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## GROSSE POINTE'S BLOODY BATTLE

**By David Odziana**

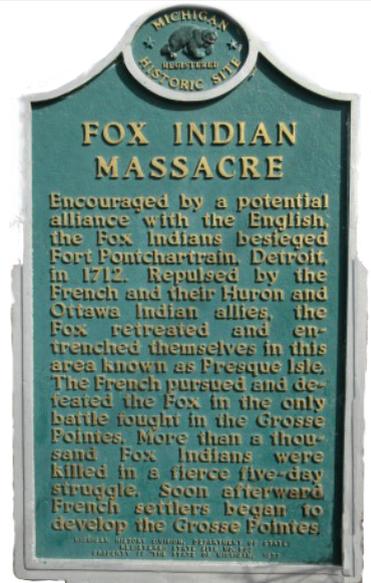
*ThumbPrint News Staff Writer and Field Reporter*

Grosse Pointe is a quiet city situated on Lake St. Clair today, but hundreds of years ago, the area surrounding the settlement was anything but peaceful.

The French began developing the land where Detroit resides in the early 1700s – within the first few years, Fort Pontchartrain was erected. The French explorer and commander La Mothe Cadillac was responsible for the fortress, which caused a great deal of resentment between the French and the British. The main reason many other countries were envious of this location was because it was the key to controlling all of the Upper Great Lakes' area, which held a great deal of valuable animals pelts – due to

the rush of the fur trade, explorers began flocking to Michigan to cash in on this lucrative opportunity. When Europeans came to what would become the Mitten State, it was common to recruit local Native American tribes to join their regime, which would add to the hostility between the local Indians.

While the French army occupied one of the most desired sites in the state, the English were patiently waiting for their chance to seize the fort. After a little more than a decade of inhabiting the area,



*Fox Indian Massacre Historical Marker (contributed by Paul Szweczyk)*

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## Unique, Century-Old Wreck Found in Lake

**By David Odziana**

*ThumbPrint News Staff Writer and Field Reporter*

For those consumed by the extensive history the Great Lakes has in its grasp, it is becoming more evident that staying on dry land isn't an option for those hoping to see the long-forgotten relics seemingly frozen in time.

Despite the fact that treasure hunters are constantly scouring the bottom of the lakes surrounding Michigan, new discoveries are made every year, revealing artifacts that haven't been seen by mankind since the day they vanished into oblivion. While most wrecks are lost ships or aircrafts that went down over the open waters, Lake Superior is home to the remains of one of the most



*A small replica of Canadian Pacific Railway Locomotive 694 (contributed by Doug Stefurak)*

unique wrecks found to date, the Canadian Pacific Railway 694.

The Canadian Pacific Railway was laid out in Canada beginning in the 1880s, and ran along the rocky shore of Lake Superior and across northern Ontario. Due to the rugged terrain across certain parts of the country, laying the railroad was both difficult and dangerous – although the tracks were eventually finished, the danger of the railway never faded. Regardless, the form of transportation was imperative for the country at the

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# LETTER from the EDITOR

In another month, it will be six years since my mother passed away. But now, as Mother's Day 2017 nears, I often feel that she is still with me.

I walked through my gardens today and was delighted to find the heads of so many daffodils showing off their smiling faces and the buds of the early tulips just starting to show color. My mother loved to garden. Flowers of every type were planted by bulb or seed in the early spring by her, and later in the summer, cut flowers always graced our dinner table, displayed in colorful vases, some of which I now have to display cuttings from my own gardens.

I decided to bake some cookies today – snickerdoodles to be exact. Those were one of my mother's favorites, and the recipe I still use is one she passed on to me. My mother loved to cook, just as do I, and some of her best creations came when my father was out of town. You see, my father was a plain food kind of guy – meat and potatoes, a vegetable, and always, always dessert. He didn't really want to try new things. However, he traveled a lot with his job and often was out of town for four or five days at a time. It was during those absences that my mother got out her newspaper and magazine clippings of new and "fancier" recipes that she wanted to try out. She instantly turned into Julia Child. I am sure if she was still here today, *Chopped* and other Food Network shows would be some of her favorites, just as they are mine.

As I stepped outside today, the warm sunshine felt so good on my face after too many long days of the gray, dreary skies of winter. My mother loved the sunshine. I can still picture her getting out a lawn chair and grabbing a few minutes to relax in the sun's rays between her daily chores and preparing meals for her family.

Yes, little things every day remind me of my mother, and I never stop being glad that I was able to have her with me in my home for the last 10 years of her life.

When she and my father moved in with me, my mother was in the early stages of Alzheimer's and didn't recognize who I was anymore. However, she did know that she had a daughter named Diane and would tell me stories about my childhood. Even though she thought she was telling them to a stranger, I could feel the love and caring with which she relived each moment.

If you are fortunate enough to still have your mother in your life, take time not only on this upcoming Mother's Day, but also every day that you can, to share the best thing that you possibly can with her – the gift of your time. Unfortunately, the time will come all too soon that all you will have left of her is your memories. You will want those memories to be just as happy and comforting as those that I have of my mother are.

Here is to my mother and to all of the mothers of our readers, whether still here on this earth or now departed – Happy Mother's Day! We love you more than you will ever know. 🌻



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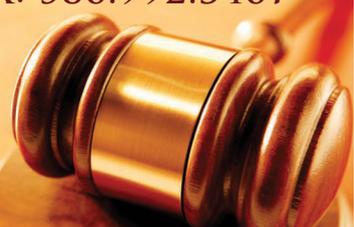
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## CLEANING UP AFTER A STORM: TIPS ON PICKING A BUSINESS YOU CAN TRUST



Melanie Duquesnel

Hiring a contractor is never easy. And it's even more nerve-wracking when you're trying to clean up after a storm. With all of the rough weather we have been having in Michigan this season, it's a good possibility that you will have to seek out a contractor this year. Whether you are cleaning up from high winds, downed trees or even a tornado, you need to take certain precautions when it comes to hiring a contractor.

When you find yourself in need of an improvement or repair, Better Business Bureau (BBB) Serving Detroit & Eastern Michigan recommends these tips you should consider before hiring a contractor or signing any contracts:

- **Stay calm.** Although you may be anxious, especially after a storm, don't be pressured into making an immediate decision.
- **Contact your insurance company first.** By contacting your insurance company first, you are able to determine what the insurance company will cover, who they recommend to do the repairs and what they need from you and/or your contractor to pay the claim. Without that knowledge in hand, you may end up paying for the entire repair.
- **Shop around.** Get at least 3 estimates based on the same specifications and materials.
- **Verify credentials and reputation.** Verify that any contractor you are considering is licensed, insured and, if required in your area, that they are registered to do the work. Also, check with your city or county inspection department to see if they have any concerns about the contractors you are considering.

You can also search for them at [bbb.org/detroit](http://bbb.org/detroit) to see if the business(es) have any outstanding consumer complaints or government actions against them.

- **Be wary of door-to-door solicitors.** Beware of contractors that show up at your door stating they have left-over materials from another job or are "in the area" and have special deals for those who sign immediately.
- **Trust your gut.** If you are worried about possible structural damage to your roof, have a certified inspector look at it first before calling a contractor. Do not allow someone you do not know to inspect your roof as they may actually create damage to get the work or exaggerate the extent of the repairs needed.
- **Get everything in writing.** Get a written contract agreement with the company's name, address, license number and phone number included. Read the contract thoroughly and make sure you get a copy immediately after you sign.

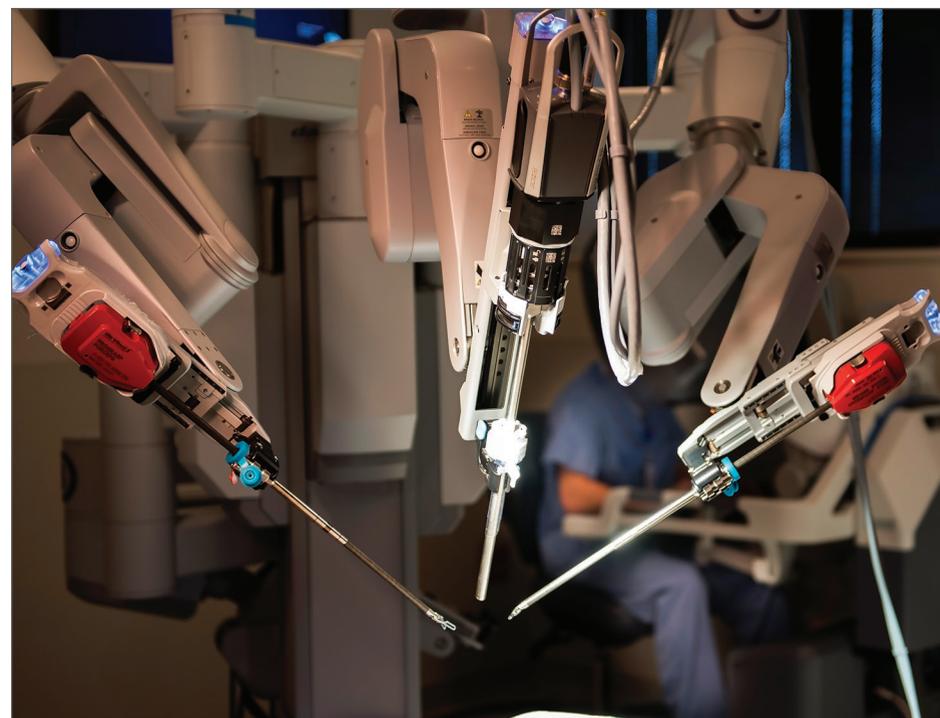
In regard to contracts, below are some items your estimate and contract should include:

- The materials to be included in the work, including manufacturer, manufacturer's product code, color, etc.
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- Responsible party for repairing/replacing any damage that occurs during the course of the work,
- Approximate starting and completion dates
- Payment procedures. Never pay the entire cost of the repair upfront. Do not pay for the repair with cash.
  - Length of warranty, what is covered and who is responsible for warranty repairs.
  - Whether the work, outlined in the contract, will be completed by the company itself or a subcontractor.

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

The bottom line is, never feel pressured to make such an important decision. Make sure you are well informed before you sign on the dotted line. And remember that BBB has Business Profiles on more than 7,000 contractors available for free at [www.bbb.org/detroit](http://www.bbb.org/detroit) that you can use as a guideline when searching for the best fit for your situation. 🌱

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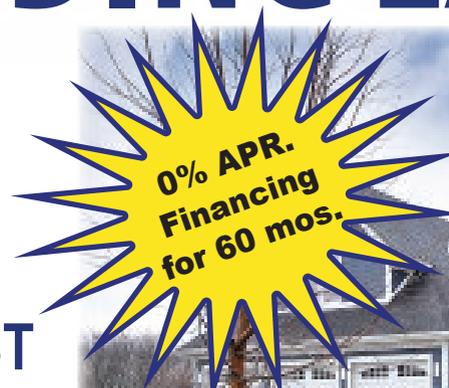
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**By Pamela Grey-Pugliese**

*ThumbPrint News Columnist*

It's spring in Michigan! It seems like only yesterday I was hoping for the spring and warmer weather to arrive. I really do not have an "official opening day" of my cottage, since I tend to visit once a month for a day or two in the winter. As long I properly winterized in the late fall, the opening up of the place and water turn on time shouldn't be a hassle.

This is a good time to replace batteries in the smoke detectors and check on the solar and motion lights for the start of summer. I use this time for the organizing of the inside items in the cabin that are to be placed in an area that is easy to access for the guests, such as rafts, outdoor games and beach items.

Usually by this time in the cottage season, the other cabin owners have already been up to get ready for the summer. The water has been turned back on, and social conversations take place while spending time outdoors and enjoying the fresh air.

Since my time can be so short up at the cottage at times only a long weekend, I

cherish every minute I can while I am up there. Sometimes sleeping can seem like a waste of time!

Michigan summers are definitely the best of any state, in my opinion. You can have the winter, as I have nothing nice to say about those cold months! In the late spring and early summer, we can enjoy the warm breezes during the day with the sun on our shoulders, and then enjoy a minor cool down in the evening.

Most of the spring mud has dried up and the ground has already sprouted flowers. Very little lawn maintenance is needed now, other than the usual summer grass cuttings. This is the time of year that the art and music festivals start to happen – always a fun time! Barbeque grills are cleaned up and ready to start grilling at the weekend gatherings! May is the perfect month to open all the windows, put on some music or just listen to the sound of nature. That is the reason why I love my little cottage so much; it's the anticipation of the summer season and then the time I actually get to enjoy it! Nothing compares to that feeling. Happy Memorial Day! 🇺🇸

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“All blood types are needed to meet the constant need of patients, and there is a significant need now for type O negative and AB donations to help some of the most vulnerable patients,” said Todd Kulman, external communications manager for the Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region. “We ask that you schedule an appointment to roll up a sleeve to help save a life in the coming days.”

Type O negative blood can be transfused to patients with any blood type and is often needed in emergency situations when there isn't time to determine a patient's blood type. While less than seven percent of the U.S. population has type O negative blood, hospitals depend on frequent O negative donations to ensure it's always available for patients in need. Type O negative blood donors are an important part of the Red Cross trauma team.

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### How to Help

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# Celebrating Mother's Day

By David Gillis, *ThumbPrint News* Columnist

During my first year writing for *ThumbPrint News*, I penned an article entitled, "I Remember Mama" for the publication's May 2010 edition. It focused on Mother's Day and gave special attention to my mother, pictured to the right, as well as the mothers of others. She enjoyed reading the article, which made it a joy for me to have written. This year's Mothers' Day will have a different meaning for my siblings and me. It will be the first year that we recognize this annual celebration of motherhood without its special guest – Mother. She left for her permanent residence in Heaven late in March.



Our mother's health had diminished substantially over the last few years. She had lost much of her physical capabilities, some of her mental capacity, and experienced some emotional characteristics that were not common for her. Her lifelong stubbornness, coupled with a strong spiritual sense, kept her going. At age 93, she surrendered to an eternal life elsewhere.

Now, as sad as this may seem for my sisters and me, it is not. This Mother's Day will be a time for memories of just how important she was to us and how much she shaped the characteristics of who and what we are. Yes, we will celebrate Mother's Day this year, but we'll do it differently.

Thinking back as far as my aging mind will allow, our mother was more than a "stay at home mom." She was a dedicated homemaker, a concerned caregiver, a motivator of achievement, a giver of unconditional love, and a best friend forever. Her special focus was always her children and she was very protective of their welfare.

Mother never went to college and, in fact, didn't even graduate high school. She was, however, one of the wisest people I've ever known. Reading and writing were difficult for her during our formative years, so her assistance academically was not there. She persisted, however, that our education be a priority and she insisted that we bring our textbooks home from school to do homework. I personally attribute much of my efforts to pursue three college degrees to her desires for me.

Our mother grew up in a very poor neighborhood of Detroit, the third of five children. Her mother died in an automobile accident when Mom was very young, and her hard-working immigrant father served as both parents. She had few clothes and rarely ate three meals each day. Being poor and without necessities didn't seem to have had a negative affect on her life. I believe it only strengthened her resolve, especially as it related to her children.

Although she had a very limited spiritual foundation as a child and that of my father's was almost nonexistent, she knew the importance of God in our lives. At a very young age she took us to church and saw to it that we actively participated in Sunday school. We all received Bibles at an early age and understood them to be the most important book we had. Even with the many Bibles I now own, that first one still has a special place on the bookshelf. It was my mother who taught me to pray just by watching her do it.

I remember my mother's tears when I was hurt and when she had to punish me for something I did. Those were the same tears I saw when she took me to school on the first day of kindergarten and then again the day I left for the Air Force. I'm confident my siblings could tell how those same tears were part of their memories. Those were only tears a mother could produce.

I could continue, but will not. Those readers whose mother has passed away know what I mean. My mother left us peacefully and I am at peace knowing where she is. I

am grateful for the time I was able to spend with her and only regret the time I could not. I will remember her each holiday, on her birthday, on my birthday, but especially on Mother's Day. I just hope that something I've written about encourages others on this Mother's Day. 🌹



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**By Patricia  
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ThumbPrint News  
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There are countless types of moms. There is the strict mom, the funny mom and the infamous Tiger mom. There is the one loud mom who regularly makes her opinions known at school board meetings. Then there is that bionic mom who runs the snack truck at football games, organizes animal adoptions, finds funding for the senior center, and in her spare time coordinates the church raffle, annually of course.

But, my favorite type of mom is one who has gone unnoticed for far too long – the quiet mom. I have a quiet mom, and I can tell you first hand that this type of mom is every bit as impressive as any other type of mom.

A quiet mom teaches her kids without using a white board or educational exercises from a “how to raise your kid” book. Before I knew it, my mom taught me that flowers, trees and white winter days are just a few of God’s little miracles. Each spring, we’d sit on our six-by-eight-foot porch and check out the buds on our magnolia tree, or in our backyard, sit on our picnic table and look up at the golden canopy our big maple tree made every fall. No formal lessons, just simple chit-chatting. And, to this day, I’m continually surprised at the blossoms that seem to magically appear on the branches and stems in my garden. Nobody knew about those moments with my mom, but who cares? They filled up my world and that’s all that

mattered to me.

My other favorite quiet mom is my mother-in-law. About 25 years ago, the man I would end up marrying, Robert, brought me home to meet his family for the first time. I remember Robert was sitting at the kitchen table while I was standing behind him, almost hiding, I was so nervous. I watched the way she listened to the updates from her kids; that conversation was the only thing she cared about. By the time our gathering got to dessert, it was obvious, even to a first-timer, that this mom was enamored by her three children.

I remember when I graduated from college (the only one to do so in my family), my mom didn’t send invitations to everyone who has ever met me for a party under a big, rented tent. Nope, a beautiful card and her loud clapping at commencement was all I needed. Nothing more. A few years later, I saw that same proud look on my mother-in-law’s face during her daughter’s college graduation lunch. It was another day that a big tent didn’t need to be rented. And the truth is, we didn’t miss the big parties; we just needed to share the accomplishment with them; that’s enough. That’s always been enough.

And, gratefully, Robert and I were blessed to have both those women at our wedding. My mom didn’t make a big toast, but she made the cutest purple and white dresses for our nieces, our flower girls. Robert’s mom helped get us to Hawaii for our honeymoon. She didn’t make an announcement at our reception – just a card with this remarkable gift.

So this Mother’s Day, let’s raise our glasses to the moms whose countless soft moments made us feel loved every day – the one thing a child craves. Let’s keep our glasses high so we can thank those same gentle moms who spent 20 years calmly and continually building our self-reliance so we could make it in the adult world. I think I can speak for every kid of a quiet mom when I say that we wouldn’t trade your soothing words for anything in the world. Your whispers were all we ever needed. 🍷

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# VOCABULARY VOYAGE

We have embarked on a quest for new words to increase our vocabulary. Why would we want to do that? – To speak more eloquently, to better understand others who are speaking or writing, and just for the fun of learning something new. Perhaps you already are familiar with these three words – and perhaps not. Here are this month's three words:

By Ralph McKinch, ThumbPrint News Staff Writer

**mendacious** (men-dey-shuh s)  
an adjective meaning dishonest; lying; untruthful. Example: The mendacious salesman tried to portray the used car as having no mechanical problems.

**loquacious** (lo-kwey-shuh s)  
An adjective meaning talkative; chattering; babbling. Example: During the teacher's lesson for the day, the loquacious students made it hard for the other students to concentrate.

**vociferous** (voh-sif-er-us)  
An adjective meaning crying out noisily; clamorous. Example: From her hotel window overlooking the street, she could hear the vociferous crowd gathering for the parade that was about to begin.

For future Vocabulary Voyage columns, we will accept words submitted by our readers. If you have suggestions, please email the word(s) and meaning(s) to [ThumbPrintNews@comcast.net](mailto:ThumbPrintNews@comcast.net), along with your first and last name and the city of your residence. Emails not containing all the requested information will not be considered. Not all submissions will be able to be used as this column is limited to three words per month.

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time because not only was it vital for shipping products from the area, but it was also the only way to transfer people in the area at the time.

In the dark of night on June 9, 1910, the powerful D10 steam engine was heading east from Schreiber, Ontario, with its three-man crew – engineer Frank Wheatley, brakeman J. McMillian and fireman E. Clark.

The train made its way around the tracks through the night and into the morning hours of June 10, eventually coming upon Mink Harbor on the edge of Lake Superior. This was one of the most treacherous stretches of railway along the entire CPR because not only was it on the edge of a rocky cliff with a portion of the track tunneling through the mountain, but it was also right next to the lake some 65 feet above the water. The four-year-old locomotive barreled down the tracks, when out of nowhere the crew noticed



A train on a section of the Canadian Pacific Railway

the tracks were covered with boulders from a recent rock slide. It was too late to stop the momentum of the massive machine, and because on one side was a mountain and on the other was a cliff towering above Lake Superior, the crew didn't have any option but to brace themselves for impact. In an act of desperation, J. McMillian made the split decision to leap from the locomotive – the other two men remained on the train pulling two or more boxcars as it jumped the bluff and crashed into the rocky waters below.

Tragically, none of the crew made it out of the accident alive – McMillian's body was recovered near the side of the tracks and Wheatley's remains were found near the water, but unfortunately Clark was never found. The accident devastated the surrounding communities because many families in the area either worked or had a loved one who worked for a railroad company, and for those who were employed on the railways, it was a story they heard frequently. Shortly following

the incident, the crash was all people talked about, but as time passed the exact location of where the locomotive slipped into Lake Superior was slowly forgotten. While interest in the locomotive has resurfaced recently, it wasn't until 2014, that a few divers and a former CPR engineer decided to make finding the train a reality – they had an idea where the train left the tracks, but pinpointing where it eventually settled was a little trickier. When summer finally emerged, the research team packed up and headed approximately 185 miles east of Thunder Bay. The group was able to locate some of the remains, such as the boxcars and wheels, which were 32 feet below the surface mixed in with rocks on the lakebed – the locomotive itself continued to elude them.

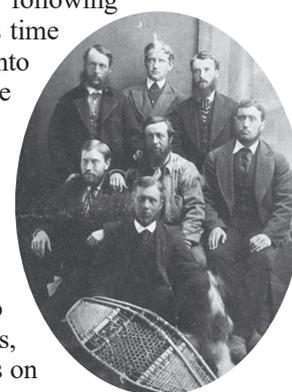
With a better idea of the 694's final resting place because of the work done to locate the boxcars and other debris, searching continued in 2016. While sonar had been used previously, one tool that wasn't yet utilized was a remotely operated vehicle or ROV – due to the small size of the ROV used, it was perfect for maneuvering through places unreachable by the



Canadian Pacific Railroad and employees



Example of the shoreline along Lake Superior



Unidentified Canadian Pacific Railway survey engineers, circa 1872

larger models. The problem with finding the site using divers was the depth only allowed them about 20 minutes underwater, but time wasn't a factor with the ROV. The ROV was launched on July 22, 2016, and within an hour, the team struck gold. Sitting approximately 235 feet below the surface in the unforgiving waters of Lake Superior rests the CPR 694, which prior to the discovery, hadn't been seen in 106 years. The distance between the boxcars and the locomotive was about 200 feet, and

once the wreck was found, it made sense why the sonar didn't work – the train was resting on top of massive boulders the size of cars, causing the train's outline to blend in with the rocks.

Despite the hope for an optimistic outcome from the team, the condition of the train was what would be expected after smashing into a rockslide, soaring over the 65-foot cliff before crashing into the boulder-filled lake. Due to its delicate state, it is highly unlikely the locomotive will ever see the light of day again, but there is still hope that some relics may be recovered – items such as the steam whistle and bell, which wasn't in its mount when the wreck was found, could find their way to the surface again one day. While it is



Canadian Pacific Railway crew at lower Fraser Valley, circa 1881

quite obvious the wreck is the CPR 694 because no other locomotives were reported to crash into the lake in that area, no visible writing has been found yet. The hope is to locate the builder's plate, which will have all the identifying information, but they may not be able to remove that either if it is welded to the train.

Today, safety measures, such as fencing that senses falling rocks, are in place to hopefully avoid another tragedy like the one that cost three men their lives and shook an entire community from happening again. With documented wreck sites such as this one so close to the shore, the 694 is a reminder of all the historic relics the Great Lakes hold that are still waiting to be discovered.



Tombstone of Frank Wheatley, engineer on the CPR 694, located in Thunder Bay, Ontario (contributed by Doug Stefurak)

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By Dr. DiBenedetto, *ThumbPrint News* Columnist



Hyperthyroidism is the most common endocrine (hormone) disorder that affects cats. It occurs most commonly in older cats. Only about 5% of hyperthyroid cats are younger than 10 years of age. Hyperthyroidism is the result of an overproduction of thyroid hormone by the thyroid glands. There are two thyroid glands located in the neck. One or both of the glands can become enlarged and overproduce thyroid hormone. The enlargement is usually caused by a benign (non-cancerous) increase in the number of thyroid gland cells. Thyroid hormone affects the function of most organs in the body. For this reason, signs of hyperthyroidism can be quite variable, including:

- Weight loss despite an increased appetite
- Increased activity and restlessness
- Aggressive or "cranky" behavior
- Poor hair coat
- Fast heart rate
- Increased water drinking and increased urination
- Periodic vomiting and increased amount of stool or diarrhea
- Occasionally difficulty breathing, weakness and depression

A diagnosis of hyperthyroidism is made by looking for clinical signs, palpating for enlarged glands (normal glands can not be felt) and/or testing a blood sample to see if the level of thyroid hormone is increased. Most hyperthyroid cats have very high levels of hormone, but some cats will have signs of hyperthyroidism with normal or only slightly increased levels. Multiple blood samples or other testing may be needed in some cases. A complete blood profile, urinalysis and chest radiographs should also be done, due to the advanced age of these cats to rule out other systemic diseases that have very similar clinical signs. This will also help determine the best treatment for each individual cat.

There are three treatment options currently available. Each option has its advantages and disadvantages. The first option is medical management with an anti-thyroid drug called Methimazole. Lifelong treatment is needed with this medication to control clinical signs and T4 thyroid levels need to be monitored. It is available in pill form, chewable flavor tablets or a transdermal form that is absorbed through the skin on the ear pinnae. The next option is surgical removal, only if the cat is a good anesthesia candidate. Post-op complications can occur when both glands are removed at the same time. The third option is a radioactive iodine treatment. This is a non-invasive treatment, given in capsule form that will cure the disease. However, your cat will need to be quarantined in a special facility until the radioactive levels are at an acceptable level (usually two to seven days). There are only a small number of clinics that are equipped to administer this treatment. If you have an older cat with any of these signs you should consult your veterinarian. 🐾

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SS Senator (contributed by C. Patrick LaBadie Collection)

## Historic Car Collection Resting in Lake Michigan

By David Odziana, ThumbPrint News Staff Writer and Field Reporter

The floor of Lake Michigan is home to nearly every form of transportation since man began traveling the waters around Michigan in the 1600s. As new inventions came, the Great Lakes became the final resting place for thousands of planes, ships, cars and trains, but few exceed the extensive collection found in the hold of the *Senator*, residing hundreds of feet below the surface.

The 400-foot vessel was constructed in 1896, in Wyandotte, Michigan, and was often used to haul steel. After 13 years in service, the *Senator* nearly met its demise after colliding with the *Norman B. Ream*, which caused a great deal of damage. The ship was floated to Ohio for repairs, and following the incident, the *Senator* changed hands multiple times before receiving extensive updates from its new owner, the Nicholson Universal Steamship Company. As the 1920s came to a close in the United States, the nation's economy began experiencing trying times with the Great Depression lurking just around the corner.

Charles W. Nash, who was previously the president of General Motors, purchased a car company in 1916 for \$10 million, and quickly earned a reputation for selling well-built automobiles. A few days following Black Thursday, which caused millions of stocks to be sold, the *Senator* set out from Kenosha, Wisconsin, on Halloween of 1929. The carrier was loaded down with 268 Nash automobiles produced for 1929 and 1930, destined for Michigan – once the shipment arrived, the vehicles were to be distributed throughout the Midwest to various dealerships to be sold for anywhere between \$1,000 and \$2,000. Due to the higher-than-normal price for an economy model vehicle at the time, these were often sold to well-paying professionals, such as lawyers and doctors.

As the sun set on October 31, 1929, with the *Senator* heading toward Detroit on a fog-covered Lake Michigan and visibility lower than normal, Captain George Kinch was moving forward at full steam ahead, and while making its way to port, he let off a signal to make other ships aware of the maneuver. Shortly following the signal, the crew on the *Senator* could begin to make out the *Marquette*, which was destined for Milwaukee loaded down with 7,000 tons



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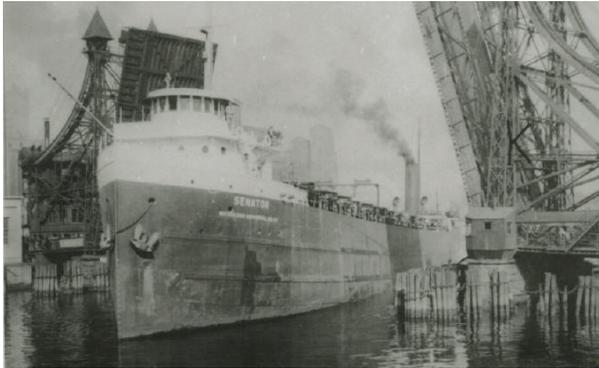
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of iron, emerging from the fog. A short time before 10:00 p.m. the two massive ships found themselves only a few hundred feet apart, and with no time to avoid hitting each other, the *Marquette* slammed into the side of the *Senator*. As the two ships separated, it became evident that the *Senator* had received a fatal blow just 15 miles from Port Washington, Wisconsin – the ship quickly began taking on water, and in less than 10 minutes, the vessel slipped below the surface of Lake Michigan and settled nearly 450 feet down to the lakebed in a sinkhole.

The ship went down so fast that the 28-man crew wasn't even able to deploy lifeboats, resulting in the loss of 10 lives. A tugboat in the area heard the distress signals from the *Senator* and rushed to the site, saving 15 men afloat in the freezing cold water.



(Contributed by C. Patrick LaBadie Collection)

Although it was damaged, the *Marquette* was able to make it back to port, but the captain received a great deal of backlash for not aiding the *Senator's* crew. Following an investigation into the accident, it was found that both operators were at fault for traveling too fast in inclement weather – the tug's captain, Earl Godersky, was later honored for saving multiple lives.

The vessel alluded shipwreck hunters for nearly 80 years until 2005, when Rob Polich and Paul Ehorn claimed to have located the *Senator's* final resting place. Due to the fact that the ship rests so far below Lake Michigan's surface, the team needed a remotely operated vehicle to investigate the wreck and properly identify it. The team found a mixture of 1929 and 1930 Nash Motors cars, which were originally on the main deck, lying in a pile near the side of the ship. Inside the *Senator*, the investigators were astonished to find the remaining vehicles in nearly the same position they were in as on the day they were loaded, and were said to be in great condition. When taking inflation into consideration, the total shipment of cars are said to be worth more than \$3.5 million today – couple that with the stock market crash earlier that week, it is amazing that Nash Motors was able to keep its doors open following the two devastating setbacks. The company was able to survive well into modern times, and in 1987, it was acquired by Chrysler and became the Jeep brand.

The *Senator* became one of 150 shipwrecks on the National Register of Historic Places, and happens to sit inside the boundaries of an area that is scheduled to become a National Marine Sanctuary. It is unlikely any of these historic vehicles will ever be able to be raised to the surface because of its protected status, making it a unique shipwreck equipped with its very own watery museum in the depths of Lake Michigan that may never be seen in person again. 🌿

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Each month, *ThumbPrint News* prints a photo of an object, person or a place for our readers to identify. If you think you know the answer, go to our website [www.thumbprintnews.com](http://www.thumbprintnews.com) and enter your answer. Of all persons submitting the correct answer by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, one person will be randomly selected to be entered into a drawing for a wonderful surprise gift at the end of the year! On December 16, 2017, one winner will be drawn out of all the monthly winners and the lucky person will be notified.

For our April contest, we asked our readers to identify what the object pictured to the right is and for what it is used:



Of all of those submitting the correct answer, Karen Putze of Fort Gratiot was randomly chosen to be entered into the year-end drawing. Karen identified the object as a dental key.

Dental keys (circa 1810), named because they were modeled after door keys, were used to extract teeth. The claw at the end of the shaft was designed to grasp the diseased tooth as the instrument was rotated to loosen the tooth – a crude method that often resulted in broken teeth, tissue damage and jaw fractures. By the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup>

century, forceps had rendered dental keys obsolete.

For our May contest, we are asking our readers to identify what the object pictured to the left is and for what it is used. Remember, go to [www.thumbprintnews.com](http://www.thumbprintnews.com) if you know the answer.



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**HERE IS WHAT THEY HAD TO SAY ABOUT THEIR "HOT" TRIP:**

We live in New Baltimore, and we totally look forward to each issue of our *ThumbPrint News*! Recently, we took our "favorite publication" with us, as we spent a delightful day in Hell, Michigan, on a bus tour with the New Baltimore Seniors.

*ThumbPrint News* has been traveling all over the world! It has been taken by our faithful readers to all seven continents, many different countries, and to all of our 50 states!

This month we are featuring a photo sent in by Felicia and Dave Szczepanski of New Baltimore, Michigan, who recently traveled to Hell, Michigan.

According to Wikipedia, there are two theories on the origin of the town's name: "The first is that a pair of German travelers stepped out of a stagecoach one sunny afternoon in the 1830s, and one said to the other, 'So schön hell!' (translated as, 'So beautifully bright!'). Their comments were overheard by some locals and the name stuck. Soon after Michigan gained statehood, George Reeves was asked what he thought the town he helped settle should be called and replied, 'I don't care, you can name it Hell for all I care.' The name became official on October 13, 1841. The second theory is tied to the 'hell-like' conditions encountered by early explorers, including mosquitos, thick forest cover, and extensive wetlands. It has frequently been noted on lists of unusual place names."

Today, Hell is a tourist destination, abounding with places that have played up on the town's unusual name, such as the Hell Hole Diner and Damnation University. To learn about other things to do and see in Hell, visit [www.gotohellmi.com](http://www.gotohellmi.com).

If you have taken *ThumbPrint News* with you anyplace in the world and would like to share your picture(s) with our readers, we would love to see them. Please send your pictures to [ThumbPrintNews@comcast.net](mailto:ThumbPrintNews@comcast.net) and attach a good quality .jpg file of your photo or photos. We would also appreciate a short paragraph telling us about the place that you and *ThumbPrint News* traveled to.

For those readers who still have photos which you sent to us and which have not yet been featured, they will be in 2017, so keep reading *ThumbPrint News* – and watch for your photos! We have quite a backlog right now, but appreciate each and every photo and rest assured that we will eventually use it.

## WHAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY?

## MAY



**1** On this day in 1961, Fidel Castro announces there will be no more elections in Cuba.

**2** On this day in 1919, the first U.S. air passenger service starts.



**3** On this day in 1971, James Earl Ray, Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassin, is caught in a jail break attempt.

**4** On this day in 1626, American Indians sell Manhattan Island for \$24 in cloth and buttons.

**5** On this day in 1961, Alan Shepard becomes the first American in space.



**6** On this day in 1937, the dirigible *Hindenburg* explodes in flames at Lakehurst, New Jersey.

**7** On this day in 1763, Indian Chief Pontiac begins his attack on a British fort in present-day Detroit, Michigan.

**8** On this day in 1980, the World Health Organization announces smallpox has been eradicated.

**9** On this day in 1960, the U.S. becomes the first country to legalize the birth control pill.

**10** On this day in 1797, the first U.S. Navy ship, the *United States*, is launched.



**11** On this day in 1929, the first regularly scheduled TV broadcasts (three nights per week) begin.

**12** On this day in 1915, Franklin K. Mathews presents the idea of "Book Week".

**13** On this day in 1918, the first U.S. airmail stamps are issued (24 cents).

**14** On this day in 1610, the assassination of Henry IV of France brings nine-year-old Louis XIII to the throne.

**15** On this day in 1905, Las Vegas, Nevada, is founded.



**16** On this day in 1891, George A. Hormel & Co. introduces Spam.

**17** On this day in 1884, Alaska becomes a U.S. territory.



**18** On this day in 1942, New York City ends night baseball games for the rest of WWII.

**19** On this day in 1884, the Ringling Brothers Circus premieres.



**20** On this day in 1861, Kentucky proclaims its neutrality in the Civil War.

**21** On this day in 1906, Louis H. Perlman patents a demountable tire-carrying rim for cars.

**22** On this day in 1892, Dr. Washington Sheffield invents the toothpaste tube.



**23** On this day in 1883, a baseball game between one-armed and one-legged players takes place.

**24** On this day in 1830, "Mary Had A Little Lamb" by Sarah Josepha Hale is first published by the Boston firm Marsh, Capen & Lyon.

**25** On this day in 1932, Goofy, aka Dippy Dawg, first appears in "Mickey's Revue" by Walt Disney.

**26** On this day in 1978, the first legal gambling casino opens in Atlantic City, New Jersey.



**27** On this day in 1907, the Bubonic Plague breaks out in San Francisco, California.

**28** On this day in 1923, U.S. unemployment has nearly ended.

**29** On this day in 1912, 15 young women are fired by Curtis Publishing for dancing the "Turkey Trot" during their lunch break.

**30** On this day in 1848, William G. Young patents the ice cream freezer.



**31** On this day in 1955, the U.S. Supreme Court orders school integration "with all deliberate speed".

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**Submitted by St. Clair County  
Community Mental Health**

St. Clair County Community Mental Health is holding their **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies ~ Run for Recovery** on Saturday, May 13, 2017, at their 3111 Electric Avenue, Port Huron, Michigan location. Individuals can participate in a 5K USTAF Certified run, 1 mile Fun Walk, or 1 mile timed run (for ages 12 and under). The 1K walk and 1 mile timed run both begin at 8:30 a.m., and the 5K run begins at 9:00 a.m. Registration fee is \$30, and T-shirts are provided only while supplies last. Special registration discounts are available for school run clubs.

The Run for Recovery event proceeds will be shared between the St. Clair County Prescription Drug Workgroup, the SCCCMH Lifeline Fund, the Peoples' Clinic for Better Health, and

the Alzheimer/Dementia Resource Committee of St. Clair County.

The Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports and the Michigan Fitness Foundation has endorsed the **Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies ~ Run for Recovery** as a quality physical activity event through the Pure Michigan FITness Series endorsement program. The Pure Michigan FITness Series program endorses local, regional and statewide events that are consistent with the Governor's Council and the Michigan Fitness Foundation mission to promote healthy choices while offering a physical activity event that is open to all participants, regardless of skill level or age. The **Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies ~ Run for Recovery** leads by example by providing a safe, healthy physical activity event for Michigan residents. With this endorsement, participants age 18 and above are eligible to register for the 2017 lottery for a chance to be one of only 400 runners to run over the Mackinaw Bridge on Labor Day.

Awards will be given to 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place finishers of the 5K run and 1 Mile Timed Run for ages 12 and under by gender and age group. Awards will also

be given to the overall top male and female finishers. All participants will receive a commemorative participant ribbon.

Online registration is available at [www.runsignup.com](http://www.runsignup.com), or the registration form may be downloaded at [www.scccmh.org](http://www.scccmh.org). Cash, check and credit card registrations are also accepted in-person at the CMH Port Huron office, 3111 Electric Avenue, Port Huron, Michigan, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Pre-registered participants may pick up their event packet on Thursday or Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Participants who do so will have their names entered in a drawing to win "Beat the Rush" prizes.

For more information, visit the SCCCMH web site at [www.scccmh.org](http://www.scccmh.org) or call St. Clair County Community Mental Health at (810) 985-8900.

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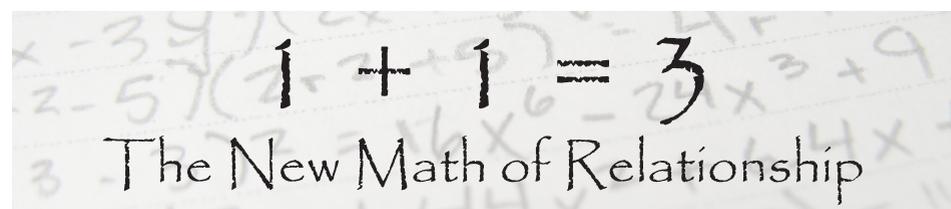
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By John Vincent Senkus, *ThumbPrint News* Columnist

“Givers need to set limits because takers rarely do.”

– Rachel Wolchin

Normally, when the flow of “give and take” is looked at within intimate relationship, it is from the perspective of deficiency. It’s when a partner doesn’t receive what they need, which in the end leads to loneliness and frustration. Of course this stunts the relationship’s overall growth as the partner who is shortchanged – will have the tendency to stop giving as well. But ... there is another side to the give and take equation, one that is opposite deficiency: *Excessive giving*. Doling out disproportionate amounts of giving skews and limits one’s own growth potential. The excess that is being given to someone or something else circumvents and drains the energy that is meant to nourish one’s own growth path. Ultimately, the relationship as a whole will also become damaged by this imbalance, as the synergy of one plus one equaling three becomes nullified. Instead of each partner building themselves and their relationship toward a whole greater than the sum, one partner robs their self and operates at less than one, taking away instead of adding.

Regardless of the reason, giving to the point of minimizing and losing oneself does not benefit any dimension of the partnership, and does not reflect the true intentions of love. The following represent some of the various reasons and examples of giving too much:

➤ *Fear of being abandoned.* This can manifest itself when one tries to excessively please their partner. By doing this, they feel they will be viewed more positively, as going with the flow and not causing any difficulties, and even as invaluable ... thus not giving any reason to be left behind.

➤ *Low self-esteem.* In order to be strongly valued, but without feeling the equivalent worth, one may overcompensate by making sure they fulfill their partners every wish and whim. Their worth will be predicated through their partner – rather than their own self-merit.

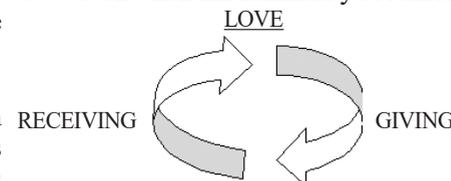
➤ *Afraid of one’s own growth path or potential.* Many have a fear of what lies in front of them, or the “trouble” that it will take to get there (leaving current comfort zone). A discomfort with what they should be versus what they are (Jonah complex). To avoid confronting these fears, too much time and attention will be spent absorbed in their partner’s development and accomplishments instead of their own. It’s vicariously living one’s life through someone else.

➤ *My lot in life.* Some live their life resigned through a historical or religious template rather than by creating their own. A model from a parent or grandparent where “traditional” roles were followed, where self-sacrifice was not counter balanced. Unfortunately, some of these (gender) roles are based on a mission of serving – at the price of diminishing one’s own intended path and potential.

➤ *Fear of confrontation.* For many, it is easier to minimize their own position, belief, or preference, rather than standing up for themselves with the risk of making their partner upset or angry. There is a strong avoidance to stirring the pot. It’s much easier to hold back than to have to deal with the subsequent difficulties when being entirely open and honest.

The common denominator in all of these cases is typically a lack of self-confidence. A fear of truly expressing and being one’s own self. Unfortunately too, another foe that adds to this portfolio is habit. Because once these patterns of excessive giving become established, they can be very difficult to change (even when you are or do become aware of them). A portion of the battle lies in changing the sheer direction of the momentum created through a couples’ repeated dynamics and routines. But there is also the breaking of the habit of *being comfortable with the familiar* ... even when this familiarity becomes undesired and uncomfortable, it can still be difficult to move past.

Bottom line – don’t be afraid to be YOU!  
And the best way for this to happen is when each couple prioritizes not only their partner’s growth ... but their own as well. That means



there is no one-sided or excessive giving. Both giving and receiving reach a harmonious equilibrium. The beauty of this balance is that it goes full circle in a perpetuating cycle. Reciprocated giving and receiving infuses love, and love infuses giving and receiving – each building a foundation for the other. Keep in mind that there is never a valid reason to not devote the time and energy toward developing your potential. It is not an act of self-indulgence, nor does it create a lacking for someone else. Parker Palmer stated, *“Self-care is never a selfish act – it is simply good stewardship of the only gift I have, the gift I was put on earth to offer to others.”* Remember, there isn't a more noble and just cause than fulfilling a soul's intended purpose.

If there are any remnants of excessive giving that resonate with you, or would for your partner, just where is the imbalance? And more importantly, what can you both do about it?

Thanks for reading! Please send any questions or comments to the email address [land1equal3@gmail.com](mailto:land1equal3@gmail.com).

In our next column, we will take a look at the “coiling effect” and other dating and relationship pitfalls.



## Charity Wine Event

Submitted by Leigh Marciniak

The Thumbs Up Wine Trail, an organization dedicated to promoting the wine industry in Southeast Michigan, is teaming up with Blue Water Folk Society, the Jeddo Lions, Sandusky

Kiwanis, the Rising Stars Academy and the Optimist International of Shelby Township to host the Wines of the Thumb Taste Fest – “Let's Get Nauti” – at the Port Huron International Seaway Terminal located at 2336 Military Street, Port Huron, Michigan, on Sunday, May 21, 2017, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The event is a casual, come-as-you-are, come-when-you-can festival for wine and food. Attendees will sample wines, meads and hard cider, enjoy tasty food and live music. This year Thumbs Up Wine Trail is featuring a new location overlooking the beautiful St. Clair River. Stroll and sample the wine and food offerings available while listening to live music.

Thumbs Up Wine Trail is a progressive organization dedicated to raising awareness of the wine industry, promoting tourism in the “Thumb Region” of Michigan and offering a unique experience while leisurely meandering through the southeast side of the state. This excursion can be enhanced with the treasured microbreweries, inns, bed and breakfasts, charming shops, amazing little restaurants and special events Michigan communities have to offer. This dream excursion is limited only by the imagination. Local wineries on the trail include Blake's Hard Cider Company of Armada, Fieldstone Winery of Rochester, Filipo Marc Winery of Clinton Township, Superior Lakes Mead, Wine and Hard Cider of Harrison Township, Village Winery of Romeo, Westview Orchards of Washington Township, Blue Water Winery of Lexington, 3 North Vines of Crosswell, Dizzy Daisy of Bad Axe, Sage Creek Winery of Memphis, Green Barn Winery of Smiths Creek and Washington Street Wine House of New Baltimore.

“Our goals are to raise awareness of the wine industry in the Thumb and Southeast Michigan, promote tourism in the region and to raise funds for worthy organizations in the local communities – all while having a great time,” said wine trail President, Kristi Nichols Shopbell. “Proceeds will benefit the wine trail and the listed charities.”

Area restaurants and catering companies are promising some great food and demonstrations. Thanks to places like Freighter's, Achatz Pies, Leonard's Pizza in Leonard, Sam's Club, Lexington Coffee Company, and Rising Stars Academy in Warren, this event should be a great success. The Thumb's Up Wine Trail has several generous financial sponsors this year, such as Kriewall Enterprises, R. Shafer Builder, Achatz Pies and Mainstay Financial Management. The Wine Trail and all of the included charities are grateful to the participating businesses.

The entertainment for “Let's Get Nauti” include Still Running, Ruby Hill and Ourselves. Special thanks to Mike Mercatante for arranging the music. The Blue Water Folk Society is instrumental (pun intended) in assisting with preparations this year.

Tickets are \$35 per person for limited early bird purchase, \$40 for pre-sale and \$45 for tickets at the door. The ticket price includes wine, food, live music and vendors. The tickets are sold online at: <http://bit.ly/thumbsup2017>. 🍷

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- The oldest mother was Maria del Carmen Bousada Lara (Spain, b. January 5, 1940), who gave birth by caesarean section to twin boys, Christian and Pau, at age 66 years 358 days at the Sant Pau hospital, Barcelona, Spain, on December 29, 2006. Unfortunately, Maria passed away on July 11, 2009, after being diagnosed with cancer.
- The heaviest baby born to a healthy mother was a boy weighing 22 lb. 8 oz., who was born to Sig. Carmelina Fedele (Italy) at Aversa, Italy, in September, 1955.
- At the age of 56 years, Jacilyn Dalenberg acted as surrogate mother for her daughter, Kim Coseno, and carried and delivered her own grandchildren – three girls. The babies were delivered by caesarean section at Hillcrest Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio, on October 11, 2008.



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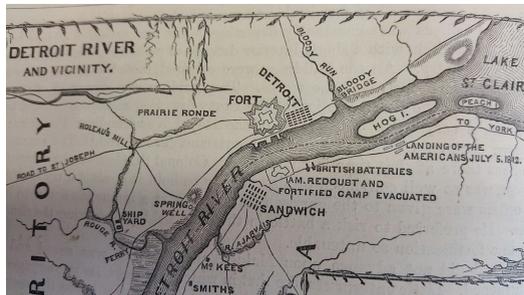
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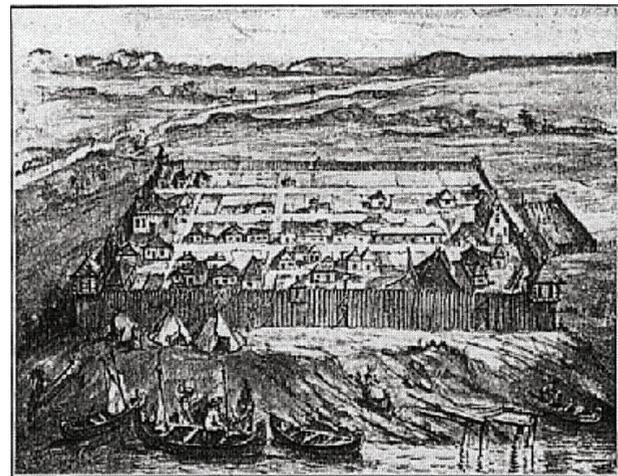
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**GROSSE POINTE** Cadillac left continued from Page 1 the post and put Sieur de Du Buisson in charge as the new commander. Making their protection of the fort even weaker was the fact that the Huron, Pottawatomie and Ottawa Indians, who were allies of the French, weren't back yet – every winter the tribes would venture out into the vast forests of Michigan or Ohio for their annual hunt. The English recognized the opportunity and quickly put their plan into action. They sent their Fox Indian allies just out of firing range of the fort to set up camp, but Du Buisson caught wind of what they were attempting to do. To prepare for the worst, the commander moved their whole food supply inside the fort anticipating the attack. As the days passed, the number of rival Native Americans residing outside their fort continued to increase. Fearing an attack was coming soon, Du Buisson sent a messenger to make their Indian cohorts aware of the danger they were facing.



Map showing Fort Detroit's location

allies had no choice but to retreat. The tribe saw an opportunity to slip away from the pressures of the French and their allies on a dark, stormy night. The Fox were able to remove themselves from the dangerous situation and flee to Presque Isle, known today as Windmill Point. When their enemies realized they were no longer in the area, they were sent out to find them. Once the Fox were located, the battle continued for five days. Although they were able to kill a handful of the enemy soldiers, the pressure eventually became too much for the Fox Indians to take, resulting in a mass slaughter. One by one



Fort Detroit in 1712

the Fox Indians fell to the ground – in all, over 1,000 Fox Indians lost their lives at Windmill Point. Only about 100 members of the tribe were able to escape the horrific fate awaiting them, while others that survived the battle were taken captive – those detained were killed over the next few days. A short time after the massacre, the surviving Fox Indians returned to the site of the battle to cover the bones of the deceased as part of their Feast of the Dead. It was said that the bones of the fallen were exposed to the elements for some time because they were continuously pulled to the surface by the farmer's plow.

As centuries passed, the events carried out in the city were pushed to the back of people's minds until a reminder was discovered in 1918. A few men were working to construct a sea wall on the site and level the land by filling in low areas with sand. As the workers were shifting dirt around, they began to notice that human remains were being unearthed. The men soon realized the massive amount of bones residing in the area, and it was decided the laborers would collect the bones and place them in a storage shed. Just as the job was being finished, one of the men working on the project, known only as "The Bum", suddenly vanished – along with the mysterious man, all of the bones collected from the battlefield were nowhere to be found.

With the enemy now greatly outnumbering the Fox Indians, the British

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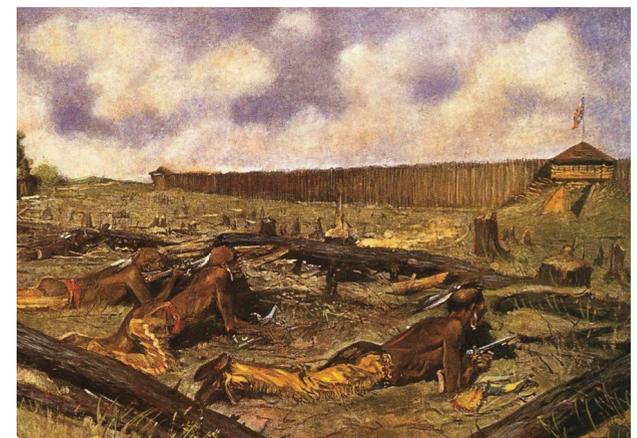
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Fox Indians attempted siege of Fort Detroit



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## HOME & GARDEN

### TOP GARDENING TRENDS FOR 2017

Courtesy of BrandPoint

Whether you have a backyard or just a few containers on the patio, sunny days are your cue it's time to garden. Growing your own flowers, herbs and vegetables is a lot of fun, and with some simple tips, it can be pretty easy to make sure your outdoor space is a showstopper.

The experts at Ball Horticultural Company offer insight into the year's top gardening trends so you can plant with confidence and creativity:

#### Trend Number 1: Create Curb Appeal

Your home's exterior will influence the first impression of anyone that visits. Give your entryway an instant beauty boost with begonias. They're perfect for the time-starved gardener, grow well in sun or shade, and fill in fast and full. At the forefront of this trend are Megawatt begonias. New for 2017, they feature exceptional performance and a unique bronze-leaf color that is sure to be noticed by guests.

#### Trend Number 2: Tablescapes

Bring the beauty of gardening indoors with tablescapes. Use your harvested vegetables as decor inside in display bowls; you'll give your interior design a fresh look. There are also non-edible potted veggies like Hot Pops Purple Ornamental Peppers. They mature in multiple colors to keep you in color all season.

#### Trend Number 3: Fresh Food Fascinations

There's nothing like pulling fresh food from the garden, but 2017 is trending toward more unique favors. Replace your traditional pepper plants with specialty hot peppers like jalapeños or chiles. And you don't need tons of space to enjoy multiple tomatoes. Try Take 2 Tomato Combos which give you a slicer and a cherry tomato in one pot, providing twice the flavor in half the space. Travel the globe through herbs: Plant a kitchen garden of different basil, lavenders and mints. Use them in your next cocktail!



#### Trend Number 4: Customize with Color

A great garden is more than just a food source; it's also a thing of beauty. One of the hottest trends for 2017 will be accenting your garden with unique color reflecting your style. If your favorite color is purple, pink or white, weave some petunias into your garden design. If you adore red, try Archangel Cherry Red Angelonia for a delicate texture that weathers any extremes. Fill your garden with plants to match your favorite team's colors for a fun customized twist. Whatever you choose, a splash of color is sure to get your space noticed.

Get started on your garden project today. The 2017 gardening season is just beginning, so now's the perfect time to make friends with your local garden center for the best plant selection. Incorporate any or all of the top trends listed above and your garden will be beautiful and rewarding throughout the entire year.



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U.S. Air Force Staff Sergeant Kimberly Rayner of Algonac, Michigan, and U.S. Air Force Staff Sergeant J. Ryan Ashmore of Laurens, South Carolina, were married in July 2016. The bride is the daughter of Pamela Rayner of Marine City and the late U.S. Marine Sergeant Charles Rayner. Kim graduated from Algonac High School in 2003 and is currently working towards her Bachelor's degree. The groom is the son of Mr & Mrs. Melodie and Don Ashmore of Laurens, South Carolina. Ryan has been a WCD (Working Combat Dog) Handler of the K-9 Corp. and is currently working to train other Handlers. Both Staff Sergeants have served in combat zones several times and are currently stationed in Valdosta, Georgia. A vow renewal and reception took place in Michigan on April 22, 2017.



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# CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

# MAY

If you have an event in June that you would like listed in the June issue of *ThumbPrint News*, email it to [ThumbPrintNews@comcast.net](mailto:ThumbPrintNews@comcast.net) by May 12, 2017. 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 hometown to attend any of these events, please call ahead for any changes in dates or times or for any cancellations.*

## Genesee

No events were submitted for Genesee County this month.

## Huron

### Bad Axe - May 5 & 20

**Tip of the Thumb Dancers,** Huron County Senior Center, 150 Nugent Rd., 7:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Admission \$6. Bring finger foods and friends! Cancellations on WLEW and WMIC radio. On May 5, entertainment will be provided by Ernie Essenmacher Band and on May 20 (Armed Forced Night), by Emerson and Benny. For more information call Jerry at (989) 269-6348.

### Harbor Beach - May 13

**The Spring Show, Mom2Mom Sale and Craft and Vendor Show,** Harbor Beach Schools K-8 Gym, 402 S. 5<sup>th</sup> St., 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Admission price \$2 per person. Sponsored by Woman's Life Insurance Society Chapter 811. Vendors needed. \$15 per table. For an application call Ashlee at (989) 293-0035 or email her at [ashlee.stanley25@yahoo.com](mailto:ashlee.stanley25@yahoo.com).

## Lapeer

**Mayfield Twp. - May 6  
May Flowers Craft and Vendor Event,** Mayfield Township Hall, 1900 N. Saginaw, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. 30 a "May"zing crafters and vendors. Admission is \$1 per adult and will be donated to Lapeer County Food Banks. For more information call Melodie at (810) 656-2887.

### Attica - May 9

**Michigan Alliance for Families,** Lapeer Ed Tech Center, 690 N. Lake Pleasant Rd., 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. You are invited to a community gathering of groups and

individuals connected to the disability community and education system in Lapeer County. Sign-in opens 30 minutes before each session starts. RSVP with Jill Clyne by May 3, by calling (810) 989-9144 ext. 3 or emailing her at [jill@michiganallianceforfamilies.org](mailto:jill@michiganallianceforfamilies.org).

### Lapeer - May 9

**Taco Night,** American Legion Post 16, 1701 W. Genesee St., lower hall, 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Public welcome. \$2 per taco. For more information call (810) 664-9312.

### Lapeer - May 13

**38<sup>th</sup> Annual Children's Benefit Concert,** American Legion Post 16, 1701 W. Genesee St., doors open at 6:00 p.m.; concert starts at 7:00 p.m. Tickets \$10 each. Entertainment tributes to Johnny Cash and Roy Orbison. All proceeds benefit Lapeer County Children. For more information call (810) 664-9312.

### Lapeer - May 14

**Star Salute Dinner Show "Mother's Day with Elvis",** Elks Lodge, 200 E. Nepessing St., doors open at 5:00 p.m.; dinner at 6:00 p.m.; show starts at 7:00 p.m. Cash bar. Tickets \$30 or table of 8 for \$200 (includes buffet and show). Reservation only. For more information or to make reservations call Gary at (810) 441-9075.

### Lapeer - May 20

**May Psychic Fair and Craft Show,** American Legion Post 16, 1701 W. Genesee St. Vendors needed. Book signing by author J.P. Ribner of the *Berzerker Saga Viking Series*. Admission \$5 per person. For more information call Cassandra at (810) 744-4077.

## Macomb

### Richmond - May 2

**Woman's Life Chapter 855 Meeting,** Lois Wagner Memorial Library, 35200 Division, 6:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. For more information call Diana at (810) 392-5136.

### Richmond - May 3

**Tin Types, Artifacts and Cameras from 1830 - 1910,** Richmond Community Center, 36164 Festival Dr., 7:00 p.m. This lively demonstration and discussion with Al Collins is presented by the Richmond Historic Society. Everyone is welcome - free admission. For more information call Mary Ellen at (586) 808-2953.

### Memphis - May 4, 11, 18 & 25

**Jam Night,** Memphis Youth Center, 34758 Pratt Rd., 6:00 p.m. - ? All musicians of any age are welcome to come and join other musicians to start a band or just come and join in playing with one another. Some equipment will be available to use, but feel free to bring your guitars, amps, drums, and any instrument you wish to play. For more information call Dave at (810) 488-1294.

### Richmond - May 5, 6, 7, 12, 13 & 14

**The Odd Couple (Female Version),** Richmond Community Theatre, 69619 Parker St., Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m., Sundays at 2:00 p.m. Adults \$17, seniors/students \$12. For reservations or for more information call (586) 727-9518 or visit [RichmondTheatre.com](http://RichmondTheatre.com).

### Romeo - May 5

**Cinco de Mayo Fiesta,** Romeo Masonic Lodge, 321 N. Main St., 7:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Featuring classic rockers Walleye and the Devilles for an evening of party music. \$15 at the door includes Mexican food. Cash bar. For more information call Dave at (586) 752-5700 or (586) 337-1132.

**New Baltimore - May 7  
Market/Craft/Vendor VFW Fundraising Event,** 35011 23

Mile Rd., 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Free admission to shop. 8-ft. table rental for \$10 each. No table reservation required. For more information call Michelle at (586) 746-6242.

### Memphis - May 10

**55 and Up Night Out,** Memphis Youth Center/Lions Hall, 34758 Pratt Rd., 4:00 p.m. - ? Play cards, games, socialize and enjoy a meal with friends. Sponsored by Memphis Parks and Rec. For more information call Dave at (810) 488-1294.

### Clinton Twp. - May 19

**Bowl-A-Thon,** Imperial Lanes, 44650 Garfield, 6:30 p.m. check-in, 7:00 p.m. start. Strike out loneliness and isolation with Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers. Raise pledges to help our older and disabled neighbors. Event includes 3 games, shoes, pizza and pop. Minimum \$30 in pledges to bowl. \$100 cash prize for highest pledge earner! Receive a free T-shirt with pledges of \$50 or more. To sign up or to request pledge forms call (586) 757-5551, email [events@ivcinfo.org](mailto:events@ivcinfo.org) or visit [www.ivcinfo.org/event\\_bowl.php](http://www.ivcinfo.org/event_bowl.php).

### Richmond - May 19

**Memphis Lions Club Scholarship Fun-Raiser,** Strikers Entertainment, 30971 Armada Ridge Rd., 7:00 p.m., sign-up 6:30 p.m. Bring your family and friends for a fun time bowling. \$25 includes 3 games, shoe rental and pizza. 50/50 raffle, raffles and door prizes. For more information call Toni at (586) 243-3312 or Mike at (586) 242-8307.

### Romeo - May 20

**Starkweather Art Center's Monthly Concert Series,** Romeo Masonic Lodge, 231 N. Main St., 7:30 p.m. Features Dan Moen playing instruments from the far reaches of the globe. \$10 admission, \$8 for Starkweather members. For more information call (586) 753-5700 or visit [www.starkweatherarts.com](http://www.starkweatherarts.com).

### Richmond - May 21

**Dance - Polka and American Variety Music,** Richmond K of C

Hall, 68216 Grand Trunk Ave., 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. \$10 per person includes refreshments. Music by Ted Pavlik and Melody Makers. For more information call (810) 364-7575.

**Washington - May 21**  
**"Lost Car Companies of Detroit" by Alan Naldrett**, Loren Octagon House, 57500 Van Dyke, 2:00 p.m. Admission of \$5 includes the presentation and a self-guided tour of the Octagon House. For more information call (586) 781-0084 or visit [www.octagonhouse.org](http://www.octagonhouse.org).

**Memphis - May 27**  
**Euchre Tournament**, Memphis Lions Club, 34758 Pratt Rd., 7:00 p.m. Everyone welcome. Prize money awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. \$10 per person. Snacks available. For more information call Frank at (810) 392-3717 or email him at [fravis53@comcast.net](mailto:fravis53@comcast.net).

## Oakland

**Novi - May 4 - 7**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Michigan International Women's Show**, Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave. The event includes four days of shopping, fashion shows, celebrity appearances, cooking demonstrations, pampering and more. For details and times for all events and admission prices, visit [InternationalWomenShow.com](http://InternationalWomenShow.com) or call (800) 849-0248.

**Rochester Hills - May 4, 11, 18 & 25**

**Coffee, Cake and True Islam**, Masjid Mahmood (Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Center), 1730 W. Auburn Rd., 7:00 p.m. Informal and candid conversations about Islam. Intended for anyone interested in learning about the faith from its followers. Free and open to the public. For more information call (248) 677-1316 or email [tabligh.det@ahmadiyya.us](mailto:tabligh.det@ahmadiyya.us).

## St. Clair

**Port Huron - May 1, 8, 15 & 22**  
**Bridge Games**, Senior Community Center, 600 Grand Ave., 12:15 p.m. No partner needed, no registration, no cost. Donations accepted. New players encouraged. For more information call (810) 326-0121.

**Algonac - May 2 & 9**  
**Family Storytime**, Algonac-Clay Library, 2011 St. Clair River Dr., 10:00 a.m. Enjoy stories, songs and crafts with a mix of poems, puppets, finger plays and movement activities that promote literacy. Ages 0 - 5. For more information call (810) 794-4471.

**Capac - May 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18 & 23**  
**Indoor Senior Pickleball**, Capac Elementary School Cafeteria, 351 W. Kempf Ct., 4:00 p.m. (cancelled if school is closed). For more information call (810) 987-8811.

**Port Huron - May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30**  
**Bridge Games**, Palmer Park Recreation Center, 2829 Armour St., 9:00 a.m. No partner needed, no registration, no cost. Donations accepted. New players encouraged. For more information call (810) 326-0121.

**St. Clair - May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30**  
**Party-Style Bridge**, St. Clair Community Center, 308 4<sup>th</sup> St., 12:30 p.m. No partner needed, no registration, no cost. Donations accepted. New players encouraged. For more information call (810) 326-0121.

**Kimball - May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31**  
**Bingo**, McGivney Banquet Center, 4521 Ravenswood, 6:20 p.m. Doors open two hours prior to the start of bingo. For more information call (810) 364-6800.

**Marysville - May 3**  
**Teen Yarn Block Prints**, Marysville Library, 1175 Delaware, 3:00 p.m. Make lovely block prints and printed cards for Mother's Day. Registration requested to ensure supplies. Ages 12 - 18. For more information or to register call (810) 364-9493.

**Marine City - May 4 - 6**  
**Semi-Annual Friends of the Library Book Sale**, Marine City Library, 300 S. Parker, during library hours. Accepting donations. For more information call Donna at (810) 765-5787.

**Port Huron - May 4, 11, 18 & 25**  
**Slider Thursdays**, Charles A. Hammond American Legion Post 8, 1026 Sixth St., 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. \$4 for 3 burger sliders and fries. For more information call (810) 982-9553.

**Port Huron - May 4, 11, 18 & 25**  
**Progressive Bingo**, Charles A. Hammond American Legion Post 8, 1026 Sixth St., 6:30 p.m. (doors open at 4:30 p.m.) For more information call (810) 982-9553.

**St. Clair - May 4**  
**Star Wars Day: May the 4<sup>th</sup> Be With You!** St. Clair Library, 310 Second St., doors open at 9:00 a.m. Come to the library anytime while we

are open this day for crafts, games, and enter to win a special *Star Wars* themed prize. All ages welcome. For more information call (810) 329-3951.

**St. Clair - May 4, 11, 18 & 25**  
**Party-Style Bridge**, Voyageur Restaurant, 525 S. Riverside Ave., 12:00 p.m. No partner needed, no registration, no cost. Donations accepted. New players encouraged. For more information call (810) 326-0121.

**Emmett - May 5 & 6**  
**Emmett Lions Club Annual Yard Sale**, Emmett Lions Hall, 10830 Mary St., 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. For more information email John at [jacog2017@aol.com](mailto:jacog2017@aol.com).

**Fair Haven - May 5, 12, 19 & 26**  
**Family Story Time**, Ira Township Library, 7013 Meldrum Rd., 10:00 a.m. Stories, music and crafts for children ages 0 - 5 and their caregivers. For more information call (586) 725-9081.

**Marine City - May 5, 12, 19 & 26**

**Homeschool Meet-Up**, Marine City Library, 300 S. Parker, 10:00 a.m. Meet up and socialize with other homeschooling families and friends. For more information call (810) 765-5233.

**Marysville - May 5, 12, 19 & 26**  
**Marysville Knights of Columbus #9526 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Farmer's Market**, at Marysville Park waterfront, across from the old boat launch, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Vendors wanted - all welcome. For more information call (810) 364-6800 or (810) 824-7435.

**Port Huron - May 5, 12, 19 & 26**  
**All-You-Can-Eat Cod Fish Fry**, Charles A. Hammond American Legion Post 8, 1026 Sixth St., 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Cost \$10.95 Other menu items also available. For more information call (810) 982-9553.

**Port Huron - May 5**  
**Cinco de Mayo Night**, Charles A. Hammond American Legion Post 8, 1026 Sixth St., 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Mexican dinner special includes 2 flour tacos, 2 tamales, nachos, rice and beans for only \$8.95. For more information call (810) 982-9553.

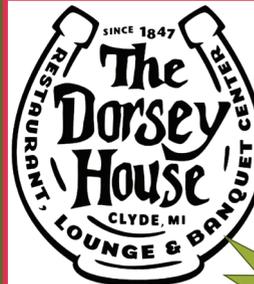
**St. Clair - May 5, 12, 19 & 26**  
**Men's Fellowship Club**, St. Clair Community Center, 547 N. Carney Dr., 12:30 p.m. For more information call (810) 326-0121.

**Avoca - May 6**  
**Soup and Salad Bar**, Avoca Community Hall, 5396 Kilgore Rd., 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Adults \$7, 5 - 10 \$4, under 5 free. Many different soups, salads and dessert; carry outs available. Bake sale, 50/50 raffles. Lunch benefits In His Grace Community Church. For more information call (866) 535-1928.

**Casco - May 6**  
**Dinner and Bunko Party**, Perch Point Conservation Club, 7930 Meisner Rd., 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Cinco de Mayo menu and music. The menu will be Mexican, but not hot! Cash bar with margaritas and of course any of your favorites. The top winners of Bunko will receive cash. Door prize and 50/50 drawings. All for only \$20. For more information or for tickets call Barb at (586) 725-2089 or Ken at (586) 876-2089.

**St. Clair - May 6, 13 & 20**  
**Chess Games**, 200 Clinton Ave., 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. All ages, come and learn at no cost. For more information call (810) 326-0121.

**Capac - May 7**  
**Blue Water Doll Club Show and Sale**, Conrad Community Center, 585 N. Main, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Admission \$2, children under 12 free. For more information call (810) 310-1936.



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**Algonac - May 8**

**Friends of the Algonac-Clay Library Fundraiser**, Flaming Grill Restaurant, 1065 St. Clair River Dr., 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. For more information email Joan at klej7262@comcast.net.

**Yale - May 8**

**Senior Craft Day**, Yale Library, 2 Jones St., 10:30 a.m. Come and join us for a craft and lots of fun. Registration requested, but not required. For more information or to register call (810) 387-2940.

**Capac - May 10, 17, 24 & 31**  
**Read to Chief, the Reader Dog,**

Capac Library, 111 N. Main, 2:30 p.m. School-age children please drop-in to read to Chief, a German shepherd therapy dog. For more information call (810) 395-7000.

**Memphis - May 11**

**Cards with Nicole**, Memphis Library, 34830 Potter St., 6:00 p.m. Graduation parties are just around the corner. Be ready with your handmade card. For more information call (810) 392-2980.

**Port Huron - May 11**

**Prom Manicures and Hairstyles**, Port Huron Library, 6:30 p.m. Come and meet future professionals from the Paul Mitchell The School Great Lakes. They will give manicures and talk about hairstyles. You will be ready for prom! For more information call (810) 987-7323 ext. 132 or 130.

**Port Huron - May 12**

**Art Hop**, downtown Port Huron, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. A variety of mediums, including sculpture, painting, photography, woodworking, jewelry making, sketch work, ceramics, live musical performances and more will highlight talent in the Blue Water area. Guests are encouraged to hop from one location to the next to discover the numerous displays throughout downtown. Participating locations will have bouquets of balloons outside of their doors. For more information call (810) 990-9227.

**Fort Gratiot - May 13**

**Bridal Event**, Lakeshore Presbyterian Church, 5235 Lakeshore Rd., 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. For more information call Susan at (810) 404-2275.

**Kimball - May 13**

**Mother's Day Bake Sale and Plant Sale**, Kimball Township Library, 1955 Allen Rd., 10:00 a.m. Treat Mom (or yourself) to the most mouth-watering cookies, cakes and treats,

as well as adorable teacup flowers. All proceeds help us bring exciting programs and special improvements to our library. For more information call (810) 982-9171.

**Lakeport - May 13**

**Mother's Day Tea**, Burtchville Township Library, 7097 Second St., 12:30 p.m. Invite the ladies in your family to a lovely multi-generational celebration of mothers and daughters. Enjoy snacks, tea, music and the company of the other women. Please call (810) 385-8550 for more information or to make your seating reservation.

**Port Huron - May 13**

**Wrestling**, Charles A. Hammond American Legion Post 8, 1026 Sixth St., 7:00 p.m. For more information call (810) 982-9553.

**Algonac - May 14**

**V.A.L.O.R. League's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Mother's Day Brunch**, VFW Post 3901, 1005 Pte. Tremble Rd., 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (or until gone). All-you-can-eat for \$12 for adults, \$9 for seniors 60+, \$5 for ages 10 and under. All proceeds will be donated to our area veterans. Also a flower will be provided for every mom. Carved roast beef, stuffed pork loin, mashed potatoes, asparagus, corn, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage gravy and biscuits, toast and muffin bar, dessert, coffee, tea and soda. For more information call (810) 794-3033.

**Avoca - May 14**

**Mother's Day Breakfast**, Avoca Community Hall, 5396 Kilgore Rd., 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Adults \$7, 10 and under \$5, under 5 free. Pancakes, sausage and scrambled eggs. Carry out available. Bake sale and raffles. For more information call (866) 535-1928.

**Capac - May 18 - 20**

**9<sup>th</sup> Annual Capac Quilt Show**, St. John's Lutheran Church Parish Hall, 109 E. Kempf Ct., 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. daily. Quilt drop-off will be May 10 - 13 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Historical Center Building at 401 E. Kempf Ct. Donations at the door appreciated. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three viewers' choice winners. Silent auction. For more information call Sharon at (586) 668-2175 or Patti at (810) 310-2114.

**Marysville - May 18**

**"Building Boats in Marysville - The History of the Gar Wood Boat Factory"**, Wills Sainte Claire Auto Museum, 2408 Wills St., 7:30 p.m. Lecture by Terry Ernest. \$5 admission charge covers the presentation

and admission to the museum. Reservations are required. For more information or to make reservations call Terry at (810) 987-2854.

**Avoca - May 19 & 20**

**Spring Fling**, Avoca Community Center, 5396 Kilgore Rd., 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Crafters, vendors and flea market. For more information or to rent a table call (810) 324-2217.

**Port Huron - May 19**

**Flower Sale**, St. John's United Church of Christ, 710 Pine St., 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. This is a fundraiser for a youth mission trip in June. For more information email Cassie at caas434@yahoo.com.

**St. Clair - May 19**

**Fish and Shrimp All-You-Can-Eat Dinner**, American Legion Post 382, 1322 Clinton Ave., 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Adults \$10, 5 - 12 years \$5, under 5 free. Includes fried and baked fish, shrimp, French fries, baked beans, coleslaw, garden salad, rolls, homemade desserts, coffee and tea. For more information email mhawes3448@aol.com.

**Algonac - May 20**

**Algonac-Clay Township Historical Society Tea Party**, St. Catherine's Activity Center, 1103 Washington St., doors open at 11:30 a.m., lunch at noon. Tickets are \$20 in advance. We will be celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a historical society. After lunch our program is "Sister Act Out", a fun, engaging musical. For more information or to purchase tickets call (810) 765-4610 or (810) 326-0754.

**Port Huron - May 20**

**Craft and Vendor Show**, First Congregational Church, 723 Court St., 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. For more information call Susan at (810) 404-2275.

**Port Huron - May 20**

**Dance Club**, Charles A. Hammond American Legion Post 8, 1026 Sixth St., 7:00 p.m. For more information call (810) 982-9553.

**St. Clair - May 21**

**All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast**, American Legion Post 382, 1322 Clinton Ave., 8:00 a.m. - noon. Adults \$7, ages 5 - 12 \$3, under 5 free. Includes scrambled eggs (plain or loaded), sausage, potatoes, pancakes (buttermilk or blueberry), Belgian waffle, biscuit and sausage gravy, strawberries with whipped cream, coffee, tea and orange drink. For more information email mhawes3448@aol.com.

**Port Huron - May 24**

**St. Clair County History Group**, Port Huron Museum, 1115 Sixth St., 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be a presentation on "The 24<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry Regiment" by Robert May. Anyone interested in local history or researching their family history may visit our program as a guest, or can become a new member of the group. For more information visit [rootsweb.ancestry.com/~miscfgh/](http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~miscfgh/) or call (317) 600-7813

**Fort Gratiot - May 26**

**Craft and Vendor Show**, Lakeshore Presbyterian Church, 5235 Lakeshore Rd., 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Vendor rental fees will benefit the American Legion-Charles Hammond Post in Port Huron. For more information call Susan at (810) 404-2275.

**Sanilac****Peck - May 10**

**Positive Behavior Supports with Kelly Orginski**, Sanilac Career Center, 175 E. Aitken Rd., 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (sign-in opens at 9:30 a.m.) Families of children/young adults with disabilities or learning difficulties, professionals, service providers, caregivers and school staff are all invited to attend. For more information or to register call Jill at (810) 989-9144 ext. 3 or email her at [jill@michiganallianceforfamilies.org](mailto:jill@michiganallianceforfamilies.org).

**Sandusky - May 13 & 27**

**Thumb Dance Club**, Maple Valley School, 138 Maple Valley St., 7:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Everyone welcome - bring finger foods (for 9:00 p.m.) \$6 for members, \$7 for guests (regular dances). \$10 membership per year. On May 13, entertainment will be provided by The Ray Govaere Band and on May 27, by Lighthouse Three. For information call Leola at (810) 657-9349 or Dorothy at (810) 404-4250.

**Tuscola**

No events were submitted for Tuscola County this month.

**Wayne**

No events were submitted for Wayne County this month.



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## Thumb Birds

**By Louise Allen**  
*ThumbPrint News Staff Writer*



What is a Thumb Bird? It is a part of that larger group of individuals affectionately known as "Snowbirds"; what makes a Thumb Bird unique are the facts that he or she resides part of the year in one of the nine counties covered by *ThumbPrint News* (Genesee, Huron, Lapeer, Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair, Sanilac, Tuscola or Wayne) and part of the year in Florida. Some have permanent 2<sup>nd</sup> homes, some rent or stay with relatives, and some are on the move with a recreational vehicle.

A few years ago, *ThumbPrint News* began the Thumb Bird group as a means of getting Thumb Birds together for socializing and sharing their Florida and Michigan experiences. The group meets twice each year – once in the winter months in Florida and once in late summer in Michigan. At that time we have a potluck lunch or dinner and, depending on who is hosting it, other fun activities may take place.

We are currently looking for someone to host our late summer get-together (usually in August, but date can vary). If you would be willing to do so, please contact [ThumbPrintNews@comcast.net](mailto:ThumbPrintNews@comcast.net) to discuss all the details. All of the emailing, inviting, responding to RSVPs, etc. will be handled by our staff; the majority of food will be contributed by the Thumb Bird members. We are mainly looking for a location to host the event.

If you are not yet a Thumb Bird and meet the qualifications (living or having lived part of the year in the nine Michigan counties listed above and part of the year in Florida), please consider joining our group. We need your name, addresses in both Michigan and Florida, phone number and – very important – an email address. Our main way to communicate with members is by email. Please send all information to [ThumbPrintNews@comcast.net](mailto:ThumbPrintNews@comcast.net).

Also, if you previously signed up to be a Thumb Bird and are no longer interested in receiving our emails, please send a message to [ThumbPrintNews@comcast.net](mailto:ThumbPrintNews@comcast.net) as well.

Thank you – and we hope to see you at our next late summer get-together (date and place not yet established). 🌿



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