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SPOTLIGHT ON ALGONAC

Home to Michigan's First Female Architect

By **David Odziana**, *ThumbPrint News* Staff Writer and Field Reporter

It is well-known that throughout history, women have had to overcome countless stereotypes to receive equal opportunities in the workplace. However, today things are generally much more impartial – one career that continues to be male-dominant is architecture, but one Michigan woman was able to leave her mark in the field at a time when females in that type of work were considered an anomaly.

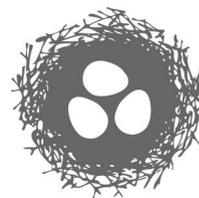
Emily Helen Butterfield was born in Algonac, Michigan, on August 4, 1884, to Wells D. Butterfield and Helen Hassle. Emily attended Detroit public schools, where at the young age of seven she developed a love for art. As she got older, she went to Detroit Central High School, where her appreciation for art developed into a passion – Butterfield's father was an

architect and the two shared a great deal of the same interests. Wells and Emily spent many years traveling to different countries to admire different works of art and building designs.

After completing high school, Butterfield went on to attend Syracuse University, which was the country's first university to offer degrees to both males and females in fields such as music, painting and architecture. While she attended the college, she became very involved in sororities, becoming one of the original 11 people to create the sorority Alpha



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THE NEST[®] collaborative is Helping Aspiring Entrepreneurs Soar

By **David Odziana**, *ThumbPrint News* Staff Writer and Field Reporter

America's love of big box stores usually stems from the fact that they carry almost every item imaginable. While the wide selection is great for convenience, one service they can't provide is a personal touch, but opening a small, specialized business can be difficult.

Making the decision to finally open the store that has been on the back burner for years is undoubtedly an exciting time, but it is often one that is met with a great deal of anxiety because of the massive financial and time constraints that come with it. The national statistic for a new business to

succeed is anything but promising, with eight out of 10 new ventures failing within the first 18 months, according to Bloomberg.

With that in mind, the Mount Clemens Downtown Development Authority (DDA) set their sights on not only bringing more business to the downtown area, but making sure those entrepreneurs have the highest chance of flourishing once their doors open. Stephen Saph Jr., who is a chairman for the DDA, recalls hearing numerous residents, who hoped to one day become a store owner, explain that the

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LETTER from the EDITOR



August is one of only three months of the year that does not contain any U.S. federal holiday (the other two months being March and April). A search of the internet reveals a holiday for almost every day of the year – including August – if you want to include crazy, fun, regional and questionable holidays – but no federal ones for this month. (As an interesting side note, there are ten annual U.S. federal holidays on the calendar designated by the United States Congress. Many other countries have “national holidays”, but there aren’t any in the United States because only the Congress has constitutional authority to create holidays for federal institutions.)

I feel cheated that there isn’t a federal holiday this month, so, taking a look at all of the other types of holidays the internet proclaims for the month of August, I have come across one that I am planning on celebrating. August 27 is “Just Because Day”. (Research, however, failed to provide the creator or origin of this day, but, who cares? It sounds like a great day to celebrate.)

I can think of many, many things that I have wanted to do in my lifetime, and still do, but I don’t do it because there isn’t a reason or logic for doing it – or maybe it just isn’t practical. The few times I have done something just because I wanted to have been some of my happiest, most remembered moments. In this world of busy, everyday lives, it becomes very hard to do something “just because”. We often feel like we have to justify every single second of our time and how we use it.

So, setting aside a day to do things “just because” makes a whole lot of sense to me. Maybe I will look for that perfect little gift to give to someone special “just because”. Maybe I will drive to a gourmet grocery store and pick out some indulgences for dinner and surprise my better half with a new recipe – “just because”. Maybe, if I have to work that day, I will think of little ways that I can brighten the day of the others that I work with “just because”. Who knows what I am going to do that day, but I am going to try and live in the moment and do what sounds like fun, makes me happy and doesn’t require a lot of thought or reason ahead of time to make it happen. I am going to be spontaneous. It is going to be a great “Just Because Day”. Would you like to join me?

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-Diane Kodet

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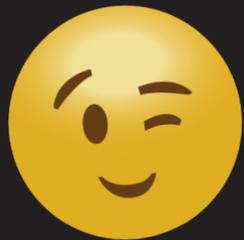
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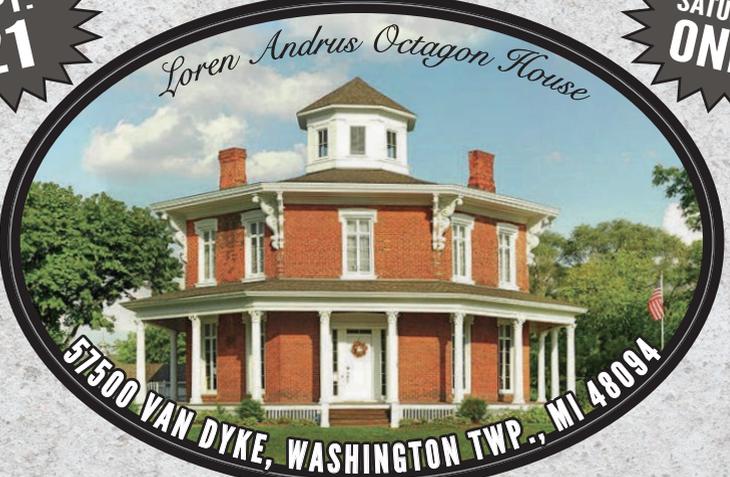
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STAFF MEMBER'S GRANDDOG, TIPSY

JUST A LITTLE BUILDING?

Submitted by **Malinda Lieske and Grant Forsyth**, Pastor of In His Grace Community Church

This is a story about how a building and a church congregation have grown together through the years.

Beginning as far back as township records show (1973), the little building was home to a cabinet shop, a country market, a fiberglass factory, a resale shop, perhaps more – we're not sure. These days it has become a beacon of hope, with an active church inside.



Located in Kenockee Township (south of Avoca, East of Emmett and northwest of Goodells), how could anyone not notice the little building on busy Lapeer Road (old M-21) at Kilgore Road? This building has seen many transitions over the years, but who would have thought about making it into a church?

In 1997, a new church was planted in the Blue Water area by Jim and Kim Meade of Kenockee. Finding a permanent home for the church was a challenge and many locations were tried, but it wasn't until 2007, that the Meades and the little building met and started a new chapter together. The church is named In His Grace Community Church and belongs to a missions-based denomination called Grace Communion International.

As the building transitioned into a church in the front half of the building, the Meades also rented the rear half of the building to a new cabinet maker named A-1 Builders. Both the church and the cabinet maker grew and the neighborhood began to see a new look and new activity in the little building.

In 2012, Pastor Jim and Kim passed the baton of leadership to a new pastoral couple, Grant and Kathy Forsyth. The congregation grew slowly, but surely, until it became clear in 2016, that another transition was needed. The church needed more space for holding church services and the children's program also needed a larger area for Children's Church. The answer of how we were going to be able to pull that off was obvious – we

needed all the space in the building. But what about the carpenter shop? How do we tell the carpenter that we need the space he is renting? This was a dilemma!

In 2017, however, the owner of A-1 Builders came to us and declared that he had to move his business to his own facility! The timing was amazing! We feel that God had a hand in all of this. So we planned for the next chapter – renovating the carpenter shop space into our new sanctuary. This would allow the original sanctuary to be used for Children's Church, as well as the fellowship hall with kitchen.

After two years of fundraising events, the renovation work had progressed and was completed early in 2019. Neighbors were noticing the changes that were taking place and that the parking lot was getting full as well. In fact, we will be expanding the parking lot soon.

The congregation grew and so did the excitement! After many years of growth and change, the building and the congregation fit nicely together in their newest chapter of this story.

To celebrate this new chapter together, the church (In His Grace Community Church) will be hosting an outside family fun event and open house on Saturday, August 3rd from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please come by and enjoy the kids' games, concert music, a free hot dog meal and a tour of the little building, so you too can see the transition in the building, but also the growing church family who call it home! 🇺🇸



Author's notes: Questions? Call the church at (866) 535-1928. Press #1 for Pastor Grant. In His Grace Community Church, 8950 Lapeer Rd., Kenockee, MI 48006

Helping vs. Enabling Loved Ones with Hearing Loss

Contributed by Amber Deegan, Marketing Director for Beltone Skoric Hearing Aid Center

If you have a loved one that suffers from hearing loss, you have probably experienced the daily struggles and difficulty communicating with them and them communicating with others. Many people with hearing loss don't realize just how much they're missing out on, because we tend to try to overcompensate for them and become their ears. However, it takes only a short time for them to realize that they need our help and often they become reliant on our help. But is our help doing them justice or enabling their hearing loss?

Yes, we should absolutely support them and ensure they are safe, but more importantly we should assist them in seeking the proper treatment to address their condition. Treating the condition will allow them to be much more independent, have a feeling of self-dignity and become less reliant on us. In addition, there are many negative effects of untreated hearing loss. When we experience hearing loss, the brain is not being properly stimulated, which has been directly linked to other health conditions, such as cognitive decline, Alzheimer's, dementia, increased risk of falling and social isolation and depression.

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THE NEST

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high startup cost of opening a business was a main reason they hadn't yet made an attempt. Saph Jr. had an idea to start a consignment for inspiring female business owners, but with support not only from other vendors in the building, but from a full-time consultant as well.

"We have an advisor who's accessible to them for social media and for product consultation to work with the individual from that perspective," Saph Jr. said. "We're able to give them some experience with retail that they may not have had the opportunity to experience before."

The Nest Collaborative opened for business on November 1, 2018, starting with eight women who had dreams of one day opening their own stores – some were artists, some were clothes designers and others were crafters. Today the consignment is made up of 20 different vendors selling items ranging from soap to pet accessories to garden ornaments. While the vendor's ages range from their 20's to retirement age, each age group has something they are able to teach the others.

"These women encourage each other. The older ladies that might just want to craft and sell are here to teach the younger ones things like if you're putting it on the rack, you have to iron it," said Lauri Bartone, The Nest consultant and manager. "The younger ladies in turn are teaching them to use things like Instagram."



The appreciation for hand-crafted items made in the United States has been part of the Saph family for decades, beginning with Stephen Saph Sr.'s parents – this admiration has now carried over into the overall theme at The Nest.

"My grandfather had a home in Arden, North Carolina, up in the mountains during the late '70s and early '80s, where we went

frequently," Saph Jr. said. "My grandmother was quite a craftswoman and she introduced us to the *Foxfire* books." *Foxfire* has now become synonymous with homemade, handcrafted items.

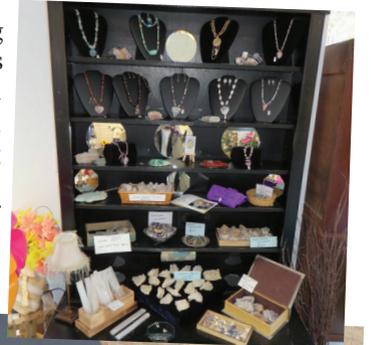
Instead of aiming to retain each vendor indefinitely as nearly every business strives to do, the goal of The Nest is to help the women to get a point where they are confident enough to venture out on their own – the idea to keep the business exclusive to women made sense because it went along with many of the other businesses in the vicinity.

"A reason we limited it to ladies is looking at our downtown here. All these businesses across the street, aside from one husband and wife operation, are all owned by women," Saph Jr. said. "We thought if we utilized the existing business owners to kind of help us as a support basis, it would help encourage the next wave of female entrepreneurs."

Diane Kubiak, who has owned and operated Max & Ollie's Vintage Boutique across the street for more than a decade, is one of the many business owners in the area who have helped get The Nest on its feet.

"She is very active and comes back and forth day-to-day," Saph Jr. said. "Some of the shelving in here belongs to Diane, and she also helps us and Laurie with displays and things of that nature."

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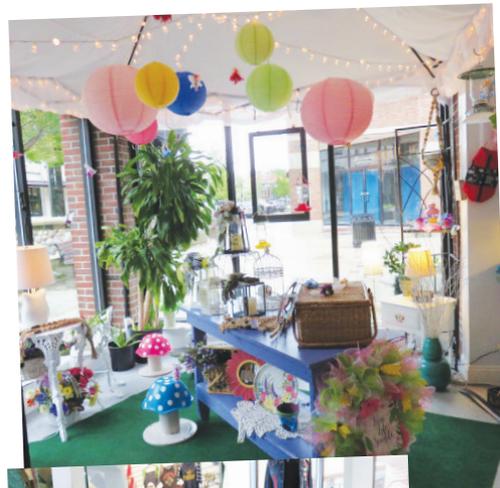
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other consignments is not only the fact that they wish to see their vendors one day move on to a bigger platform, but their services go way beyond just making a sale.

“Coming up we have a lady that does macramé and she’s going to hold a class, which our ladies often do – we’re not only encouraging people to buy something, but to come in and learn something too,” Saph Jr. said. “There’s a modest fee for the classes based on the materials needed, which are completely provided by the company. As prideful as it is to sell a product, it’s more prideful to have someone learn from you and sharing

their knowledge is just as important to these ladies.”

The items sold at The Nest, even the select few that are not handmade, are adorned with an unsurpassed amount of personal touch.

“I had a basket done for my mother for Valentine’s Day, and Roxanne [the shop owner] called both of my sisters that live out of state,” Saph Jr. said. “Roxanne took the time and called my sisters and interacted with them over a period of time, which made her more personally knowledgeable about my mom’s interests, likes and hobbies, so I was able to give my mother a crafted basket that was specific to her.”

The *Nesters*, which is how the vendors at the store are referred to, will go beyond what

is expected to ensure happy customers.

“One young lady makes aprons, potholders and quilts, selling not only the finished product, but the loose material as well, so that if you’re sewing and want to use her material, she does that prep work,” Bartone said. “One day an older lady came in and she was looking for a particular style of apron they don’t make anymore. I sent her to Chastity and she took her mother’s apron, made a pattern with pieces of the old apron and put it on the new one, so she still had that sentimental value.”

The Nest is located in downtown Mount Clemens at 66 Macomb Place. If you or someone you know may be interested in becoming a Nester themselves, it is just \$25 a week to get started. For more information please visit www.nestmountclemens.com or call (586) 469-4168.

“From the DDA perspective, this was a vacant location,” Saph Jr. said. “Before we even developed a concept, I wanted to help encourage and support the people that have survived downtown from 2007 – 2009 by developing more foot traffic.”

Happy nesting! 🌱



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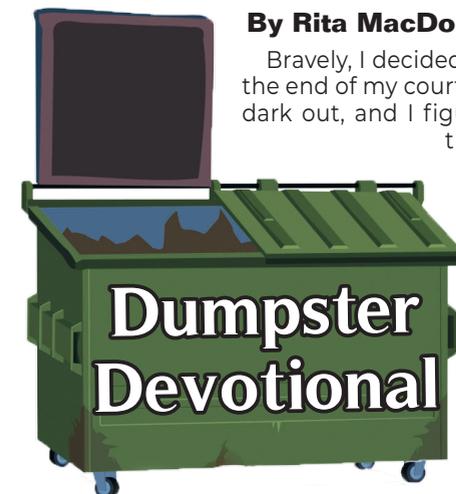
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By Rita MacDonald, *ThumbPrint News* Columnist

Bravely, I decided to take my garbage out to the dumpster at the end of my court one morning at 7:00 a.m. It was still mostly dark out, and I figured no one would see me sneaking down there in my housecoat. But I watched as a figure of a young man bee-lined across the street and began walking towards me.

Great, I thought. Someone's going to see me in my housecoat. I hope it's nobody I know. I think my hair was going in about six different directions right then.

When I could finally see, it was a young boy obviously on his way to the bus stop, backpack in tow. He yelled out to me, "Ma'am, I can take that garbage to the dumpster for you!" He went out of his way to cross the street to be kind to me.

Wow. This was unusual!

We had a very short chat. I asked him where he lived and he pointed to the trailer park down the street. His backpack was unzipped and he didn't know it, so I zipped it for him. As he walked away, I said, "Thanks, young man. That was very kind of you!"

"Thanks for zipping my backpack up! That was also very kind of YOU!" he replied.

What a sweet way to begin my day. I felt as if I had my morning devotional before opening my devotional book.

P.S. Never judge anyone by their ZIP code. Kudos to his mama for raising him to be a gentleman.

P.S.S. I know a man who came from Nazareth (a really bad ZIP code), and He was a KING! Still is, and always will be! 🇺🇸

"The next day, Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, 'Follow me.' Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, 'We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote – Jesus of Nazareth the son of Joseph.'

'Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?' Nathanael asked. 'Come and see,' said Philip."

– John 1:43-46

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Canine Copper Hepatopathy

By Dr. DiBenedetto, *ThumbPrint News* Columnist



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Copper hepatopathy is a leading cause of chronic hepatitis (inflammation of the liver) in dogs, increasing in prevalence since about 1997, when copper supplements in commercial dog foods were modified to a more bioavailable form.

Copper is a trace element and an essential micronutrient that is a regular component of commercial dog food diets. Copper is crucial for everyday cellular functioning within the body. It is generally absorbed by the intestines and transported by the blood stream to the liver. Once in the liver cells (called hepatocytes) it is incorporated into enzymes, which can then be used by the hepatocytes or can be sent back into the blood stream to be transported to other cells in the body that need it. If the copper is not needed by the body, it is then sent from the hepatocytes to the biliary system and excreted from the body through bile. If either the ability to bind the copper to the enzymes or the bile excretion are abnormal, the liver ends up accumulating the copper. Because copper is not meant to remain in the liver, its continued presence results in chronic hepatitis (inflammation of the liver). This can lead to cirrhosis (a sort of scarring of the liver) and eventually, to liver failure. In rare cases, a zinc deficiency has been thought to cause copper to excessively be accumulated in the liver, but this mechanism is not fully understood.

Doberman pinchers, Bedlington terriers, Westies, Skye terriers and Labrador retrievers are several breeds that seem to be predisposed to copper hepatopathy. Bedlington terriers are the only breed known to have an autosomal recessive trait that causes a defect in the metabolism of copper that allows excessive amounts of copper to build up in the liver. Most of the other breeds also have a buildup of copper in the liver, but it is not yet known if the buildup is the cause of the hepatitis or if the hepatitis itself is the cause of the copper buildup.

Diagnosing copper hepatopathy can be difficult. Symptoms of acute copper hepatopathy should indicate that the liver is likely to be involved; however, many of the symptoms are somewhat vague and could signal multiple different conditions. Your veterinarian should start with performing a complete physical examination of your dog, along with ordering standard blood tests, such as a biochemistry profile and complete blood count that may show elevated liver enzymes, regenerative anemia or coagulation abnormalities, even before any symptoms become apparent. Ultrasound imaging of the abdomen may also be helpful in ruling out hepatitis vs. other liver diseases by looking at the size and shape of the liver and sometimes can be used to assist with a needle biopsy of the liver, as a definitive diagnosis of copper hepatopathy would require a biopsy of the liver.

There are three goals of treatment: decreasing further absorption of copper from the GI tract, enhancing copper excretion and protecting the liver from copper-associated oxidative damage. Chelating agents are medications that bind to excess copper and form a water-soluble complex that are excreted through the urine. This treatment can take several months to decrease the copper levels within the liver. Once the copper levels are down, then this medication can be stopped. For long term maintenance, changing your dog's diet is the best way to decrease further absorption of copper. Commercial dog foods are relatively high in copper content. The average 25 lb. dog eating a commercial dog food diet eats about 1.9 mg of copper per day. The recommendation for dogs with copper hepatopathy is daily copper ingestion of no more than 0.4 mg per day for a 25 lb. dog. There are several prescription hepatic diets that can meet these requirements. However, these diets tend to be low in protein. When protein restriction is not required, protein supplementation should be considered. Cottage cheese, chicken or beef can be safely added to the food. Avoid adding organ meats, nuts, shellfish and cereals.

Zinc supplementation is also used for maintenance. It decreases the intestinal absorption of copper. Zinc salts compete with copper by binding to copper receptors in the intestines and prevents it from crossing back into the blood stream. The complex then stays within the intestines and is eventually excreted in the feces.

Other supplements, like SAM-e and ursodiol, are also added to many maintenance protocols. They help decrease oxidative damage and fibrosis to the liver.

The prognosis can be very good, if the excess copper in the liver is caught early in the disease process. If it has advanced to cirrhosis and complete liver failure, then the prognosis is more guarded. 🇺🇸

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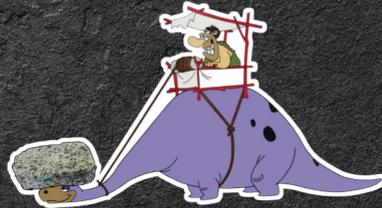
1 On this day in 1981, Music Television (popularly known as MTV) is launched. 	2 On this day in 1870, the world's first underground railway opens in London, England.	3 On this day in 1946, the world's first theme park opens its doors in Santa Claus, Indiana. It was known as Santa Claus Land and is now known as Holiday World and Splashin' Safari.
4 On this day in 1961, Barack Obama is born in Honolulu, Hawaii. 	5 On this day in 1957, <i>American Bandstand</i> premieres on network TV (ABC), taking the local Philadelphia program national.	10 On this day in 1846, the Smithsonian Institution is established in Washington, D.C., through the bequest of James Smithson.
6 On this day in 1809, Alfred Lord Tennyson, British Poet Laureate of Great Britain, is born in Somersby, Lincolnshire, United Kingdom.	7 On this day in 1974, daredevil Philippe Petit of France walks a high wire between the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center. He was 24 years old at the time.	8 On this day in 1854, Smith & Wesson patents metal bullet cartridges. 
11 On this day in 1965, a small clash between the California Highway Patrol and two black youths sets off six days of rioting in the Watts area of Los Angeles.	12 On this day in 30 BCE, Cleopatra VII, Queen of Egypt, commits suicide. 	9 On this day in 1483, Pope Sixtus IV celebrates the first mass in the Sistine Chapel, which is named in his honor.
13 On this day in 1988, The Palace of Auburn Hills opens. 	14 On this day in 1945, Steve Martin, American comedian, musician, author and actor, is born in Waco, Texas. 	15 On this day in 1935, American comedian and "cowboy philosopher" Will Rogers dies in an airplane accident, along with American aviation pioneer Wiley Post.
18 On this day in 1590, the leader of the colony on Roanoke Island, John White returns from a trip to England to find the settlement deserted. No trace of the settlers is ever found.	19 On this day in 1692, five women are hanged in Salem, Massachusetts, after being convicted of the crime of witchcraft.	16 On this day in 1858, Britain's Queen Victoria sends the first official transcontinental telegram to President James Buchanan.
20 On this day in 1667, John Milton publishes <i>Paradise Lost</i> , an epic poem about the fall of Adam and Eve. 	21 On this day in 1959, Hawaii is admitted into the Union. 	17 On this day in 1833, the first steam ship to cross the Atlantic entirely on its own power, the Canadian ship <i>Royal William</i> , from Nova Scotia to The Isle of Wight.
25 On this day in 1958, Momofuku Ando markets the first instant noodles (Chikin Ramen). 	26 On this day in 1789, the Constituent Assembly in Versailles, France, approves the final version of the Declaration of Human Rights.	22 On this day in 1762, Ann Franklin becomes the first female newspaper editor in the U.S. for the <i>Newport Mercury</i> in Rhode Island.
27 On this day in 1776, the Americans are defeated by the British at the Battle of Long Island, New York. 	28 On this day in 1676, Indian chief King Philip, also known as Metacom, is killed by English soldiers, ending the war between Indians and colonists.	23 On this day in 1994, Jeff Buckley releases his album <i>Grace</i> , featuring his cover of Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah". 
29 On this day in 70 BCE, the Temple of Jerusalem burns after a nine-month Roman siege. 	30 On this day in 1781, the French fleet arrives in Chesapeake Bay to aid the American Revolution. 	31 On this day in 1997, Diana, Princess of Wales, dies due to injuries sustained in a car crash in a road tunnel in Paris, France.

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



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MARKET MATTERS

Real Estate professionals and economists are sounding more upbeat toward the housing market and Realtor.com® revised its 2019 housing market forecast, reflecting optimism for a much stronger market as we headed into the summer months.

Lower mortgage rates are mostly behind this optimistic shift in attitude, with projected rates averaging 4.5% by the end of the year – nearly a percentage point lower than originally forecasted. While the lower mortgage rates are increasing buyers' purchasing power, the continued uptick in home prices and slimmer inventories have made it tough for many first-time home buyers. There are still good options for buyers, as long as they expand their geographic horizon and right-size their expectations.

Nationally, home sales are down 8.6%, but in metro Detroit, home sales are up 8%. Home prices in southeast Michigan are up nearly 5% since last year and communities in Macomb County continue to see the largest amount of growth overall.

Fully-updated starter homes are in shorter supply, but the demand for high-end homes is strong and low interest rates make financing them easier. Macomb has been Michigan's fastest growing township regarding single-family housing for the past three years, according to Macomb Township Supervisor, Janet Dunn.

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Buying a Home – Bedrooms, School Needs – Only need two bedrooms, no school needs? Even if these items are not a personal concern, you should consider these factors when buying as they do affect the future resale value of your home.

And, life happens! We are seeing more and more multi-generational homes as children, parents and grandparents share living space.

Opening and Closing Air Vents/Ducts – Adjust your vents seasonally to maximize your heating and cooling needs. Close lower level vents in the summer to push cold air from your air conditioner up and let it fall down to cool lower levels. Since heat rises, open lower level vents in winter to allow hot air to rise up through your home. Adjusting the dampers on the ductwork itself is more efficient than closing a room vent.

Cold Water in Garbage Disposals – Always use cold water when running the disposal. If you use hot water, fats and solids dissolve at the sink but then congeal down in your system. Cold water hardens the fats and lets them grind and flush more efficiently.

Garbage Disposals and Septic Systems – Moving out to the country? Garbage disposals and septic systems may not be a good match. Consult your septic professional for periodic septic field checks and a list of items not to be put in your disposal because they do not decompose well and may clog the system (e.g., cooking fats, coffee grounds, egg shells, etc.) and require more frequent service and repairs.

Shut off Water before Vacations – Don't be the homeowners that left town Friday and returned Sunday evening to find thousands of dollars in water damage. Before going on vacation, turn off the main water valve. In less than a minute, you can eliminate the most common cause of home damage. 🌱

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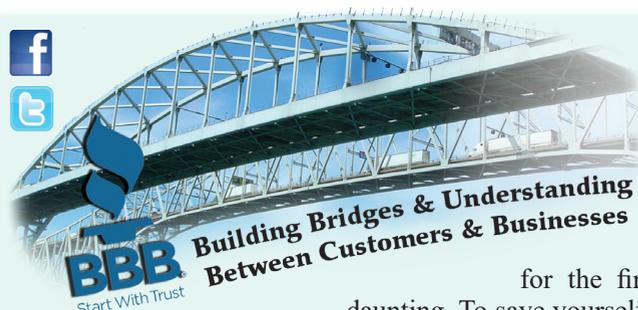
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Look for the sales. Once you've made your list, compare prices between different retail stores, save your coupons, sign up for email alerts and redeem any cash-back or rebate offers. This will help you get the best deals, saving you a nice chunk of dough.

Research big ticket items. Before purchasing that expensive laptop, tablet or dorm refrigerator, be sure to do your research. Research the brands, warranty, customer reviews and the prices at various stores to be sure you're getting the best deal. Also check the retailer out with BBB® at bbb.org.

Check for educational discounts. Some computer and software companies offer discounts to students and teachers with .edu email addresses. Some of these can be quite substantial, so shop around.

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If you plan to buy your supplies online, make sure to follow these tips.

- Make sure the website URL starts with "https" and includes a lock symbol. The "s" in "https" stands for secure. That way you know your information is being protected.
- Be sure to use your credit card instead of your debit card, as credit cards not only provide additional protection, but it's also easier to dispute a fraudulent charge.
- Be extremely wary of any website or store that asks for your child's personal information in order to access special deals.
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One of the most dangerous stinging insects is the bald faced hornet. They are mostly black with a white face and grow much bigger than most other stinging insects – about 1/2" to 3/4" in size. They build aerial nests and are extremely territorial and protective of them. The inside of these nests resemble the honeycomb-style nest built by a wasp, but the outside is completely enclosed with grayish, brown paper. The nests are round or oval and if left untreated, will grow to be very big, housing anywhere from 400 to 700 of these oversized stinging brutes. Nests will commonly be built in trees and shrubs or under overhangs on homes and garages.

These nests are their homes, which they will aggressively defend without hesitation if they feel threatened by people and animals. Just getting too close can trigger an attack and since they are sensitive to vibrations, lawn mowers and weed trimmers may also initiate an assault. And unfortunately for us, they don't lose their stingers after one sting, meaning they will continue to sting you over and over again until you are no longer a threat.

The swelling, burning, itching and pain from just one sting from this hornet can last several hours, but multiple stings will be excruciating and can increase a person's chance of having an allergic reaction. Stings from these hornets have been known to create gunshot-size holes in the skin and can cause blistering, in addition to the swelling and pain. Bald faced hornet stings need to be taken seriously as they can become fatal for some.

Similar to other stinging insects, bald faced hornets feed on nectar and pollen, but because of their large size, they are also carnivorous, targeting smaller insects, such as flies and yellow jackets. The queen begins building her nest in early spring, but waits until midsummer to expand her colony when food is more plentiful. This is why these nests are not usually noticed until late summer – once they've grown really large. It will seem like the nest came out of nowhere, but it has actually been there all summer.



Once again, due to the protective, aggressive nature of bald faced hornets, we DO NOT ever recommend self treating! If you find a nest on your home or property, call a professional! Do not go near or bother the nest in any way. The slightest movement or vibration around the nest may trigger an attack. ABC Home & Commercial Services has trained and certified professionals that can safely and successfully treat these nests. Our technicians will be fully suited up to protect themselves from getting stung. Nests should be treated as soon as they are found to prevent them from continuing to grow and expand. The bigger the nest, the more aggressive insects you will have in and around your home and yard. Call ABC Home & Commercial Services today at (810) 794-5678 for immediate service!

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 Gamma Delta in 1904 – she was also responsible for designing the insignia for the International Collegiate Sorority. While in college, her father became well known throughout the state due to his involvement in local politics – once Emily finished her degree in architecture in 1907, she eventually went on to work for her father’s business Butterfield and Butterfield. During the first half of the 1900s, the sad reality at the time was women were not usually viewed as equals to their male counterparts, which led Butterfield and a few other young women to create the Detroit Business Women’s Club in 1912. The organization became the first professional women’s club in the country and Emily was the groups’ first president.

When she was later asked about the creation of the club, she said, *“I think it never occurred to us that we were doing something absolutely unique. I know I never would have had the idea if it had not been that all of my business acquaintances were men. I was actually lonesome for speaking acquaintances with business women as I pattered up and down the avenue at the noon hour looking for a place where a lone woman might eat.”* Amazingly, the small organization that was created by a handful of women eventually became part of the State and National Federation of Business and Professional Women’s Club, which has branches in all 50 states and is now the oldest and biggest institution of its kind in the world.

After graduating from college and getting a job with her dad, Emily Butterfield was bestowed with the title of Michigan’s first female architect in 1917. Their office was located in suite 1113 in the David Whitney building in Detroit.



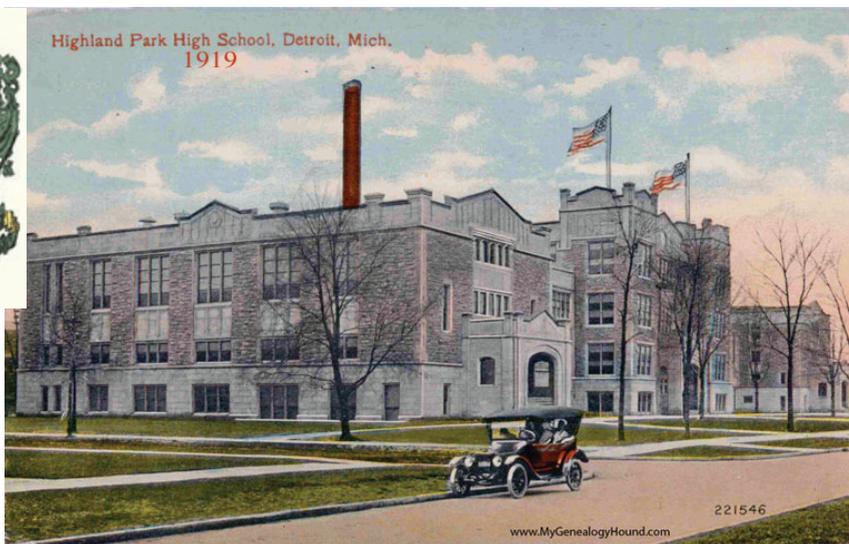
David Whitney building in Detroit

The father-daughter duo quickly began designing numerous buildings throughout the state of Michigan. Emily and her father continued to work side by side creating homes and businesses until 1936, when Wells Butterfield passed away – prior to his death, he and his daughter lived right next to each other in Farmington, in homes they designed. A majority of their projects included schools, homes and churches, most of which were Methodist. While the First United Methodist Church in Farmington is considered the most well-known after being constructed in 1921, the firm Butterfield and Butterfield designed 25 other churches in the state – the First United Methodist Church was laid out in the Neo-Gothic style and was added to the list of Michigan Historical Markers in 2007. As part of their payment, the church gave the Butterfields the property the congregation’s original church stood on. This is where they constructed their two neighboring houses and moved to Farmington as permanent residents, eventually joining the First United Methodist Church themselves.

Emily also was the head architect for a summer camp for underprivileged kids built by her Syracuse sorority, which was located in Jackson, Michigan – the camp was completed in 1920, and Butterfield managed the camp for the next four years. While working with her father, Emily also helped design other buildings in Michigan that are still standing. One well-known project was the Glen Oaks Country Club, which was completed in 1925.



The Armorial Bearings
 Arms of the AIZ Fraternity, designed by Butterfield



1919 postcard of Highland Park High School

her work went on display at the Detroit SCARAB Club in the 1920s, but this would be far from the last time her art was seen by the public. With the economy struggling due to the depression, Emily turned to writing books in the 1930s, because new constructions became very scarce – due to financial issues, Emily was forced to let her American Institute of Architecture membership expire, although she reestablished it once the economy recovered. She published two books during this time, one of which was titled *College Fraternity Heraldry*, which was influenced by her early involvement with fraternities and sororities while attending Syracuse University. A few years later, she released another book, this time targeting children, called *Young People’s History of Architecture*, using many of her sketches from trips she took as a child with her father as illustrations for the book. Aside from writing books, Emily also penned numerous articles for magazines, such as *Town and Country* and *House and Garden*.

It was around this time that Emily relocated from Farmington, where her father had been the city’s first mayor once it was incorporated in 1926, back to her hometown of Algonac – Emily’s father Wells passed away on July 15, 1936. She split her time between Algonac and her cabin on Neebish Island, which sits between Canada and Michigan’s Upper Peninsula on the eastern side. She continued to make art, as well as teach it in both locations, but when the United States became involved in WWII, she remained on Neebish Island and worked as a postmaster throughout the battle. Emily had yet another noteworthy career milestone in 1949, when a 40-piece exhibit of her paintings was displayed at the Toledo Artists’ Club. Sadly, Emily Butterfield passed away on March 22, 1958, in Algonac, but her influence continued well beyond her death.



First United Methodist Church (contributed by Magicpiano)

Her art was once again displayed at the Detroit SCARAB Club in 1987, and when multiple floors of the Hudson Building in Detroit were transformed into art galleries, Emily’s work was shown there as well.

Emily Helen Butterfield was laid to rest in the Oaklawn Cemetery in Algonac, Michigan. Throughout her successful career, she was able to make her mark not only in the field of architecture, but publishing and artistry as well. She was a pioneer in the women’s movement throughout her life, able to break down numerous barriers in the professional world of designing buildings where just three percent of the workforce were women even by the 1970s. In 1990, Emily was inducted into the Michigan Women’s Hall of Fame and the books she wrote continue to be renowned to this day. 🌱



Glen Oaks Golf Club historical marker (contributed by Jeff Stacey)



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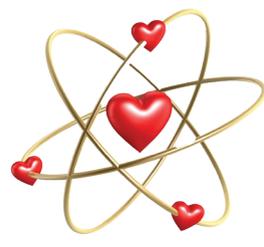
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Relationship Relativity

By **John Vincent and Bairbre' Senkus**, *ThumbPrint News* Columnists

"The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why."

~ Mark Twain

Sometimes, discovering our purpose comes along like a lightning bolt. A gigantic "aha" moment, a peak experience, a paradigm-shifting revelation. But for most of us, it is a much slower process, one that chips away at all the distractions and false starts that really weren't aligned with our intended purpose. This evolution should be a lifelong process, because even when we realize who it is that we are meant to be, we should continually grow and refine in that direction. But, a prerequisite for this path is possessing the courage and confidence to actually become and be our unique selves. This is where self-respect and esteem become so important. Because how can anybody uncover their divine purpose when they are afraid to be their true self?

Self-respect means caring enough about yourself that you won't allow your path of discovery to be compromised by the voice of others. And while esteem is typically viewed externally, as in how other people regard you ... it is most important when it is applied as self-esteem – that is in how you regard yourself. Sure it's nice to be held in high regards by others, but only when this regard is in alignment with your true identity. But for many, the value of what others think becomes stronger and more important than their own self-respect, so their "truth" becomes jaded and misdirected by the voice of others, and in the end, they become the truth of others.

So now let's throw intimate relationship into the mix. Ultimately, the highest form of relationship is when it serves as a catalyst for each partner to fulfill their possibilities and become their highest selves, and conversely (synergistically), for the relationship dimension to flourish and reach its potential as well. Your intimate relationship should not only help you discover your truest purpose – it should help create the environment to get there too! Unfortunately, this isn't the case for many couples.

A friend of ours recently mentioned, "Why should I be less of who I am, just to make my partner happy?" A good question. Many partners, either intentionally or subconsciously, create a resistance barrier to growth. They do this because of preconceived roles and notions brought on by old traditions or stigmas, fear of change, jealousy, a dislike for their partner's pursuits or a myriad of other reasons. But regardless of the motive, instead of nurturing and promoting growth, they stunt it. Instead of enabling, they disable. In the end, they are disrespecting the sanctity of love and relationship. And by the way, the answer to the question is, they shouldn't!

Now the flip side is why would someone "settle" and allow themselves to be less than who they are? Sadly, there are many causes. Sometimes it's due to not wanting to hurt or disappoint their partner, knowing that their growth direction would not meet their partner's expectations. It can also stem from not wanting to rock the boat. Sometimes it's just easier to stay "minimized" rather than have to go through the turmoil of confronting the aggravation of sticking their neck out and saying what is really on their mind and in their heart and soul. And often times, it boils down to the safety of the known being more comfortable than the risk of the unknown. All in all, not valid reasons, but they are used just the same...

So how can the tide be changed so that it becomes much easier to overcome the "resistance" and start following that inner voice of yours while your relationship would rather it stay silent? Well, knowing the benefits of being true to yourself is a good place to start:

- **Growth.** When you grow, you evolve. When this happens, your vibration is raised, and consequently you attract more like-minded energy which then promotes further growth. This becomes an ever-increasing upward spiral.

- **Higher self-respect.** By respecting yourself, you will be less likely to attract or remain in toxic and unhealthy relationships. Your defeatist attitude starts to fade as you recognize your value as a person (in a non-egotistical sense).
- **Increasing self-esteem.** When you hold your divine purpose in high regard, you automatically raise your self-esteem. The things that surrounded you and created the bad esteem through bullying, abuse, poor body image and health or economic issues can begin to melt away.
- **Expanded possibilities.** Your world opens up as you gain more confidence to try more things. The previous binds that shackled you lose their grip, and your inner voice keeps getting stronger and clearer.
- **Shedding your past.** The past can be viewed more as a learning experience, rather than a constant echo of your past mistakes and associated blame and guilt. This clears a huge mass of negative energy and emotion, freeing up that space for positive transformation.
- **Clarity.** When you honor your meant self, the energy you create will not just draw in more of the same ... it will also more strongly repel those that are not in harmony with your alignment. This means that there can be fallout from friends and even family. Not everyone grows, or grows in the same direction, so there will likely be an aftermath of lost relationships. This can even include that of your intimate partner. While this can initially be painful, some level of fallout is typical in the growth journey.

Don't settle for being less than you are. Don't create a path that minimizes the possibilities of you and your relationship. Not all relationships that stay together are a success, and not all relationships that end are a failure. Challenge your relationship so that staying together becomes and remains a success!

Thanks for reading! Remember, if you have any topics you would like to get our viewpoints on, or have questions or comments, please email us at relationshiprelativity@gmail.com. You can also join us in our Facebook group Relationship Relativity, visit us in person at Bairbre Reiki/Essential Relationship Coaching (7727 Brockway Rd., Brockway, MI 48097) or call (586) 244-9955.

Next month's column will take a look at the sometimes conflicting masculine and feminine energies within intimate relationship. 🌱



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COTTAGE LIVING

Over the past few months, I have been busy with the excitement and chaos of getting married and traveling by car on my honeymoon. During this time, I have realized a lot about my home state of Michigan.

The past seven years my family and I have always spent our Fourth of July holiday at the cottage for our summer vacations. This year, my new husband and I spent the holiday week together traveling out of state without the kids.

We met some great people during our stay down south, talking with visitors from all parts of the world. When asked where we were from, our first reaction was to hold up our right hand, point to Detroit and then the Thumb.

While talking about the Great Lakes and the love of being surrounded by water, a tiny part of me missed my little cottage and the parties and fun up north that were happening without me that holiday. One lady I spoke to commented that she has to plan a vacation at least twice a year, either out of state or out of the country because she needs to get away to refresh her mind, as she grows tired of the same old scenery in her home state. It was then I realized how very fortunate I am that I have a seasonal home just two hours away that I can “get away” to anytime – minus the packing, luggage, reservation times and parking fees. This can be done with very little spent in gas as well.

While walking around the busy and chaotic streets of downtown Nashville on the Fourth of July, I did enjoy the pace of the city life, but I also missed the serenity and peace that my little up north place brings. It certainly is good for the mind and soul, along with other great health benefits.

After a long vacation, it takes a bit to get back into the routine of normal work schedules and home life. The night before heading back to work, I had that letdown feeling similar to after the Christmas holiday. I thought “what now?” It’s been eight months of planning and getting ready for my wedding and honeymoon. What do I do now that the busyness is over?

Then I realized. Oh yeah! I have my little cabin to travel up to and enjoy a few days of peace and relaxation with family and friends. We still have some great summer days ahead of us to enjoy Michigan. I don’t have to make reservations, pay high dollars for a hotel with all the amenities, pack just about everything I own or plan events and site-seeing tours. I will never tire of the beautiful Michigan summers and peace of being around nature and being only two hours away from home. Planning a fun vacation out of state is wonderful, but until next year I still have my favorite place on earth to go to, even if only for a couple of days at a time. 🌲

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Quilt of Valor Given to WWII Veteran at Blue Water Hospice Home

Submitted by Anne Culling

Frank Bunyan was just 17 when his patriotic duty called him to join the Navy during WWII.

As a current resident at Blue Water Hospice Home, he was nominated for the Quilt of Valor by the Director of Hospice Home Jessica Martin, RN, BSN.

"I nominated Frank for the Quilt of Valor because we are where we are

today because of brave individuals like him and their sacrifices to keep our freedoms," says Jessica.

The Quilt of Valor Foundation honors veterans of all wars, specifically WWII, due to their age. However, any veteran can be nominated. Quilts are handmade by volunteers around the country. Each is numbered and signed by the quilters. The program began in 2003, by a mom whose son was deployed in Iraq. She wanted him to have something to remind him of home. To date, the Foundation has presented more than 220,000 quilts to veterans around the United States.

"Our country can do more to honor and remember our soldiers. Their sacrifices are great and need to be recognized. The willingness in his heart to serve his country

makes me proud to be a part of this family," says Lisa Bunyan, Frank's daughter-in-law. On the 75th anniversary of D-Day, Lisa discussed with her children, Noah and Naomi, the great sacrifices soldiers, such as their grandfather, made and continue to make for us.

Frank is very humble. "Volunteering to serve was my duty," he says. Frank recently entered hospice care at Blue Water Hospice Home in Marysville. "We are fortunate to have this here. I like watching the ducks in the pond," says Frank with a smile on his face as his Quilt of Valor lay on his lap. Six years ago he was here with his wife, overlooking the same pond together, as she spent her final days at the Hospice Home.

If you know of a veteran, be sure to nominate them for the Quilt of Valor. Visit www.qovf.org. Learn more about in-home hospice care and the Blue Water Hospice Home at www.vnabwh.com.

Since 1952, Visiting Nurse Association has provided a continuum of care, including home health care, palliative care, private duty, adult day program and hospice care to the people of St. Clair, Sanilac, Lapeer and Macomb counties. Visiting Nurse Association and Blue Water Hospice is a non-profit organization that provides high-quality, cost-effective health care to any patient and family member with short-term, long-term or end-of-life care. Learn more about the services offered by VNA/BWH by visiting www.vnabwh.com.

Native American Words of Wisdom
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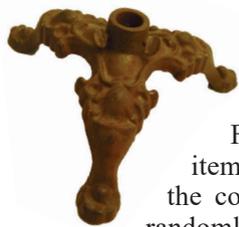
The more I consider the condition of the white men, the more fixed becomes my opinion that, instead of gaining, they have lost much subjecting themselves to what they call laws and regulations of civilized societies.

Tomochichi (ca. 1644 - 1739) Yamacraw Chief, Georgia



THUMBPRINT NEWS CONTEST

Each month, *ThumbPrint News* prints a photo of an object, person or a place for our readers to identify. If you think you know the answer, go to our website www.thumbprintnews.com and enter your answer. Of all persons submitting the correct answer by the 12th of the month, one will be randomly selected to be entered into a drawing for a wonderful surprise gift at the end of the year! On December 13, 2019, one winner will be drawn out of all the monthly winners and the lucky person will be notified.



For our July contest, we asked our readers to identify what the item to the left is and for what it is used. Of all of those submitting the correct answer, David Sheldon of Marysville, Michigan, was randomly chosen and will be entered into the year-end drawing. David identified the object as an antique flag holder.

From the We the Kids website (<https://wethekids.us/teach-your-kids-flag-etiquette/>) here are some of the basic United States' flag etiquette rules that even our children can understand:

- The flag should be lighted at all times, either by sunlight or by an appropriate light source.
- The flag should be flown in fair weather, unless the flag is designed for inclement weather use.
- The flag should never be dipped to any person or thing. It is flown upside down only as a distress signal.
- The flag should not be used for any decoration in general. Bunting of blue, white and red stripes is available for these purposes. The blue stripe of the bunting should be on the top.
- The flag should never be used for any advertising purpose. It should not be embroidered, printed or otherwise impressed on such articles as cushions, handkerchiefs, napkins, boxes or anything intended to be discarded after temporary use. Advertising signs should not be attached to the staff or halyard.
- The flag should not be used as part of a costume or athletic uniform, except that a flag patch may be used on the uniform of military personnel, fireman, policeman and members of patriotic organizations.
- The flag should never have any mark, insignia, letter, word, number, figure or drawing of any kind placed on it or attached to it.
- The flag should never be used for receiving, holding, carrying or delivering anything.
- When the flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground or any other object; it should be received by waiting hands and arms. To store the flag it should be folded neatly and ceremoniously.
- The flag should be cleaned and mended when necessary.
- When a flag is so worn it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country, it should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner.

For our August contest, we are asking our readers to identify what the item pictured to the right is and for what it is used. Go to our website www.thumbprintnews.com if you know the answer. 🍀

GOOD LUCK!



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

In your July 2019 issue, I read your "Spotlight on Lexington" article and thought the name Marr sounded familiar, and his connection with Buick and the small car he built which Buick wanted for the European market, made with a narrower wheelbase for their streets.

We were at a horse show at Live Oak Stud Farm, west of

Ocala, Florida, that included a large auto show and the car was there, so I took some pictures. This was back on March 22, 2009. The car that was in your article was being shown by Mr. Marr's grandson. I am including all the pictures I took of it and the sign. Hope you find this interesting

Herb Hillman

Croswell, Michigan



1914 BUICK/MARR CYCLE CAR

WALTER L. MARR - CHIEF ENGINEER OF BUICK MOTOR CO. set out to design and build a cyclecar. As an example of the rage of that period, Marr's cyclecar was one of the best and perhaps the most substantial ever built. Seating was tandem and the car sported a four-cylinder, side valve, water cooled engine fitted into a 100 inch wheelbase chassis, with a channel frame, I-beam axle, shaft driver rear wheels providing for a parking brake. Some interesting features were the adjustable steering wheel, fuel gauge, oil circulating gauge and clock. The car has electric head and tail lights powered by a Delco generator. The car weighs 600 pounds.

Buick was pleased with Marr's effort, but cost analysis proved that his cyclecar would have been almost as expensive to manufacture as a small production Buick. Only this prototype was built. Buick embarked upon no further development of the cyclecar type of vehicle simple because by the end of 1914 the cyclecar idea was virtually dead.

This car was built ironically under the supervision of the great Walter P. Chrysler who was Mr. Marr's works manager at Buick at the time. The cyclecar was presented to Mr. Marr and it remained in the family being passed down to son Walter G. Marr, who restored the car in 1945 and then to grandson Richard Marr.



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If you have an event in September that you would like listed in the September issue of *ThumbPrint News*, email it to ThumbPrintNews@comcast.net by August 12, 2019. 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

Swartz Creek – August 24
Art in the Park, Elms Park, 4150 Elms Rd. The Swartz Creek Kiwanis Club, Swartz Creek Area Art Guild and Swartz Creek GFWC Women's Club proudly presents Art in the Park 2019 Art Festival to Swartz Creek, Genesee County and surrounding communities – an event promoting the awareness of, and encouragement for all to partake in, the wonderful world of art. Whether you are an artist or patron, please use the information on aitp88.wixsite.com/aitp to learn what you need to know to be able to get the most out of our event.

HURON

Caseville – August 9 – 18
Cheeseburger Festival Overflow Camping, Caseville County Park, 6400 Main St. Special overflow sites are made available during the Cheeseburger Festival ONLY. These sites are located by The Caseville Fire Hall in downtown Caseville (6833 Main St., Caseville, MI 48725). These sites are not located in the campground. Rules for the overflow sites, registration and more information can be found at huroncountyparks.com/caseville-cheeseburger-overflow-only.

LAPEER

Lapeer – August 6
Spaghetti Dinner, American Legion Post 16, 1701 W. Genesee, 4:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. \$7 per person, \$6 seniors, \$4 for ages 4 – 7 (under 4 free). Public welcome. All proceeds go towards Lapeer Community Schools scholarship fund. For more information email americanlegion16@gmail.com.

Lapeer – August 13
Taco Night, American Legion Post 16, 1701 W. Genesee, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. For more information email americanlegion16@gmail.com.

Lapeer – August 22
Life Line, American Legion Post 16, 1701 W. Genesee, 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. For more information email americanlegion16@gmail.com.

Lapeer – August 24
Closet Clean-Out and Craft Show, American Legion Post 16, 1701 W. Genesee, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. For more information email americanlegion16@gmail.com.

Lapeer – August 24 – 25
2019 Spring into Summer Vendor and Craft Show, American Legion Post 16, 1701 W. Genesee, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. For more information email americanlegion16@gmail.com.

MACOMB

Chesterfield – August 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
FOP Bingo Fundraiser, North Gratiot Bingo Hall, 47650 Gratiot Ave. Sales will start at 5:30 p.m., games begin at 6:30 p.m. Hosted by FOP Macomb Lodge 112. Funds will support FOP Cops & Kids, a Christmas shopping program for underprivileged children. For more information visit NorthGratiotHall.com or call (586) 598-4960.

Mt. Clemens – August 4
George Crocker and Katherine Dickinson Engagement Garden Party; Crocker House Celebration of Becoming 150 Years Old, Crocker House Museum, 15 Union St., 1:00 p.m. 150 years ago Joshua Dickinson set out to build this wonderful Italianate home for his newly-engaged daughter, Katherine. Come celebrate this anniversary in our beautiful garden. Joshua and Katherine Dickinson and George Crocker will be celebrating with us, along with a few other characters (that would be you! Each attendee will be given a name with information about that person so you can role-play with us). Dulcimer music from that era will

be played and a full tea will be served, including a variety of tea sandwiches, scones and desserts. Period dress welcome. Tickets are limited, non-refundable and cost \$40 for members and \$45 for non-members of the Macomb County Historical Society. Please call (586) 465-2488 for more information and for tickets.

New Baltimore August 4, 11, 18 & 25
New Baltimore Farmers Market, downtown on Washington between Main and Front Streets, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The market will run every Sunday through October 20. For more information visit newbaltimorefarmersmarket.com or call (586) 215-7484.

Richmond – August 6
Woman's Life Chapter 855 Meeting, Lois Wagner Memorial Library, 35200 Division, 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information call (586) 872-3867.

Washington Twp. August 7, 14 & 21
Confident Communicators Toastmasters Club, Washington Township offices in the upstairs boardroom, 57880 Van Dyke (between 26 Mile Rd. and West), 8:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. 1st three visits are free. For more information contact vpm@confidentcommunicatorsclub.com

Richmond – August 9 – 11
St. Augustine Church Festival, 68035 Main St. On Friday, 4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., on Saturday, noon – 11:00 p.m. and on Sunday, noon – 6:00 p.m. The weekend is packed with events and live music, The Phoenix Theory, Ted Pavlik & The Melody Makers, Dueling Pianos and Johnny & The Feathers. For details call (586) 727-5215 or visit staugustinecatholicparish.org/parish-festival or facebook.com/saintaugustinefestival.

Richmond – August 10 & 11
American Civil War Shooting Association Live Firing of Civil War Weapons, 9134 Big Hand Rd. Cannon, mortar, musket, smoothbore, carbine and revolver. Free to spectators; food on site. Friendly, informative, fun and interesting. For more information visit acwsa.org or call Cal at (810) 288-4720.

Richmond – August 13
Blue Water Swing Band Free Concert, Beebe Street Park, 7:00 p.m. For more information call Rand at (586) 430-1015.

OAKLAND

Rochester Hills August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
Coffee, Cake and True Islam, Masjid Mahmood-Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Center, 1730 W. Auburn Rd., 7:00 p.m. Every Thursday stop by and ask questions, get answers and learn. Completely free! For more information call (248) 677-1316 or email tabligh.det@ahmadiyya.us.

Royal Oak – August 3
8th Annual Car Show, Royal Oak Historical Society, 1411 W. Webster Rd., 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. \$15 registration fee includes chance to win \$100 cash prize, dash plaque to first 100 entrants and goodie bags to first 75 entrants. For more information, registration or sponsorship information visit RoyalOakHistoricalSociety.com or call (248) 439-1501.

Royal Oak – August 25
Walker Tavern Wheels vs. Wahoo Baseball Club of Royal Oak, Starr Jaycee Park, 1:00 p.m. Enjoy watching baseball as it was played in the early 1860s. They play in the gentlemanly manner that was common of the era, with no gloves and wood bats. Free admission. For more information email curator@royaloakhistoricalsociety.org.

ST. CLAIR

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Bottle and Can Drive.** Funds support those in need as we continue to fight hunger and homelessness in our community. Make a difference today by donating! For a drop-off point or a pick up for large donations call (810) 392-5136.

Port Huron – August 1, 8 & 15 Let's Dance: Movement and Music Classes,

Port Huron Library, 210 McMorrin Blvd., 10:00 a.m. Experience the joy of dance and movement with dance instructor Miss Devon from The Dance Academy. Students ages 6 – 12 will build skills in movement patterns through an introduction to different dance styles and musical genres. This is a no-pressure, no-recital series. Register for one or all sessions by calling (810) 987-7323 ext. 2500.

Fair Haven – August 2, 9 & 16 A Universe of Stories Summer Program,

Ira Township Library, 7013 Meldrum Rd., 10:30 a.m. Join us for this space-themed project with universal appeal: rocket man flight. Designed for all ages; five and under will require adult assistance. All supplies provided. For more information call (586) 725-9081.

Marine City – August 2, 9, 10, 16, 23, 24 & 30

**Kenny Lang Live at Foxfire
Fixin's Restaurant,** 7200 River Rd., 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Acoustic guitarist, singer/songwriter, Kenny Lang, will be playing Americana music as our diners enjoy an incredible meal and eclectic surroundings. Our full menu can be viewed on our website, foxfirefixins.com. Specializing in house-smoked ribs, brisket, pulled pork and more. Our huge 13-page menu has something for everyone. For more information or to make reservations call (810) 765-YALL.

Marysville – August 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

**Marysville Knights of Columbus
#9526 11th Annual Farmers**

Market, 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 Matt at (810) 364-6800 or (810) 824-7435.

Memphis – August 2, 9 & 16

Euchre, Memphis American Legion Hall, 34330 Bordman Rd., 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$10. For more information call (586) 453-4966.

Harsens Island – August 3 Harsens Island/St. Clair Flats Annual Field Day,

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. This is the Association's Island Family picnic day. For more information contact Linda at (313) 671-6663 or email SchooniBoat@gmail.com.

Kimball – August 3

Garden Weeding Party, Kimball Township Library, 1955 N. Allen Rd., 10:00 a.m. Let's get together and pull a few weeds! We'll get our hands dirty, then wash them and have a terrific pizza feast! All ages welcome; registration is requested by calling (810) 982-9171, so we know how many pizzas to get.

Memphis – August 3

Scavenger Hunt, Memphis Library, 34830 Potter St., 10:00 a.m. Come into the library and pick up your scavenger sheet. Visit local businesses to get your planet stamped. When your galaxy is full, bring your sheet back to the library and enter into a drawing for an out-of-this-world prize. Drawing is at 2:00 p.m. For more information call (810) 392-2980.

Port Huron – August 3

**"The Runaway Bride" 5K Fun
Run and 2-Mile Walk for A
Beautiful Me,** Blue Water Convention Center, 800 Harker St., event begins at 8:00 a.m., registration begins at 6:30 a.m., but you can pre-register on the website listed below. All are welcome to run! Come dressed-up as brides, grooms, bridesmaids, groomsmen, priests, churches, cakes, etc. Please use your imagination to come up with your own unique wedding-inspired attire to wear! A Beautiful Me works to build self-worth in 3rd to 12th grade girls. For

more information on the event or to register visit runsignup.com/Race/MI/PortHuron/Runawaybride5k2milewalk.

Memphis – August 4 Memphis Lions Motorcycle Show,

34758 Pratt Rd., noon – 4:00 p.m. Registration starts at 11:00 a.m.; come ready to show off your bike. All classes welcome. Show will include judging, with several awards, plus live music, food and vendors at the beautiful Lions Field. Vendor spaces/show registration is a \$10 donation; spectator's parking is a \$5 donation. Proceeds go to college scholarships and events for disabled adults. Contact Susan at (586) 615-9827 or squiggly@abs.misc.net to reserve a spot or register with a credit card at memphislions.org.

Marine City – August 5 To the Moon and Back with Brenda,

Marine City Library, 300 S. Parker, 10:00 a.m. Join us, along with Brenda, as she shows us some techniques for creating a nighttime sky. Ages 8 – 12. Registration is required by calling (810) 765-5233.

Algonac – August 6 The History of Algonac – Part 1,

Algonac-Clay Library, 2011 St. Clair River Dr., 6:00 p.m. Join us as we welcome Lee Chaney of the Algonac-Clay Township Historical Society, as he shares his vast knowledge of the history of Algonac. During Part 1, we will learn a brief history of the founding of the city, the original settlers, the first clubs and organizations, the first streets and homesteads, churches and schools. Registration is requested by calling (810) 794-4471.

Yale – August 6 Back-to-School Bingo,

Yale Library, 2 Jones St., 1:00 p.m. Get ready for the school year. Play Bingo and win cool prizes. Preschool thru 5th grade. Registration is requested by calling (810) 387-2940.

Capac – August 7, 8, 9 & 10 Planet Putt-Putt Palooza,

Capac Library, 111 N. Main, starting at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday and at noon on Thursday.

Celebrate the end of the summer reading program with a game of putt-putt golf. Prizes will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information call (810) 395-7000.

Marysville – August 8 & 22 Family Fun Nights,

Marysville Library, 1175 Delaware, 5:00 p.m. Games for all ages will be provided, along with a few lawn games. Bring your family and your friends. We'll have the popcorn ready. For more information call (810) 364-9493.

St. Clair – August 9 10th Annual Classic Car Show,

American Legion Post 382, 1322 Clinton Ave., 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. \$10 to enter car – free for spectators. Raffles, food, beverages and music. For more information call Vern at (810) 329-2569.

Fort Gratiot – August 11 Summer Concert for New Horizons Band,

Fort Gratiot Lighthouse, 2800 Omar St., 2:00 p.m. Free. Bring chairs. The band has members from 28 to 90. They play marches, show tunes and other band music. For more information contact bwnewhorizonsmusic@gmail.com or call Pat at (810) 300-0428.

St. Clair – August 16 AYCE Fish Buffet,

American Legion Post 382, 1322 Clinton Ave., 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Adults \$11, kids 5 – 11 \$6, kids under 5 free. Includes fish, shrimp, red-skinned potatoes, fries, baked beans, coleslaw, salad, rolls, desserts and ice cream. For more information email Linda at cummingsvl@comcast.net.

St. Clair – August 16 East China Community Swing Band,

St. Clair Riverview Mall, 7:00 p.m. Free. Bring chairs. For more information call Bob at (810) 650-5468.

St. Clair – August 18 AYCE Breakfast Buffet,

American Legion Post 382, 1322 Clinton Ave., 8:00 a.m. – noon. Adults \$7, kids 5 – 11 \$3, kids under 5 free. Includes two kinds of scrambled eggs, sausage, potatoes, pancakes,

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Kimball – August 19
New Life Christian Academy's Fall Open House, New Life Christian Academy, 5517 Griswold Rd., 3:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Prospective students and families, in the greater Blue Water Area, are encouraged to visit the school, meet the teachers, view the curriculum and textbooks and ask about extra-curricular opportunities. Come and see what makes us different! Classes are offered for students preschool through 12th grade. Information and enrollment packets will be available at the open house. For additional information please call (810) 367-3770 ext. 100.

St. Clair – August 20
Pizza and Pages, St. Clair Library, 310 S. Second St., 1:00 p.m. Read any book you want. It's a book club where you talk about what you've been reading and what you thought about it and eat pizza. Ages 11 – 15. Registration is requested by calling (810) 329-3951.

Lakeport – August 24
Adult Tech Help, Burtchville Township Library, 7097 Second St., 9:00 a.m. Are you struggling with your hand-held device or computer? Would you like one-on-one training? Drop in for a training session with your device and Josh will help you navigate it. He can also help set you up with library resources, like Overdrive, Hoopla and RB Digital, so that you can use your device to read e-books, listen to audiobooks, watch movies, read magazines and more. For more information call (810) 385-8550.

Casco – August 24
Perch Point Conservation Club Steak Out, 7930 Meisner. Doors open at 4:00 p.m., dinner from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Dinner includes New York strip steak, baked potato, baked beans, tossed salad, roll and dessert. Adults \$15, kids (1/2 steak) \$8. Cash bar or purchase a \$10 bracelet for open bar. Entertainment, 50/50 and raffles. For tickets call Harry at (810) 278-5630, Chuck at (810) 278-1595 or get at the Club bar.

SANILAC

Sandusky – August 10 & 24
Thumb Dance Club, Maple Valley School, 138 Maple Valley St., 7:00 p.m. Dancing includes country swing, waltz and a few square dances before the meal break at 8:30 p.m. Afterwards, there will be country rock and line dancing until 10:30 p.m. The cost for guests is \$7 and new attendees are asked to bring a snack to share (chips, pretzels, popcorn, etc.) On August 10, entertainment will be Ray Govaere and Bill Bundy, who will be featuring some "South of the Border" songs, along with their regular songs, and the monthly birthday cake will be served at meal break. August 24 is our Country Night with entertainment by Lighthouse Three, the Thumb's favorite country band. For more information call Nancy at (586) 663-5306.

Applegate – August 17
Applegate Summer Festival, downtown, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Car show (starts at 8:00 a.m.), antique tractor show, tractor plowing, kids' games, talent show, beverage tent, food, Lion's vision testing, Masonic child ID, vendors and raffles. For more information call Jeff at (810) 404-7844.

TUSCOLA

Caro – August 9 – 11
44th Annual Thumb Area Old Engine and Tractor Association Show, Tuscola County Fairgrounds, 188 Park Dr. Gate opens at 8:00 a.m. each day. Admission is \$5 for adults and children 12 and under admitted free. Farm Toy Show/Sale on Saturday the 10th. For more information visit carotracshow.com or call (989) 325-1176.

WAYNE

Detroit – August 16 – 18
Michigan Comic Convention, Cobo Center, 1 Washington Blvd. Enjoy a weekend full of comic books, toys, cosplay, guest artists and celebrity appearances in Detroit, Michigan, at the Cobo Center (Hall C). Ticket purchases are non-refundable. For more information, schedules and ticket purchases visit michigancomicconvention.com.

VOCABULARY VOYAGE

We continue on our 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:

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

It is amazing how complete is the delusion that beauty is goodness.

- Leo Tolstoy

jackanapes [jack·a·napes | \ 'ja-kə- nāps]

A noun meaning 1a: an impudent or conceited fellow, 1b: a saucy or mischievous child 2: MONKEY, APE *Ex: The jackanapes was so full of himself that when a girl rejected him, he refused to believe it.* First known use: circa 1529, in the meaning defined as number "2:" above.

kalon [ka·lon | \ kə' lān]

A noun meaning the ideal of physical and moral beauty, especially as conceived by the philosophers of classical Greece. *Ex: He found in her his kalon.* First known use: Greek, from neuter of kalos "good, noble, beautiful."

ludic [lu·dic | \ 'lü-dik]

An adjective meaning 1: relating to, or characterized by play 2: PLAYFUL *Ex: The acting was mostly old-school, but unsubtle, more ludicrous than ludic.* First known use: 1940, by psychologists. They wanted a term to describe what children do, and they came up with "ludic activity."

YOUR WORDS AND SUGGESTIONS ARE WELCOME! If you have suggestions, please email the word(s) and meaning(s) to thumbprintnews@comcast.net, along with your first and last name and the city of your residence, or mail them to us at the address located on page 2 of the paper. Without all the requested information, we will be unable to use your submission.



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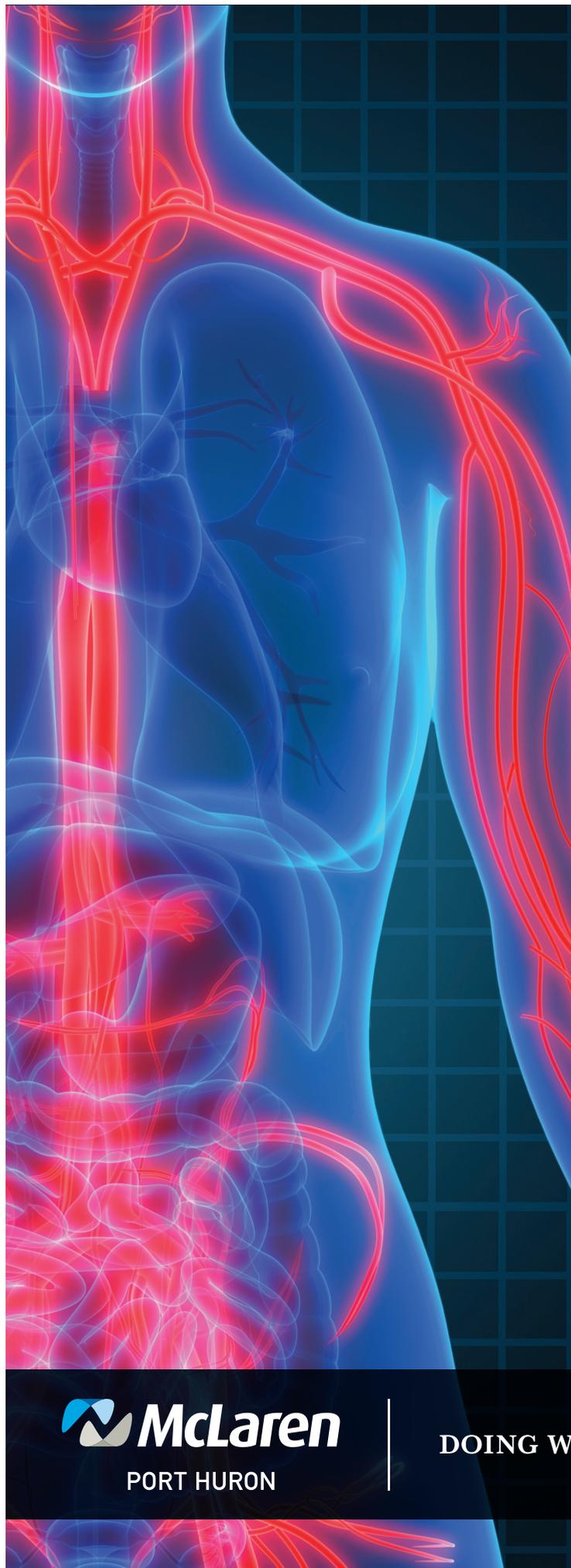
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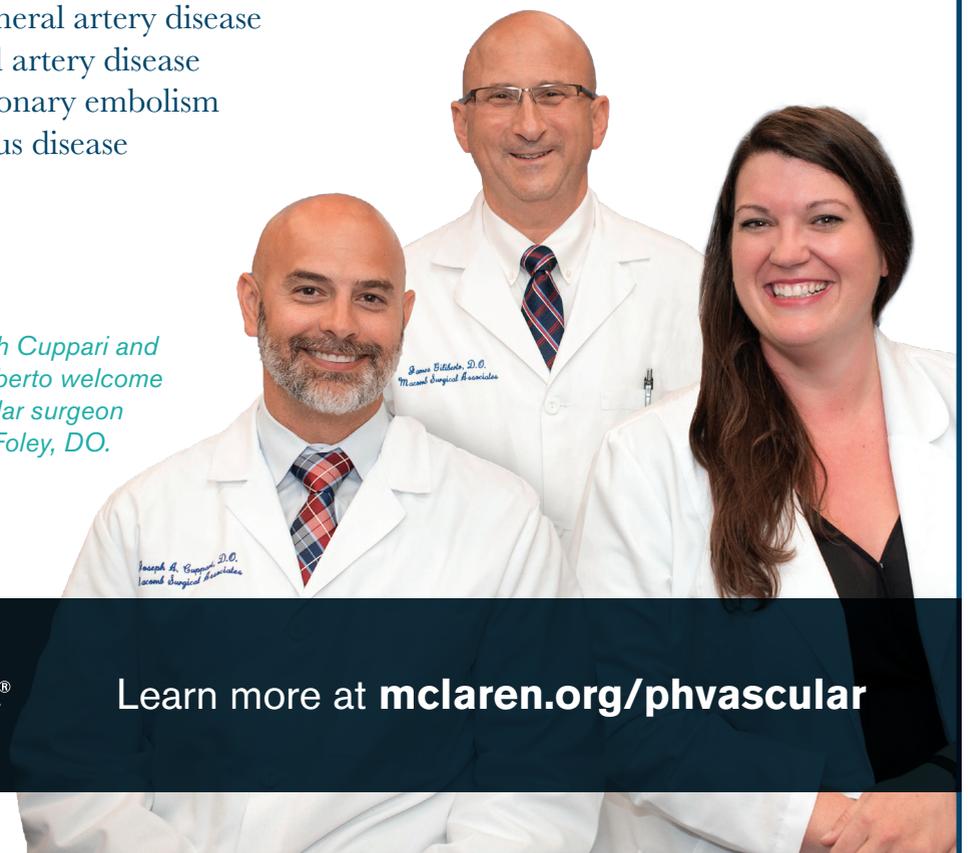
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