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The Historic Village in Richmond Joins in Commemorating Log Cabin Day in Michigan

By Lori Nye

Richmond Area Historical and Genealogical Society

Come and commemorate the log cabin and the role it played in settling the wilderness of Michigan's beautiful peninsula on Log Cabin Day, Sunday, June 24, 2012 at the Historic Village, located at Park and Beebe Streets, Richmond, Michigan from noon until 4 p.m.

Log Cabin Day began its journey when the legislature, in 1987, passed a resolution creating the First Log Cabin Day for the state sesquicentennial. A second resolution was passed in 1988, and a law was passed in 1989, which made it an annual event celebrated on the last Sunday in June.

The Donley Family Log Cabin was built

in 1850 by John Donley who immigrated to Michigan from Ireland during the Irish Famine. John Donley built his log cabin on a piece of property that is now named 29 Mile Road (formerly known as the Irish Road) just east of Gratiot. There wasn't any road leading to the property from Gratiot, but this did not stop these early settlers from cutting a path, clearing the land by cutting and felling the trees, and making a home for their family. Over the years, this log cabin



has had many restoration projects to keep it standing and able to tell its visual story of life in the 1800s in Michigan. It was moved from its original location on 29 Mile Road

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Spotlight on a Small Town: Richmond

By Lori Nye

ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

The history of Richmond, Michigan, a growing, bustling community located in the northeastern quadrant of Macomb County, is woven through time and the merging of several smaller communities to form the expanded City of Richmond that one sees today.

From most reports, the first settler to the community was Daniel Hall in 1835. He was issued a land grant signed by President Martin Van Buren. Hall is credited for cutting the first road through the wilderness following the north-south Indian trail from Gratiot Turnpike about two miles north to his property, the site of the current Richmond Cemetery, in order to get his oxen and wagon through the woods.

Hall, originally from North Guilford, Connecticut, relocated to the Michigan wilderness from Ohio with his wife and family. Hall was married to Sarah D. Norton, the daughter of Jerry and Rachel (Hubbard) Norton of Ohio and later residents of Beebe's Corners. The Nortons were also originally from North Guilford, Connecticut and Daniel met Sarah there while she was visiting friends. The Hall Family was active in

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Having received my elementary school education back in the 1950s, the United States flag and everything it symbolized played an important part in the beginning of every school day. Before any lessons would begin, the old-fashioned metal bell with the clapper inside would announce that it was time for all of us to stand, face the flag, place our right hand over our hearts and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Our teachers instilled in us a sense of pride and respect for this symbol of our nation and it was the beginning of a lifelong feeling of patriotism for many of us.

On June 14th, 1885, a teacher who was much younger than any I ever had in my lifetime also wanted to instill this same feeling of patriotism in his own classroom of students in Ozaukee County, Waubeka, Wisconsin at Stoney Hill School. Bernard J. Cigrand was only 19 at the time when he placed a 10-inch 38-star flag in a bottle on his desk. He followed by asking his students to each write an essay on the flag and its significance.

Bernard continued to teach about the importance of the American flag and spent years lobbying for a national day of recognition for our symbol of freedom. His lifelong dream was fulfilled when on May 30, 1916, President Wilson issued a proclamation calling for a nationwide observance of Flag Day. It wasn't until 1949 that an Act of Congress was signed by President Truman designating June 14 of every year as National Flag Day. That date was chosen as on June 14, 1777 the American Flag was adopted. (The flag at that time was a 13-star flag and since then has been changed 26 times.) Probably even more of an honor to Bernard posthumously was the fact that on June 14, 2004, the 108th U.S. Congress voted unanimously that Flag Day was to be recognized as having originating in Ozaukee County, Waubeka, Wisconsin, where Bernard instilled an appreciation of Old Glory in his classroom.

On June 14, 1923, the National Flag Code was constructed by representatives of the Army, Navy and other groups. Although too long to reprint here in its entirety, a few rules of flag etiquette follow:

- It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.
- The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, except when an all weather flag is displayed.
- The flag should be displayed on or near the main administration building of every public institution.
- The flag should be displayed in or near every polling place on election days.
- The flag should be displayed during school days in or near every schoolhouse.
- No other flag or pennant should be placed above, or, if on the same level, to the right of the flag of the United States of America, except during church services conducted by naval chaplains at sea, when the church pennant may be flown above the flag during church services for the personnel of the Navy.
- When flags of two or more nations are displayed, they are to be flown from separate staffs of the same height. The flags should be of approximately equal size. International usage forbids the display of the flag of one nation above that of another nation in time of peace.
- When the flag is used to cover a casket, it should be so placed that the union is at the head and over the left shoulder. The flag should not be lowered into the grave or allowed to touch the ground.
- The flag should never be displayed with the union down, except as a signal of dire distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property.
- The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water.
- The flag should never be used as wearing apparel, bedding, or drapery.
- The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.
- During a ceremony of hoisting or



lowering the flag, when a flag is passing in a parade, during the rendition of the national anthem and during the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, all present except those in uniform should stand at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. Men not in uniform should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should render the military salute. (For a more complete list of all parts of the Flag Code go to www.flagcode.us.)

Flag Day is not a National holiday, although many feel that it should be. However, I still feel, as thousands of other Americans do, that Flag Day is an important day to remember. It is a time to reflect on the importance Old Glory has played in many historical moments in our country and abroad. It is also the perfect time for parents, teachers, Boy Scout leaders, Girl Scout leaders and those other adults who have influence over children's lives to teach what the flag symbolizes and also to begin to instill respect for the flag as well as to train our future leaders in proper flag etiquette. It is a challenge that needs to be accepted.

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Looking Back on St. Peter Lutheran Church in Richmond as it Celebrates its 140th Anniversary

By Tina Kacanowski

ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

Even though St. Peter celebrates the 140th anniversary of her organization as a sound Lutheran congregation this year, her time in Lenox Township actually began in 1854. It was then that Lutherans from Mecklenburg, Schwerin and Prussia, Germany began meeting, first in homes and later in a district school house. Because it was a mission church in an area where Lutherans were scarce, there were several pastors who served them in the earliest days. First they made contact with Rev. Rauschert of Waldenburg (Missouri Synod), and for a time he served the congregation with Word and Sacraments. Rev. Peter Brandt of Swan Creek also served the congregation for a while during the 1860s; the only mention of his time here is that "his work was terminated by certain difficulties within the congregation. There followed a rather dark period for the little group." There were other ministers whose names were not written down during this time, but the last one was Rev. George Weiser, of St. James UCC in Casco.

Around 1870, contact was made with Immanuel, Waldenburg again. Rev. Friedrich Boeling was pastor now, and he wrote out the constitution for the Evangelical-Lutheran congregation of Lenox, dated January 3, 1871, and signed January 14, 1872. It was through his efforts that the little congregation placed their first call for a pastor to Rev. F. W. M. Arendt of Ontario, Canada. Pastor Arendt was installed on July 28, 1872 by Rev. Boeling. Pastor Arendt wrote the church constitution under the name "St. Peter Evangelical-Lutheran Church" and the congregation voted it in on August 18, 1872. By September 30, 1872, he accepted a call to St. John in Fraser, Michigan. No reason why is known. According to St. Peter's records, he left in September.

However, according to the Missouri Synod and St. John Fraser records, he left Lenox in December. They turned to Rev. Boeling again, who supplied them with another call list. This time they called Rev. Carl Lohrmann of Mitchell, Ontario. He accepted the call and was installed on March 23, 1873 by Rev. Boeling.

One of the first things Pastor Lohrmann did at every church he was at was to begin a school, and St. Peter was no different. Early on he began teaching school, and when the second church was built



Rev. Carl Lohrmann

in 1875, the first church (built in 1863) became a school house, which served the congregation until 1949. Pastor Lohrmann taught until 1888, when Teacher Prange was called. He had members who travelled from New Haven, and so in 1884 he began the first daughter congregation, St. John Lutheran in Ray Township, formerly of New Haven. Also in 1884, he began a three year term serving Trinity Lutheran in Port Huron, who was left without a pastor. In 1888, after 16 years of labor, Pastor Lohrmann took a call to Eden Valley, New York. He did not leave until January 20, 1889, the Sunday when Pastor Merkel was installed.

Rev. Christopher Merkel came for two years. During his time the bells were purchased, and in 1890 another daughter congregation was begun, St. Paul Evangelical-Lutheran of St. Clair and Columbus Townships. St. Paul was on Rattle Run at Mayer Road, on the northeast corner, kitty-corner from the Methodist Episcopal Church. St. Paul closed in 1927

because there were only three families left and prospects for new members weren't good. Those families joined St. Peter.

After Pastor Merkel left, Rev. Johan L. Hahn of Sebewaing was installed June 14, 1891. He brought with him a love of music and a sense of humor. Pastor Hahn would joke he was a direct descendent of Adam and Eve, because his parents were Adam and Eve Hahn. It was during his time that a pipe organ was purchased. Two of his sons, William and John A., also served the congregation as teachers and organists. Pastor Hahn retired in 1910, and agreed to stay until Pastor Wichmann was installed July 31, 1910.

Pastor Martin P. Wichmann's time at St. Peter was busy. In 1913, the school was remodeled, followed by the church in 1914.



Pastor Martin P. Wichmann

The rededication of the church was on November 29, 1914. It was a very happy celebration at St. Peter, with Pastor Hahn visiting from Detroit, and Pastor Lohrmann visiting from Meta, Missouri. On August 20, 1922, St. Peter celebrated her 50th anniversary, and once again Pastor Lohrmann travelled from Missouri for the occasion. Also present were Rev. E. A. Mayer, president of the Michigan District (Missouri Synod), and Rev. F. Bublitz of New Haven. In 1923, a new parsonage was built, and ended up costing \$7,600. For many years there were still members who complained about a certain member who kept changing the plans and drove the cost of the parsonage up. (The parsonage was sold in the early 1980s and moved down 31 Mile Road.) In August, 1925,



St. Peter School and Church, circa 1930s

Pastor Wichmann began *Der Bote* or *The Messenger*, a newsletter for the church in both German and English. *The Messenger* would be Pastor Wichmann's final testament to St. Peter, for he died very suddenly on Tuesday, November 23, 1926. His final sermon, on the final day of the church year, is still talked about today. He preached on how a Christian ought to be prepared to die, for death may call at any time.

During the vacancy, Pastor Bublitz of New Haven filled in. The members liked Pastor Bublitz so well that they called him; those documents still exist. If he would serve them with Word and Sacraments, they would give him \$1,300 a year and the parsonage to live in. Pastor Bublitz's children felt he should take the call. His late daughter, Marie Canchola, said that they really tried to convince him to accept the call because St. Peter's parsonage had an inside bathroom! On Feb 14, 1927, he returned the call to them, and then the congregation called Pastor William Junke of Hadley, Michigan. Pastor Bublitz installed Pastor Junke on April 11.

During Pastor Junke's time, the 60th anniversary was celebrated. In the 1932 booklet we read, "Rev. C. Lohrmann, who served our congregation in the early years,

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Even with tighter budgets, millions of drivers are hitting the roads for a summer road trip with a desire to make every dollar count. For motorists, now is the time to make sure their vehicles perform at full strength, to save at the pump.

Here's a simple checklist of tips motorists should perform to help keep their vehicles running safer, longer and more cost-effectively during the warm summer months:

• Check that tread:

Motorists must take a few minutes to inspect their tires, or to visit a local tire and service outlet for a check-up. The price of gasoline provides even more incentive to check tire conditions and air pressure before heading off on summer trips. Advances in tire technology are helping deliver a new generation of moderately priced tires that offer the all-season traction and long tread wear consumers have come to expect, but with enhanced rolling resistance to help save money on gas. How do the tires help save gas? Advanced polymers reduce friction as the tires roll, reducing energy loss, which results in improved fuel efficiency.

• **Don't overload:** Vehicle overloading can occur when trying to jam in too many extra items for an extended vacation. Check the owner's manual for the maximum recommended load details. An extra 100 pounds in the trunk reduces a typical car's fuel economy by one to two percent.

• **Watch for inflation:** Proper tire inflation is essential for increased automotive safety, optimum driving performance and significant cost savings, including better fuel mileage. Tires should be inflated to the vehicle manufacturer recommendations printed on the vehicle door placard or in the glove box and should be checked monthly. Over-inflation can lead to premature or irregular tire wear and under-inflation

reduces a vehicle's fuel efficiency by an average of 3.3 percent.

- **Get tuned in:** Before taking that long trip, visit a trusted automotive outlet and make sure your car is properly tuned. Regular vehicle maintenance can improve gas mileage by an average of 4.1 percent, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.
- **Wear a cap:** Vehicle gas caps must be tight and undamaged. Approximately 17 percent of the vehicles on U.S. highways have either misused or missing gas caps, causing millions of gallons of gas to vaporize into the atmosphere.
- **Be smooth:** Aggressive driving wastes gas and can reduce your fuel mileage by 33 percent on the highway and five percent in the city. Observe the speed limit.

- **Get up in the gears:** The higher the gear you drive in, the lower your engine speed is, which can improve fuel efficiency. So change up a gear whenever you can. This can dramatically impact fuel efficiency.
- **Cruisin' U.S.A.:** Using cruise control on the highway helps you maintain a constant speed and, in most cases, will prevent stressful engine acceleration. Enjoy your summer vacations, but conserve your gas, by following these helpful tips. 🌱



YOUR INCREDIBLE, EDIBLE BACKYARD

By Stella Otto

ThumbPrint News Columnist

Giving the Green Light to Your Green Thumb

Memorial Day is typically the green light for safely passing the frost danger zone for gardens in Michigan. We can now turn our green thumbs to setting the more cold sensitive vegetable and herb plants in our edible garden. Tomatoes, peppers, eggplant and melons are all candidates for planting now.

Vegetable crops such as cucumbers, squash, zucchini, sweet corn, beans and carrots that need warmer soils to germinate can be direct seeded. For a continuous season long supply of fresh food, follow with more corn, beans and carrots in two to three weeks. Another planting of cold tolerant lettuce, spinach and peas can also be put in now, before the weather gets too warm for these crops to do well.

While you're planting, consider participating in the Plant a Row for the Hungry campaign sponsored by the Garden Writers Association. It's simple! Just plant an extra row or more of edibles in your garden and donated the harvest to a local food bank, pantry or soup kitchen. Your small effort will be greatly appreciated by someone who might otherwise be going hungry.



Asparagus and rhubarb are both perennial vegetables that make their debut in the garden at this time of year. It's high time to plant the dormant roots or crowns.

Fleshy asparagus roots are planted in a 10-12 inch wide trench that is about six inches deep. Asparagus is a heavy feeder, so add some phosphorous fertilizer to the bottom of the trench to give roots a strong start. Then, spread the roots out fully in the trench, placing one root about every foot. Cover the roots with an inch of soil,



but do not fill the trench. As the spears emerge, continue to add soil gradually until the trench is filled to ground level. During the planting year and for a year or two after, do not harvest any asparagus spears, allowing them to fern out and gain strength instead. Once you are getting strong spears the diameter of your thumb, you can harvest for a week the first season and then two weeks the next. After that spears can be harvested annually for three to four weeks or until the diameter starts to decrease. After harvesting for about a month, allow spears to grow and fern out, storing reserves for next season. Old, dried out ferns can be removed at the end of the fall or early in the spring before new growth starts.

To harvest asparagus, allow the spears to grow to a height of about 8-12 inches. This could take a few days if temperatures are cool or could happen literally overnight if the thermometer climbs to the 70 degree mark or higher. The tips should still be tightly closed. Harvest by snapping the spears near ground level. Once you've done this a few times, you'll notice there is usually a spot where the spear snaps readily for a fully usable, tender treat. Sauté in olive oil with garlic or roast on the grill. Enjoy! 🌱

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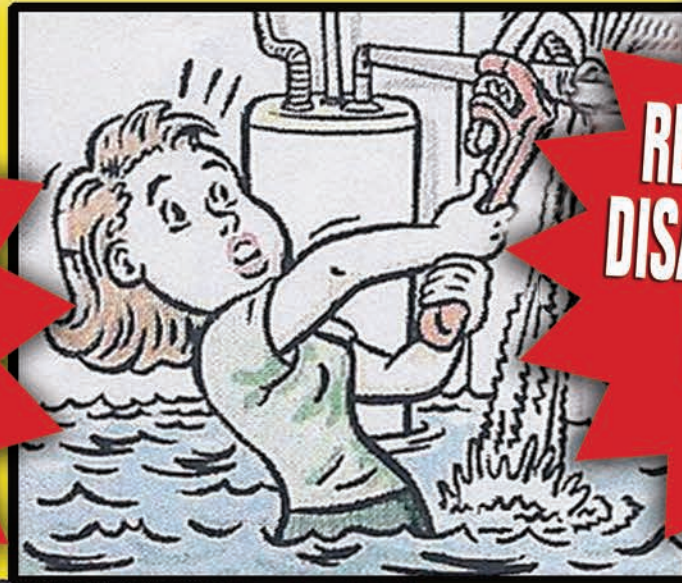
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Main Street Philosophy and Front Porch Diplomacy

By David Gillis

ThumbPrint News Columnist

As I find myself well into the fall of my life I am much more aware of how meaningful the spring of it really was and of the numerous lessons learned over time. It seems we tend to meander through life without giving proper thought to how important relationships are and how they shape the directions we take in our rapid journey to life's end.

Over several decades of involvement in community-related projects, I found myself participating in economic revival task forces, historic preservation groups and neighborhood improvement efforts. During this period I became aware that many people, especially those a generation or two behind me, were seeking something that once but no longer existed. They were looking for the means and methods of forming better relationships within their neighborhoods and throughout the community in order to accomplish betterment projects.

After giving the matter some thought I remembered how people a half century ago related to each other. They didn't seem to need focus groups, task forces and special committees to form productive relationships. As I recall, they related to each other following a simple practice on a daily basis. They used what I term, "main-street philosophy and front porch diplomacy."

As an aging student of economic development and a participant in community service, I often think back to a time much different than now. My memories return me to little towns that existed five decades ago, especially those that dotted the St. Clair River, extended inland and were scattered to the north in the Thumb Area. Oh, they still exist, but many have been transformed by the affects of suburban sprawl and, unfortunately, negative economic impacts.

As a young adult, I was a part of the suburban sprawl generation that found change exciting. We began with the processes of urban renewal in the sixties and modified an entire approach to the way we live and how we relate to each other. Without knowing it, we may have taken from our children, and now our grandchildren, a strong feeling and understanding of community. Possibly we lost our perspectives concerning the importance of a real neighborhood and minimized the meaningfulness of real downtowns.

Like many others who may now look back, I remember living in a neighborhood with sidewalks, not a subdivision offering the drive-by

coldness of garages. We got to know our neighbors from our front porches. Now, we too often find ourselves sequestered on the rear patio and the only thing neighbors see when they drive by is the garage door. I guess we had to move the garage to the front to make room for our decks in the back.

I, too, can remember shopping on the main street downtown and walking to church and school because they were in our neighborhoods. I knew the merchants downtown because they were my neighbors, too.

Many downtowns I knew have been replaced with strip centers and malls surrounded by a sea of concrete. Numerous main streets become ghost towns after 5:00 p.m. and they are often void of the characteristics worth caring about.

In many cases we've zoned our communities into neat little boxes containing our living areas, shopping centers, houses of worship and schools, all neatly separated from each other. As we look at our little towns today, we find they are struggling for identity and, without even knowing it, a desire for the community that once existed. I recognize an eagerness for change to something else and pray that we won't make the same mistakes we did then under the guise of modernization.

I sincerely believe that true community revitalization does not begin with new structures or professionally-designed visions. It starts with a change in how we think and act. It commences when we re-establish personal interests, identities and fellowships within our neighborhoods. It continues when we re-create the distinctive characteristics of our downtowns and recognize that its cooperating merchants are an intrinsic part of our community. It begins to come together as we shop in town and congregate in local cafés. It continues to grow as we learn the names of our neighbors and discover they are the same people sitting in the church pew next to us.

The rebuilding of our communities must begin today with a much greater personal commitment; a return of total community pride; and an attitude of caring togetherness that replaces separation and competitiveness. Our new plan for community renewal must look to the preservation and restoration of what we have, not its removal and replacement as we experienced in the past. We must demand more of ourselves and be willing to give it. What we really need now is old fashioned "main street philosophy and front porch diplomacy." 🌱

LANDSCAPING THE THUMB

ALL ABOUT ANNUALS

By Paul Bujak
ThumbPrint News Staff Writer

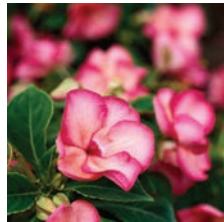
As our spring colors start to fade away, we say hello to hot days and mild summer nights. It's time to renew the colors of spring with some great summer annuals.

Annuals are the least expensive and easiest way you can help brighten up your summer landscape. They take very minimal care and all work nicely together in your garden beds. Let's go a little in depth about what annuals are and how to care for them.

An annual is a plant that usually germinates, flowers, and completes its life cycle in one season. Annuals come in all sorts of colors, textures and heights. Avoid the late night frost and plant your annuals in the late spring. Here are a few tips on how to keep your annuals looking great all summer:

Location is Key:

Most annuals will do extremely well in Michigan if they are planted in the proper location. Plants have to compete with trees and shrubs for moisture and nutrients. This is why choosing the best plant for your location will play a big part on how it will perform this year. Some popular plants that do well in shaded areas are impatiens, begonias, pansies and salvias. While the plants that do well in hot and sunny areas include vinca, salvia, verbena, petunias and more.



Fertilizer & Water

Annuals don't require too much fertilizer during the summer months. But, it is always good to provide lacking plants with an application of high quality plant food. This will provide additional nutrients to help your plants recover. Apply insecticide as needed to control any pests as soon as you notice them. Water plants immediately after planting. Water a minimum of once a week for the first two weeks to keep plant roots moist and encourage good root development. Continue to water

plants daily to provide enough moisture during the hot summer days.

Those Pesky Weeds

Weeds not only take away vital nutrients from plants but they also take up space needed for new blooms. A thick layer of mulch will also help weeds from growing in your flower bed. Weeds should be removed as soon as you see them. Also, be sure to deadhead (remove dead flowers) your annuals to encourage new growth.

Some of the best annuals for Michigan include zinnias, marigolds, cosmos, salvias, sunflowers and petunias. These plants are all easy to find and easy to grow in your garden bed. Let's go play in the dirt! Planting season has officially begun!

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The original concept, conceived by Cambridge, England paramedic Bob Brotchie, involved putting the acronym ICE in front of your designated emergency contact.

The idea is that you store the word "ICE" in your mobile phone address book, and against it enter the number of the person you would want to be contacted "In Case of Emergency." Additionally, you would want to enter the name of the individual so your display would read: "ICE Heather" indicating the person's name.

In an emergency situation, ambulance and hospital staff will then be able to quickly find out who your next of kin are and be able to contact them.

It's as simple as that, and for more than one contact name you can use ICE1, ICE2, ICE3, etc.

Here's a simple checklist on how to ICE your cell phone.

- Make sure the person whose name and number you are using has agreed to be your ICE partner.
- Make sure your ICE partner has a list of people they should contact on your behalf, including your place of employment.
- Make sure to always include every phone for that individual: home, work and cell/mobile.
- Make sure your ICE partner's number is one that's easy to contact. For example

a home number could be useless in an emergency if the person works full time, so include all contact numbers.

- Make sure your ICE partner knows about any medical conditions that could affect your emergency treatment such as any allergies or current medications.

- Make sure if you are under 18, your ICE partner is a parent or guardian authorized to make decisions on your behalf, such as if you need a life or death operation.

- Always enter your ICE contact to include the name of your ICE partner, such as: ICE_Heather

- Should your preferred contact be deaf, type ICETEXT, then the name of your contact before saving the number.

Although this simple concept came from England, Visiting Angels can see the value in spreading the word nationwide to assist those heroes in your time of need.

If you need assistance in taking these steps, please contact Visiting Angels at 810-326-4357. They will be more than happy to help you set up your cell phone.

For more information on our national ICE effort, ask about receiving your free ICE: In Case of Emergency informational brochure by calling Visiting Angels at 810-3ANGELS (326-4357).

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Almont Community Historical Museum Receives Award

Submitted by the Almont Downtown Development Authority

The Almont Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is pleased to announce that the Almont Community Historical Museum rehabilitation project has been selected to receive a Michigan Historic Preservation Network 2012 Building Award. This award is presented once a year to an outstanding rehabilitation project that has made a significant contribution to the preservation of Michigan's heritage.

The Almont Community Historical Society occupies the building at 149 S. Main Street, owned by the DDA. The rehabilitation process began in the spring of 2010. The building originates from the mid 1800s and remains as one of the last intact all-wood structures downtown. Prior to rehabilitation, the building retained most of the original storefront façade, while some portions of the upper cornice and decorative brackets were missing. Fortunately, the building had undergone only minor alterations and a majority of the unique building features had changed very little over time.

Over the years, this building has served as a post office, law office, antique shop, children's clothing store and home to Mr. and Mrs. Rueben Braidwood. Slated to be moved to Crossroads Village in Flint, the building was kept within the Almont

community largely through the efforts of Richard and Debbie Muir.

Working with RLA Associates architectural firm, repair and maintenance recommendations were drafted.

Utilizing the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, the plans combined nationally recognized historic preservation guidelines with modern cost efficient practices where relevant. Advantage Carpentry was selected as the general contractor for this project and worked in cooperation with Earth Environments of Romeo. Grabill Windows and Doors of Almont created the custom replica doors which now grace the entrance to this building.

One of the fundamental cornerstones of a successful downtown revitalization program is the commitment to preserve and rehabilitate historic structures. It is through these efforts that the character of a community is preserved, linking the past to the present, thus creating an important "sense of place." Failure to properly maintain these landmarks results in an irretrievable loss in terms of aesthetics and sentiments, but also in economic vitality. Preservation efforts need to have functionality and sustainability as a part of the end result. 🌱



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RICHMOND

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forming the Methodist-Episcopal Church and establishing the first school for the Richmond area, which was held in their log cabin by separating the room by hanging a quilt. The first teacher was Mahala Weeks, who taught six scholars. Daniel and Sarah (Norton) Hall had seven surviving children: William, Webster Daniel, Adaline, Emma, Caroline, Joseph A., and Benjamin R.

Later in 1835, two brothers, Erastus M. and Henry P. Beebe, traveled from New York State via Cleveland, Ohio, then by steamer to Detroit, Michigan. Erastus and Henry then walked from Detroit to Mount Clemens and further north to Armada. They followed the east-west Indian trail, now known as Armada Ridge, to its junction with the north-south trail, now known as Memphis Ridge, and established a small community known as Beebe's Corners. Erastus took a land grant signed by President Martin Van Buren, which included a major portion of what was to later become Richmond. He is attributed for laying out the plat of the town, having resold much of his property to others. Erastus was a blacksmith and distiller by trade. His home is still standing and is located at 69725 Main Street.



The Cooper Block is still standing along Richmond's Main Street south of Monroe.

Henry P. Beebe built a general store on the northwest side of the Armada Ridge and Main Street intersection. His store carried groceries, dry goods, shoes and books. He also served as the postmaster for many years and his store was also the post office. Before 1886, Beebe's General Store was replaced by a saloon built and owned by George Boucher. Boucher's saloon was later replaced by a home built in 1908 by George and Mary Boucher. This home is still standing in this location today.

Later in the same year, Alexander Beebe, brother to Erastus and Henry,

arrived in the area. Sometime around 1847 or 1848, Alexander built the Beebe House, a hotel, on the west side of Main Street north of the intersection of what is now known as Armada Ridge and Main Street. This hotel was later moved across the street in the mid-1860s. Alexander was a good carpenter and built many strong houses out of timber in the area.

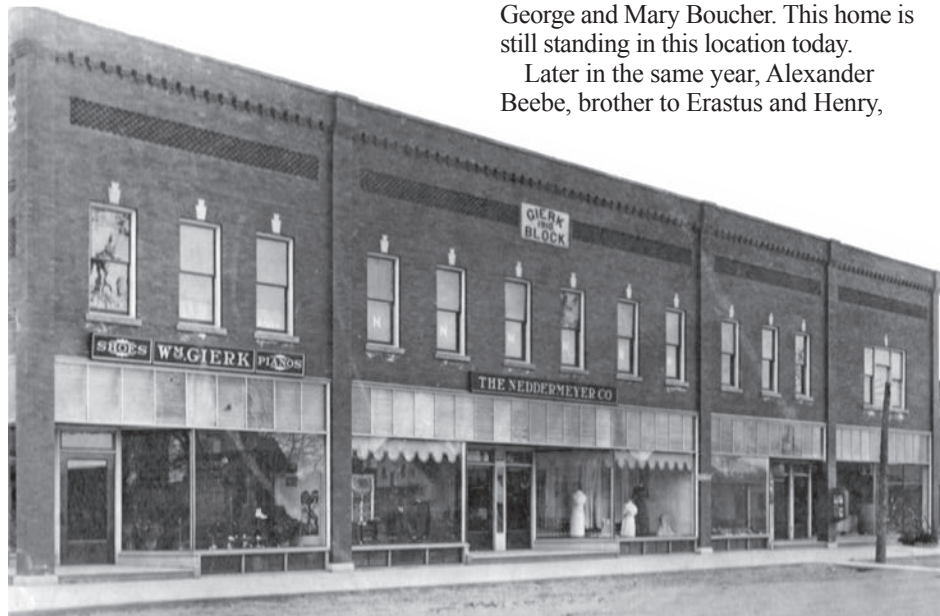
By 1859, Beebe's Corners had two significant rivals that were emerging: Ridgeway or Lenox and Cooper's Town. The latter, Cooper's Town, was an unincorporated settlement that was located just south of Beebe's Corners along Main Street and a few side streets west and east. This community was started by James W. Cooper, who was also originally from New York State. Mr. Cooper relocated to the area sometime after 1857, having been working in the builder's trade and grocery and feed business in New York State. After moving to the Richmond area, he engaged in the successful and profitable business of buying and selling hoops. He later built a stove mill and cooper's shop, later becoming engaged in mercantile pursuits with other partners. He was principal in the erection of what is known as the Cooper Block, adding a fine hotel and mercantile business selling dry goods, fancy goods, boots, shoes, etc. This block

is still standing along Richmond's Main Street south of Monroe.

The other rival to Beebe's Corners was the community known as Ridgeway or Lenox, which was located further south along the north-south ridgeline that later became known as Main Street. The community really began to flourish when the Grand Trunk Railroad chose to put a depot there. Eventually the community of Ridgeway was renamed as Lenox when they were informed by the postmaster general that the name was duplicated elsewhere in the state. This community continued to grow as a bustling business district with hotels, lumber yards, saw mill, and other mercantile businesses.

In 1879 these three communities, Beebe's Corners, Ridgeway/Lenox, and Cooper's Town, were incorporated into the Village of Richmond. Later in 1966, the village was incorporated as a Michigan home-rule city under the council/manager form of government.

Richmond continued to grow over the years and in 1989 added another small community that was built along the Gratiot Turnpike south of Ridgeway/Lenox, known as Muttonville. Muttonville began as the location of St. Peter's Lutheran Church (built in 1863), a grocery store and a saloon. The natural growth of these communities towards each other formed the continuous community of what one sees today. The dreams and visions of the founding families who carved a life out of the virgin forest appear to have come true with the modern and bustling city of Richmond. 🌱



The Gierk Block (c 1910) remains standing today.

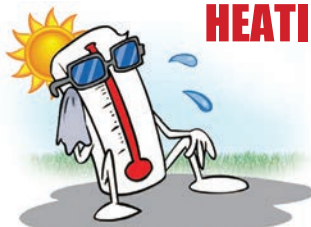


The Lenox Depot c. 1909

Editor's note: Lori Nye is the co-author along with Norm Gibson of a new book about the history of Richmond, Images

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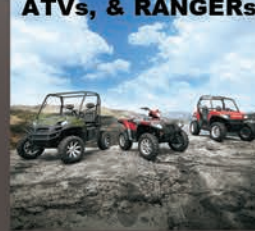
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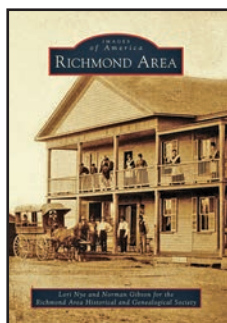
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carefully selected photographs depicting the history of the area. This book relives the people and times of a historical era up to the 1950s. This book is available through the Richmond Area Historical and Genealogical Society for \$21.99 plus shipping, or you can arrange to pick up your copy at The Historic Village at Bailey Memorial Park, located on Park Street between Stone and Beebe Streets in Richmond. Send an email to: richmondareahistoricalociety@gmail.com for more information.

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Here are three ways you can get the whole family in on some fun and healthy eating:

- **The wetter, the better** – Watermelon is 92 percent water – so keep some slices or cubes in the refrigerator for a handy, hydrating snack.
 - **Get colorful** – For a real nutritional boost, serve plenty of colorful, deeply pigmented produce.
 - **Think outside the recipe box** – Look for fun and unusual ways to serve healthy foods.
- Healthy eating doesn't have to be boring at all – it just takes a little creative thinking to get everyone in the family playing with their food.
- You can find more deliciously fun ways to enjoy watermelon, and sign up for a free newsletter, at www.watermelon.org.

Watermelon Strawberry Shake and Frozen Smoothie Pops

Makes 4

Watermelon Strawberry Shake

- 1 container (8 ounces) lemon nonfat yogurt
- 2 cups cubed, seeded watermelon
- 1 pint fresh strawberries, cleaned and hulled
- 1 medium banana, peeled and sliced

In blender or food processor, process yogurt, watermelon, strawberries and banana until smooth and frothy. Serve immediately.

Frozen Smoothie Pops

- Strawberry Shake
- Small paper cups
- Popsicle sticks

Pour prepared Watermelon Strawberry Shake into small paper cups. Freeze, inserting popsicle sticks or plastic spoons when mixture is partially frozen. Or, pour Watermelon Strawberry Shake into ice cream machine. Set and enjoy.



Surf Wave

- Oval or round shaped watermelon
- Kitchen and paring knives
- Cutting board
- Green dry-erase marker (preferably washable)
- Large bowl and spoon
- Brown sugar or raw sugar
- Small dolls or beach themed toys

1. Wash watermelon under cool running water and pat dry.
2. On a cutting board, place watermelon on its side and cut off ¼ to ½ inch from the stem end, being careful not to cut too deep into the white part of the rind. This will provide a sturdy base.
3. Using the dry-erase marker, draw a wave from the top of the watermelon halfway down, similar to a backwards C. Repeat on the other side to form a wave.
4. Use the knife to carefully cut away the parts of the watermelon that you will not be using. Use the spoon to hollow out the watermelon, reserving the inside watermelon to cut up and serve.
5. Place the carving on a serving platter covered with brown sugar. Decorate with toys and shells and fill your carving with fruit.



- Read through the directions before you start.
- Have the watermelon at room temperature when you carve. That makes it easier to cut.
- Drain cut watermelon and other fruit before placing it in the carving. When removing excess flesh, try to leave it in big pieces. It's easier for making melon balls or cubes.
- Use a green dry erase marker, then wipe off excess marker after making cuts.

The St. Clair Shores Historical Commission Celebrates the 60th Anniversary of the City's Incorporation

Submitted by The St. Clair Shores Historical Commission

In celebration of the 60th anniversary of the City of St. Clair Shores incorporation, we are pleased to announce a new Historical Marker program. Owners of homes or commercial structures that were built in 1951



or earlier are eligible to apply for a plaque identifying its historical significance. The plaque has a black background with silver lettering identifying the building as a St. Clair Shores Historical Site with the year of construction. For structures over 100 years old, the plaque will have gold lettering. The cost of the marker is \$125 payable to the Historical Society of St. Clair Shores. Receiving a historical marker plaque will not affect the owner's ability to update the property or structure.

Details for the required proof documents and application are listed in a pamphlet available at the St. Clair Shores Public Library, the Selinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum and on the Library website under the Historical Commission webpage. If you need assistance in beginning research on your property visit the Local History Center at the Library. Hours of operation are listed in the pamphlet and on the Library website.

The St. Clair Shores Public Library is located at 22500 Eleven Mile Road, St. Clair Shores, Michigan. The Farmhouse Museum is located just behind the library. For additional information call (586) 771-9020 or check the library's website at: www.scslibrary.org.

Also in conjunction with the 60th anniversary, the Historical Commission

is pleased to announce the publication of the Jefferson Avenue Historic Tour map. Following the Lake St. Clair shoreline from the City's southern boundary near the Milk River to

the northern limits near 14 Mile Road, this fold-out St. Clair Shores city map includes photographs from the Historical Commission collection, descriptive text and locations of Michigan State Historical Markers along Jefferson Avenue. The Jefferson Avenue Historic Tour map is available for purchase at the St. Clair Shores Public Library and the Selinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum. The price is \$3.00. Proceeds from the map sale support St. Clair Shores Historical Commission projects to preserve the City's local history.

Finally, tickets are now on sale for the Historical Society of St. Clair Shores Quilt Raffle. The drawing will be held on Sunday, September 16, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at Lac Ste. Clair Fine Art Fair, Veterans Memorial Park, 32400 Jefferson Avenue at Masonic Boulevard.

First prize is a springtime quilt (56"Wx72"L). Second prize is a framed artist proof print of the S.S. *Edmund Fitzgerald* by Gary Odmark of Holland, Michigan. Tickets are \$1.00 each and are available for purchase at the Library and the Selinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum during regular hours of operation.

The quilt and art print are on display at the Library. Proceeds benefit the projects of the Historical Society of St. Clair Shores. 🌱

Village of Lexington Receives \$3,000 Grant for Tree Planting

Submitted by Kristi Hazard

Lexington has been awarded a \$3,000 tree planting grant from the DTE Energy Foundation and the Department of Natural Resources, Urban and Community Forestry Program. The grant will fund 24 trees of Michigan native species in Lester Park, replacing trees that were destroyed by the Emerald Ash Borer.

Jamie McCombs, chair of the Environmental Committee researched diverse native species, that in turn sustain native wildlife and strengthen fragile ecosystems. "Without a healthy ecology there can be no healthy economy. We are planting trees to invest in a healthy future for Lexington," stated Ms. McCombs.

"Planting trees continues our

commitment to improving and preserving the natural environment, as well as community development. We surely appreciate the assistance from the DTE Energy Foundation and DNR to continue our work," states Jon Kosht, Lexington Village Manager.

Lexington is a Tree USA Community committed to developing and protecting the environment.

The DTE Energy Foundation and DNR Tree Grant program are designed to increase the number and diversity of healthy trees in Michigan communities served by DTE Energy and its subsidiaries. Trees provide carbon sequestration, clean air and water. The Village has selected several tree species, native to Michigan, that will thrive in Lester Park. 🌱



House Training Your New Puppy

By Dr. DiBenedetto *ThumbPrint News* Columnist

The best time to start teaching your puppy to go to the bathroom outside is when you first bring it home. This is usually around eight weeks of age. By nine weeks of age, most puppies are able to choose a substrate, by feel and smell, on which they will eliminate. They also are learning they have the ability to control urination and hold it until they are at the preferred substrate. Although it's tougher to teach a puppy to go to the bathroom outside after it has learned to use newspaper, it's not impossible. Consistency and positive reinforcement are the keys to successful house training.

Puppies have a high metabolic rate which means they produce a lot of urine quickly after eating or drinking. Your training should start by taking the puppy outside every one to two hours. A reward or positive reinforcement like praise or a small treat encourages the puppy to associate going to the bathroom outside with a good experience. Your puppy should go outside within 30 minutes after eating, drinking or even getting a treat. Any of these actions can stimulate the bowels to move.

If your puppy has been napping, even for a short period of time, or playing hard, they need to go outside immediately upon waking or stopping play. A crate (or kennel) can be useful with most puppies and can be an essential step in the housetraining process. Small, enclosed areas encourage puppies to develop conscious muscle control to inhibit elimination at inconvenient times. If there is an older dog in the house, puppies will observe them and learn a little quicker. However, sometimes having multiple dogs out with a puppy can be too distracting and hinders the training process. It is very common for puppies to not fully empty their bladders when outside due to distractions. If this happens they tend to have urinary accidents inside the house shortly after coming back in. To avoid this, make sure to observe your puppy outside. You should see them sniffing around, almost pacing or circling just before they urinate or defecate. If you see a lot of sniffing but no squatting, when they come back inside place them in their kennel or confined area for a few minutes and then take them back outside. Do not let them have unattended free roam inside

until you are confident they have eliminated well enough outside. Negative reinforcement really doesn't work.

Spanking them or rubbing their faces in the puddle of urine or feces on the floor when you find it is usually too late. By then they do not know what they have done wrong and you're just going to confuse them. They will associate the mess on the floor with your disapproval but not the act of going to the bathroom on the floor. It is much better to focus on the positive reinforcement when they do the right thing.

Puppies are not considered fully housebroken until they've gone at least four consecutive weeks without eliminating in the house. And, yes, you can expect a few accidents. Remember this is a new skill for your pet and it takes time and patience to develop daily routines. 🐾



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear *ThumbPrint News*:

I read your letter from the editor in the last edition (May, 2011) and found myself singing the Statler's song. They were one of my very favorite groups. I still have a number of their 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ rpm albums and remember watching them on TV every Saturday night. I was disappointed when they retired. Great group! Thanks for the memories.

David Gillis
St. Clair

To William Easton
ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

Regarding your article "Crossing The Border" in the May edition of *ThumbPrint News*, I see that you have referred to Lake St. Clair as the "sixth great lake." I am aware of the fondness that many have for this majestic body of water and of the recent efforts that have been made to have it reclassified as a Great Lake. Unfortunately for those individuals, the reality of the situation is that Lake St. Clair is technically and geologically a delta. That is one of the reasons it has historically been called "The Flats," as I am sure that you are aware. I hope that readers of the *ThumbPrint News* are not confused or misled. Thank you.

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JOE KNOWS

THE HISTORY OF OUR LEGAL SYSTEM

By Joseph McKoan

ThumbPrint News Columnist



Editor's Note: Welcome to our new column "Joe Knows". Attorney Joseph McKoan is the third generation of his family to practice law. The McKoan family has served the Thumb of Michigan for more than 65 years and Joe continues this tradition by helping Thumb area residents with their legal issues. Joe can be contacted by telephone at (888) 818-3446, or email Joe at JMcKoan@mckoanlaw.com.

As one may imagine, our country's rich and distinctive legal system dates back to the English Common Law and its principles. In analyzing the history of our legal system, it is important to emphasize the numerous layers, or checks and balances if you will, within our system of laws while keeping in mind that the United States did not have its foundation as one nation, but as 13 separate and distinct colonies, with each and every one claiming its independence from the English.

Our Declaration of Independence states it best. It speaks of the "good people of the Colonies" and further goes to state that "these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be, FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES." Therefore, we arrive at a system whereby the jurisdiction is apportioned between the federal government and state governments, wherein the respective states still retain the substantial independent authority to this day.

The structure of our system of jurisprudence begins with that of the United States Constitution, arguably one of the most important and authoritative documents ever drafted. The respective constitutions of each of the individual states are next and again shows the importance our founding

forefathers placed upon the independence of each state.

The Federal and State Statutes follow with the Common Law or (Case Law) rounding out the legal system. Although constitutional and statutory law preempt common law, the common law is instrumental and vital when gaps need to be filled where the Constitution or legislation is silent.

This rounds out our country's unique system of jurisprudence, or more simply put, the science of the law. This practical science is a proven essential element allowing for the necessary interpretation of the law by wise and just application of the law to the unique facts and circumstances of each case. In the course of forming judgments by this practical application of the laws to specific factual circumstances, precedents result and many times new law is born.

Quoting the Honorable Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., the "life of the law has not been logic; it has been experience." The result is that the distinctive and complex nature of our legal system allows for the law of our land to be an ever evolving creature that moves in conjunction with the continuous flow of changes within our nation and states. 🌱

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- it's a crime to play the national anthem only partway through.
- it's against the law to dock a horse's tail.
- it's illegal to serve diseased food without first obtaining consent.
- it's a crime to use bad language in front of a woman.
- seducing and debaching an unmarried woman can earn five years in jail.
- it's illegal to poison someone's well.
- it's a crime to tear or mark up a library book.
- the sale of dyed baby chicks is a crime.
- it's illegal to promote an endurance contest lasting more than twelve hours.
- adultery is a felony.
- it's illegal to unhitch someone else's horse and then ride away.
- it's a crime to take a picture of a person in a grave.
- it's against the law to dive from a public bridge.
- annoying someone is a crime (Brighton).
- dentists are officially classified as mechanics.
- a woman isn't allowed to cut her own hair without her husband's permission.
- it is illegal to let your pig run free unless it has a ring in its nose. According to history and animal husbandry, it prevents them from "rooting" in the ground for their food. (Detroit)

Editor's Note: We found these on various websites and their validity could not be verified.

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Kid's Korner

By Louise Allen
ThumbPrint News Staff Writer

Are you looking for a great craft idea to keep the kids busy during the long days of summer vacation? This one does double duty! The kids will first have fun one day making the sidewalk chalk and, after it has set up, they will enjoy using it for many other creative days of play outside on the sidewalks or cement driveway.



Homemade Sidewalk Chalk

What you'll need:

- Aluminum foil
- Disposable plastic container
- Plaster of Paris
- Toilet tissue tubes
- Duct tape
- Liquid tempera paints in various colors
- Water
- Spoon



with ½ cup water.

Stir slowly and thoroughly until plaster is dissolved, about 1 minute.

4. Immediately add 2 tablespoons paint. Mix thoroughly.
5. Spoon into the tube. Tap gently so mixture settles to the bottom.
6. Repeat process one at a time with other toilet paper tubes and other colors of liquid tempera paint to create a varying pallet of colored chalk.
7. Let dry over night.
8. Remove toilet paper tubes and aluminum foil and start drawing!
9. Store chalk in a closed plastic container when not in use.

How to make it:

1. Cover one end of the toilet paper tube with duct tape. Loosely roll an 8x4½-inch piece of aluminum foil and slip it into the tube so that it lines the inside, fitting snugly.
2. Set tube upright (duct tape side down) on a protected surface.
3. In a disposable plastic container, help your child mix 1 cup Plaster of Paris

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LOG CABIN DAY

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to its current location in 1997, when it was donated to the Richmond Area Historical and Genealogical Society by the Donley Family.

Docents will be available to talk to you about this log cabin and the other buildings in the Historic Village, including the School Section School, Columbus Train Depot, and The Blacksmith Shop Museum with its current display of artifacts depicting home life in Richmond in the 19th Century.



Wood carvers of Macomb County will also be on hand to demonstrate their craft along with the St. Clair Voyageurs who will demonstrate, or talk about, the Great Lakes Fur Trade and their various crafts. There will also be culture and lifestyle demonstrations such as blacksmithing, rope making, finger weaving, silversmithing, paddle carving, and candle dipping, etc. There may also be an opportunity to see and participate in colonial games, art and craft projects and storytelling.

The map shows over 18 log cabins scattered across the Thumb of Michigan that may be open for tours on Log Cabin Day 2012, though visiting all of them in one day is not a possibility. It is best to set up an itinerary of the log cabins you wish to visit to get the most of your trip. The Log Cabin Society of Michigan can help you plan your itinerary with a brochure providing the locations and descriptions of participating log cabins.

The Log Cabin Society of Michigan is a nonprofit organization that was incorporated in 1988 "to discover, preserve and promote log cabins in Michigan." For a brochure and map for 2012 listing over 100 log cabins across Michigan, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Log Cabin Society of Michigan, 3503 Rock Edwards Drive, Sodus, MI 49126 or visit their website at: www.qtm.net/logcabincrafts/. Some of these log cabins

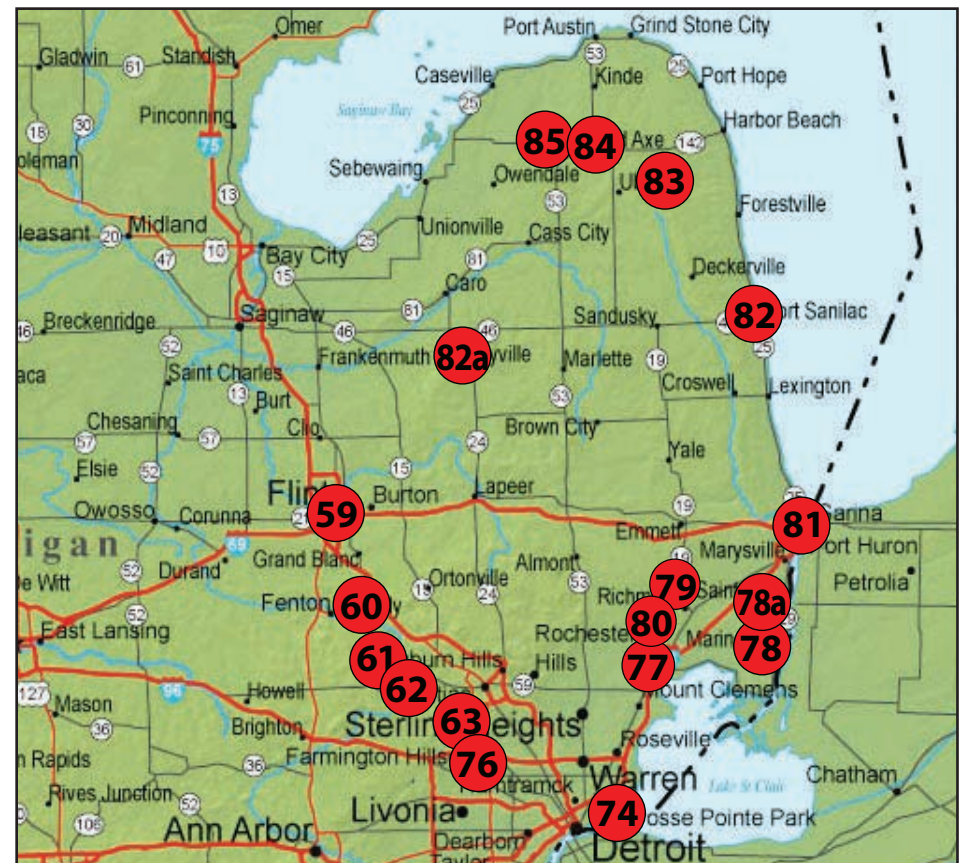
may be privately owned or belong to museums and historical societies.

The Donley Family Log Cabin is part of the Richmond Area Historical and Genealogical Society's (RAHGS) Historic Village. RAHGS is a nonprofit organization founded in 1990 when a local group of citizens gathered in the Richmond Public Library to discuss how to preserve a 19th century one room schoolhouse in Richmond Township. Information can be obtained about RAHGS by emailing: richmondareahistoricalociety@gmail.com or visiting: richmondhistoricalsociety.org. RAHGS holds weekly "workbees" most Thursday mornings at the Historic Village from 8 a.m. until noon.

To help in planning your travel itinerary, other log cabins in close proximity to Richmond's are: Wales Township Mudge Log Cabin, Algonac-Clay Township Log Cabin, Williams Log Cabin in Clinton Township and the Kammer Family Log

Cabin in Port Huron. You will need to check the websites for the specific log cabins to insure the days they will be open and hours of operation. (Additional information on each and their website is provided below.)

Editor's Notes: As stated above in Lori's article, more details about all of the 18 log cabins shown on the map, including their locations, addresses and hours that they will be open can be found at www.qtm.net/logcabincrafts/. However, here is a little additional information about the log cabins that Lori mentions as being in close proximity to Richmond and others that are in the ThumbPrint News distribution area from the website (the number before each corresponds with a number on the map). Also, before traveling long distances, please call and confirm the hours listed below, in case there have been any changes or cancellations.



(59) **Flint:** Crossroads Village. Celebration at the 1840 Salter House, moved in 1995 from Greenfield Village. Live animals, spinning, weaving, and gardening. Take I-475 to either I-75 or I-69 to Saginaw St. Take Saginaw St. north to Stanley Rd., then east on Stanley to Bray Rd., go south to Village. Admission: adults \$10 (\$13 with RR or boat, all three \$16), seniors \$9 (\$12 with RR or boat,



all three \$15), children 4 to 12 \$8.00 (all three \$12.50). Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (800) 648-7275 ext. 856, or (810) 763-7100, ext. 856.

(60) **Holly:** Holly State Recreation Area & Seven Lakes State Park, Rolston Cabin (1938, a rental cabin.) Open house. Take I-75 to exit 101, Grange Hall Rd., head east about 3 miles to McGinnis Rd., right 1/2 mile to cabin road (entrance on right.) Hours: 1 to 5 p.m. (248) 634-8811.

(61) **Waterford:** Log cabin on grounds of Waterford Twp. Historical Society headquarters. Vintage cars, living

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Memoirs from The Restless Retiree

SENIORS: WE DESERVE THIS!

By Gabriel Jones, ThumbPrint News Columnist

At this time, many restaurants and some stores, give seniors a discount. However, the same percentage discount is given to all seniors 55 years old and older.

THAT'S NOT FAIR! The dilemma is: Business owners want more business and seniors want more for their money. But this standard discount isn't the answer.

Gabriel has solved this problem! Just change the process of Senior Discounts.

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It should be: the older you are, the bigger the discount. The reason being, in our lifetime, seniors have purchased more products from merchants because we have lived longer.

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Listed here are the new guide lines for senior discounts.

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Age: 55-59	20%	80-89	35%
60-69	25%	90-Up*	50%
70-79	30%	*Not too many at this age shop	

Gabriel, turning to his wife then states:

"Well, dear, now whenever you go shopping with the girls, you'll have to admit your exact age!"

Another lesson learned from The Restless Retiree. 🐜

history encampment (1817), strawberry shortcake, sundaes, crafts: spinning, quilting, etc., dancers, D.A.R. booth, stamp cancellation, white elephant sale. From Flint go south on I-75 to exit 93, southeast on Dixie Hwy. (Rt. 24) 4.8 miles, go right on Hatchery Rd. for 0.6 miles to 4490 Hatchery Rd. Big white house and log cabin on hill next to a pond. Log Cabin Days both Saturday and Sunday, June 27-28. Hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (248) 683-2697 or e-mail: strait649@comcast.net.

(62) **Waterford:** Drayton Plains Nature Center has two log cabins, one built in 1939 and the other in 1976, reconstruction of a dirt-floor prairie log cabin. Located at 2125 Denby Drive, Waterford. Hours: 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. For more information call (248) 674-2119.

(63) **Troy:** Troy Museum and Historic Village, 1820's period log cabin moved from Monroe Co. Spinning and tours. Located at 60 Wattles Rd. (17 Mile Rd.) just west of Livernois. For more info visit www.ci.troy.mi.us/museum/. Hours 1 to 5 p.m. (248) 524-3570.



(74) **Grosse Pointe:** Restored log cabin (ca. 1830-70) behind the Provencal-Weir house with Grosse Pointe Historical Society sign. It was believed to have been the home of a homesteader in Macomb County and moved in 1938 to the rear of Christ Episcopal Church in Grosse Pointe and used by Boy Scouts. It was moved on May 17, 1997 and reconstructed and restored between Sept. 1998 and Jan. 1999 by members of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society. Take I-94 to Moross exit east, turn left, cross Mack - 2 lights, go left on Kercheval to the museum - 3rd house on right, 381 Kercheval. Hours: 1 to 5 p.m. Ph. (313) 885-9241 or (810) 445-0041. Call first.

(76) **Southfield:** Built in 1941, now used as law office of Atty. James Schuster at 24330 Lahser St. ¼ mile, south of Ten Mile Rd. intersection. Located one mile east of US-24. Visible from road,

no open house. (810) 356-3500.

(77) **Clinton Township:** Williams Log Cabin (1830s) next to the Clinton Township Offices, moved from intersection of Canal and Romeo Plank, across the street and maintained by the Greater Clinton Historical Society. See: www.ctwphc.org (586) 286-9173.

(78) **Algonac-Clay Township (or Pearl Beach):** An 1830s log cabin maintained by the Algonac-Clay Township Historical Society. Located three miles south



of Algonac on M-29 on the St. Clair River. Crafts, farm equipment, ice cream social, games. From Detroit: take I-94 to 23 Mile Rd. exit towards New Baltimore and Algonac. Stay on M-29 about three miles past (north of) Colony Tower. Cabin is behind Clay Twp. City Hall at 4710 Pte. Tremble Rd., Algonac. Hours: 1 to 4 p.m. (810) 794-9015.

(78a) **Wales Township:** Mudge Log Cabin (1860s) built by Civil War surgeon, Dr. Isaac Mudge. The cabin was removed from the Mudge farm (St. Clair County) and is now located in Goodells County Park. The cabin was dismantled and restored over a three year period by St. Clair County Parks and Recreation. It will be celebrated as a log cabin heritage event on Saturday, June 25 (not Sunday, June 26) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For directions contact www.stclaircounty.org/offices/parks/forms/Goodells-Directions_large.pdf or contact Dennis Delor at St. Clair Co. Parks and Recreation at (810) 989-6929.

(79) **Richmond:** The Donley Log Cabin (1853) recently moved by the Richmond Historical Society to the Historical Village at Bailey Memorial Park, next to a one-room schoolhouse and train station. The log cabin was nearly lost in a fire before being moved there. On I-94 going from Detroit towards Port Huron, take Richmond/New Haven exit, go north to Gratiot Ave., turn right (east) and come into Richmond on M-19, turn

left at Park St. and look for the big city clock, turn right and go two more blocks. Hours: 12 to 4 p.m. For information email librarianlori@yahoo.com.

(80) **Macomb:** A new Rocky Mountain Log Home, built by Tom Trammel. Take M-29 west from I-94, go left on Hallenius Rd., then left on Ridge Rd., located at 52631 Stagg Ridge Rd. Call first, (888) 554-7393.

(81) **Port Huron:** On the grounds of the Port Huron Museum is the Kammer family log cabin built around 1854. The museum is at 1115 Sixth St. Hours: 1 to 4:30 p.m. (810) 982-0891.



(82) **Port Sanilac:** Behind the Sanilac Historical Museum are two pioneer structures: a reconstructed pioneer barn and the 1882 Banner Cabin. Pioneer crafts demonstrated. The museum is located at 228 South Ridge on west side of Highway M-25, south edge of Port Sanilac. Hours: 1 to 4:30 p.m. (810) 622-9946.

(82a) **Mayville:** Mayville Area Museum of History and Genealogy. Pancake breakfast from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with lots of activities and special displays for Log Cabin Day. In Tuscola Co. on US-24 south of Caro, located at

2124 E. Ohmer Rd. See website www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mimmhs. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Phone (989) 843-7185 (office) or (989) 843-0011.

(83) **Parisville:** In Huron Co. at the site of the oldest Polish settlement in the U.S. (1854) is a log house built about 1876, now used as the Archives/Library of St. Mary's Historical Society. "156 Years of Poles in Parisville." It is north of the church. Take M-142 east of Bad Axe 10 miles, turn south onto Parisville Rd. and go 6 miles. Near Ubyly. Open 1 to 4 p.m. (989) 479-9114.

(84) **Bad Axe:** The Pioneer Log Village includes six restored 19th century log cabins: a pioneer log home, a chapel, a blacksmith shop, a general store, a school, and a barn. Live pioneer music and dancing, crafts, hymn singing. Located in the city park downtown. Bad Axe is in Michigan's Thumb, take M-53. Hours: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. (989) 269-8325 or (989) 269-3084.



(85) **Elkton:** An 1865 log cabin in Ackerman Memorial Park maintained by the Elkton Historical Society, which welcomes visitors. Elkton is located on M-142, 9 miles west of Bad Axe. Hours: 1 to 5 p.m. (989) 375-2598. 🐜



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Michigan Log Cabin Day Word Search



Michigan Log Cabin Day is June 24, 2012. See if you can find the following words related to log cabins in the word search below:

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- HORSEBACK**
- BASKET**
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- FIREPLACE**
- WAGON**
- HATCHET**
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- HISTORICAL**
- WOODSTOVE**



Massage

By Renae Hardy
ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

Therapeutic massage is one of the oldest health care practices known to history. References discovered in Chinese medical texts date back as far as 4,000 years ago.

Hippocrates, “The Father of Medicine” wrote, “The physician must be acquainted with many things and assuredly with ‘rubbing’ (ancient Greek term for massage). A Swede, Per Henrik Ling, developed



an integrated system consisting of massage coupled with active and passive exercises. He began teaching his methods in 1813 when he established the Royal Central Gymnastic Institute in Sweden. During the 1850s, massage therapy was introduced to the United States by two brothers, George and Charles Taylor. The

first clinics for therapeutic massage were opened following the Civil War period by two Swedish physicians. Dr. Hartwig Nissen operated the Swedish Health Institute near the Capitol in Washington, D.C. and Dr. Baron Nils Posse operated the Posse Institute in Boston. After a brief interim of minimized popularity, massage received a welcomed

resurgence during the 1960s and is one of the most favored healing modalities today.

Therapeutic massage incorporates any number of varying techniques

in which manipulation of the body surface and musculoskeletal system are therapeutically “moved” to relieve stress, disengage muscle tension, stimulate circulation, optimize mobility, assist in the alleviation of pain and more.

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primarily used to release trigger points and increase blood flow. Shiatsu is a Japanese technique utilizing acupressure to re-balance the energy flow. Massage therapy offers many more variations with each approach providing its own correlating advantages.

Therapeutic massage has numerous health benefits including the ability to lower high blood pressure, reduce anxiety, assist pulmonary function, relieve tension headaches, enhance the immune system and more. Simply put, massage does a “body” good, and every “body” deserves a relaxing, therapeutic massage. 🌿

ST. PETER

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is still living in Bay City, a retired veteran of the Cross, 86 years old.” When Pastor Lohrmann died in 1935, Pastor Junke travelled to Bay City and “spoke on behalf of the congregation at Lenox, Michigan,” as it was written in Pastor Lohrmann’s death record at Immanuel, Bay City. By 1937, planning for a new church and school began, but World War II interrupted these plans. In 1944, Pastor Junke retired, and Rev. Albert P. Knoll was called and installed on May 14.

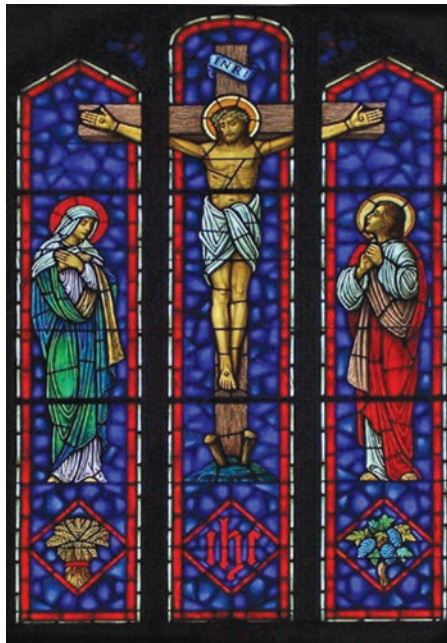
It was a seamless transition between Pastor Junke and Pastor Knoll. At the time of the 75th anniversary in 1947, plans were well underway to build the new church and school that were first discussed ten years



The two churches side by side, circa 1949

previous. In 1948, ground was broken and the cornerstone was laid for the church that is seen today at 31 Mile and Gratiot. On June 11, 1950, the building was dedicated “to the glory of the Triune God.” It is a church built, not only by over 10,000 hours of volunteer time by members, but also by the community. Among the donors were the *Richmond Review*, the Richmond Farmer’s Elevator, Macomb County Savings Bank, and Detroit Edison. Home Roofing of Port Huron donated the cross on the steeple. In 1966, Pastor Knoll took a call to Trinity in Benton Harbor, Michigan. As every pastor before him, he would retain close ties to St. Peter until his death in 1985.

After Pastor Knoll was Rev. Robert Jahn, who served from 1966-1980 during the building of “the new school,” which



The servicemen’s window, made in honor of the servicemen and in thanksgiving for the end of World War II

is the 1975 school addition. In 1981, Rev. Gerhardt Doroh took over. During his time, an associate pastor was added, first Rev. Steven Helms, and later Rev. Randy Lett (still serving) and another addition was built on to the school in 2002. Pastor Doroh retired in 2011.

There have been many teachers over the years, but one in particular needs mention, Pastor Hahn’s son, John A. Hahn. “Teacher” Hahn, as he is still called by his former students, was also organist and secretary of the congregation during his years at St. Peter. He was in the 1894 confirmation class of St. Peter, and served twice as principal and teacher, first in 1903-07 and later in 1915-47. Perhaps some of you remember the funny looking tree which sat along 31 Mile Road until recently, and wondered why it remained; Teacher Hahn planted



“Teacher” John Hahn at the pipe organ

several trees as a Mother’s day present for his wife in the 1930s, and one of their foster children broke the top off one trying to jump over it. Teacher Hahn passed away Jan 29, 1949 at the age of 68. Proof of the esteem the congregation had for him is that not only did they continue financial support for his wife after his death, but the choir window in the church was dedicated to his memory. The pipe organ in the stained glass stands as a testimony to him today. 🌱



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WHAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY?

By Diane L. Kodet
ThumbPrint News Editor

JUNE

1. On this day in 1861, the first skirmish in the Civil War took place at Fairfax Court House, Virginia.

2. On this day in 1883, baseball was played under lights for the first time in Fort Wayne, Indiana.



3. On this day in 1851, the first baseball uniforms were worn by the New York Knickerbockers, who wore a straw hat, white shirt and long blue trousers.

4. On this day in 1789, the U.S. constitution went into effect.

5. On this day in 1917, 10 million U.S. men began registering for the draft in WW I.

6. On this day in 1882, the electric iron was patented by Henry W. Seely of New York City.



7. On this day in 1929, Vatican City became a sovereign state.

8. On this day in 1886, the first Civil Rights Act passed.

9. On this day in 1802, the U.S. Academy at West Point was founded.



10. On this day in 1898, the U.S. Marines landed in Cuba during the Spanish-American War.

11. On this day in 1859, the Comstock silver load was discovered near Virginia City, Nevada.



12. On this day in 1787, a law passed providing a senator must be at least 30 years old to serve.

13. On this day in 1920, the U. S. Post Office said children could not be sent by parcel post.*



14. On this day in 1967, *The Steve Allen Show* premiered on CBS-TV.

15. On this day in 1752, Ben Franklin performed his kite-flying experiment.

16. On this day in 1858, Abraham Lincoln stated, "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

17. On this day in 1885, the Statue of Liberty arrived in New York City aboard the French ship *Isere*.



18. On this day in 1898, the first amusement pier opened in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

19. On this day in 1778, Washington's troops finally left Valley Forge.

20. On this day in 1874, the first U.S. Lifesaving Medal was awarded (Lucian Clemons).



21. On this day in 1893, the first Ferris wheel premiered (Chicago's Columbian Exposition).

22. On this day in 1884, one-armed pitcher, Hugh Daily, fanned 13 hitters.

23. On this day in 1955, Walt Disney's *Lady and the Tramp* was released.



24. On this day in 1997, USAF reported that Roswell "space aliens" were "dummies."



25. On this day in 1876, Custer and the 7th Cavalry were wiped out by the Sioux and Cheyenne Indians at the battle of Little Big Horn.



26. On this day in 1848, the first pure food law was enacted in the U.S.

27. On this day in 1929, the first color TV was demonstrated in New York City.



28. On this day in 1762, the first reported counterfeiting attempt took place (Boston).

29. On this day in 1891, the National Forest Service was organized.

30. On this day in 1834, Congress created the Indian Territory (now Oklahoma).

***Yes, you read that correctly! Children used to be able to be mailed by parcel post!**



A few rural families found another use for parcel post – mailing their children to relatives in other towns. The regulations established by the parcel post services in 1913 said that packages could not weigh more than 50 pounds, but did not state that children could not be sent. Sending children by train was expensive, so parcel post was a much more reasonable mode of transportation. In fact, on February 19, 1914, the parents of four-year-old May Pierstorff mailed her by parcel post from Grangeville, Idaho to her grandparents' home in Lewiston, Idaho, a distance of approximately 73 miles. She traveled in the train's mail compartment with 53 cents worth of postal stamps on her jacket!

A few years later, the Postmaster General, who had heard about May and other such children being mailed by parcel post, issued a proclamation forbidding children from being mailed in this manner. On June 14, 1920, *The Bridgeport Telegram* wrote that "children clearly did not come within the classification of harmless live animals which do not require food or water while in transit." This practice was legally ended forever.



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When we began inviting our readers to submit photos of where they have taken ThumbPrint News, we never expected such an overwhelming response! The newspaper has traveled to six of the seven continents so far! Yes, it has finally traveled to Australia as well and that continent will be featured in our July edition. We only have Antarctica left! Can anyone out there help us with this one? This month, ThumbPrint News traveled to Dominica.

If you are a reader of ThumbPrint News and have taken our newspaper with you on a vacation or to an unusual place – or have done something unique with it, you may submit an email and photo to us at thumbprintnews@comcast.net. (The photo should be in jpeg format.) Please tell us a little about the photo and include your name, address and phone number in case we have further questions. Please be patient as you wait for your photo to appear in ThumbPrint News, as we are receiving a tremendous amount of photos each month! When it does appear, we will send you a complimentary copy. 🌿



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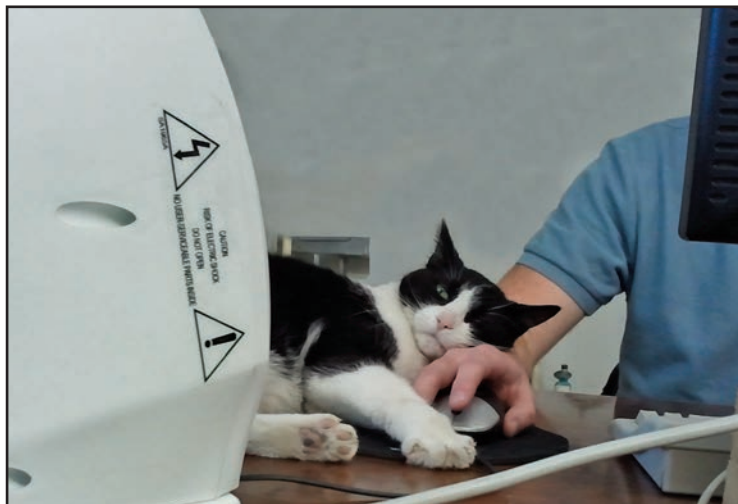
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ThumbPrint News is looking for funny pictures of people at work in the Thumb of Michigan. So start looking and capture those crazy, funny, unpredictable moments that occur within your working day. Our staff will choose the funniest pictures to include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

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

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

Randomly selected from those submitting correct answers was George Koessler of Warren, Michigan, who correctly identified the object as being an antique dental drill. George will be entered into our year end drawing for a gift basket valued at over \$100.

This very rare antique hand operated drill with a mother-of-pearl handle is appraised at about \$2,500 by AntiqueGadgets.com.

For our June contest we are asking the question, "What is it?" Identify what the object below is and email your answer to thumbprintnews@comcast.net. Again, be sure to include your name, address and phone number in case you are correct and are entered into the random drawing for a gift basket valued over \$100 at the end of the year! Good luck!



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Identity Theft: How To Protect Yourself Online and Off

Identity theft is a serious concern; in fact in 2011 more than 11 million adults became victims of identity fraud in the US. But don't despair – there are many precautions you can take to reduce your risk of becoming a victim.

For example, shredding is one of the most effective ways to dispose of sensitive records, documents or information. You should buy a shredder and use it for everything, including credit card receipts, bank statements, bills, pre-approved credit card offers – any document that has personal information on it that can give an identity thief something they can use to impersonate you. Also, look for local shredding events in your area. Organizations, such as the Better Business Bureau host events like the "Secure Your ID Day" where residents can come in and shred sensitive documents that could otherwise put them at risk.

Since some records cannot be shredded immediately however, it's important to know how long to keep certain documents prior to shredding. If in doubt, check out the records

retention schedule from the IRS.

Shredding is only one of the efforts you can take however – below are a few more tips that can help:

Protect Your Information Offline

1. Cut up expired credit and debit cards by cutting through the numbers. If your credit card expires and you don't receive a new one, call your creditor immediately.
2. Minimize the personal information you print on checks.
3. Be watchful of shoulder-surfers at ATMs as thieves will lurk close enough to see PIN numbers punched in by users.
4. Fill out credit and loan applications using the same information – your full name, first, middle and last. Every bill that comes to your house should be addressed exactly the same and if it is different, you should investigate.
5. Keep track of your credit card receipts and ensure your card number is not printed in full – many credit card receipts have

stopped listing full account numbers and expiration dates, but some still do.


6. Pay attention to all of your credit accounts closely and be aware if a bill is missing or if there are purchases that have been made that you do not recognize.
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8. Know from whom you are buying. Call the customer service number to inquire about their policies and if there is no number, email the company before buying anything.
9. Make sure any purchases or online credit card charges are handled through a secure site or in an encrypted mode. Look for a website that begins with https instead of the usual http.
10. Only shop on Web sites that offer a privacy policy. Understand how your personal information will be managed. Print out privacy policies, warranties, price guarantees and other important information.

Finally, if you have become a victim, notify all necessary parties immediately. If your credit cards are lost or stolen, notify your credit providers by phone and then notify each of the three credit bureaus to request a "Fraud Alert" be placed on your file. If you've become a victim of a phishing scam, notify the companies with whom you have the exposed accounts right away and follow the instructions at the FTC web site. 

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

Thumb Area Activities & Events for June 2012

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

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

Genesee

Flint – June 23

Dort Credit Union's Taste of the Market, Flint Farmers Market, 420 E. Boulevard Dr., 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Sponsored by Dort Federal Credit Union featuring 6-8 local chefs from the American Culinary Federation, each preparing a different healthy feast for market shoppers. Our chefs, with assistance from the Mott Community College Culinary Arts Program students, return Thursdays at noon throughout July and August to create unique and useful dishes which anyone can prepare. For information call (810) 232-1399.

Huron

Bad Axe – June 8 & 9

Hatchet Festival, city wide activities. Event includes garage sales, 5k runs, lots of food and music, a car show, children's activities and much, much more. Fireworks at 10:00 p.m. on June 9. Check the website for the final schedule: www.badaxehatchetfestival.com.

Sebewaing – June 13-17

Annual Sugar Festival, Center St. Events include a carnival midway, a Grand Parade and volleyball tourney on Saturday, pancake breakfast on Sunday, Michigan Sugar Festival Queen, and lots of music and food. Fireworks at 10:20 p.m. on June 16. Check the website for more information: sebewaingchamber.com.

Lapeer

Imlay City – June 9

2012 Relay For Life of Lapeer County, Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds, 195 Midway St., 8:00 a.m. Although every Relay For Life is different, there are certain traditions shared by all Relays, no matter where they are held. These traditions help us celebrate, remember, and fight back. The Survivors Lap is an inspirational time when survivors are invited to circle the track together and help everyone celebrate the victories we've achieved over cancer. The Luminaria Ceremony honors people who have been touched by cancer and remember loved ones lost to the disease. There is a Fight Back Ceremony where we

make a personal commitment to save lives by taking up the fight against cancer. For information or to sign up go to www.relayforlife.org.

Macomb

Chesterfield – June 9 & 10

Les Coureurs de Bois et Voyageurs de Ste. Claire, Chesterfield Historical Village Green, 47275 Sugarbush, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Sponsored by the Chesterfield Historical Society to promote learning and understanding of the Great Lakes Fur Trade Era, showing skills and clothing used during that time period, featuring French Fur Trade re-enactors (1750 era). \$1.00 for adults, \$2.00 for families. Food and drink available for purchase on site. For more information call Roy Rivard at (586) 749-3713.

Fraser – June 19

20th annual "Bid for Life!" Auction/Dinner, held at the Vintage House, 31816 Utica Rd. Tickets are \$45 per person/\$450 for a table of 10. Proceeds benefit the Right to Life of Michigan Educational Fund. For reservations or more information call (586) 774-6050.

New Baltimore – June 20-24

Bay-rama Fish Fly Festival, Your Summer Fun Starts Here! Enjoy Fireworks Thursday night, Saturday is Kids Day with the Cardboard Boat Regatta and Sunday enjoy one of the best small town parades you'll hope to see. Plus great music in the Festival Tent every night. For information to www.bay-rama.com.

Oakland

Royal Oak – June 3

2012 Michigan Walk for Lupus, Detroit Zoo, 8450 West 10 Mile Road. Walk for Lupus Now brings friends, family, co-workers, and communities together in the fight against lupus. While the common purpose and goal of the Walk is to raise funds for research, education, and support services for people affected by lupus, it is also just as important to us that our participants enjoy themselves and have fun. As a participant you will get to spend the day with friends and family, and others who are affected by the disease living in your community. It is also a chance to share experiences and get to know each other, but don't take our word for it; sign up and see for yourself. We promise that it will be an experience you won't forget. We encourage everyone to raise funds, invite your friends, and let's make our goal of raising \$105,000 this year! For information visit www.lupusnow.org.

Oxford – June 8

Oxford First Friday, downtown area. Each month the Oxford Downtown Development

Authority will play host to a number of artists offering quality hand-made art of various forms. This month's theme will be Mediterranean and local restaurants will participate through a special menu item and wine. Call (248) 628-5398.

St. Clair

Clay Township – June 2

Phragmites Public Meetings, Clay Township Hall, 4710 Pte. Tremble Rd., 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., Clay Township Phragmites Program, 10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m., Ducks Unlimited Presentation, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Phragmites Control Workshop. There is no charge to find out everything you need to know about controlling this invasive species. You can also apply to be in the program and order your chemicals. Call (810) 519-2985.

Fort Gratiot – June 2

Blue Water Women's League Fashion Show and Tea, "Petite . . . to not so Petite," Blue Water Lodge, 2840 Keewahdin Rd., 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Tea and crumpets, 50/50 raffle, door prizes, silent auctions, gift baskets and gift cards. Fashions by Bon Worth and Catherines – fashions and accessories are available for purchase. Admission is \$5, proceeds to benefit Council on Aging Meals on Wheels. Call (810) 299-3197 for tickets.

Memphis – June 4

Folk Dancing, Memphis Library, 34830 Potter St. Folk Dancing is back for another year! Please join Wally and Joan at 6:00 p.m. as they teach us a variety of ethnic dances. Coordination not required, but registration is preferred. Call (810) 392-2980.

Algonac – June 9

Free Fishing Derby, Algonac-Clay Library, 2011 St. Clair River Drive, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Enjoy Michigan's free fishing weekend with your family at your Algonac-Clay Library. No fishing license required – all rules/laws apply. Hosted by Waterfowl USA St. Clair Flats Chapter 1. Bring your pole or use one of ours. Prize drawing for all anglers. Refreshments served. Registration recommended, (810) 794-4471. Rain or shine.

Port Huron – June 12 & 19

Community Meetings on the Future of McMorran Place, McMorran Lounge, 6:30 p.m. Sponsored by the McMorran Authority Commission, the governing body that oversees the facility, facilitated by Randy Maiers, president of the Community Foundation of St. Clair County, and Denise Brooks, executive director of the Blue Water YMCA. Citizens from the entire county and Blue Water Area are welcome to attend. For more information call (810) 987-1256.

Marine City – June 14 & 15

Art Expo and Sale, hosted by the Washington Life Center Art Class, 403 N. Mary St., 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. There is a wide variety of art available made by current and former members. Items include: pottery, photography, watercolors, acrylics, and oils. Admission is free and open to everyone. 25% of all sales will benefit the Washington Life Center. Call (810) 765-3523.

Fair Haven – June 15

Euchre Party, St. Peters Lutheran Church, 6745 Palms Rd. \$5.00 Donation. Registration at 6:30 p.m., games start at 7:00 p.m. Free goodies, coffee and tea. Hot dogs and pop \$1.00 donation. Cash prizes!

Port Huron – June 20

How To Get a Better Night's Sleep, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Baggot Street Cafe, 2601 Electric Avenue beginning at 2:00 p.m. Join the Mercy Sleep Disorders Center's Brenda Meisler, RPSGT, as she explores entertaining tips and techniques designed to help seniors 55 and older find understanding in their sleep habits and learn new ways of meeting their need for

sleep while maintaining a healthful lifestyle. Free program includes refreshments and an opportunity to share social time. For reservations call 1-888-MERCYME.

Harsens Island – June 23

Rum Runners Party, Lions Hall, 230 LaCroix, 6:00 p.m. - ? Sponsored by the Harsens Island St. Clair Flats Historical Society. Adults only. Music of the hey-day of Harsens Island, a best-dressed contest, a silent auction, a great dinner and more. Period dress, lots of fun. For information call Bernard at (586) 530-7100 or email licata@comcast.net.

Kimball Township – June 28

17th Annual St. Joseph Mercy Pink Ribbon Ladies' Day Golf Outing, Fore Lakes Golf Club, 5810 Flinchbaugh Road. The event begins at 7:30 a.m., with registration and the coveted Spirit Award and Cart Decorating contests. Cost is \$75 per person and includes a continental breakfast, nine holes of golf with cart, and buffet lunch. Event benefits the Mercy Pink Ribbon Fund. For information call Stephanie at (810) 984-1166.

Port Huron – June 28

Women in Focus Golf Outing to Benefit the Mercy Pink Ribbon Fund, Fore Lakes Golf Club, Kimball Township. Nine-hole ladies scramble kicks off at 7:30 a.m., with registration, Spirit Award and Cart Decorating contests. The cost is \$75 per person and includes a continental breakfast, nine holes of golf with cart, and buffet lunch. Women's focused product vendors will be on hand to share with you the latest golf fashions, jewelry, hand bags and much more. Educational information will be available and special gifts and raffle prize drawings will also be held. For information about St. Joseph Mercy Pink Ribbon Ladies' Day, call the St. Joseph Mercy Foundation at 810-985-1675.

Sanilac

Marlette – June 2

Extreme MudBog Competition, 8395 Cargill Rd., 1:00 p.m. \$8 per person, 5 and under free. Cans ok, no glass bottles please. Live announcer and music, sideline bleachers or bring your own chairs, playground area, lots of parking, real bathrooms. \$1,500 bounty on the pit. Call (989) 761-1301.

Sandusky – June 9 & 23

Thumb Dance Club, Maple Valley School, 138 Maple Valley St., 7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome – bring finger foods (for 9:00 p.m.) and friends. \$4 for members, \$4.50 for non-members. Lighthouse 3 plays on June 9, The Natural Tones on June 23. Call Leola at (810) 657-9349 or Dorothy at (810) 404-4250.

Port Sanilac – June 16 & 17

Natives, Voyageurs and Settlers, Sanilac County Historic Village and Museum, 228 S Ridge St., 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on both days. Designed to promote learning and understanding of the Great Lakes Fur Trade Era, features French Fur Trade re-enactors (1750 era). \$5 for adults, \$20 for families. Call (810) 622-9946 or email sanilacmuseum@gmail.com.

Tuscola

Vassar – May 6

Library Concert Series, Bullard Sanford Memorial Library, 520 West Huron Ave., 2:00 p.m. Presented to the public FREE, with a reception to follow to allow the audience members an opportunity to meet and greet with the featured musical acts. This performance is Fish 'N' Chips, the oldest contemporary a cappella group at Central Michigan University. Blending sweet tunes, both old and new, with a fun and light-hearted stage presence, they have been entertaining audiences for almost a decade. Visit www.vassarlib.org.

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