore Civil War Days. More information is available at www.15thmichigan.us or by calling Tommy.



Vernor's sign hidden under siding for more than 50 years in Marine City.

To the *ThumbPrint News* Staff

I would like to give a little more information about the picture of Hampe's Market that appeared in the August issue of *ThumbPrint News*. I have lived a half a block from Hampe's Market on Chartier since 1952. I think the store closed about 1958-1959 and was converted to apartments. I remember going in there when I was really young but don't recall too many details. My best friend was Tom Hampe (the owner's grandson) and we went to Ward-Cottrell Elementary School. We used to return bottles for the two-cent deposit and get some penny candy. When the store closed, my pal moved away. Donna, one of the owner's daughters, married Ernie Letson and they lived behind me on Scott Street until they passed away. The building is still in their family and owned by Mark Letson.

That Vernor's sign hasn't seen the light of day in at least 50 years. I hope this information adds to your story.

Regards,

George Bukowski
from Marine City

To the Editor:

This appeared in my column in the July Marine City Chamber of Commerce newsletter:

"If you grew up in Marine City prior to the mid-60s, you'll recognize the business in the photo on this page. Renovations to the apartment building at the corner of Chartier and Third Streets revealed the original wood siding and painted sign for Hampe's Market. These neighborhood markets were very common when households had only one or even no cars. In the early 20th century, this market was Kirchner's. The renovations have been completed and this peek at yesteryear is now tucked away under new siding."

Additional notes: I grew up next door

to this building. When I was a small child, Hampe's Market occupied the first floor of the building, with the upstairs being apartments. In the 60's, the store closed and another apartment was added. I imagine that's when the window was cut through the Vernor's logo/ad. To the best of my recollection, the first occupant of the new apartment was a Mrs. Dietlin, a nice lady we used to talk to when she sat outdoors on her stoop on warm days.

From mid-century until about 1975, my father, George Guyor, operated another small business right next door on Chartier St. It was a bait, tackle and sporting goods store, first called Jim's Bait and Tackle and then Guyor's Sport Shop. It was in a very small building up against the sidewalk and in front of our house. A doorbell on the shop notified us when a customer was out there and we'd go out and wait on them. My sister and I always had opening day of deer season off of school to work at the shop which was very busy with hunters that morning. Small shops right in neighborhoods, particularly on main routes in and around town, used to be very common. These businesses predated zoning laws which limit commerce in residential areas.

Georgia Phelan

President,
Marine City Chamber of Commerce
www.visitmarinecity.com



City Hall in Marine City in 1884

To the Editor:

During our City Commission meeting on July 21, 2011, the Marine City, City Commission approved Phase 1 of a total restoration project of our historic city hall. The city has hired the Monahan Construction Company to oversee this project. The Monahan Company is very experienced in historic renovation and has partnered with the Neumann-Smith architectural firm, which is one of the largest and most respected firms in Michigan. Neumann-Smith is very experienced in historical restoration and endorsed by the State Historical Preservation Organization (SHPO). We are currently working with J Michael Kirk, who is the Principal Architect from Neumann-Smith Architecture to develop a

complete set of construction plans which will be accompanied by bid documents. It will ensure a coherent design that preserves the integrity of the building, and provide the final details needed for accurate cost estimates.

In researching information for Mr. Kirk we came across some pictures of the Marine City Fire Department (1957-1958) that we found very interesting (see page 19). A few of the men in these pictures and many of their family members still live in Marine City and the surrounding communities.

Phase One of the project will remove the brick sealant using the gentlest means possible and repair the façade using historically correct brick and mortar. In addition, historically correct windows will be installed; transoms, ramps, and railings repaired; first and second story porches or balconies repaired; and cornices revamped. Garage roof revision and parapet restoration, structural steel work, cupola repair and exterior painting will also be performed during this phase. In short, besides being structurally sound, the post-Phase One City Hall will have taken on the appearance originally intended in 1884: Grand and Inspiring. Work is scheduled to begin this fall and should be completed in time to present the City of Marine City with a wonderful Christmas present.

History

The City Hall was built in 1884 from designs by the Detroit architectural firm of Mason and Rice (George Dewitt Mason, Architect). Mason and Rice are known for many Detroit area buildings such as The Detroit Masonic Temple, Original Detroit Opera House (1898), Belle Isle Aquarium and The Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. They are also credited for launching the career of Albert Kahn. Marine City's City Hall (300 Broadway) represented the period of economic growth being experienced by the city at that time. It is now one of only five surviving Richardson-Romanesque style buildings designed by this firm left in Michigan, and of those five, it is the largest. Housing more than just the city offices, it had two stories, including an auditorium and balconies. Modified over the decades as demand required, it also housed our police and fire departments.

We have recently formed a community support group, "Friends of City Hall." Friends is dedicated to preserving our Historic City Hall, and to help raise money in support of Phase II of the project – interior restoration. The website is www.friendsofcityhall.com.

I wanted to share this information with you in the hope that you might consider sharing it with your readers.

Sincerely,

James Turner

City Commissioner, Marine City



The 1957 Marine City Fire Department. The vehicles in this photo are (from left) a 1955 Seagrave, a 1941 Seagrave St. Louis Hook-Up, a 1947 Ford 500-Gallon Tanker and a 1939 Ford Rescue Vehicle.



1957 Marine City Fire Department. Bottom row from left: Ted Paquette, Louie Winkler, Oran Pray, Albert Furtaw, Charles Anderson, Leo Johns, Pete Danneels, Walter Krause, Art Tucker, Al Miller. Back row from left: Red Koch, Bill Furtaw, Walker Furtaw, Don Newell, Elmer Prang.



1957 Marine City Fire Department. Bottom row from left: Ed Posey, Bernie Ameel, Ralph Moldenhauer, Andy Anderson, Art Teitz, Ted Joachim, Alvin Arnold, Harold Furtaw, Biff LaBuhn, Steve Lipa. Top row from left: Manfred Caugell, Ahy Smith, John Kaufman, Bob Gallager, Don Browning, Jack Smith, Capt. Terhune, Earl Gieb, Fred Arnold.



1958 Marine City Fire Department. Bottom row from left: Toby Arnold, Ted Paquette, Leo Johns, Steve Lipa, Al Miller, Pete Danneels, John Kaufman, Manfred Caugell, Ralph Moldenhauer, Chet Fraley. Middle row from left: Walker Furtaw, Oran Pray, Capt. Andy Terhune, Fred Arnold, Art Teitz, Ted Joachim, Elmer Prang, Harold (TeeDee) Furtaw, Andy Anderson, Bernie Ameel. Back row from left: Don Browning, Red Koch, Bob Robell, Milt Jiske, Don Newell, Bill Damrau, Jack Smith, Walter Krause, Earl Gieb.

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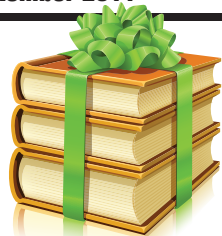
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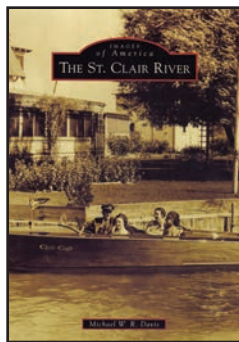


The Book Nook

By Louise Allen

ThumbPrint News Staff Writer

The newest addition, just released in July, to Arcadia Publishing's popular Images of America series is *The St. Clair River*, by Michigan author, Michael W. R. Davis. Michael has authored six books with this publisher and has lived in Michigan for more than 50 years.



trappers of the 17th century arrived to the ocean freighters from all over the world that travel the Great Lakes system today.

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- Pioneering the northwest territory
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The St. Clair River, published by Arcadia Publishing, is available for \$21.99 from local retailers, online bookstores, or through Arcadia Publishing at www.arcadiapublishing.com or by calling (888) 313-2665. This book is like taking a journey through a time capsule or visiting the archives of many of the area's local museums for vintage photos. However, Michael W. R. Davis has done all of the leg work for us. Now we can have our own copy available on our coffee table or book shelf for everyone in our family and for our visitors to enjoy. 🍀



The Atikokan, circa 1913, when it ran aground in Marine City



Diamond Crystal Salt Company workers in St. Clair, circa 1920



Demolished buildings in Marine City, circa 1913, from The Atikokan



A band of Marine City bicyclists during the late 1800s



Smith's boat house, Algonac, where the Chris-Craft Co. began around 1900



Vintage photo of the Chicory Factory in Port Huron

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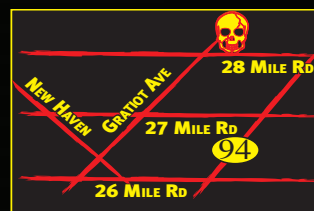


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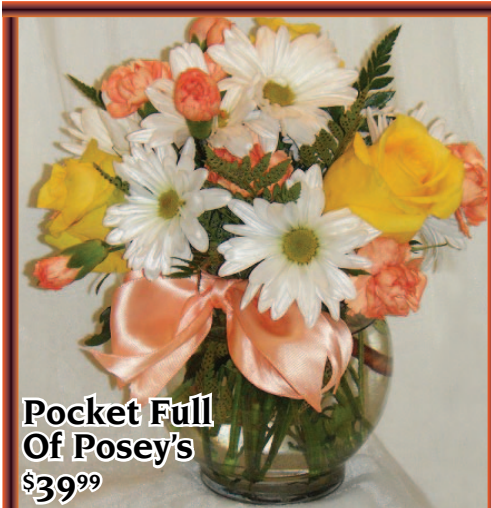


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Local Event Helps Scare Up Funds for Charities

With Halloween fast approaching, the Scarefest Scream Park (28 Mile Road and Gratiot) is trying to support two local charities. This event will also feature a beer tent where 100% of the proceeds will go to the Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team (MCREST), a charity that benefits the homeless in Macomb County and the Rexford Center, a charity that offers horseback riding programs for disabled persons.

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KINDE

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named, arrived in this area and established a grain elevator, general store, lumber yard and post office. Another early settler was Otto Storbeck. Both men came from pioneer families and had a sense of adventure, the wiliness to work hard, and excellent business sense.

John Kinde (1855-1925) arrived in the Thumb area of Michigan with his family through New York after emigrating from Germany with his parents. John was the second of ten children of Wilhelm and Johanna Kinde. (It is interesting to note that, coincidentally, in German the word "kinde" means child.) Upon arriving in Michigan, Wilhelm settled with his wife and children at Ora Labora, a communitarian settlement of German families near Bay Port. He took up the occupation of wagon maker. When the Ora Labora settlement experiment ended a little over 20 years later, the family moved to Sebewaing. John left Sebewaing to strike out on his own in the area that is Kinde today.

Otto Storbeck (1855-1925) also was born in Germany and his family, including his father William, mother Teny and brother William emigrated to New York in 1854. In 1861, the family purchased land in Hume Township (the location of Port Crescent). In 1876, Otto moved to Lincoln Township to begin farming. His agricultural business thrived – until the devastating Thumb fire of 1881, in which he lost his farm, crops, barn and home. After that, Otto rebuilt by turning his interests to retail operations, which eventually spanned over an 80-year history



North side of Morden Street in Kinde on a Saturday afternoon, circa 1904

in the Kinde area. As this area was primarily populated by Native Americans at that time, Otto Storbeck also has the distinction of having the first white baby to be born in the settlement.

When the Port Huron and Northwestern Railroad began train service through this area in 1882, Kinde became a business hub. The Port Huron and Northwestern Railway is a now defunct railroad which operated in the Thumb area of Michigan during the 1880s. The company was chartered by a group of Port Huron, Michigan businessmen on March 23, 1878, with the purpose of making it easier to transport people and goods throughout the Thumb area. The railroad was bought out by the Pere Marquette Railroad on April 1, 1889.

The village of Kinde was officially incorporated in 1903. At that time, there were a handful of businesses already established in the downtown area, including two real estate offices, a blacksmith and wagon builder, a hotel and livery, and several stores. The 1904 Plat map of the village shows at least 22 businesses listed on what was then labeled Morden Street. Other hotels, a lumber company, a sand and gravel company, a pharmacy, grain elevators and others soon followed.

The elevators in Kinde began to handle navy beans for the farmers in the area around the year 1900. The first six acres of navy beans were first planted on the farms around Kinde in 1892. By 1910, there were 20,015 acres of beans being harvested from surrounding areas, and at the peak in 1935 that number reached 75,351 acres. The Kinde elevators for a number of years purchased and shipped more beans than any other one place in the world, earning Kinde the title of "The Bean Capital of the World."

Kinde beans were said to make the best baked beans of any grown, due to the perfect soil conditions on that side of the county, which always had good drainage. Bean soup became famous to the area and, in fact, Michigan Bean Soup is still served at several area festivals and in the Senate's dining rooms today.

It was the Pere Marquette Railroad that made it possible for Kinde to be able to establish another claim to fame. In 1929, Port Huron, Michigan celebrated the Golden Jubilee of Thomas Edison's



Workers shown removing the 123,000-pound boulder from a Kinde farm field, September, 1929.

success in perfecting the incandescent light bulb. (Thomas Edison, though not born in Port Huron, lived there in his early years with his family and that fact is a proud part of that city's history.) That same year, the Port Huron Rotary Club wanted to place a rock near the entrance to Pine Grove Park as a memorial to the inventor. The rock chosen was a 123,000-pound

boulder from a Kinde farm field. Moving the boulder from the field almost 90 miles to Port Huron was a monumental task for the times. The Pere Marquette Railroad participated in this historic event. Once the boulder was in place, the Rotary Club affixed a brass tablet to it describing the proximity of Thomas Edison's boyhood home to Pine Grove Park.



Dedication of the boulder at Pine Grove Park, October 19, 1929

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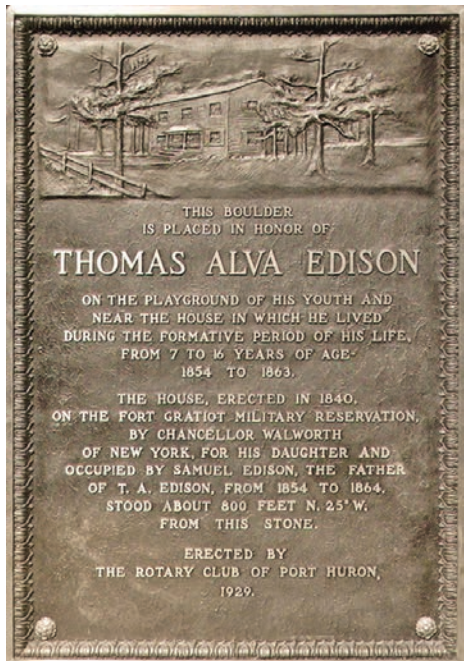
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Brass tablet affixed to boulder in Pine Grove Park.

One of the earliest churches in Kinde was the St. Peter's Lutheran Church, which has its roots in the town of Port Crescent, Michigan (now a ghost town). Reverend W. Swartz of Ruth, Michigan organized the Lutherans in the area and in 1873 founded the church under the name of The German Evangelical Lutheran St. Peters Church of Port Crescent. Services at that time were held in parishioners' homes. In 1893, the congregation purchased the All Saints Episcopal Church which had been built in 1885.

In 1907, the congregation relocated to the town of Kinde, after the businessmen of Kinde offered them a plot of land and \$130. The church has been served by many pastors and joined with Zion Lutheran Church in 1950. A hall was completed in 2005. In 2010, the church was part of a scene in a movie starring Sean Penn, *This Must be the Place*.

An annual event, the Kinde Polka Fest, is held each September in downtown Kinde. This year it will take place on September 17 and 18. For more information, visit www.kindepolkafest.com.



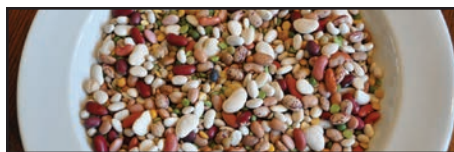
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Michigan Bean Soup



Yes, she's the Bean Queen! Hillary Ross (L) is the 2010 Bean Queen and Katie Jo Gentner (R) is the First Runner Up. This year, the Michigan Bean Festival will be crowning their 63rd Bean Queen!

Although once renowned as "The Bean Capital of the World," today the Michigan Bean Festival is held, not in Kinde, but in nearby Fairgrove on Labor Day weekend. For more information on that festival, visit www.michiganbeanfestival.com. However, as a tribute to Kinde's place in agriculture's hall of fame as "The Bean Capital of the World," here is a delicious recipe to try for Michigan Bean Soup. The recipe originally came from Bill Knapp's Restaurants, which were a 54-year old Michigan tradition before they closed their doors in 2002.



Michigan Bean Soup

Ingredients

- 2 cups dried navy beans
- 2 quarts cold water
- ½ lb. lean ham, diced
- 1 teaspoon garlic
- ½ cup onions, chopped
- 1 cup celery, chopped
- ½ cup carrots, shredded
- salt and pepper

Directions

Wash and sort the beans, cover with cold water and soak overnight. After soaking overnight, drain the beans. Put beans, ham and garlic in stockpot, add 2 to 3 quarts water. Bring to a boil, cover and simmer 3 hours or until beans are tender.

While the beans are cooking, in a separate pan boil the onion, celery and carrots in enough water to cover for 30 minutes. Drain and add to the beans and ham and continue cooking for 45 minutes more.

Put soup contents in blender or food processor to slightly puree the soup. (You will need to do this in batches). Add salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste.

Note: To use canned beans, allow 3 (15-ounce) cans undrained Northern beans and omit 1 quart water. Continue recipe as directed.

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FROM THE EDITOR

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Anyway, on the day that is in question, my first knowledge of why were being sent home early came when the crossing guard that led us across the busy street in front of the school was crying. Someone did ask her what was wrong. Perhaps we didn't feel as afraid of her authority as we did of a teacher at the time. She was barely able to get the words out as she stated, "President Kennedy has been shot."

I admit that, as a child, I didn't have the same emotions that the adults around me were having. I didn't understand all of the ramifications. But what did really impact me was the fact that they were crying. I hadn't often seen an adult cry. It just seemed so profoundly sad. Adults were supposed to be our strongholds when we were crying. When I got home and found my mother crying, too, I felt small, weak and helpless. It would be many years later before I really realized how profoundly President Kennedy's death affected our country.

Coincidentally, I was also in school when I found out about the attacks on September 11, 2001. This time I was a teacher, nearing the end of a long career with East China Public Schools. I was in a classroom at Gearing Elementary in St. Clair, Michigan, when the principal, Mrs. Crandall, asked me to step out in the hallway. It was then that she told me of the attacks. The plan was for the children to be sent home early. However, the buses needed to pick up the older middle school and high school children first and then would come back for the elementary children, so it could take a couple of hours.

I don't think by the end of a couple hours that there were many children left in the school to go home by bus. Parents, who had heard about the attacks on television, on the radio, or by word of mouth, started coming to the school in droves to pick up their children. They were afraid. They wanted to have their little ones home with them safe in their arms. The magnitude of the devastation and the loss of lives was something we hadn't seen in our lifetimes. However, it was the fear I remember most. No one knew what would happen next or if there would be more attacks. I remembered myself as a child at Sugnet Elementary and I wondered how the little faces I was looking at now at Gearing Elementary would recall this day in the future. They hadn't yet been told what had happened, but I am sure they sensed that the adults were afraid. I bet they felt as small, weak and helpless as I did back in 1963.

In spite of those three days that now live in infamy in my mind, nothing could possibly be nearly as tragic for me as for those persons who were actually a part of those events. America took a pledge to "Never Forget" the events that happened on that day in September in 2001. *ThumbPrint News* will not forget either. I asked our readers to share

some of their own remembrances and below are just a sampling of what we received:

From: Sue, St. Clair, Michigan

Yes, I remember 9/11 very well! I was getting ready to go out to the high school to run my swimmercise program. I was watching the Today Show when they cut away to shots of the South Tower. I thought it was an accident. Then the second plane flew in and I called Mark and said, "I think something is wrong with the air traffic control in New York City. Planes are flying into buildings!" But then I heard about Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania. I thought we were at war! I didn't want to go to the school but I knew my women would be waiting. It all felt so surreal! To see it today is mind boggling. I was at Ground Zero just a few weeks ago and words can't describe how it felt to walk on the area where so much death and destruction took place, especially St. Paul's church. It's a miracle that it survived! I looked at the sphere sculpture that survived that is now in Battery Park and couldn't believe everything it went through and yet it is still standing. The Freedom Tower is awesome!

From: Matt, Santa Clarita, California

I was in Yorktown, Virginia, in Damage Control "A" School while I was in the U.S. Coast Guard. I was in the last couple of weeks of carpentry class on September 11. My class was put on standby because of the training we had received. Unfortunately, our unit commander would not let my class go to New York because we were so close to graduating.

From: Coleen, Columbus, Michigan

On September 11, I remember watching the news dumbfounded when it happened. But what I remember most was thinking of the boys I lead in Cub Scouts, as we had a meeting scheduled for that day. I knew I wanted my son by my side as soon as possible. I wanted to explain what happened to my son, and I knew other mothers wanted the same, so I canceled the meeting for the day. The meeting the following week was really heartfelt. We drew pictures and wrote letters to President Bush, and shared with each other what being American meant to each one of the boys. That really helped me with my grieving process, going back to ideals instead of ideas and getting back to the root of what it meant to me as well.

To all of our readers, never forget the tragedies that occurred on September 11, 2001. But, at the same time, be thankful for all of the blessings we do have in the United States. Most of all pray that our children's children will never have to experience "dates that live in infamy" through the actions of all Americans, no matter what religion, sex, color, nationality or occupation, joining together in positive ways to work toward and to ensure that they never will.

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Thumb Area Activities & Events for September 2011

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

Genesee

Flint – September 17

Dog Walk-a-thon, Mott's Community College Campus, 1401 E. Court St., 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Come out and join us for fun, food and festivities! Event is sponsored by the Genesee County Humane Society. Call (810)744.0511 or email [tara.sturgis@geneseehumane.org](mailto: tara.sturgis@geneseehumane.org).

Huron

Elkton – September 1-5

AutumnFest, village-wide. Activities and events for "youngsters" of all ages in Elkton every Labor Day weekend! Demolition derby, tractor pulls, pickup Enduro and lawnmower races and visitors also enjoy great food and musical entertainment throughout the weekend. Call (989) 551-7275.

Port Austin – September 3-4

Art in the Park, Gallup Park, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Over 50 artists with original creations will have art on display and for sale. Kids' tent both days. S&D Puppetry show at noon. Artist demonstrations, live music. Sponsored by Thumb Arts Guild. Call Patty Finan at (989) 738-8736.

Capeer

Almont – September 11

Euchre Night, Almont Lions Hall, 222 Water St., doors open at 6:00 p.m., play starts at 7:00 p.m. Two sets of five games each with a break in between. Refreshments and lunch will be served during break. Generous prizes are awarded to top three points holders. \$15 donation at the door. If a player brings a first time player they both play for \$10 each. Call Don at (810) 798-9609.

Dryden – September 17

Drive One 4 UR School, Dryden High School, 3866 Rochester Rd., 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Imlay City Ford Motor Company will be bringing many of their new Ford and Lincoln cars for participants to test-drive. Participants must be 18 or older and have a valid driver's license. There is a limit of one test-drive per household. For each person who test-drives a car, Ford Motor Company will donate \$20 to the Dryden

High School Class of 2013, to go toward the 2012 Prom. Contact Sheryl Czerwinski at SCzerwinski@dryden.k12.mi.us.

Macomb

New Baltimore – September 4, 11, 18 & 25

Farmer's Market, downtown area, on Washington Street between Main and Front Streets, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Fresh local produce, baked goods, pasta and sauces, soaps and lotions, jams and jellies, farm fresh eggs, Michigan made maple syrup, plants, herbs, fresh cut flowers, artisans, wood crafts, jewelry, custom doll clothes, food, activities, entertainment and more every week! Also, free Yoga in the Park after each market at 1:30 at Burke Park near the water – through September! Visit www.ridethewavenb.com.

Richmond – September 8-11

48th Annual Richmond Good Old Days Festival, downtown area. Great fun, food, rides, games and entertainment for the whole family to enjoy! The "Great Michigan Parade" begins at 1:30 p.m. Events are too numerous to list here. Visit www.richmondgoodolddaysfestival.org.

Richmond – September 9-11

Richmond Historical Village at Richmond Good Old Days, Bailey Memorial Park, corner of Beebe and Park Streets, 1:00 p.m. until dusk. All of the historical buildings will be open with docents available for tours and to answer questions. The annual strawberry festival will also be running every day. Our famous strawberry shortcake is available for \$4 per serving. Log cabin, train depot, one room schoolhouse, and museum display entitled "Richmond in the late 1800s." (586) 727-7773.

New Baltimore – September 12 & 19

Interfaith Choir, Christ the King Lutheran Church, 29920 23 Mile Rd., 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. There is no fee to join and no audition – just the love of singing. Rehearsals take place each Monday as we prepare for the 45th Christmas season. Contact (586) 725-8051.

Chesterfield – September 13

Lecture and Book Signing, Radiant Beings, Applegate Plaza, 25962 Knollwood St., 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Noted spiritual author Ellen Marie Blend will be discussing "Connecting with the Spirit World." Copies of Ellen's books will be discounted during this event. There is no cost to attend. Call Rennae at (586) 949-0112.

St. Clair Shores – September 18

Quilt Raffle at the Lac Ste. Clair Fine Art Fair, Veterans Memorial Park, Masonic and Jefferson Avenues. 1st prize is a handmade quilt and 2nd prize is a handmade quilt wall hanging. Tickets are \$1.00 and are available for purchase now at the Li-

brary and the Selinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum, located at 22500 Eleven Mile Road, during regular hours of operation. The quilt and wall hanging are on display at the Library, 22500 Eleven Mile Road. Proceeds benefit the projects of Historical Society of St. Clair Shores. (586) 771-9020.

New Baltimore – September 24 & 25

History Fair, downtown area, Washington St., 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Celebrating the Civil War's 150th anniversary. Re-enactors will be camped in the City Park with mock battles and drills, New Baltimore Historical Society's Grand Pacific Museum tours, an enormous antique and craft sidewalk sale, city walking tours, a bake sale, children's zucchini races, live entertainment, Veteran's Wall, a beard contest with prizes, a costume contest (dressing in period clothing for prizes), Old Time Carriage Company rides, Anchor Bay Artists Show, children's games, great food, including "Union" dogs and "Rebel" brats. Sponsored by the New Baltimore Historical Society. Call (586) 725-2770.

Memphis – September 25

RHS 11th Annual Golf Outing/Fundraiser, Belle River Golf Course, 12564 Belle River Rd., 11:00 a.m. registration. Shotgun start at noon, four person scramble. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. and door prize drawings at 7:00 p.m. \$80 for an individual golfer and \$300 for a foursome. The event raises funds for the Richmond High School Wrestling Team. Call Barb at (586) 531-3705.

Washington – September 25

Autumn Daze Craft Show, in front of the Greater Washington Area Historical Society Museum, 58230 Van Dyke, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. The museum (a former school built in 1916) will also be open. Call (248) 652-2458 or go to www.washhistsoc.org.

New Baltimore – September 30

Wine Tasting, Washington Street Wine House, downtown on Washington Street, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Open to the public. \$30 per person. Wines here contain no preservatives and are locally made. Proceeds will benefit the Marine City Rotary Club. Contact lburdal@yahoo.com.

Oakland

Highland – September 10-11

Highland Hey Days, downtown area. A great festival with loads of activities too numerous to mention here for everyone in the family to enjoy! Download a complete flyer of events at www.highlanddda.com/1/220/files/2011Flyer-HeyDays-Final.pdf or call (248) 889-1422.

Orchard Lake – September 11

The Mike Utley Foundation's Second Annual Golf Outing, Pine Lake Country Club, 3300 Pine Lake Rd., beginning at 11:00 a.m. Proceeds from the golf outing will benefit

the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan and patient equipment programs at rehabilitation centers throughout the United States. Event includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, buffet dinner, goodie bag, open bar and silent auction. To register or for information go to www.mikeutley.org, or call (248) 647-8621.

St. Clair

Marine City – September 1

The New Mother/Daughter Book Club, Marine City Library, 6:00 p.m. Great way for moms and daughters to spend quality time together. This month's selection: *Waiting for Normal* by Leslie Conner. Ages 12 and up. Call (810) 765-5233.

Algonac – September 6

Genealogy Circle, Algonac-Clay Library, 2011 St. Clair River Rd., 6:00 p.m. Support fellow genealogy searchers in their quest to trace their family history. Share your knowledge, success and pitfalls as you do your research using library resources. Adults only. Call (810) 794-4471.

Marine City – September 6, 13, 20 & 27

Farmer's Market, Parker and High Streets, next to the Marine City Library, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Join your neighbors and enjoy the outdoors while shopping for a vast variety of locally grown and produced foods, such as vegetables, fruits, artisan breads, baked goods, jams and jellies, honey, maple syrup, relish and canned goods, pierogies, pasta, and herbal teas. A wonderful selection of woodcrafts, garden art, natural home, bath and pet products are also available. Call (810) 765-5165.

East China – September 7

Vision Support Group Meeting, St. John River District Hospital, 4100 River Rd., 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Contact Paul Dailer at (810) 329-5172 for more information.

Marysville – September 10

Fancy Nancy Tea Party, Marysville Library, 1175 Delaware, 10:00 a.m. Wear your boas, gloves and fancy attire and join us for tea, cookies and crafts. Ages 3-8 years old. Sponsored by Friends of Marysville Library. Registration is requested. Call (364) 9493.

Memphis – September 10

Grandparent's Tea, Memphis Library, 34830 Potter St., 1:00 p.m. We are having a tea party – no parents allowed! Let's share ideas about what's special about grandparents and grandchildren. Grandparents – bring your grandchildren! Grandchildren – bring your grandparents! Registration requested. Call (810) 392-2980.

East China – September 11

Presentation on Pelkey Anchors, Red Brick School and Museum, 696 Meisner Rd., 2:00 p.m. Gary Steinmetz will exhibit a collection of Pelkey Anchors, which were made in Marine City



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during the 1920s and 1930s, and will discuss their history. In addition to being standard equipment on many Chris-Crafts, the anchors were also used by other leading boat companies. Donations accepted. Call (810) 765-8879 or visit www.eastchinatownship.org/red_brick_school.aspx.

Yale – September 12

International Folk Dancing, Yale Library, 2 Jones St., 6:00 p.m. Adults learn something new while you enjoy the music and dances of many countries. Most dances are done in a line or a circle. No partner or dance experience is needed. Call (810) 387-2940.

Marine City – September 14

"We're in the Movies," Riverside Cinema, Kmart Plaza, 6:00 p.m. Admission is \$3 and proceeds will benefit the Marine City Rotary Club. For information, contact lburdal@yahoo.com.

Kimball – September 15

Autumn Gardening, Kimball Township Library, 1995 N. Allen Rd., 4:30 p.m. Master Gardener Denni Lesinski will give tips on how to care for fall gardens, how to make them last longer and answer your questions. Registration required. Adults only. Call (810) 982-9171.

Emmett – September 15-17

"Junque & Treasures" 17th Annual Indoor-Outdoor Sale, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 10828 Brandon Rd., 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and 9:00 a.m.-noon on Saturday. Antiques, uniques, something for everyone! Lunches, bakes sale, and farmers market. Proceeds go for restoration of the church bell tower. Call (810) 384-1786.

Marine City – September 16

Listening and Dancing with Dom and Company, Washington Life Center, 403 N. Mary St., 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Come and enjoy live music from the 40s-70s, including everything from waltzes, polkas, two-steps, swing, Latin and Rock! Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 (suggested donation) at the door. Everyone is invited. There will be a variety of refreshments. Tickets are available at the Center. Call (810) 765-3523.

Emmett – September 16 - 18

4th Annual Emmett's Day, downtown area. Free family fun for everyone to enjoy! On Friday, there will be a movie in the park at dusk. On Saturday, there will be a tractor parade at noon and artists, demonstrations and music all day. On Sunday, there will be a 5K run, junior baseball and a car show. For more information contact emmettsday@yahoo.com.

Port Huron – September 17

"The Hunt is On!" Port Huron Library, 210 McMorran Blvd., 8:30 a.m. Kids, drop in and take part in a scavenger hunt, complete with a treasure. Bring a friend! Call (810) 987-7323 ext. 132.

St. Clair – September 17

Lego Fun, St. Clair Library, 310 S. Second St., 1:00 p.m. Build Lego projects based on a theme that will be displayed in the library. Ages 7 and up. Call (810) 329-3951.

Fair Haven – September 19

Introduction to Computers, Ira Township Library, 7013 Meldrum Rd., 6:30 p.m. If you are a new or beginning computer user, this class will help you learn about the computer's parts and pieces, review the mouse and keyboard and the structure of the desktop. Registration is requested. (586) 725-9081.

Capac – September 22

"Are You Prepared?" Capac Library, 111 N. Main, 6:30 p.m. Come and hear how to be prepared in your home or business in the event of a natural disaster, chemical spill, etc., by Emergency Management Liason, Monica

Standel. Adults only. Call (810) 395-7000.

Lakeport – September 22

Experimenting with Pen and Ink, Burtchville Township Library, 7097 Second St., 6:00 p.m. In this drawing class, artist Laura Kenning will instruct you in techniques for using your imagination to create artwork in pen and ink. Class is free and supplies provided. Registration required; seating limited to 20. Call (810) 385-8550.

Algonac – September 24 & 25

22nd Annual Off Our Rocker Variety Show, Algonquin Middle School, 9185 Marsh Rd., 7:00 p.m. on Saturday and 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. This is a fund raiser for the Washington Life Center in Marine City featuring a wide variety of entertainment. Suggested donation is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children ages 10 and under. Call (810) 765-3523.

Goodells – September 28

St. Clair County Family History Group, Goodell's Farm Museum, 8310 County Park Dr. Meet in the parking lot by the barn at 7:30 p.m. The group welcomes guests and new members to our meetings. Anyone interested in local history or researching their family tree is encouraged to become a member of our group or to just attend one of our programs. More information at www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~miscclfh/ or call (810) 989-0399.

Sauilac

Lexington – September 3

Thumbfest 2011, downtown area on multiple stages, 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. This is the 10th anniversary of the festival, and this year is going to be more amazing than ever! New and returning performers feature music from Gypsy Worldbeat to New Orleans brass to Celtic to African and Brazilian. There are multiple stages, workshops and jam sites – and room for new volunteers. There is no charge for this event. Contact Jenna Reed, Publicity Coordinator at (810) 334-9038.

Sandusky – September 10 & 24

Thumb Dance Club, Maple Valley School, 138 Maple Valley Rd., 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Everyone welcome – bring finger foods and friends! Admission is \$4 for members and \$4.50 for non-members. Membership is \$10 per year. On the 10th, The Natural Tones will be the entertainment and on the 24th it will be Lighthouse 3. Call Leola at (810) 657-9349.

Deckerville – September 17 & 18

10th Annual Oktoberfest, throughout the Village. Saturday from 7:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. All-you-can-eat pancake breakfast at the Community Center, at 7:15 a.m. a 5K Walk/Run at Deckerville School, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. various activities, such as crafters, antique dealers, a flea market, garage sale vendors, food booths, and a quilt and art show. The Deckerville Historical Museum on 2485 Black St. will be open, with local historical items on display. On Saturday, the Museum will host Indian Heritage Day. Pot luck Indian luncheon at noon. Bring a dish to pass. Other activities and displays regarding Michigan's Indian Heritage will take place as well. On Sunday at 3:00 p.m. there will be an antique tractor pull at Wilson Park. Call (810) 376-4430.

Tuscola

Caro – September 4

Open Horse Show, Tuscola County Fairgrounds, 188 Park Dr. Speed Show starts at 7:00 p.m., entries at 6:00 p.m. There will also be a midnight dash-for-cash. Contact Jackie Diedrich at (989) 302-0191.

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September

1. On this day in 1752, the Liberty Bell arrived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



2. On this day in 1936, the first transatlantic round trip air flight took place.

3. On this day in 1929, the Dow Jones Industrial Average reached an all time high at the time (381.17), which was shortly followed by the Crash of 1929.

4. On this day in 1967, Jerry Lewis' 2nd Muscular Dystrophy telethon was held.



5. On this day in 1958, the first color video recording on magnetic tape was presented, in Charlotte, North Carolina.

6. On this day in 1522, Magellan returned to Spain, after his first round the world trip.

7. On this day in 1813, "Uncle Sam" was first used to refer to the U.S. (Troy Post of New York).



8. On this day in 1892, the "Pledge of Allegiance" first appeared (Youth's Companion).

9. On this day in 1945, the first "bug" in a computer program was discovered by Grace Hopper; a moth was removed with tweezers from a relay that had been taped into the log.

10. On this day in 1955, *Gunsmoke* premiered on CBS TV.



11. On this day in 2001, Terrorists hijacked four passenger planes. Two of them crashed into New York's World Trade Towers causing the collapse of both and the death of 2,752 people.



12. On this day in 1935, millionaire Howard Hughes flew his own designed plane at 352.46 mph.

13. On this day in 1961, unmanned Mercury-Atlas 4 was launched into Earth's orbit.



14. On this day in 1960, Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) was formed.

15. On this day in 1965, *Lost in Space* premiered.



16. On this day in 1908, carriage-maker, William Durant, founded General Motors Corporation.

17. On this day in 1947, Jackie Robinson was named Rookie of the Year by *Sporting News*.



18. On this day in 1830, a horse beat the first U.S. made locomotive (near Baltimore).

19. On this day in 1888, the world's first beauty contest was held (Spa Belgium).

20. On this day in 1951, the first North Pole jet crossing took place.

21. On this day in 1895, the first auto manufacturer opened – Duryea Motor Wagon Company.



22. On this day in 1966, only 413 people showed up at a Yankee Stadium game.

23. On this day in 1889, Nintendo Koppai (later Nintendo Company, Limited) was founded by Fusajiro Yamauchi to produce and market the playing card game, Hanafuda.

24. On this day in 1957, Eisenhower ordered U.S. troops to desegregate Little Rock schools.



25. On this day in 1919, President Woodrow Wilson was paralyzed by a stroke.

26. On this day in 46 B.C., Julius Caesar dedicated a temple to his mythical ancestor, Venus Genetrix, in accordance with a vow he made at the battle of Pharsalus.



27. On this day in 1938, Jewish lawyers were forbidden to practice in Germany.

28. On this day in 1928, the first recording session was held in Nashville (Warmack's Gully Jumpers).



29. On this day in 1915, the first transcontinental radio telephone message was sent.

30. On this day in 1452, the first book was published, Johann Guttenberg's Bible.



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Vision Board

By Rennae Hardy

ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

What we think, we attract. Desires, dreams, ambitions, goals . . . finding the time to focus on our own personal aspirations can be challenging. A creative way to maintain your focus and inspire you to move toward your dreams is by crafting a vision board. Many companies encourage the practice of manufacturing goal boards as incentives for their employees. No matter what you call this ingenious project, it works.

To craft your vision board, all you'll need is some magazines, scissors, poster board and glue. As you sift through the various magazines, have an intention.

What is it you'd like to accomplish? How would you like to "see" yourself in the future? Envision your desire and let your intuition guide you to the pictures and words that resonate with your

"target." Once you've accumulated all the puzzle pieces, assemble them in a collage fashion and glue your clippings to the poster board. Your masterpiece is now complete.

Your personal energy is attached to your creation. You have planted a seed in the universal ethereal soil and birthed your vision.

Station your vision board where you can see it easily. Every time you gaze upon your vision board subconsciously you'll be attracting the people, experiences and whatever else you'll need to assist in making your dream a reality.

If you'd like to incorporate some additional fun into your project, consider connecting with others. Vision Board workshops can be found at locations such as holistic centers, networking organizations, spiritual churches and other venues supporting self-empowerment and inspirational pursuits. Embrace your ideal life. Create your own visual and motivational tool to assist in manifesting your greatest "Vision." 🌱

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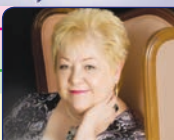
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THE COTTAGE

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his way to the landing, the stairs led up to an unfinished bathroom, a bedroom next to the sun deck and another bedroom with a “cubbyhole” situated under one of the gables and with a small window looking out at the North Channel of the St. Clair River. This was a favorite place for me and any visiting cousins or pals to make pallets, leaving the beds for the rest of the entourage.

Unless you happened to be a high wire artist, you usually had a case of vertigo by the time you reached the top of the stairs as they were made of planking with spaces between from which you could see the lower floor.

With the growing closeness of our family between Uncle Burch and Aunt Alma came a gradual change in Burch’s attitude toward the place and he and Dad spent hours working on the house, cutting weeds and hauling junk to use as landfill.

Mom, my brothers and I also had a hand in making the house more livable. The first summer we spent there, we lined the plasterboard walls with maps as wallpaper and laid linoleum. Uncle Burch still enjoyed knocking out walls and ripping out plumbing, cutting new windows and moving porches, but he was slowly getting things arranged to his liking.

Because of the rustic charm of the place and its location on the river, company came in droves. Mom was hostess and cook to various and sundry relatives and friends every weekend and sometimes for days at a time.

Mom had recently taken up sewing and had just finished a fuchsia colored seersucker dress. The dress had not yet been worn and Mom had left it lying on her bed. Our tiger cat, Buster, whom Mom tolerated for the sake of the rest of us, decided to use the dress as a latrine. We all remember that infamous moment when, with murder in her heart, Mom slung the cat and the manure-covered dress into the middle of the canal with the skill of an Olympic shot-putter!

Though we did most of our living on the sunporch, with its spacious windows through which we exchanged waves of greeting with passing boaters, the heart and soul of The Cottage was the big old fireplace in the living room built by Uncle Burch with large stones painstakingly selected on his travels through Europe, Canada and the United States. The mantel was made of a huge, rough-hewn plank and we had many a happy gathering around that fireplace roasting weenies, toasting marshmallows, or just playing Canasta on a rainy day. Most of the kids liked their marshmallows toasted a golden brown, but I preferred mine flame-broiled into a pregnant puff of coal. I would peel off the outer layer and then repeat the process. When there were a lot of kids present, our special delight was to lie on the floor in front of a crackling fire with all the lights off and tell ghost stories. This was especially effective if there was a howling wind and a thunderstorm in progress and we would re-tell our favorite tales: “Give Me Back My Liver,” the story of the hook-handed Lover’s Lane Murderer, and the one about the time Great Aunt Minnie dropped her corsets in the graveyard.

Facing the North Channel at the water’s edge were a birch tree and a stately old willow. That willow served as a swing for the kids and I vividly remember Uncle Morris and his spaniel, Shaggums, happily snoozing off an afternoon glut in a hammock slung between the birch and the willow. In later years, Uncle Burch planted endless trees everywhere, many of which have today grown to maturity and add immeasurably to the beauty of the place.

Alas, the old willow and the birch gradually succumbed to soil erosion and disease and had to be cut down, but there is still another huge old willow on the canal side. It’s not as beautiful as it used to be. The ravages of time, thoughtless passersby, and harsh weather have left their mark, but that tree seems like an old friend, a witness to loving childhood memories of happy, carefree times. 🍀



Family photo outside of cabin. Story’s author is second from left.



Memoirs from The Restless Retiree

Retirement Brings New Friends!

By Gabriel Jones, *ThumbPrint News* Columnist

When you retire, you’ll be surprised how easy it is to acquire new friends.

In fact, when you do acquire a new friend, it seems that they in turn will introduce you to another new friend that is very interested in what you do and then you have another new friend. This has been happening to me all the time since I quit working.

Before I retired, I was so busy working and taking care of family that I had no time to meet or make new friends (to my regret).

But now, in retirement, I have the time to meet and greet new people and I have acquired many new friends who are interested in me and what I do.

They are also so demanding of my

time, that I have to have an accurate calendar so that they don’t conflict with each other.

WOW! I never had the time before to meet with these people, but now that I have the time, I’m making friends like crazy!

Gabriel has done it again – spreading the news of the positive side of retirement.

Gabriel’s wife, hearing all of this, silently whispers: “You know who all these friends are? Well, I can list them slowly. Our primary doctor is one friend, and he introduced Gabriel to a heart doctor (another friend) who in turn introduced Gabriel to a bone doctor . . . yet another friend. Shall I go on?”

Another lesson learned by The Restless Retiree! 🍀

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Ask the Audiologist

By Lisa Bont

ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

How Much Should I Pay for Hearing Aids?

Are those deep discounted prices on hearing aids that I'm seeing in the paper and receiving in my mail true?

Well, didn't your mother and father ever tell you "If it seems too good to be true, it is!"? Now that's not to say that a bargain isn't a bargain, because it really can be. But, I caution my patients that they are really getting what they pay for. Many of these offers are for technology that has been on the market for a couple of years and so they can reduce the price and pass that on to the consumer. What people are not taking into consideration is that technology is changing ever so rapidly and there is always better technology available. With that the older technology becomes obsolete and most manufacturers will not repair technology over five years old or if they will it will usually be at an inflated price. Manufacturers are in the business of making money as are the hearing aid dispensers and so they fully expect to try to sell you new hearing aids again in three to five years when they can no longer get the hearing aids repaired. Don't be fooled by dispensers promising warranties of five or more years as the manufacturers will tell you they can't!

Unfortunately, it is a more common practice to entice people in for the old "bait and switch" technique. I encourage my patients to be aware that they may be enticed in the door only to be told that the hearing aids they saw advertised will not be appropriate for their hearing loss and then a more expensive set will be offered. Over the past 21 years I've practiced Audiology, I have heard a number of complaints from disgruntled patients about this type of practice. Unfortunately, "it only takes one bad apple to spoil the bunch"! I take that known quote from a recent conversation with a dear friend and it totally applies to this topic.

When you are ready to purchase a hearing aid, look for a provider you are comfortable with, one that you feel has your best interest at heart and I mean your best hearing needs first and foremost. Seek the help from an Audiologist as they are one of the first lines of defense in looking at your hearing from a medical standpoint. They will be the professional that will evaluate your hearing health and determine if you should see an Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) specialist like those I work with at Lakeshore Ear, Nose and Throat. The ENT will determine if your hearing loss can be medically treated rather than immediately trying to sell you hearing aids. You should also know that regardless of where you purchase your hearing aids, you must have AT LEAST a 30 day trial period. This trial period is often longer from most Audiologists and allows us time to evaluate how you are doing with your hearing aids, if we want to make changes with those hearing aids or if you simply want to return them. Unfortunately some individuals do want to return their hearing aids and so if this is your decision be sure to ask what the restocking fee might be.

What is the average cost of hearing aids?

The cost of a hearing aid is dependent upon many factors. The primary factor we take into consideration is your lifestyle and daily activity levels. Other factors come in to play as well and it is the role of the Audiologist to ask the right questions and then make a recommendation to you. If an individual is highly active and in many various types of listening situations on a regular basis, then that individual would most likely benefit from high end or more expensive hearing aids. Whereas others who lead quiet more sedentary lifestyles would benefit from less expensive hearing aids.



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Another important note regarding funding for hearing aids is a Hearing Aid Assistance Tax Credit Act (H.R.

1479, S.905) which has been introduced to the House of Representatives. The legislation provides a tax credit of up to \$500 towards the purchase of a hearing aid and is available once every five years. The credit is available to those individuals age 55 or older, dependents of taxpayers, or taxpayers whose adjusted gross income is below \$200,000. Two senators also introduced this bill but with slightly different terms that would extend the tax credit to all individuals with no restrictions based on age or income. Visit www.hearingaidtaxcredit.org and www.howsyourhearing.org for more information. 🌱

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HOLY TOLEDO!

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territory. Armed with bayonets and guns, they dishonored the Ohio flag by dragging it through the streets of Toledo, tied to the tail of a horse!

Two Stickney was considered a villain by the Michigan residents, but a patriot by Ohioans, much like the much-revered and reviled Woody Hayes.

Woody Hayes was born in Clifton, Ohio, and played center on his high school team and tackle at Denison University. He became head football coach at his alma mater after stints at a couple of Ohio high schools. From there he went on to Miami University where he led them to a victory in the Salad Bowl over Arizona State University. This success led him to become the head coach at Ohio State. As head coach from 1951 to 1978, he compiled a 205-61-10 record, winning five national championships ('54, '57, '61, '68, and '70), and 13 Big Ten Conference titles. Four Heisman Trophy winners thrived under his tutelage (including Archie Griffin, the only two-time winner). Besides the damage inflicted to Michigan on the playing field, Woody also issued punishment in an unofficial capacity: he tended to hit opponents. In 1956, Hayes hit a television cameraman after his team lost to the University of Iowa. In 1959, Hayes tried to take a swing at *Los Angeles Examiner* sportswriter Al Bine, but missed and instead hit the brother of *Pasadena Independent* sports editor Bob Shafer. Returning his fury to Michigan, in 1971 he tore up the sideline markers because of his disappointment in a missed defensive

pass interference call. In 1972, he struck a Michigan State student who uttered a four-letter greeting to the coach. The last straw was when Woody struck Clemson player Charlie Bauman after Bauman intercepted for the Clemson Tigers in the Gator Bowl of December 29, 1978. This was pronounced at the time (by ESPN) as "the most unsportsmanlike play of all time." Woody probably inflicted more long-range damage to Michigan than Two Stickney and is consequently much more famous.

Also famous is Michigan head coach (and former Hayes protégé) Bo Schembechler, the butt of many Woody Hayes' tirades. In 1968, with Ohio State leading 48 to 14, Woody decided to go for a two-point conversion, rather than a simple kick for an extra point. When the conversion was successful, it brought the score to a full 50 points. Asked why he "went for two," Hayes responded, "Because I couldn't go for three." For ten years the two dominated the Big Ten, splitting ten conference titles between them and finishing second eight times. Hayes could not bring himself to speak the name of "that school up north." Schembechler loved nothing more than beating his old mentor. After a decade of memorable battles in the ongoing war, Michigan held a small 5-4-1 advantage. This decade is sometimes called the "Ten-Year War."

Meanwhile, back on August 8, 1835, President Jackson, growing increasingly annoyed by Michigan's refusal to settle the problem through diplomacy, ordered Governor Mason removed from office, and the Michigan militia disbanded. He then appointed John S. ("Little Jack") Horner in his stead. Horner proved to be extremely unpopular as governor. Residents pelted him with vegetables upon his entry into the territorial capital and burned him in effigy. Horner's stint as governor was a short one – about two months.

A September 7 meeting of the Court

of Appeals was set up. Michigan sent 100 militiamen under the command of General W. Wing to Toledo to prevent the court from operating and sent 1,200 more as backup on the way. However, unknown to the militia, a court was convened, under cover of darkness, at 1 a.m. on the appointed day. Meeting at a schoolhouse, Junius Flagg was named sheriff, Dr. Horation Conant was named clerk, and John Baldwin, Robert Gower, and Cyrus Holliday were designated as the commissioners. After the covert session, the group stopped at a bar, but they were warned of the presence of Michigan militia and managed to avoid them. Dr. Conant put the minutes of the court session in his top hat, but lost the hat. Because the minutes were necessary to establish that the session had legally taken place, Conant and two Ohio militia men went back to search for the hat, found it, and made it back into Ohio just after dawn, and just in time to (in true Big Game style) hit the bar to again celebrate the victory. The Michigan militia, with nothing more to do, stayed a few days, plundering Major Stickney's vegetable garden and fruit orchards.

At this point, the U.S. Congress offered Michigan \$400,000 and the Upper Peninsula to drop their claims. The Upper Peninsula had been planning to organize as its own state called Huron. Finally, on December 14, 1835, the Michigan Convention in Ann Arbor accepted the terms proposed. On June 15, 1836, Congress passed the Clayton Act, also known as the Northern Ohio Boundary Act. This allowed Michigan to finally join the Union and allowed Ohio to finally occupy the Toledo Strip without fear of reprisal. On January 7, 1837, Toledo was officially established as an Ohio city. On January 26, Michigan was officially admitted to the Union. In 1915, the line was officially surveyed and the governors of Ohio and Michigan stood on their respective borders and shook hands.

Besides the annual rivalry of the Michigan-Ohio State football game, in the



Michigan coach Bo Schembechler and Ohio State's Woody Hayes. The "10-Year War" between Woody and Bo started in 1969, when the Wolverines upset OSU 24-12, and ended with a 14-3 Michigan victory in 1978. During those 10 years, Schembechler posted a 5-4-1 record against his former boss.

1960s, another controversy over the state boundaries became a point of contention between Ohio and Michigan. Michigan said that the Clayton Act applied only to territory on land and wanted control of 206 square miles of underwater land that had been controlled by Ohio since the Toledo War. The Supreme Court ruled in 1973 that the territory would remain part of Ohio. There is still a group calling itself the Michigan Militia that still claims that part of Ohio really belongs to Michigan. They say that since the Harris line is now official, the northernmost two miles of Sandusky (including the amusement park Cedar Point) should be immediately returned to Michigan. Another territorial issue has been the Maumee River location of Turtle Island.

Moreover, every year the University of Michigan and Ohio State meet to fight new battles in the war between Ohio and Michigan. 🍀



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This month we are asking the question, "Where is it?" This huge alligator carving pictured below stands at the corner of two streets in a Thumb area city or town. Identify the streets and city or town where it can be found and send an email



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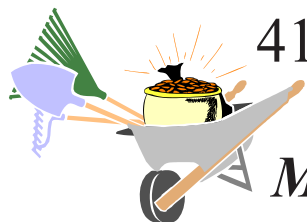
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The Missing 11 Days!

By **Ralph McKinch**

ThumbPrint News Staff Writer

Did you know that absolutely nothing happened in British history between the 3rd and the 13th of September, 1752? No one was born, no one died, no one worked, played or did ANYTHING, for that matter. It was like those days just didn't exist! As a matter of fact, THEY DIDN'T!

Today, the calendar that is used most often around the world is the Gregorian calendar, which was introduced by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582 – 365 days with a leap year every four years to make the calendar correspond more closely to an astronomical year (365.24219 days).

However, up until 1753, the calendar used by the British was the Julian calendar. This calendar was 365.25 days long and eventually the calendar was no longer lined up with the seasons. So, in 1752, the decision was made to stop using the Julian calendar and start using the Gregorian. To correct the out of sync calendar, September 3 instantly became September 14. So, in essence, there is no record of ANYTHING happening in Britain's history on those missing 11 days!

Here are some other interesting facts about the month of September that you may or may not know:

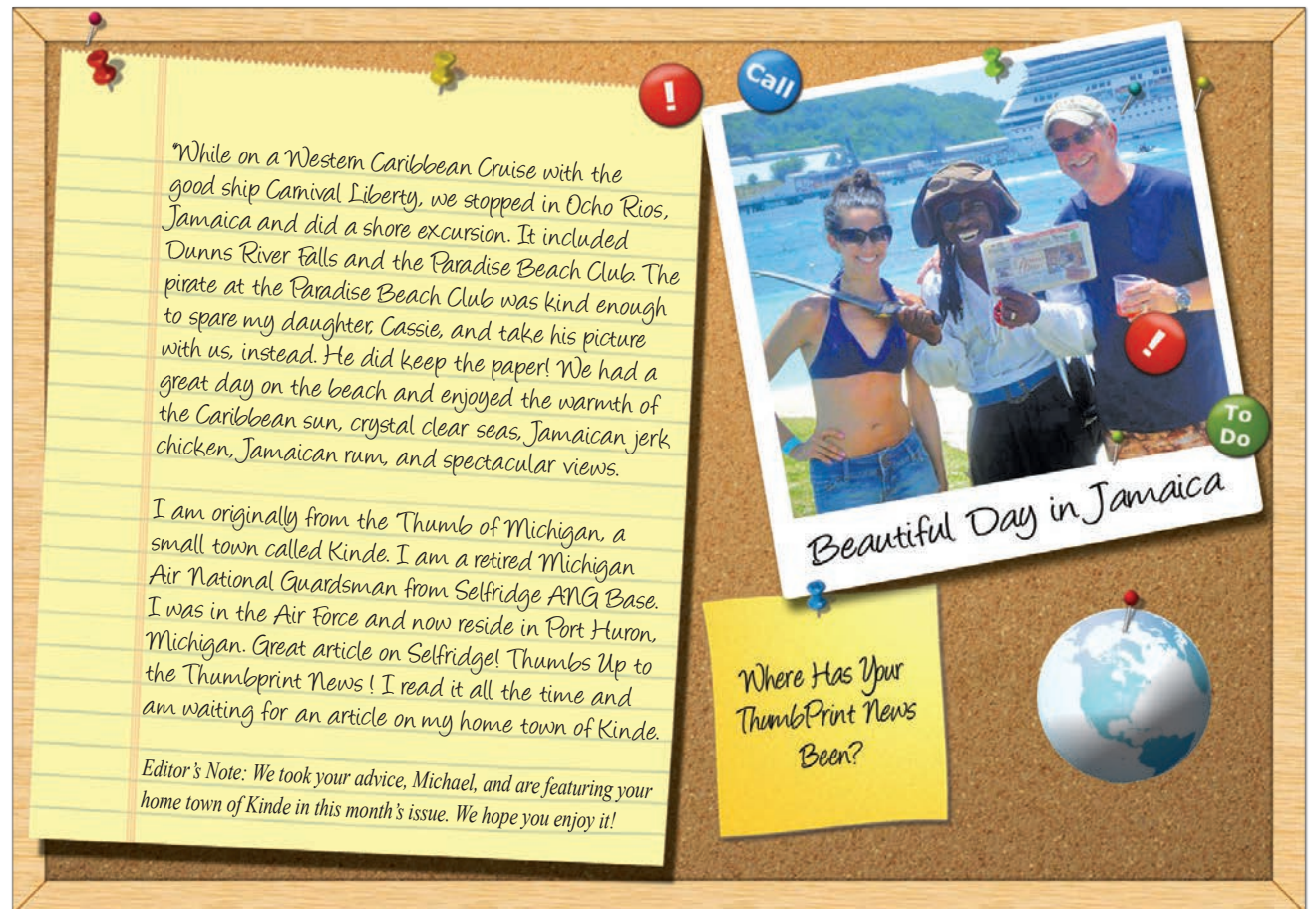
- The name September comes from the old Roman word "septem," which means seven. That is odd since September is the eighth month! (In the Roman calendar, it was the seventh month, however.)
- The Anglo-Saxons called it Barley month, because it was the month they drank their favorite drink – barley brew. (I wonder if they ever lost track of any days.)
- The Romans thought September was dominated by the god Vulcan, and expected it to be a month of fires, volcanic eruptions and earthquakes.
- In medieval England, harvesting began traditionally on the 24th of September.
- Labor Day became a federal holiday celebrated in September in 1894. However, the first Labor Day was actually observed on August 26, 1878, in Boston, by the Central Labor Union of New York, the nation's first integrated major trade union.
- In high society, Labor Day was traditionally the last day of the year when it was fashionable for women to wear white.
- The birthstone for September is the sapphire and the flower is the aster.
- A few famous people who were born in September and the day on which they were born are Gloria Estefan (1), Henry Ford (4), Patsy Cline (8), Greta Garbo (18), Stephen King (21), Will Smith (25) and Truman Capote (30).
- Patriot Day is an annual observance on September 11 to remember those who were injured or died during the terrorist attacks in the United States on September 11, 2001. Many Americans refer to Patriot Day as 9/11 or September 11. (This should not be confused with Patriots' Day, which is held annually on the third Monday of April in some states and commemorates the battles of Lexington and Concord, which were fought near Boston in 1775.) 🍀

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