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Spotlight on New Baltimore's History

By Alan Naldrett

ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

The first settlers in the New Baltimore area were the Native Americans who probably, five to ten thousand years ago, arrived in the area by crossing one of the many lakes or rivers. An early source states that the greater area surrounding what is now New Baltimore was not visited much, except as a burial ground. The name they gave to the Macomb County area was Pagigendamowinaki, which means "great burial place of the Indians" in the Chippewa language. The Chippewa/Ojibwa Native Americans were the predominant tribe in the area and their burial mounds were found in so many places that there is a major road in Macomb County called Mound Road.

French explorers led by Pierre Yax first came to the New Baltimore area in 1796. They had a land grant signed by President John Quincy Adams on July 3, 1826. This document traced a "Land Patent" back to him in 1812 from when Michigan was still part of the Northwest Territory. Pierre Yax's land was at the mouth



New Baltimore Chesterfield Hotel

of Crapeau Creek. Fabian Robertjean made the first government purchase of land in the area in 1820.

The Treaty of Detroit created three Native American reservations, two in nearby Chesterfield and one in neighboring Ira Township.

Yax and other French settlers trapped and hunted animals, traded furs and other items with the Native Americans, and they for the most part got along quite well, with some settlers inter-marrying with them.

One of the main trade items was the salt from the nearby Salt River. As they began to farm the area, they marked off "strip

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Remembering the Rapid Railway Interurban and its New Baltimore Electrical Power Station

By Gerald W. Nyquist

ThumbPrint News Guest Writer



Interurban depot with train at New Baltimore

January's issue of *ThumbPrint News* contained an article recalling how the interurban railroad brought my grandparents, Adolph and Frances Reiter, to New Baltimore, Michigan, where Grandpa was employed at the power station once located at Green Street and County Line road. My curiosity about the interurban and its power station led to a Google search for what surely must be obscure information. After searching for about an hour, I hit pay dirt. Volume 20, 1902, of *The Street Railway Journal* and an excerpt from a 1904 Smithsonian report "High-Speed Electric Interurban Railways" by George H. Gibson provided considerable detail about the interurban and its power station in New Baltimore, including photos. Google is amazing!

The Detroit & Port Huron Shore Line Railway, commonly

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

One of the most enjoyable part of my job as editor of *ThumbPrint News* is the interaction I get to have with our readers in person, by email, or by phone. Much of what I hear is positive and it encourages our staff to continue with the mission with which the *ThumbPrint News* began – to publish good news and stories about the people and places in the Thumb of Michigan.

I have to admit, however, that most of the praise I receive is not about articles that I or one of our staff writers has written, but rather by our loyal monthly columnists, or occasional guest writers. It is with their submissions that our readers seem to connect most – either by sparking remembrances of their own past or exciting them about new places, hobbies and experiences to explore.

Therefore, I am using this column as an opportunity to invite all of our readers out there who may also be inspiring writers to take a chance and submit articles to *ThumbPrint News* for consideration for publication in future editions. What are we looking for? You be the judge. Perhaps you

have knowledge of the past history of small towns in the Thumb area. Perhaps you have an interesting story to tell of one of our area's citizens, either famous or unknown. Maybe you have a hobby or interest that you would like to share. Do you have an idea for a new column? Send your ideas to me and let's talk.

How often do you have to write? That is up to you. Perhaps you want to do a monthly column, an occasional article, or just a one-time submission. I have a need for all of those. How long does it have to be? Again, you be the judge. Perhaps you can tell your story in only a few hundred words. Perhaps you need several thousand.

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If you submit something to us, are you guaranteed it will be printed? No. Our staff always retains the right to use or not use what we deem appropriate for the nature of our newspaper. However, there are so many positive, great stories or articles out there waiting to be written, take a chance!

Lastly, if your article would fit best in a particular month, please remember that our deadline for submissions for each month is the 10th of the month prior. So, for example, submissions for the September edition would need to be in to us no later than August 10. (However, articles submitted the earliest have the best chance of being included.)

If you would like to see your article published in *ThumbPrint News*, here is your opportunity. Submit all articles to thumbprintnews@comcast.net. I am so excited to see what our talented readers may have to offer!

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GOOD FOR MAN OR BEAST

By Robert L. Christensen

ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

Today I'm at home with what is euphemistically called a 24-hour virus. This inauspicious turn of events caused me to remember the home remedies my mother and father used in my youth.

I can just barely recall the most dreaded remedy of all. My mother was a great believer in "regularity". She had come to believe that the best way to combat sickness was to cleanse one's bowels. This meant the dreaded enema. We kids knew we were in trouble when she found the enema bulb and filled the washpan with soapy water. I think the worst part of all this was to lose control of things and be purged (after all we had only recently gone through the difficulty of potty training). It was kind of insulting to now learn that the "holding on" we had been taught was so good, was not good sometimes. When we got older and saw what was coming and ran away or struggled mightily she finally gave up and dosed us with Milk of Magnesia. That worked too, but was less demeaning and was a more delayed action. That fact could get one in trouble also, since when the need came it worked fast! (I have since learned that regular enemas have been popular over the years with a number of health faddists, including W.K. Kellogg.)

My Dad had two basic remedies for things that ailed you. Luckily, only one was occasionally used on us kids once we were "old enough". The other he reserved for himself. It was highly effective and survives today as a purgative – Epsom Salts. I have never taken the

"Salts" internally myself, but Dad always emerged from the cure visibly pale, weak, and somehow shrunken. As a result, this vision has discouraged me from its use.

Once we were about five or six years old we were old enough for a dose of liniment. This was a concoction sold by the "Raleigh Man". The Raleigh Man came around about once a month with his assortment of home remedies. These were a variety of patent medicines that comprised most of the doctoring on the farm for both man and beast. As I recall, the liniment was claimed to be good for internal and external problems for humans, cows, horses, and probably other animals as well. It seemed it could cure you of almost any ailment, internal or external. Thus, it was the all-purpose remedy for an upset stomach, the flu, gall bladder disease, gout, or whatever. The label noted



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an impressive array of strangely named herbs and the special ingredient. I am almost positive that the special ingredient was alcohol, but perhaps not, since I would hate to be sued for libeling the product that cured what ailed me. For a kid who was feeling poorly, the appropriate dose was one or two tablespoons in a glass of milk, downed without taking a breath. It was like drinking fire. No wonder Native Americans called alcoholic drinks "firewater"! The funny thing is, it always seemed to work. I suppose the presumed alcohol helped us to go to sleep, and sleep is often the best remedy for a transient ailment.

As a final note – I mentioned Milk of Magnesia earlier in this essay. I still remember the time I was about 12 years old and was working as a potato picker on Herb Hansen's farm. The field was

close enough that I could ride my bike home at noon for dinner. On this day I wasn't feeling so good and had little appetite. Mom prescribed a dose of Milk of Magnesia and I took it. It had its effect an hour later in the middle of the potato field. It was clear there was no way I could make it home, or even to the fence row. There were no "porta-potties" in the fields those days. Besides there were other pickers not far away, including girls!!! What to do? I quickly surrounded myself with empty potato crates and dug a hole in the loose soil as fast as any dog could dig a hole for a bone. Unfortunately, it was not quite quick enough. I buried my undershorts in the hole and scooted for home, done picking for that day. Needless to say, the whole experience was ignoble and unforgettable. 🍌

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Time to Detoxify



By Rennae Hardy
ThumbPrint News Columnist

Our human bodies were originally designed to cure themselves from every inconceivable toxin. Channels for toxin elimination include our hair, nails, skin, sweat, blood, bile, bowels and urine. Today's invasion of environmental contaminates, compromised food supply and chemical exposure increasingly challenge our quest for good health. It is estimated that our blood and bones contain over 85,000 different chemical pollutants. Our body diligently works to rid itself of toxic substances by repeatedly trying to make the toxin water soluble so it can be excreted. The residual toxin is recycled in an effort to locate an elimination channel capable of expelling it properly. When any of the elimination channels become compromised, the body responds with disease. Immune systems become suppressed, hormonal systems become imbalanced, childrens' intelligence becomes affected, and our bodies grow fat and tired. Research suggests, and health care professionals concur, our bodies cannot continue to handle the level of toxicity in our environment. We either learn to adapt, or we begin taking appropriate steps to provide our bodies with assistance.

Easy and effective steps to begin "detoxifying" include minimizing exposure, installing HEPA or high quality air purifiers in your home, replacing hazardous cleaners with safe alternatives, such as baking soda, distilled white vinegar, lemon juice, grapefruit seed extract and essential oils and becoming label conscious; know what's in your food, lotions, cosmetics and other grooming products prior to using. Drink more water

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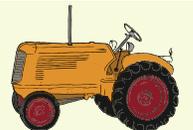


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This month's photo shows ThumbPrint News traveling to Cuba with Mel and Lynn Roe of Lexington, Michigan. You can read the interesting comments Lynn wrote about her trip of a lifetime on the piece of paper on the right.

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Who will be the next person to help us in our quest? 🌍



We recently visited Cuba for 10 days. It is now legal for U.S. citizens to go to Cuba, as long as they travel with a provider licensed through the Treasury Department. We went with a People-to-People cultural exchange program. Mel's love of old cars has drawn his interest to Cuba for many years. Due to the embargo of 1959, there are no U.S. cars newer than 1960. From the moment we stepped out of the airport terminal in Havana, it felt like we were at a car show. Old cars were everywhere!

Thankfully, the tour company prepared us well for what we would see and do. As U.S. citizens, we had no use of credit cards, ATMs or cell phones. We visited people who were artists, dancers, musicians, basket makers and potters. We also traveled into the mountains and learned about the coffee and sugar industries, as well as farming. We interacted with clients at day care centers for senior citizens, people with Down's syndrome, and young children, all of which were run by the Roman Catholic church.

It was very interesting to experience how the people live under the Communist rule of Castro. They do have "free" education and medical care; but they pay for it in other ways. Everyone gets a basic ration of food and pays extra for anything more, if they can find it. Everyday goods are in short supply and people have little money. We can't help but wonder, "Where are all the toilet seats?" They were found only in the hotels. Horses were very common in the streets. There is little new building construction, and all of the buildings are very old. It felt much like stepping back to a time in the 1930s or 1940s, or earlier. We are glad we decided to take this trip, but we are most grateful that we live here, in the United States.

Lynn Roe

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Doing the WRITE Thing



By Julie Woik

ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

I've spent a good bit of time thinking about the next article in this series in hopes of hitting on something that would truly inspire readers. The subject line and what it should entail became crystal clear after a recent encounter with a beautiful young child who so explicitly expressed her love of writing. It was in that moment I decided to write about just that... writing.

Although I'm the author and creator of *The Life and Times of Lilly the Lash*®, my writing career was somewhat of an accident. I didn't plan to be doing what I'm doing; it just sort of happened. However, what I've come to learn over the past six years, since Lilly the Lash has come into being, is that many, many people want to, wish to, or crave to unleash their creativity through a writing project. My thoughts on that; "What are you waiting for?!"

Times have changed my friends. Big publishing houses no longer hold the reigns. There are various avenues that can be taken to get your ideas out there; you just have to pick the one that works for you. Almost daily I'm approached by a parent or grandparent recounting how they used to make up fascinating stories for their children at bedtime and would love to see them in print. I meet incredible educators who have experienced "less than average" books, and would love to design something special for their students. I come across folks who have traveled the world, have seen a thing or two, and would love to tell their tale. My thoughts on that; "Just do it!"

If you have something in your head, write it down. It may not come out ready for the Top 10 Best Seller List – right away – but get it down on paper. The editing can come later. The good news is there's something out there for everyone.

For those of you who have your sights set on the Top 10 List, you may want to investigate a writers' class. These classes or clubs are extremely helpful, and offer a great deal of support in a variety of ways. Networking with other like-minds is a very groovy thing. In your travels, you'll find there are great books available to help you find agents, as well as publishers who except unsolicited works. If your goal is to submit your writings to a publishing house conglomerate, finding an agent is key. If an agent likes what they see, they'll use their resources and connections to take your work to the powers that be. This process often takes months. My thoughts on that; "Get moving!"

For the most part, I find that the people I meet aren't really interested in becoming a famous author. They have a story to tell, and they'd like to tell it. It might be about an animal they rescued as a child, an imaginary friend they once had, or more specifically, the story of their life as they lived it. Now, these stories may not appeal to the masses, but their appeal is massive for those whom the stories are intended. Handing down a bedtime story concocted by Grandma or Grandpa or Mom or Dad, just doesn't get any better. Narrating your family history in a way that only you can recall it will be received with loving adoration and thanks; guaranteed. Can't draw a straight line or afford an illustrator? No worries. How about adding photos? What a great way to give your story that heart-warming, personal touch. Think outside of the box people! You might choose to illustrate your book with crayon drawings. They might even be drawn by your own children or grandchildren. My thoughts on that; "What a blast!?!?!"

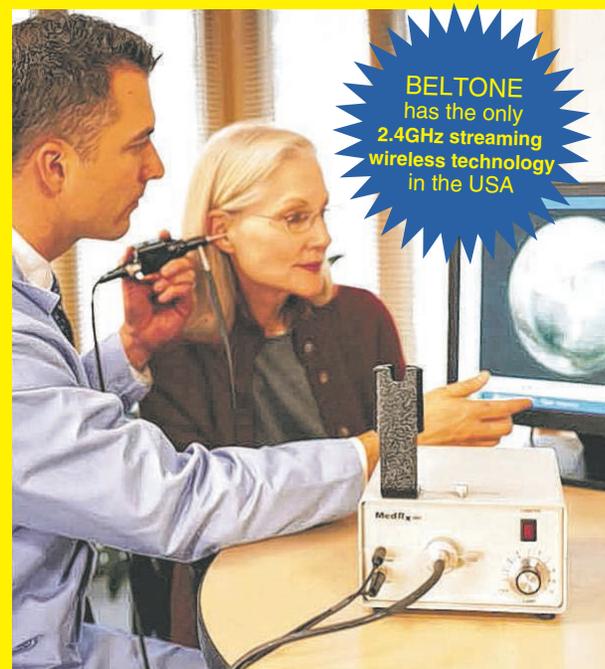
Sometimes I get the sense that people fear they won't be able to get the words onto the paper in the way they imagine it in their heads. Well you know what? Who cares if your story doesn't read like it was composed by Hemmingway or Dr. Seuss? Your family and friends will most certainly find your efforts a complete delight, as they came from someone very near and dear... YOU! My thoughts on that; "Simply SPECTACULAR!!"

Editor's note: In the June 2013 edition of ThumbPrint News, we introduced Julie Woik, author of The Life and Times of Lilly the Lash®, a successful children's book series in which an eyelash utilizes her charm and mystic to playfully explore important life lessons, and empower audiences everywhere to build strong self-esteem and good character. In this month's edition, Julie once again shares and inspires our readers with her upbeat outlook on life. For more information about purchasing any of the books in the Lilly the Lash series, visit www.lillythelash.com. Ordering on this website will allow the purchaser to have the book or books personalized with a message written by the author at no extra charge.



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Escaping the Cholera Epidemic on the St. Clair River

By William Easton

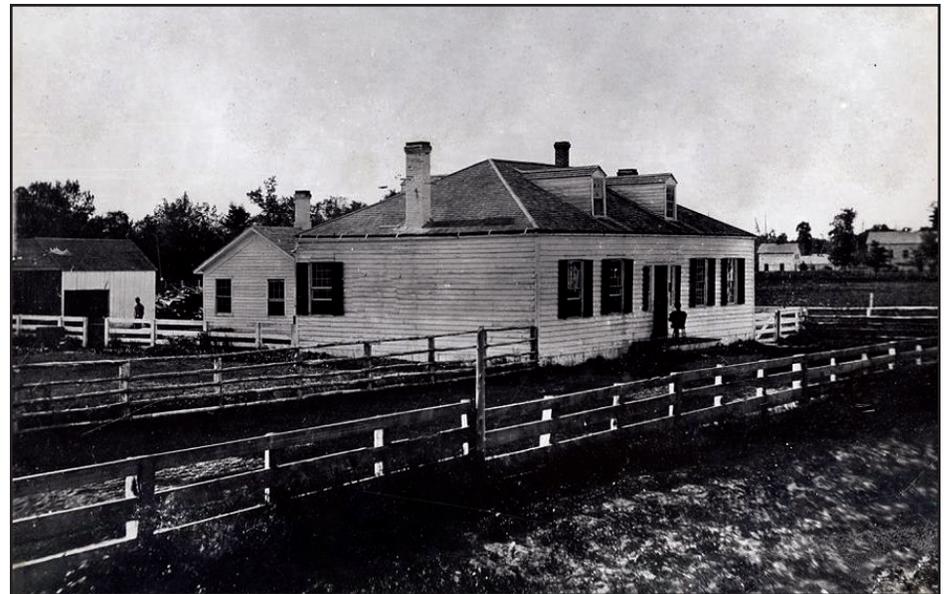
ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

Private Ansel Easton lay on his stomach as close to the edge of the paddle-wheeler as he dared. Most of the comrades were making a terrible racket, gasping, heaving and soiling their trousers. He wanted no part of whatever plagued them. The ship was moving slowly against the strong current of the river. Ansel didn't know its name. He only knew that they were not allowed to disembark at Detroit because so many were sick and dying. Instead they had cruised through another lake and now were fighting the river current. He'd heard that there was a hospital at this military installation called Fort Gratiot. Maybe the officers hoped relief could be found there. But with one surgeon already dead on board, Ansel doubted any relief was in sight.

So Ansel decided to jump ship as soon as it slowed enough going into dock. He lay on the portside, so all he had to do was to grab his rucksack, roll over board and then swim or wade into shore. He could see a hill and then woods beyond it to the west. Yes, he knew the captain's orders: Deserters would be shot by armed sentries on land, even chased into the woods to be captured, court martialed and

and advanced mathematics. However, he couldn't see himself seated behind a counting desk or negotiating with city merchants. Instead he preferred to hunt with his old flintlock musket and fish for inland salmon and lake trout. The family's diet included his take along with their garden produce. His mother dried the fish. When he had left home, she provided a substantial supply in his pack, along with her hardtack.

Easton had traveled from his home to Buffalo, selling his horse there and joining other militia in the army. They were going as far west as Fort Dearborn (Chicago) to provide replacements for General Winfield Scott's fight against the Sauk Indians in the Black Hawk War. It was early in 1832 and although the skirmishes hadn't gone on long, already President Jackson was asking able bodied young men to join forces led by Scott, the War of 1812 hero. In the company of mostly raw recruits such as himself, a few "regulars" and the officers, including a single surgeon, shipped out on Lake Erie on the *Henry Clay*, which was a double paddle-wheeler propelled by steam, only a few years after Fulton's ship first travelled on the Erie Canal, an event Ansel had read about in the local newspaper. The ship moved slowly with its heavy load,



Fort Gratiot Hospital

his Christian teachings, Ansel did not offer any from his canteen. He had hoarded it, taking only a sip at a time along with his fish and biscuits.

As the ship slowed approaching the large building, presumably the Fort Gratiot Hospital, Easton prepared to jump overboard. He could see the armed sentries and cannon protecting the building, but he figured by heading west into the July setting sun, they might be blinded enough to allow him to escape into the woods. What he would find there was unknown. He packed his ruck sack with army issued summer clothing, including the kepi for his head, one of the spades that they had been issued to dig toilets, and, most importantly, the newly acquired rifle to protect against the natives and to hunt for his food. For its effective use, he carefully filled the buckskin bag brought from home with dry powder, balls, lead, patches and extra flints.

Ansel jumped and scrambled through the current in waist high water and headed into the woods. Disregarding the shouts of "Halt", he separated from other fleeing

comrades who probably were left to die a miserable death on land. After cresting the low plateau and heading west he could see a considerable stand of hardwoods – a haven from the guards and perhaps from unfriendly Indians. How Easton survived the first days and nights remains a mystery. He didn't come across any Red Men, but saw the remnants of fires where they had camped. Nor did he see any of his own skin color, although he traveled along some long narrow plots cleared for planting. By the second day he had come upon a winding stream, not as fast moving as the one that had carried him to Fort Gratiot. From it he was able to catch a couple of walleyes which he filleted and ate hungrily. He also had his fill of local berries. After crossing this dark river, Easton changed directions and headed south. He had in mind to return to Detroit. There he could rejoin Scott's replacement forces if they would still have him, and if that disease had been licked. As he progressed he came across a few homes where he was offered meals and lodging, usually in out buildings since these homes were little more than one room shacks.

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CHOLERA. PREVENTION.

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2. Let every room be cleaned and swept every day, and well washed at least once a week.
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5. Let the house be whitewashed with hot lime.
6. Beware of Drunkenness—nothing is so likely to bring on Disease.

If anyone is seized with sickness, slight vomiting, and purging, a burning heat at the stomach, with cramp in various parts of the body, and a feeling of cold all over, it probably is the Cholera.

then probably executed. Furthermore, the captain had warned that the woods were full of Indian tribes, formerly allies of the British, who would slaughter and scalp any white man they found. Ansel was willing to take his chances on survival. Anything would be better than the horrible, retching death around him.

Ansel, age 19, had grown up in northern New York State. His father and uncle had become prosperous from their commission business. They wanted the oldest son to join them. He had been sent to the private school of Professor Vary where he had mastered Latin, Greek

stopping several times to replenish its fuel supply. Some men disembarked to practice firing the new army issued Hall cap lock rifled barrel weapon. He found it much more accurate and easy to load than his old hunting piece. Easton also refilled his canteen from fresh water streams at every opportunity. And, as it turned, out subsisting on his mother's hardtack and fresh water may have saved his life.

Whatever caused all this sickness leading quickly to such painful death was unknown to the private. He could see that the victims were all sweating, thirsting and crying out for water. Disregarding



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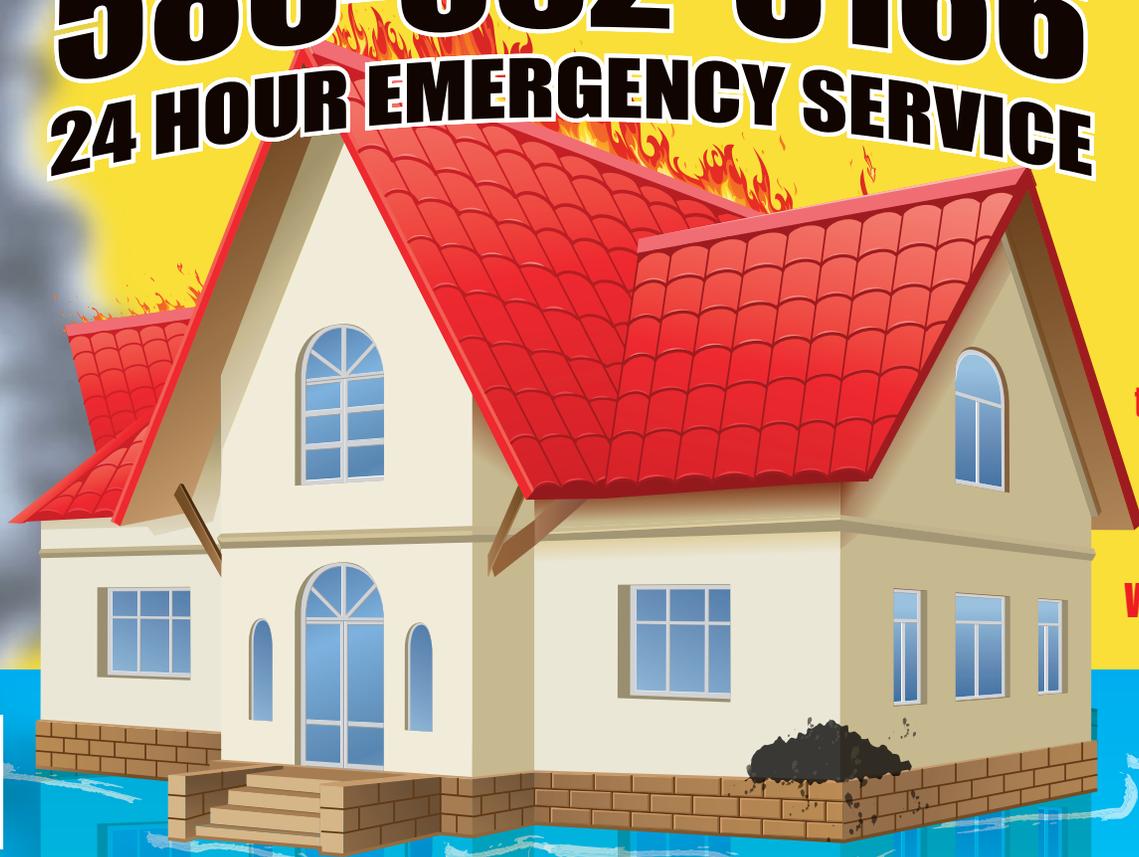
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Grandma's Outhouse

By David Gillis

ThumbPrint News Columnist

As some of my previous columns have illustrated, I really loved my grandmother. As her first grandchild and, for many years the only boy, I was spoiled by her. That's not a complaint, just a statement of fact that I can recall with pleasure.

Grandma's house was always a great place to spend time. There was a constant aroma of something recently baked and she would often allow me to taste a recently produced confectionery delight regardless of the time of day. She would devote time to telling me stories of her past and saved me a spot next to her on the piano bench as she played a silly song she learned as a child. Yes, there was much to be enjoyed at Grandma's house, except one thing: The outhouse!

Until I was age seven my grandmother lived in an area where many residents still used a wooden privy located a distance behind the house. I could see it from the kitchen window and can remember hoping I could "hold everything" until I got home. That wasn't always possible, and I would find myself taking the often-used path 60-feet or so to the small weather-worn building at its end. I can recall, too, pinching my nose for the last 10-feet of the journey. The odor was especially pungent during hot summer days.

As I recall, when the door was opened to Grandma's "little house in the back" all you could see was a wooden bench with two holes, one smaller than the other. This special design found in many similar structures of the time was to accommodate an adult (the larger) and a child (the smaller). Several feet below the bench was a deep hole dug into the ground. I certainly didn't want to risk sitting on the larger of the two openings for fear of the consequences of losing my balance.

I have no idea why this topic came to mind as I searched for a subject for this month's column. Possibly much to the chagrin of the editor, I submitted it anyway. It must have something to do with an aging mind. Regardless, I needed to do some research for the article that I am now able to share with you.

I discovered the outhouse was first used in Europe more than 500 years ago. The better inns of the time offered "his" and "hers" outhouse facilities. Unfortunately, many people of the

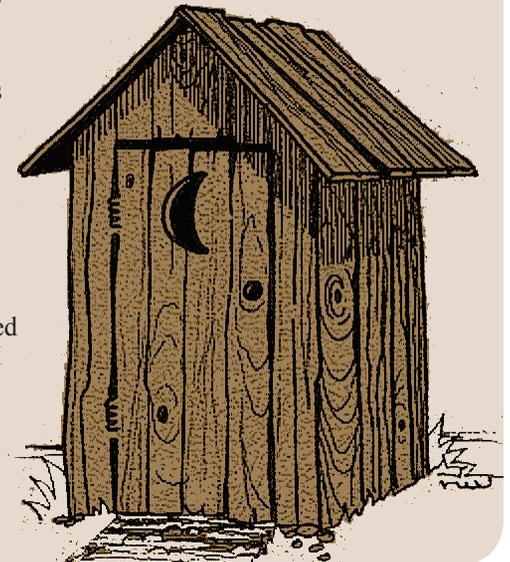
fifteenth and sixteenth centuries were illiterate and symbols had to be used to identify which was for "him" and which for "her."

In ancient times the sun or a star represented masculinity and the moon femininity. So, the image of the sun or star was placed on the door of the men's facility and a moon on that of the ladies. The crescent moon survived over time as the only symbol of all outhouses and was often cut into the door to allow for better ventilation and a small element of light.

My research also provided that within President FDR's Works Progress Administration (WPA), there were teams of outhouse builders who constructed many of the wooden enclosures in our rural areas. The average outhouse was three to four feet square and about seven feet high. They had no windows, heat or light. Due to the odor, most were placed at least 50 feet from the main house and many faced away from the house. This was done so you could leave the door open while using it to provide some light and for other obvious reasons.

One more fact, again to the probable disappointment of the editor, toilet tissue was considered a luxury by more families who used the outhouse. As a substitute, catalog pages or newspapers were often used.

Now, my grandchildren wouldn't even begin to understand what an outhouse is. In fact, once they were told they would respond with a "Yuk" or "You gotta be kiddin'". However, whenever I need to repair the toilet in my much appreciated special room down the hall, I can do it without complaint, remembering the alternative. 



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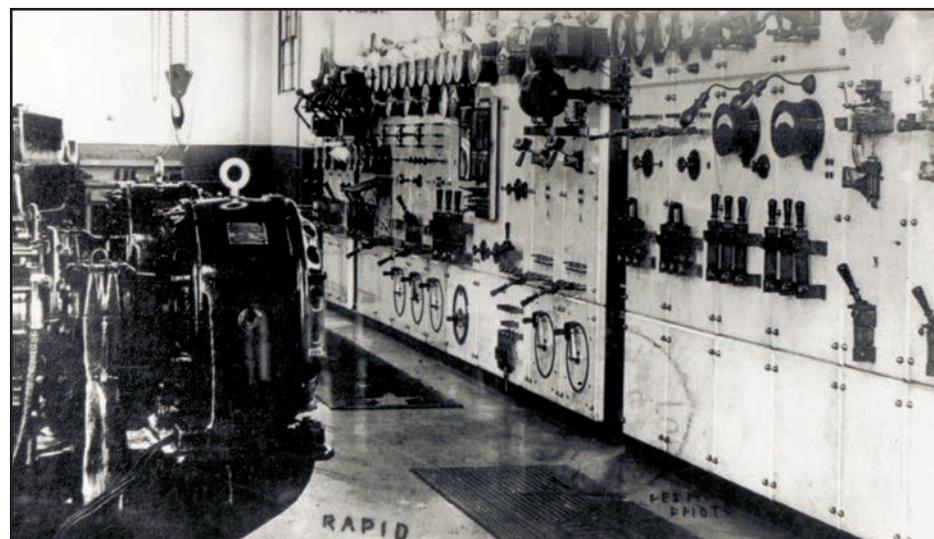
known as the Rapid Railway system, ran north from Detroit through New Baltimore to Port Huron, a distance of 73 miles. Interestingly, it is noted that "The road [i.e. railroad] is an excellent illustration of the great advances in building electric roads made possible by high-tension power transmission." It was among the earliest systems in the country to use this technology. While a train's electric propulsion motors required direct current (DC), Rapid Railway transmitted the electrical energy from the New Baltimore power station along the entire length of their interurban track utilizing alternating current (AC), as you have in your home

today, but at 16,500 volts and 28 cycles per second. This was a so-called "high-tension" transmission system. Earlier interurban systems' electrical transmission lines carried energy using DC at the relatively low voltage required by the train's motors, which is an inefficient method of moving electrical energy over large distances due to associated resistive energy losses in the transmission lines. Thus, multiple power stations were required along the tracks, which was a costly way to go.

A bit of electrical theory tells us why AC was preferable. Don't be scared off, this isn't difficult. Energy is lost in any transmission line because the metal conductor tends to resist the movement of



Power Station in New Baltimore



Power Plant interior (photo provided by Bob Mack)

electrons, such movement being necessary to transmit electrical energy. This loss can be dramatically reduced by transmitting at high voltage. Trust me, this is true! However, train motors required a relatively low voltage. With AC transmission, one can transform to the required low voltage needed for the motors. Transformers function only with AC, not DC. Thus, the old DC systems could not transmit at the more efficient high voltage, and were constrained to experience the undesirable energy losses. But wait a minute, the trains required their electrical energy in DC form, and so far we have learned that Rapid Railway transmitted via AC. Along their tracks were substations with transformers and so-called "rotary converters" where AC was converted to the required DC voltage for the motors. This, in turn, was carried to the trains with transmission lines along the tracks. The substations were located at Roseville, Mt. Clemens, New Baltimore, Algonac, St. Clair and Port Huron.

I had no idea of the New Baltimore power station's sophistication. Built by Westinghouse, Church, Kerr & Company, its coal-fired steam engines turned electrical generators. It was said to be "... equipped with all the latest improvements in the way of coal and ash handling machinery, mechanical draft, economizers, etc., and contains three 1000 horsepower Westinghouse tandem compound

condensing steam engines, all direct-connected to three-phase generators." There were four Babcock & Wilcox water tube boilers with mechanical stokers. Steam-driven fans provided induced-draft to the boilers, and flue gasses were passed through Green economizers,

which heated combustion air and reduced the temperature of stack gasses. This one power station provided the electrical energy for 110 miles of city and interurban track. Many more details are provided in the references cited on page one. Pretty sophisticated stuff for something already in operation in 1902!

It is noted that, "Hourly service is given regularly over the whole line, and cars are operated at shorter intervals between points where traffic is dense. The schedule time for cars is 27 miles per hour, including stops, and between stations the speed reaches 45 miles per hour." And furthermore that, "One of the branches of the road closely follows the shore of Lake St. Clair, and the northern part of the road follows the St. Clair River, passing through many fishing, hunting and boating resorts." This sounds like northern Michigan!

Back in the early 1970s Grandpa told me that he "ran the power house" and that he "could start it up today" if it was still there. The Rapid Railway shut-down in the mid-1920s when automobiles and busses became popular. Grandpa lost his job. Time and technology marched on, but I sure wish that I could take a ride on the Rapid Railway Interurban today. 🐝

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CHOLERA

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Besides both he and his hosts still feared the fatal disease that they believed was contagious. They told him horrible stories of other young soldiers trying to run along riverside paths, but falling to their deaths. Their bodies were then gnawed at by hogs, vultures and who knows what other wild scavengers.

When Private Easton finally arrived at Detroit, he learned that Scott's remaining troops had sailed on to Fort Dearborn, arriving there after Blackhawk had been captured. A friendly pioneer family took him in, fed and offered him a change of clothes from the army issued ones. They were heading west overland on a rough, almost impassable trail towards Chicago. From there they might settle as homesteaders or continue across the Mississippi River. Ansel Easton stayed with them for quite some time. As far as known to us, he never rejoined the army – or returned that Hall rifle.

Author's sequel: Our army deserter survivor kept no diary and related sparingly of his adventures to his wife and children. However, my published family genealogy shows that one Ansel Easton was active in business in the new state of California. Among other merchandise, he dealt in mattresses and had a laundry - both very much in demand by those seekers of their fortunes in gold. The same book reports that Ansel Easton Adams was born to a relative. Of course Ansel Adams became a prominent photographer. Perhaps that afforded Ansel Adams just as much adventure as Private Ansel Easton had experienced.

Author's note: While the character named Private Ansel Easton is invented, the history of the Asiatic cholera epidemic of 1832 on the St. Clair River is accurate.

Editor's notes: Asiatic cholera is a debilitating disease that is often caused by drinking water or eating food that is

contaminated by the feces of an infected individual. In its early stages the symptoms include abdominal cramps, dry skin, excessive thirst, lethargy, nausea, a rapid pulse and vomiting. Watery diarrhea causes severe dehydration and often death.

Asiatic cholera appeared in Russia in 1831, and spread to Western Europe. The disease was brought to America by a passenger on an emigrant ship. In 1832, Detroit saw 58 cases and 28 deaths from cholera in only a two week period. At that time the population of Detroit was only around 4,000 people.

A period of hysteria ensued. People feared strangers. Bridges were destroyed and fences erected across roads to keep them from coming into town. Pitch was burned at night hoping to purify the putrid air. Businesses closed. Even doctors and prominent civic leaders fled Detroit during the epidemic.

On July 4, 1832, the Henry Clay was sailing up the river and was scheduled to stop at a wharf in Detroit. The ship was loaded with 370 soldiers bound for Chicago to fight in the Black Hawk War. However, only nine days prior, the Detroit Board of Health had issued printed instructions about the prevention of cholera spreading to Detroit and all ships had to keep 100 yards away from Detroit's shoreline until a health official had declared the crew and passengers free from cholera. Since at least one soldier aboard ship had died from cholera, the Henry Clay was not allowed to dock. Instead, it was sent to Hog Island (now known as Belle Isle), which is where ships with known cholera cases were quarantined.) However, there were so many ships waiting to dock at Belle Isle, the Henry Clay instead headed up river to the Fort Gratiot Hospital near Port Huron.

It wouldn't be until September 13, 1832, that the last of the cholera epidemic victims would die in Detroit.

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10:00am.....Open and 4-H/Youth Poultry Judging (Poultry Barn)
10:00amSheep Judging-Fleece/Fiber and Wool Breeds
12:Noon: **Carnival Opens**, Big Rock Amusements, Inc., Regular Pricing
2:00pm4-H Stick Horse Rodeo (Grove Area)
5:00pm "JDS DELUXE" (Grove Stage)
5:00pmOpening Ceremonies (Main Stage Area)
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5:30pm**DeWayne Spaw**, Country Music Artist (Main Arena)
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9:00am4-H/Youth Dog Showmanship & Obedience Show (Dog Tent)
10:00am.....Draft Horse & Haflinger Hitch Classes,
followed by 4-H/Youth (Horse Arena)
12:00 Noon.....**Carnival Opens**, Big Rock Amusements, Inc.
12:00 NoonChildren's Activities in Grove: FREE Candy Scramble,
Rope Making (Sponsored by **Main Street Chiropractic**)
2:00pm "The Dance Studio" (Grove Stage)
2:00pm4-H Stick Horse Rodeo (Grove Area)
5:00pm ...**FREE** Pizza Eating Contest - **Tivoli's of Armada** (Grove Area)
5:30pm.....**DeWayne Spaw**, Country Music Artist, (Main Arena)

WEDNESDAY AUG. 14



DEMOLITION DERBY 7:00 pm Main Arena

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8:00amGates Open
9:00amOpen Goat and Sheep Judging (Goat and Sheep Barns)
12:00 Noon.....**Carnival Opens - Big Rock Amusements, Inc.**
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12:00 Noon.....Children's Activities: **FREE** Candy Scramble, Face Painting,
and Rope Making (Sponsored by **A & B Trucking**)
1:00pm.....**Pedal Pull** Registration (Grove Area)
First 150 Children: Ages 4 - 11 • Entry Fee: \$1.00
1:00pm.....4-H/Youth Sheep Judging (Barn #15)
1:00pmOpen Miniature Horse Show (Horse Arena)
2:00pm **Pedal Pull** (Grove Area)
4:00pm4-H/Youth Goat Judging (Goat Barn)
5:00pm: **FREE** Pizza Eating Contest - **Jets Pizza**, Richmond (Grove Area)
5:00pm**DeWayne Spaw**, Country Music Artist (Main Arena)
9:00pmGuys Night in the Refreshment Tent
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- y, Country Music Artist (Main Arena)
- inner Take All" Rock Band (Grove Stage)
- es Night - **DeWayne Spaw**, Country Artist
- pecials/Drawings (Refreshment Tent)

FRIDAY AUG. 16



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- 12:00 Noon **Carnival Opens**
- 12:00 Noon Children's Activities (Grove Area)
- FREE** Candy Scramble, Face Painting and Rope Making.
Sponsored by **Chap's of Armada**
- 1:00pm **Pedal Pull** Registration (Grove Area)
First 150 Children: Ages 4-11 • Entry Fee: \$1.00
- 1:00pm: R.A.E.T.A. Demonstrations-Sawmill, Threshing, Antique Hay Baler
- 1:00pm 4-H/Youth Lightweight Horse Show (Horse Arena)
- 2:00pm **Pedal Pull** (Grove Area)
- 5:00pm **FREE** Watermelon Eating Contest (Grove Area)
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12:00 Noon • Main Arena

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SATURDAY AUG. 17



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Main Arena • 12: Noon and 6:00pm
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- 8:00am Gates Open
- 9:00am 4-H/Youth Lightweight Performance Horse Show (Horse Arena)
- 9:00am Open Class Rabbit Judging (Rabbit Barn)
- 9:00am Dog Agility, Rally and Fun Show (Dog Tent)
- 11:00am: R.A.E.T.A. Demonstrations-Sawmill, Threshing, Antique Hay Baler
- 12: Noon: **Carnival Opens**, Big Rock Amusements, Inc. Regular Pricing
- 2:00pm Animal Fashion Show (Grove Stage)
- 2:30pm Armada all Star Competitive Cheer Team (Grove Stage)
- 3:00pm Local Entertainment (Grove Stage)
- 4:30pm: R.A.E.T.A. Demonstrations-Sawmill, Threshing, Antique Hay Baler
- 5:00pm **FREE** Corn on the Cob Eating Contest (Armada Lions-Grove)
- 7:00pm **Kat Mandu**-Bob Seger Tribute Band (Grove Stage)

SUNDAY AUG. 18



TRUCK & TRACTOR PULLS
12:00 Noon • Main Arena
Sponsored By
Romeo Ford

- 8:00am Gates Open
- 10:00am Open Lightweight Horse Show (Horse Arena)
- 11:00am: R.A.E.T.A. Demonstrations-Sawmill, Threshing, Antique Hay Baler
- 12: Noon **Carnival Opens**, Big Rock Amusements, Inc.
- 12: Noon Armada Community Choir & Friends (Grove Stage)
- 2:00pm "Veracity" (Grove Stage)
- 4:00pm **Forester Brothers** (Grove Stage)
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Thumb Dance Club Celebrates 50+ Years of Dancing

By Louise Allen

ThumbPrint News Staff Writer

Over 50 years ago a few 20 year old single guys, (looking for wives), mostly from Huron County, Michigan, and gals from Saginaw who loved to dance got together on a regular basis to do just that. Little did they know then that what they started would end up developing into the Thumb Dance Club and that it would still be going stronger than ever today.

At least that is how Lloyd Schumacher tells it. Lloyd looked back and recalled these youngsters met at the St. Columbkille Catholic Church (Sheridan Corner) in Bad Axe on occasion or sometimes the Port Austin Catholic Church after mass, as most of them were Catholics. One particular Sunday they chartered a fishing boat in Caseville to go on a "picnic", which Lloyd remembers being cookies, doughnuts

and drinks – maybe even a beer or two. He remembers some of the early dancers: Joe Terbrack, Bernie Sullivan and Jerome Stacer. They ranged in age from 22 to 35.



Delores of St. Clair and Wally of Port Huron

According to Lloyd, this was the group that evolved into the Thumb Dance Club that now meets twice monthly in Sandusky. Tom Hill had a little more to add to the memories, but also had a slightly different version. He said the club was actually begun by Doris Ball and Doris' aunt, Isabelle Brinker. He agrees with Lloyd that there was no set place where the "club" would meet. Tom says the dancers would check with Doris, who lived in Sandusky, when they came to town and the dances ended up taking place pretty much wherever they could get a place that Saturday. Tom recalls



one time someone bringing applesauce to share and they had to quickly try to round up some spoons. From there Tom said, "It just seemed to grow into a big lunch."

Bernard Sullivan of Bad Axe remembers the beginnings quite differently. He says it started in 1970 in Sandusky with the first dance being held at the Odd Fellows Hall just south of town on M-19. Bill Walker, a great fiddler, and two other men provided the music. Bernard claims that he, along with Jim Roggenbuck of Harbor Beach, Jerome Stacer of Ruth and Ula Attridge of Marlette, were responsible for starting the club. At that time there was a "30 & Up Club" in Port Huron, so they coined the name "The Thumb 25 & Up Club" for their group. Jim Roggenbuck was President and Jerome Stacer was secretary. Shortly Doris Ball became Treasurer. Barney McConnachie was involved as well, giving financial assistance for many years.

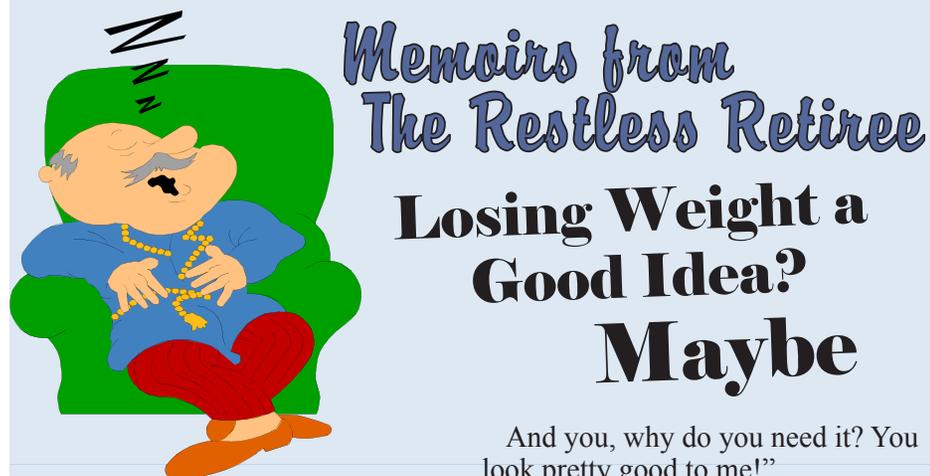
Whatever the beginnings actually were, the Club's first real home was in the old high school (now middle school) cafeteria on M-19 south of M-46. A few years later they moved to the cafeteria of Maple Valley Elementary School, 138 Maple Valley St., Sandusky, where the dances are presently held.

Today there are 91 members and the ages are varied. Whether they are young or old, everyone enjoys dancing with live

music and finger food at every dance. The dances are twice a month in Sandusky, on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays. On September 14, 2013, the Thumb Dance Club will be celebrating 50 plus years of dancing, no matter whose version of its beginnings is more accurate, with a special raffle of a quilt, a handwoven rug, a handcrafted knife and a crocheted afghan (and possibly other items as well). It is the club's "Hot Dogs and Blue Jeans" night, so don your jeans and dancing shoes and come on out and help them celebrate. All are welcome. Admission is \$5.00 for members and \$6.00 for guests. Attendees should bring finger foods and the club will provide hotdogs. If you have any questions, call Dorothy Warner at (810) 404-4250 or email Dorothy at rugbug@avci.net. Here is to 50 more wonderful years of dancing! 🍀



Bill of Sandusky and his daughter, Tammy, of Gregory



Memoirs from The Restless Retiree

Losing Weight a Good Idea? Maybe

And you, why do you need it? You look pretty good to me!"

"Gabriel, you're just saying that so that I won't ask you to join me.

Losing weight would also make it easier for me to go up and down the stairs to wash clothes in the basement.

Think of it! You could cut the grass without huffing and puffing and I could go the basement to wash clothes without resting every few steps.

Gabriel, are you going to join me, yes or no?"

"Alright, it does seem like a good idea, especially if we both try it.

How do we start?"

"Well, first we'll start by going for a walk."

"A walk! Where to? Why walk? I'll drive us to where we start."

"No Gabriel, I don't want to walk to get somewhere. I want to walk for exercise."

"But can't we go somewhere to do exercises?"

"Yes, there's also the gym."

"Good, I'll get ready, but first I have to have something to eat. I'm

starved."

"Gabriel, you can't be serious. You just had a big meal an hour ago. How are you going to lose weight that way?"

"Well, alright. You start today and I'll start tomorrow.

I'll get the car and drive you to your starting place.

Where do you want me to drop you off?"

Another lesson learned by The Restless Retiree. 🍀

By Gabriel Jones

ThumbPrint News Columnist

"Gabriel, it's time that we should be thinking of losing some weight. It'll be easier if we both agree to do it. We could encourage each other.

Think of it! It'll be easier for you to cut the grass. No more huffing and puffing while you push the mower."

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ThumbPrint News Contest

Each month, *ThumbPrint News* prints a photo of an object or a place for our readers to identify. If you think you know the answer, email us at thumbprintnews@comcast.net and put "Contest" in the subject line. Be sure to include your name, phone number and full address. Of all persons submitting correct answers by the 15th of the month, one person will be randomly selected to be entered into a drawing for a gift basket valued at over \$100 at the end of this year! On December 31, 2013, one winner will be drawn and the lucky person will be notified.

Randomly selected from those submitting correct answers to July's contest was Susan Robin of St. Clair Twp., Michigan, who correctly identified the object above as the flower of a banana plant. Once the flower begins to die, the green bananas begin to form directly above it on the plant, as seen in the photo to the right. Susan will be entered into our year end drawing for a gift basket valued at over \$100.



- Uganda has the highest average per person consumption of bananas in the world with an average of 500 pounds of bananas consumed per person per year!
- Eating bananas can actually cheer you up as they are the only fruit to contain tryptophan plus Vitamin B6, which in combination produce serotonin, the natural chemical which alleviates mental depression. (It's also found in Prozac!)



So, be happy! Eat a banana!

For our August contest we are asking the question, "Where is it?" Identify where the object below can be found. (Hint: It is in the area served by *ThumbPrint News*!) Email your answer to thumbprintnews@comcast.net. Again, be sure to include your name, address and phone number in case you are correct and are entered in the random drawing at the end of the year for a gift basket valued at over \$100. Good luck!



Photo submitted by Ken Schmidt

Interesting Facts about Bananas

- Bananas can be found in other colors besides yellow, including red.
- Bananas are not actually trees; they are a type of herb.
- Bananas contain 75% water.
- India is the leading producer of bananas.
- Bananas contain a lot of potassium, making them more radioactive than other fruits. However, this naturally occurring radiation has very little effect on the body.
- Americans eat more bananas than any other fruit, with an average consumption of 26.2 pounds of bananas per person per year.

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farms” which were long narrow portions of land platted so that the narrow end was by the river or lake, allowing for many settlers to have access to the water they needed for farming.

According to Skinner’s *History Stories of New Baltimore*, an otherwise undocumented early settler was a man by the name of Belhumeur, and he was reputedly one of the first white men in the New Baltimore area. The account of Peter Caillet, a New Baltimore farmer who lived to be the age of 91, states that the village was originally called “Belhumeur’s” and that calling the fledgling village New Baltimore was basically a return to a form of the original name.

In 1845 businessman Alfred Ashley came from neighboring Mt. Clemens and purchased 60 acres on either side of Washington, an area that became known as the Village of Ashley. In 1851 Alfred Ashley platted the village and founded the village’s first post office, which was christened Ashleyville in order to avoid confusion with another Ashley located in Michigan. In 1867, the name was changed to New Baltimore. The original village encompassed the center part of what is



Perkins Stave Mill in New Baltimore

now New Baltimore, extending northwest along Base, Clay and Maria Streets down to Anchor Bay.

Alfred Ashley opened a sawmill in the village named for him, as he had 25 years earlier in Mt. Clemens. He was a member of the company that built the plank road to Romeo and built the first dock and the first steamboat in the village. He was also a member of the Legislature in 1828 and was one of the founders of the village’s First Congregational Church at Base and Alfred Streets.

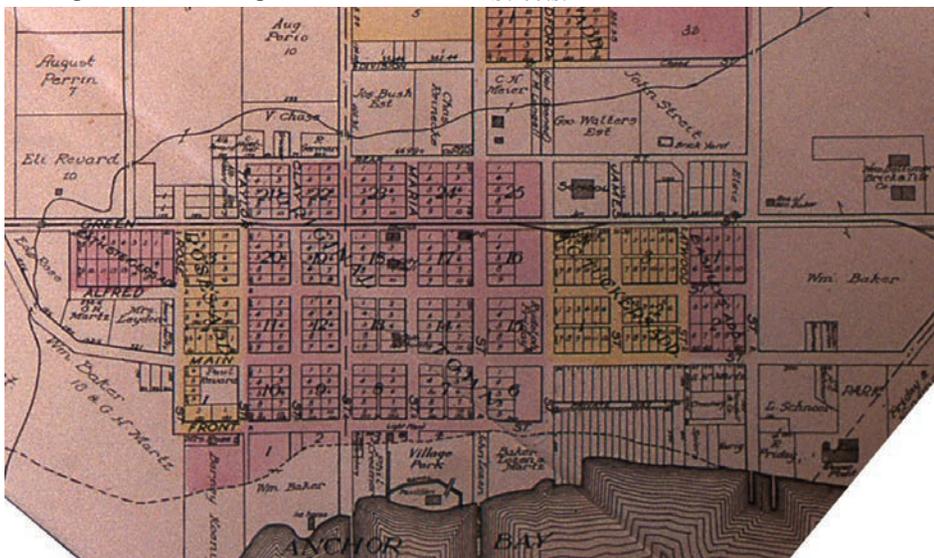


Washington Street 1907

Ashley was incorporated as a village in 1867 and the name was officially changed to New Baltimore. The village took advantage of its close proximity to the water to develop manufacturing and agricultural businesses whose wares were conveniently shipped to surrounding areas via Anchor Bay, and the St. Clair and Detroit Rivers. Some of these businesses were factories that produced bricks, brooms, coffins, corsets and creamery products. New Baltimore had three stave mills as well (Perkins Stave Mill pictured), and staves from New Baltimore were used to make barrels all around the state. From the docks of New Baltimore, lumber and other building materials were shipped to

outlying areas from piers that extended more than 100 feet from the shore.

Grand Trunk Railroad had a line that ran from Detroit to Port Huron in the late 1800s. Beginning in 1870, the Detroit Urban Railroad had a branch that ran from Detroit to Port Huron until the early 1930s. The train ran through New Baltimore, and because the village was in the middle of the route, the power plant for the train was built in New Baltimore on Highview Avenue. The interurban trains, as they were called, ran along Gratiot, down 23 Mile Road into New Baltimore, and out along M-29 to Anchorville and Fair Haven. The depot for New Baltimore was located across the street from where the



Alfred Ashley’s original plat map of New Baltimore



Interurban Street Car, Detroit to Port Huron Route, passing through New Baltimore

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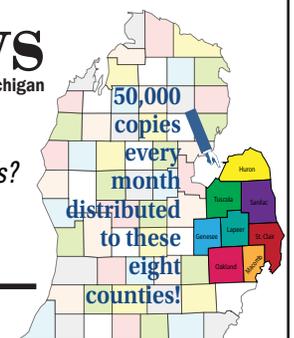
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The Hatheway Institute, high school for New Baltimore residents from the early 1900s to the 1950s

New Baltimore Municipal Offices are in the 21st Century, the one-time location of Hatheway Institute.

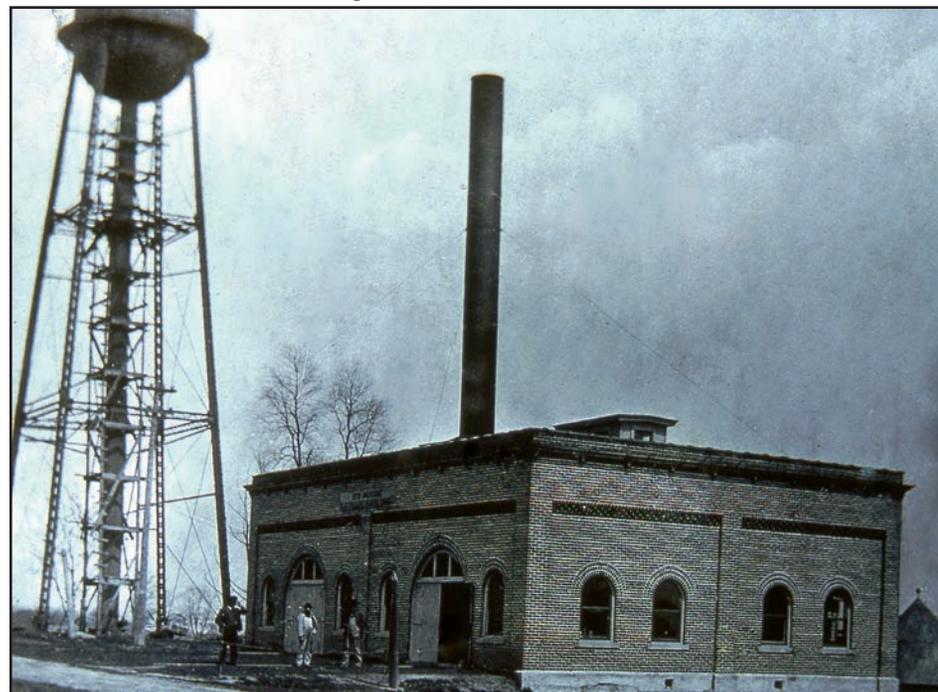
Hatheway Institute was a school built in 1876 with money left to the village by local tycoon Gilbert Hatheway in 1871. Gilbert Hatheway owned a stove factory, commercial docks and a shipping business. Due to prolonged litigation regarding the estate and interest, the money left to the city had grown considerably by the time the school was built. A beautiful three-story building with a gymnasium on the top was built and the building served as a high school and teacher training institute for many decades. It was razed in 1970.

From the 1860s to the 1880s, New Baltimore's manufacturing base began to take second place to its burgeoning status as a tourist center. With resort ships and

the interurban trains bringing people from Detroit and other environs, New Baltimore became home to a mineral bath house, an opera house, a brewery, taverns, boating marinas and piers, luxury hotels, and other social and recreational activities catering to a tourist trade.

New Baltimore had its own water plant, beginning in the late 1800s. The village was able to produce its own electricity as well, using the DUR plant. The water department was located down by the water on Front Street. Many versions of this building have been located by the water tower in the City Park, and the latest version is in the same place.

In 1931, New Baltimore was incorporated as a city. In the 1970s the New Baltimore Historical Society formed with intent to preserve the city's rich and



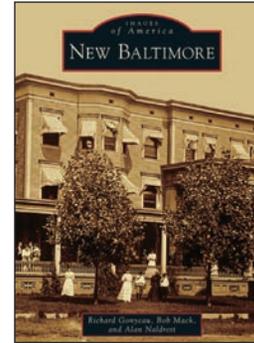
The New Baltimore water department and water tower, circa 1920s

vibrant history. During the 1980s they would store the town archives in the city library, until the Grand Pacific House was purchased to use as a city museum. The museum was opened in 1985 and in 1999 the society paid off the mortgage on the building.

The city of New Baltimore has been a manufacturing center, a transportation hub, a tourist destination, and a bedroom community, but the most well-known trait about New Baltimore is the friendliness of its residents. 🍷

On July 22, Arcadia Publishing published the book *Images of America: New Baltimore, Michigan*, by Richard Gonyeau, Bob Mack and Alan Naldrett.

The book contains over 200 black and white images of historic New Baltimore. It is available through the New Baltimore Historical Society, Barnes and Noble, Amazon and other online bookstores, and at various businesses throughout the community. The ISBN # is 9780738599847.



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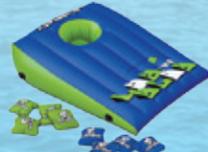
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Thumb Area Activities & Events Calendar August 2013

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

Genesee

Flint - August 2-4

Flint Jazz Festival, 1101 Beach St., 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. on August 2, 2:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. on August 3 and 4. Attendees will see regional and national musicians perform. Enjoy food vendors and arts and handicraft vendors. \$2 per person. For more information call (810) 238-2787.

Huron

Pigeon - August 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

Farmer's Market, downtown area, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. For more information contact the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce at (989) 453-7400.

Lapeer

Lapeer - August 1, 8 & 22

Downtown Lapeer Summer Concert Series, courthouse lawn, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs. August 1 will be Rock of Ages swing band, August 8 will be Scott Baker and Universal Expressions, root rock, classic, jam, acoustic and electric, and August 22 will be The Fairlanes, 50s and 60s rock n' roll. For more information contact (810) 664-8576.

Clifford - August 12

St. Patrick's Annual Church Festival, 9851 Main St., 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Day's events include an all-you-can-eat dinner of roast pork and roast beef, with all the trimmings, bingo with cash and prizes, children's games, raffles, flea market and country store. For more information

contact Thea at stjulien46@gmail.com.

Macomb

Richmond - August 1

Mentioning the Unmentionables: The History of Undergarments, Richmond Community Theatre Building, Churchill and Parker Streets, 7:00 p.m. Admission \$10. Interesting aspects of the 18th and 19th underclothing will be addressed, and the program will include a dressing demonstration and an explanation of how undergarments changed through time. Hosted by the Richmond Area Historical and Genealogical Society. For more information call Mary Ellen at (810) 329-5797.

Mount Clemens - August 7, 14, 21 & 28

Wednesday Farmers Market, Roskopp Parking Lot, adjacent to the Anton Art Center at Macomb Place and Southbound Gratiot, 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Accepting credit, debit and bridge cards. For more information call (586) 469-4168.

Chesterfield - August 10 & 11

Chesterfield Civil War Days, Chesterfield Historical Village, 47275 Sugarbush Rd., 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. each day. The re-enactors will be having living history encampments and battle skirmishes throughout the day as well as multiple artillery demonstrations. \$1 per adult donation or \$2 per family. Food and soft drinks available for purchase on site. Call Roy or Eileen Rivard at (586) 749-3713 for more information.

New Haven - August 10

Car Show, Vendors, Arts, Crafts and Food, 58316 Main St., noon to 8:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Rose Cellar Florist. For more information call Barbara at (586) 749-7725.

Lenox - August 24

Richmond Wrestling Alumni Association 13th Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser, Richmond Forest, 33300 32 Mile Rd., registration 8:00 a.m., shotgun start 9:00 a.m., dinner 3:00 p.m. Please contact (586) 292-9810, (586) 372-5938 or (810) 614-2806 for more information, to sign up to play, to be a sponsor or to make gift donations.

New Baltimore - August 31 & September 1

Art on the Bay, Walter and Mary Burke Park, downtown New Baltimore, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. both days. Exciting displays of painting, photography, jewelry, fibers, glass, wood and much, much more. If you get hungry stop by the food truck or visit new restaurants and boutiques in town. For more information visit www.artonthebay.com.

Oakland

Rochester - August 9

Rochester-Avon Historical Society's Walking Tour, beginning at the Western Knitting Mill/Rochester Mills Beer Company on Water St. (northeast corner of the building), 7:00 p.m. Tour lasts approximately 2 hours and is perfect for new residents and long-time residents alike as we visit historic sites and listen to stories about historic downtown Rochester. Reservations are not required. Rain or shine. \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors (age 55+) and students. Children under 12 and Rochester-Avon Historical Society members are free. For more information visit www.rochesteravonhistoricalsociety.org.

St. Clair

Marine City - August 1, 18, 15, 22 & 29

Farmers Market, Parker and High Streets, next to the Marine City Library, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Be part of the growing trend toward buying local and

eating fresh. For more information call (810) 765-4501.

Port Huron - August 1

Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark Card Party, Port Huron Library, 210 McMorran Blvd., 2:00 p.m. Dress up like Indy and the other movie characters and join us for fun and adventure. Take part in games, a make and take craft, and a scavenger hunt as we dig for the answer of the lost library card. Ages 12 and under. Register by calling (810) 987-7323.

Port Huron - August 1 - Sept. 28

Railroads of the Thumb Region, 317 Grand River Ave., Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Adults \$5, seniors \$4, kids under 6 free. This exhibit shows the history and tells the story of railroad companies and their contribution in building communities within the Blue Water area and beyond. Call (810) 987-5441 or visit www.knowltonsicemuseum.org.

Emmett - August 2 & 3

Emmett Lions Book Sale, downtown area. August 20 show hours will be 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Early buying to accommodate serious shoppers is from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. with an entry fee of \$10. From 10:00 a.m. on, the fee is \$3. Sunday's hours are 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. with no entry fee, but the band will be accepting optional donations. Interested antiques dealers may contact the Chamber of Commerce at (810) 765-4501.

Fair Haven - August 2

Tot Time, Ira Township Library, 7013 Meldrum Rd., 10:30 a.m. Stories, music and crafts for children ages 0 – 5 and their caregivers. Call (586) 725-9081 for more information.

Memphis - August 2, 16 & 30

Learn How to Play Canasta (and other card games), Memphis Library, 34830 Potter St., 10:00 a.m. Snacks served. Adults. For more information call (810) 392-2980.

Algonac - August 6

Genealogy Circle, Algonac-Clay Library, 2011 St. Clair River Dr., 6:00 p.m. Support

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Marine City - August 9

Walk Down Memory Lane, Washington Life Center, 403 N. Mary, 6:00 p.m. dinner, 6:30 p.m. performance. Everyone is welcome. Enjoy a delicious chicken dinner before the performance featuring Marty Robbins, Gene Pitney, Buddy Holly and many more! Space will be provided for dancing. \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Tickets must be purchased no later than August 5 at the Washington Life Center. Call (810) 765-3523 for more information.

Marine City - August 10

Super Saturday, Marine City Library, 300 S. Parker, 11:00 a.m. Join us as we read a story and make a related craft to take home. Pre-registration is required by calling (810) 765-5233.

St. Clair - August 10 & 11

Will on the Water Shakespeare Festival, Palmer Park and Riverview Plaza, 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Stroll the grounds and experience a summer's day in Elizabethan London. Play Elizabethan games, eat food from the time period, dance around the maypole, brush up on your Shakespeare knowledge on our scavenger hunt, and much more. Admission at the door is \$7 per adult and \$5 per child. Advanced discount tickets available before August 9 at enterstageright.org or by calling (810) 334-6415.

St. Clair - August 12 & 17

Personal Computing for People Over 30, St. Clair Library, 310 S. Second St., 6:00 p.m. on the 12th, 10:30 a.m. on the 17th. It's difficult to keep up with technology. A retired patron will present some of the joys of Google, among others, and answer questions. Call (810) 329-3951 for more information.

St. Clair - August 13 & 27

Kids Creations, Kimball Township Library, 1955 N. Allen Rd., 3:30 p.m. Make various craft projects, different each week, to take home. Ages 3 – 12. Registration is required by calling (810) 982-9171.

Capac - August 15

Create Your Own Find-It Treasure Hunt Container, Capac Library, 111 N. Main, 6:00 p.m. Elementary-age children can make a game to take with them. To register call (810) 395-7000.

Capac - August 15, 16 & 17

Once upon a Treasure Mega

Rummage Sale, St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 4331 Capac Rd., 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Thursday (early bird start at 8:00 a.m. with a \$1 entry fee), 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Friday (with ½ off all items starting at 3:00 p.m.), and 9:00 a.m. – noon (with a \$5 per bag sale). Donations will be accepted for the sale August 10 – 12 from noon until 5:00 p.m. For more information call Jennie at (810) 877-5145.

Kimball - August 15

New Life Christian Academy Open House, 5517 Griswold Rd., 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Families of prospective students, preschool through twelfth grade, are encouraged to visit the school, meet the teachers, view the curriculum, textbooks, and hear about extra-curricular opportunities. For more information call (810) 367-3770 ext. 100.

Lakeport - August 15

Free Family Movie Night, Burtchville Township Library, 7097 Second St., 6:00 p.m. Enjoy popcorn, beverages and a movie based on a popular children's book about a young boy. Registration is requested by calling (810) 385-8550.

Marysville - August 15

Teen Summer Bash, Marysville Library, 1175 Delaware, 3:00 p.m. All teens welcome! Join us for food and fun. Participate in a cake walk, water balloon toss, scavenger hunt and more. Pizza and pop will be served. Ages 11 – 18. To register call (810) 364-9493.

Fair Haven - August 16

Euchre Party, St. Peter Lutheran Church, 6745 Palms Rd., registration at 6:30 p.m., games start at 7:00 p.m. \$5 donation. Free goodies, coffee and tea. Hot dogs and pop \$1 donation. Cash prizes. For more information call (810) 765-8161.

Marine City - August 16

2nd Trivia Night, Washington Life Center, 403 N. Mary St., doors open at 5:45 p.m., trivia starts at 6:30 p.m. \$10 per person includes refreshments and cash prizes. Call (810) 765-3523 for more information.

Yale - August 19

Scraping and Snacking, Yale Library, 2 Jones St., 10:00 a.m. Teens and adults come and join the scrapbooking fun and snacks. Bring your photos and creativity. For more information call (810) 387-2940.

St. Clair - August 24

Cornell-Marysville Chapter #93 Order of the Eastern Star Annual Luncheon and Fashion Show, St. Clair Masonic Temple, 1800 St. Clair Hwy, doors open at 11:00 a.m., luncheon at noon, fashion show at 1:00 p.m. Donation \$10 per person. Fashions presented by: Catherine's and Suzanne's. Door prizes. For reservations call Kristine Middel at (810) 329-5863.

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Maritime Trivia Question #6
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East China Township - August 28
Picnic for Members of the St. Clair Family History Group, Sue Rau's home, 480 Margaret St., 6:00 p.m. Bring a dish to pass, beverage, table setting and dimes for the Shut-the-Box game after dinner. There will be no business meeting after the picnic. Anyone interested in local history or researching their family tree may visit our programs as a guest or become a new member of the group. For more information call (810) 989-0399 or visit www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~miscffhg/.

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Sandusky - August 10 & 24

Thumb Dance Club, Maple Valley School, 138 Maple Valley St., 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Everyone welcome. Bring finger foods (for 9:00 p.m.) and friends. \$5 for members, \$6 for guests. On August 10 the entertainment will be provided by Dick Hedrich and on August 24 by Lighthouse Three. For more information call Leola at (810) 657-9349 or Dorothy at (810) 404-4250.

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Mayville - August 3

West Dayton All Country School Reunion, Mayville Museum, 2124 E. Ohmer Rd., 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Lunch will start at 1:00 p.m. Bring a dish to pass

and your own table service. Everyone who ever attended a country school is welcome. Come and join us and share some good memories. For questions please contact Fran Campbell at (989) 843-0011.

Millington - August 8-10

Millington-Arbela Historical Museum, 8534 State St., extended hours from 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. for the Millington Old-Fashioned Summer Festival. A special display of the museum's honored family of the year, the Hunt Family, plus a new communications display join the Indian artifacts, area veteran's information from the Civil War era to the present, the history of the area schools and military displays. Free admission. For more information contact millintonarbelahistoricalociety@hotmail.com.



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**What Happened on This Day in History?****AUGUST****By Diane L. Kodet***ThumbPrint News Editor*

1 On this day in 1790, the first U.S. census took place (population of 3,939,214; 697,624 were slaves).

2 On this day in 1909, the first Lincoln head pennies were minted.

3 On this day in 1941, gas sales were limited in the U.S.

4 On this day in 1862, the U.S. government collected its first income tax.

5 On this day in 1923, Henry Sullivan became the first American to swim the English Channel.

6 On this day in 1937, the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. signed a trade treaty.

7 On this day in 1970, the first computer chess tournament took place.

8 On this day in 1968, the Republican convention in Miami Beach nominated Nixon for president.

9 On this day in 1910, Alva Fisher patented the electric washing machine.

10 On this day in 1833, Chicago incorporated as a village of about 200.

11 On this day in 1914, John Wray patented animation.

12 On this day in 1944, Churchill and Tito met in Naples.

13 On this day in 1892, the U.S. black newspaper *Afro-American* began publishing from Baltimore, Maryland.

14 On this day in 1842, the Seminole War ended; Indians were removed from Florida to Oklahoma.

15 On this day in 1939, *Wizard of Oz* premiered at Grauman's Chinese Theater in Hollywood.

16 On this day in 1954, *Sports Illustrated* magazine began publishing.

17 On this day in 1940, Hitler ordered a total blockade of Great Britain.

18 On this day in 1919, the Anti-Cigarette League of America formed in Chicago, Illinois.

19 On this day in 1965, the Auschwitz trials ended with six life sentences.

20 On this day in 1896, the dial telephone was patented.

21 On this day in 1959, Hawaii became the 50th U.S. state.

22 On this day in 1901, the Cadillac Company formed.



23 On this day in 1968, Ringo quit the Beatles over a disagreement, temporarily.

24 On this day in 1963, John Pennel became the first person to pole-vault 17'.

25 On this day in 1940, the first parachute wedding took place.

26 On this day in 1907, Houdini escaped from chains underwater at Aquatic Park in 57 seconds.

27 On this day in 1977, *Chicago* closed at the 46th St. Theater in New York City after 947 performances.

28 On this day in 1963, 200,000 people demonstrated for equal rights in Washington, D.C.

29 On this day 1990, Saddam Hussein declared that America can't beat Iraq.

30 On this day in 1922, Babe Ruth was thrown out of a game for the fifth time in 1922.

31 On this day in 1971, Dave Scott became the first person to drive a car on the Moon.



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