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## Nearly Forgotten History Resides Within **DETROIT'S LARGEST PARK**

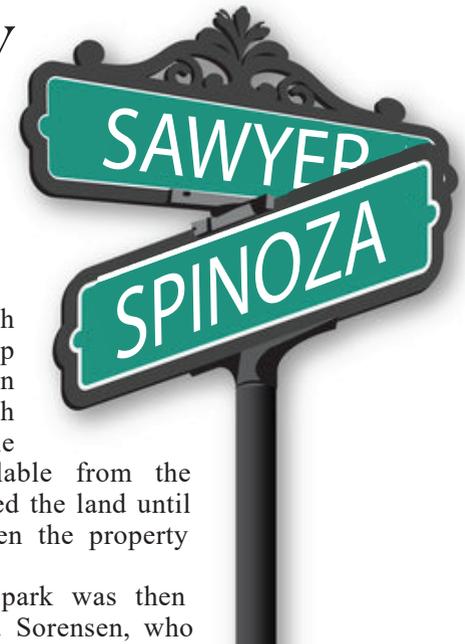
By David Odziana, *ThumbPrint News* Staff Writer and Field Reporter

Michigan's parks make up tens of thousands of acres, some of which are beautifully maintained, while others look as though they have been forgotten and are slowly returning to nature – although the Rouge Park in Detroit is one of the largest parks in the state, it rarely receives the same amount of attention as other recreation sites in the area.

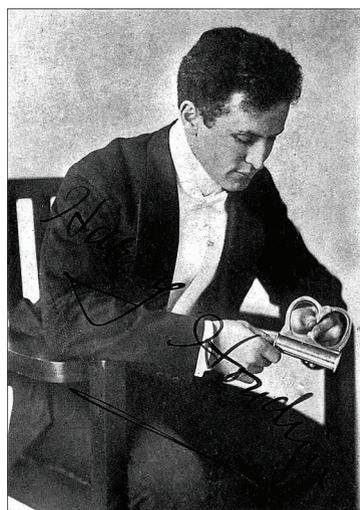
A large portion of the population may enjoy exploring sites that once housed forgotten buildings, but few people are aware of the ruins residing in Rouge Park. Prior to the land being acquired by the city, a Wayne County atlas from 1893 showed a large section of the land was owned by Wm. Ford. This is believed to be Henry Ford's father, who used the

land as a farm – each year Henry would help lead the sheep down to the river to wash and shear them. Little information is available from the time Wm. Ford farmed the land until the early 1900s, when the property changed hands.

A section of the park was then owned by Charles E. Sorensen, who began working for Henry Ford around



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Harry Houdini

## Legendary Magician Perished in Detroit

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

While the form of entertainment known as magic has been captivating audiences for hundreds of years with one of the first books on the subject being published in 1489, few people have been able to leave as great of an impression on the industry as The Great Houdini.

in Budapest, Hungary – at just a few years old, his family moved to Appleton, Wisconsin, the state in which he would later claim to have been born. When they immigrated to the United States, the family's last name was changed to Weiss and Ehrich's father began working for the Zion Reform Jewish Congregation as a rabbi. When he was 13 years old, Ehrich and his father moved to New York City, where his dad worked various small jobs before the rest of the family was able to join them in the new city.

It was after the move that Ehrich became interested in entertainment, with his first love being trapeze art that he

While he eventually became known across the globe as Harry Houdini, he started out his life as Ehrich Weisz, one of Rabbi Mayer Weisz and Cecilia Steiner's six children. Ehrich was born on March 24, 1874,

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## A Thank You Letter

# Celebrating After a Decade

from the EDITOR and the PUBLISHER

Our ThumbPrint News family is excited to announce we have now been publishing the paper for 10 years, and we would like to express our thanks to all of our readers and advertisers for helping our local, independently owned and operated newspaper grow throughout the past decade.

The creation of ThumbPrint News began on October 1, 2009, in Clay Township, Michigan, when our first issue hit the streets. At a time when numerous newspapers around the country were reducing their staff or shutting their doors completely, ThumbPrint News decided to start producing a paper, despite a laundry list of issues within the industry at the time – from 2008 to 2017, the amount of people employed in the newspaper industry decreased by 23 percent.

The paper began with 15,000 copies printed the first month. We, the owners, Al and Diane Kodet, hand-delivered each paper door-to-door, and the publication was welcomed with good will. In fact, the readers enjoyed the paper so much that we were soon printing 50,000 copies each month, delivering to nearly 1,000 drop locations spanning nine different counties throughout the Thumb of Michigan. ThumbPrint News has become so well-liked over the years that many readers are now paying a small shipping and handling fee to have our free publication mailed directly to their home so they never miss an issue. In numerous areas, the paper is so highly anticipated it will disappear from the newsstands in just a few days.

We originally created the paper after years of spending thousands of dollars annually to advertise our businesses with the drawback of reaching only concentrated geographic areas. Our other main objective was to provide readers and business owners with a valuable newspaper that had a shelf life, making it worth reading – even after new issues have been published.

What sets our paper apart from other publications is not only the extended coverage area but also the content. Instead of the typical subject matter people have come to expect from a newspaper, including politics, sports or local crime reports, ThumbPrint News has always focused on human interest and local history stories. We thank not only our own staff writer David Odziana, but also our highly-valued contributors and guest writers whose articles and submissions are of immeasurable importance to our continued success.

As a free publication, our advertisers are essential and

extremely crucial to our paper remaining free for our readers. We, and our entire ThumbPrint News team, extend our sincere thanks to our numerous, long-running advertisers who have been with us throughout our growth and continue to promote their businesses in our paper. We also offer our thanks and appreciation to all current and future advertisers. As a testament to the success the paper has experienced over the years, we now have advertisers call us asking if we have space available – a difficult feat in today's world of print advertisement.

Over the past 10 years, ThumbPrint News has amassed a team of exceptional employees that strive daily to make the paper successful, not only for ourselves, but for our advertisers as well. We thank our sales executives; Scott Zimmer, who has been with the paper for many years, and Rick Heacock, who is new to our team, both are key to bringing in and maintaining relationships with our advertisers; staff writer and field reporter, David Odziana, who has brought the paper a faithful following, thanks to his unique writing style and an eye for revealing some of the most interesting and captivating historical stories Michigan has to offer; our editorial and graphic design team, Bethany Wolf and Laura Irwin, who spend hours creating and adjusting advertisements and articles, as well as placement and layout, to make sure the paper we produce is well-designed and of the highest quality. We would be remiss if we didn't mention and thank our awesome delivery team, Donna Sampier, Lana Strange and our long-time, volunteer paper 'boy', Ernie Heinrich. They brave the temperamental Michigan weather to ensure the papers hit the streets in a timely manner each month. Sadly, due to health restrictions, Ernie is no longer able to continue delivering the paper after years of loyal service.

In our efforts towards excellence, we continually look for new ways to grow and expand. If you or someone you know has information on a story you think would be a good fit for ThumbPrint News, please contact our writer David Odziana at [thumbprintwriter@comcast.net](mailto:thumbprintwriter@comcast.net). For business owners who are looking to reach new customers and expand your operation, please fill out the form on our website at [thumbprintnews.com/advertise-with-us](http://thumbprintnews.com/advertise-with-us). Please call our office at (810) 794-2300 for any other comments or questions.

*Thank You All, Al and Diane Kodet*

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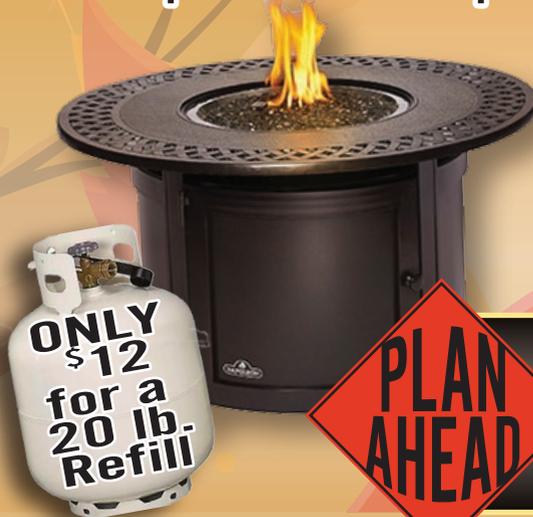
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By Pamela Lynn Hayes, *ThumbPrint News* Columnist

Last month we officially entered into fall 2019. During the end of July and mid-August we saw the store shelves beginning to line up with fall and back-to-school items – a little premature in my opinion, but that’s retail for you – always planning ahead for the next season to turn the corner.

It seems that around mid-to-late August, the conversations turn to back-to-school and lots of people are anxiously awaiting the start of cooler fall weather. I’m not one of those people!

I wait until the actual calendar date that states the first day of autumn. However, when it is still April, I start declaring that “spring is here!”, even if there still is a little snow on the ground.

Cooler nights are here and even colder nights are just around the corner and that is too bad, since we kind of were ripped-off on our early June weather this year as the warm temperatures took “forever” to creep in. Here’s hoping we have an extended, warmer fall to make up for it.

October is the turn of the season. It is beautiful as the Michigan colors show off their beauty. But then comes November. That is the time I begin my cottage winter-proofing for the season, although I do not close it up completely as I simply could not go over a month or two without a visit up to my place during the winter months.

I use this time at the cottage to clean up around the outside of the place and check for anything that needs to be covered up for the coming cold weather. During the work week I find myself thinking about my little place a lot, whether it’s planning for the upcoming weekend with boating and fishing or deciding what changes I would like to make to it, or just wishing I were up there enjoying the remaining time we have left until the snow flies.

I am not at the place in my life where I can retire just yet, but my spouse and I definitely have plans to start preparing for that inevitable event up north in Michigan. Until then, I will still miss my little place during the times I am not up there and begin to plan a course of relocation in the next few years. 🍂

Happy fall, *ThumbPrint News* readers!

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**Contributed by Amber Deegan,** Marketing Director for Beltone Skoric Hearing Aid Center  
*If you had a medical condition that could lead to severe physical, cognitive and emotional problems, like social isolation, depression, balance issues and even dementia, you'd seek treatment ASAP, right?*

Maybe not, actually. The facts are staggering: 48 million Americans have hearing loss and 90% could benefit from hearing aids.

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Don't let these common misbeliefs delay you from screening your hearing annually.

**Myth: Hearing loss happens to "old" people.**

**Fact:** Of the estimated 48 million people living with hearing loss in the U.S., about two-thirds are under 65 years old.

**Myth: Hearing Aids are too expensive.**

**Fact:** Some health insurance plans, and many state and federal employees, have hearing care benefits. Plus, many hearing care centers have reasonable financing plans as well.

**Myth: It's ok not to treat minor hearing loss.**

**Fact:** Even a mild hearing loss can adversely affect your cognitive capabilities, work, home and social life. Luckily, the brain's neuroplasticity means that you can relearn how to hear once the loss is treated.

**Myth: Everyone will know I'm wearing them.**

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*Editor's note: Beltone Skoric Hearing Aid Center has been serving the hearing-impaired community in Michigan for over 30 years. They have made it their mission to educate about the negative effects of untreated hearing loss. For more information, please visit their website [www.beltoneskorichearing.com](http://www.beltoneskorichearing.com) or call to schedule a free hearing exam at one of their 35 locations: (810) 356-0559.*

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- Do many people you talk to seem to mumble or not speak clearly?
- Do you misunderstand what others say, feeling embarrassed by your response?
- Do you have trouble understanding the speech of women and children?

**If you answered "YES" to one or more of these questions, then you should get your hearing tested.**

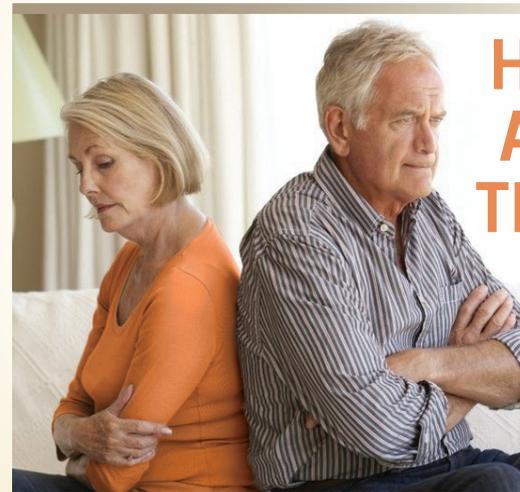
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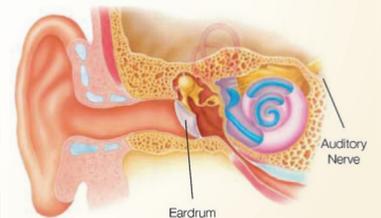


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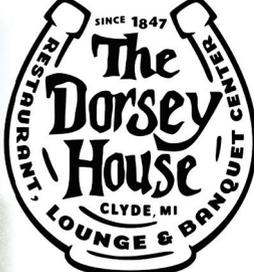
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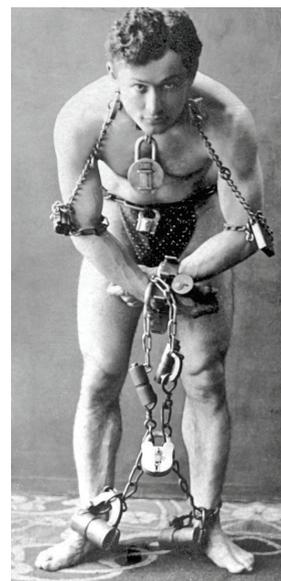
## MAGICIAN

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started performing in his backyard, giving himself the name Prince of the Air – it is said that a few years prior to the move, Ehrich ran away from home to join the circus as a contortionist and trapeze artist, but very little is known about this time in his life before he eventually rejoined his family. It was at a young age that his name began transforming into his stage name when he became known as Ehrie before going by Harry. When he was back in New York, he worked odd jobs, such as shining shoes before getting a job as a tie cutter, while his father worked in the sewing section of the company. Aside from performing trapeze acts, Harry also excelled in sports and was part of the Amateur Athletic Union and the Pastime Athletics Club. During the time he was involved with these associations, Harry won events in swimming, boxing, cycling and running – at one time he even tried out to be a member of the U.S. Olympic team.

After reading the book, *The Memoirs of Robert-Houdin*, a biography about the famous French magician, Harry became infatuated with magic as a teenager. He quickly adopted the second half of his name by adding an “I” to the end of Houdin, and Harry Houdini was born. Along with a fellow tie cutter by the name of Jacob Hyman, the two began performing magic acts together being referred to as The Brothers Houdini. After purchasing a trick trunk for \$25, the highlight of the duo’s routine became a trick known as Metamorphosis, which Houdini continued throughout the rest of his career. Soon Harry’s real brother, Theo, replaced Hyman in the act, and in 1893, the brothers were able to perform with Howard Thurston (another soon to be famous magician) at the Columbia Exposition. The next year, while the brothers were performing in Coney Island, Harry met a showgirl named Wilhelmina Beatrice Rahner, also known as Bess. After just three weeks of dating, the two married and Bess became Houdini’s on stage assistant – Bess’ mother, who was a strict German Catholic, refused to speak to her daughter or son-in-law for years, claiming Harry was the devil.

The newly formed husband and wife act was renamed The Houdinis, and the two traveled all over the United States and Canada playing small shows, such as museums, halls and with circuses. Even though their act was included in popular venues, such as Tony Pastor’s Vaudeville Theater in New York, they were struggling to make a name for themselves – in 1898, Harry attempted to



Houdini in 1899

sell people on a show including all of his acts, but he was unable to find anyone interested. While performing in St. Paul, Minnesota, the following year, he caught the attention of Martin Beck, who liked the act so much he booked them for his Keith-Orpheum tour. In order to promote his upcoming circuit, Houdini traveled the country performing an act where he would escape from handcuffs and jail cells in places such as Chicago and San Francisco. He would add unseen elements to his acts, like getting strip searched by police and performing in the nude to prove he didn’t have any keys while removing himself from the restraints, which gave him a great deal of media coverage. Beck arranged for the duo to do a European tour, but when they got to London in 1900, none of their gigs were secured. Luckily the manager of the Alhambra Theater was present during his performance at the Scotland Yard and decided to book the husband and wife for a test run.

While performing his first show of the trial tour, Houdini was surprised by a challenge from a rival escape artist, Cirnoc. Despite his rival’s best efforts, Houdini was able to outshine him by providing a pair of Bean Giant handcuffs that Cirnoc was unable to free himself from. With help from this public spectacle, as well as other acts he did in front of large crowds, Harry, who was now referred to as The Handcuff King, finally began getting recognition. Seemingly overnight the Houdinis quickly became sensations, breaking attendance records in every single venue they played in Wales, Scotland and England – there are even rumors that some places had to take off the doors because the crowd was spilling out of the theatre and riots were started over tickets to their shows. Following a performance in response to a challenge from the *London Daily Mirror* at the London Hippodrome in 1904, in which he got out of handcuffs that took a locksmith years to construct, their popularity continued to spread.

The duo went on to tour France, Germany, Russia See *MAGICIAN* Page 25



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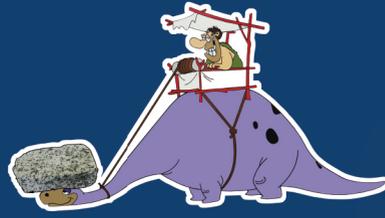
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## THUMBPRINT NEWS CONTEST

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](http://www.thumbprintnews.com) and enter your answer. Of all persons submitting the correct answer by the 12<sup>th</sup> 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 September contest, we asked our readers to identify what the items to the left are and for what they are used. Of all of those submitting the correct answer,

Paula Loviner of Harrison Township, Michigan, was randomly chosen and will be entered into the year-end drawing. Paula identified the objects as teapot spout covers. When the coverings are placed over the spout of a teapot, it absorbs any drips as the teapot is poured into the teacup.

Here are a few interesting facts about tea:

- Discovered in China, tea is currently one of the most popular beverages worldwide, second only to coffee.
- It takes around 2,000 tiny leaves to make just one pound of finished tea.
- Some tea grows in the United States. There is an island tea plantation off the coast of South Carolina and also in Hawaii.
- Americans tasted their first "iced tea" at the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis.
- There are several different types of tea including black, oolong, green and white. They all come from the same plant, *Camellia sinensis*, but the difference lies in how the leaves are treated after they are harvested.

For our October 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](http://www.thumbprintnews.com) if you know the answer.



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Charles Emil Sorensen

1905. After just three years of employment at Ford Motor Company, Sorensen became chief of pattern making, just ahead of the Model T release. By the time Henry was ready to implement the mass production of vehicles via the assembly line, Sorensen is credited with making Ford's vision a functioning reality. By 1907, Sorensen, who claimed to have known Henry Ford better than any other man, was second in command at the Piquette Plant where the Model T was being produced. In what is assumed to be part of a bonus for his position in the company, Charles acquired the land in 1915 – the home was constructed the following year by John Karsurin, who was also involved with the construction of Henry's Fair Lane Estate. Just two years after everything was finished, an addition was put on the house, which included a billiards room.

Sorensen owned the property until 1923, when he donated the home and its surrounding land to the city of Detroit for a park – other local farmers that owned property in the area were bought out around the same time. What became of this purchase was almost 1,200 acres to be used as a city recreation area purchased for \$1.2 million (approximately \$18 million today). When Detroit became the new owner of the Sorensen house, the estate included an office, club room, meeting rooms, gaming room, dining room, lobby and a hall sprawled throughout the 4,200 square foot home. An interesting artifact originally owned by Sorensen is now housed at the Detroit Public Library – a large decorative chest, which was rumored to have been gifted to Sorensen from Joseph Stalin after helping develop an auto industry in Russia.

The Sorensen home was quickly repurposed by the city to be used as part of the park. According to articles written about the property, the Sorensen home, located at 7601 Spinoza, was used as a “casino”, which varies from the assumed definition thought of today. Back then the term casino meant more of a gathering place for club meetings and reunions, which were common at the time – evidence also suggests another casino existed in the park in a farmhouse at West Chicago and Outer Drive, known as the Smith House.

As time passed, the Rouge Park Casino became known as the Rouge Rec Center, although its purpose, for the most part, remained the same. During WWII, the building was used primarily as a veterans' clubhouse, which among other things was used to award surviving families with military honors earned by their fallen kin. Other activities that took place at the center were more leisurely, such as playing ping pong, swimming, listening to music and dancing. The overlook that the recreation center sat on became known as Derby Hill by locals, with the old Sorensen home being referred to as the “White House”. Even by the mid-1900s, the surrounding areas were yet to be developed, which left the Rouge Park in the middle of nowhere – the neighborhood that eventually formed in the area was known as Warrendale.

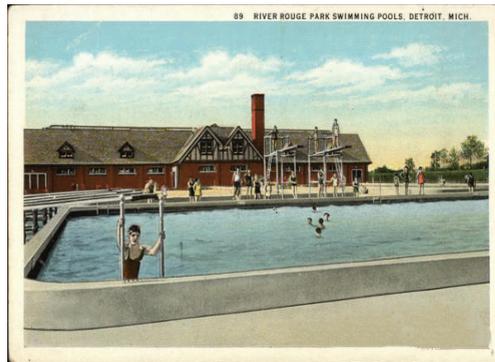
In 1947, a fire broke out on the second story of the home, destroying a lot of original furnishings, but the city came together and updated and rebuilt the dwelling after the damage. While WWII ended years prior, military activity continued into the 1950s. The military used some of the park's land near Joy Road to house a Nike-Ajax missile base. It is said that when the base was no

longer needed, it was never completely destroyed, but instead the underground storage bins were covered with a layer of dirt with the missiles still inside.

Learning of the military connection to the park may help explain why another curious object rests where Spinoza Drive and Sawyer Avenue form a road island. Resting on this small piece of grass seemingly in the middle of nowhere is a cannon on a concrete foundation. Although it appears to be sitting in a strange spot, this is actually in front of where the Sorensen estate stood. While at first glance many may assume the weapon



is simply a reproduction used for decoration, the opposite is true. During the American Revolutionary War, Spain supported the United States because they wanted land back from Britain. The cannon is marked in Spanish with the date, *29 de Mayo de 1779* (May 29, 1779), which is only a few weeks before they started supplying America with weapons. Also adorned on the item is the word “*Encono*”, which is Spanish for bitterness or resentment, believed to be crafted under King Charles III in Sevilla, Spain. More than a century later, the tables turned during the Spanish-American War when they were now



fighting each other. In 1898, after the United States Navy destroyed Spain's fleet during the Battle of Santiago de Cuba, it is believed the cannon was taken as a souvenir. There was apparently an attempt to relocate the weapon to Fort Wayne so it could be put on display with other historic guns, but nothing ever materialized.

Throughout the park, visitors can find numerous stone ruins, some of which are the foundations from old farmhouses that once resided on the property. The Smith House, which was briefly mentioned earlier, was damaged by fire in 1982, and torn down two years later. That was the same year the Sorensen house was demolished after sitting vacant for years and being riddled by vandalism and fire – the stone stairways and stone walls that can still be seen were installed while Sorensen occupied the residence. One of the forgotten buildings sitting at 21800 Joy Road, believed to be part of the original stables on the Sorensen estate, was first used as a station for the Detroit Police. After securing a new building, the residence was used as a Buffalo Soldiers Heritage Center – a cavalry formed in 1866 in Kansas – the term Buffalo Soldier was given to them by Native Americans who fought in the American Indian Wars. The regiment was recently awarded a long-term lease on the building and has been working to make improvements to the property.

While upkeep on the massive park has been a struggle in the past, in July 2014, two massive pools that were once closed reopened along with a bathhouse.



River Rouge aerial

In addition, the park also offers golfing, bike trails, horse stables and an archery range, but still many people, including locals, are not aware of everything the park has to offer. Not only can visitors spend the day enjoying everything Rouge Park provides, but visitors could also explore the ruins sprawled throughout Detroit's largest park.

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## THUMBPRINT NEWS PET PHOTO CHALLENGE

*Kirby Takes the Fashion  
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A couple of months ago, we started a new challenge: send a photo of a favorite animal posing with *ThumbPrint News*. It can be a pet, a farm animal, or, if you can make it happen, a wild animal. Let's see what kind of a menagerie we can come up with!



Thank you Kayla Harms for sharing this fun photo of your family's favorite animal, Kirby!

If you would like your favorite animal photo to be featured in an upcoming edition, please submit good quality .jpeg photo(s) to [thumbprintnews@comcast.net](mailto:thumbprintnews@comcast.net) and include a few sentences about your photo. When your photo or photos appear in the paper, we will be sure to send you a complimentary copy, so please include your full name and address with your submission.

*ThumbPrint News* has been traveling the world ever since its beginning ten years ago. In just that short time, our faithful readers have taken our paper with them to all fifty United States and to all seven continents, photographing themselves in front of points of interest in those places. It has been and continues to be an armchair tour of the world!

If you plan a trip for business or pleasure, we still are welcoming you to consider taking a copy of *ThumbPrint News* with you and photographing it with yourself in front of a point of interest for that location. Guidelines for submitting are the same as for the animal photos above.

## Vitamin B12 Deficiency in Dogs

By Dr. DiBenedetto, *ThumbPrint News* Columnist

Vitamin B12, also known as cobalamin, is a water-soluble vitamin that plays an important role in the proper functioning of your pets' nervous system and aids in proper cell growth. It also has roles in the formation of blood, maintaining gastrointestinal health and brain function. Because all animals are unable to make cobalamin on their own, they are dependent on nutritional sources, which include fish, liver, meat, poultry, eggs and cheese. Once ingested, cobalamin is bound to a transport protein and delivered to the small intestines, where it is separated from the transport protein and put into the blood stream to circulate throughout the body. Vitamin B12 is then stored in the liver and the kidneys, where it is released as needed. So, when a dog develops a vitamin B12 deficiency, it is likely to be caused by some problem with the ability of the dog's body to absorb it. Any disease that affects the production of the transport protein or interferes with the intestinal absorption of cobalamin can cause cobalamin deficiency. This can be either familial (congenital) or acquired.

Dogs and cats with exocrine pancreatic insufficiency (EPI) have decreased production of the transport proteins, thus causing a vitamin B12 deficiency. Intestinal diseases (e.g., inflammatory bowel disease, food-responsive enteropathy, intestinal lymphoma, dysbiosis or lymphangiectasia) can result in compromised ileal function and inadequate absorption of cobalamin. Familial cobalamin deficiency, resulting from a loss-of-function mutation in the receptor responsible for intestinal cobalamin absorption, is an uncommon cause but should be considered in young patients presented with GI (gastrointestinal) and neurologic signs, especially in predisposed breeds, such as giant schnauzers, Australian shepherd dogs, border collies, beagles, shar-peis and Komondors.

Common signs of vitamin B12 deficiency in dogs and cats usually include gastrointestinal symptoms like loss of appetite, weight loss, vomiting or diarrhea. Additional clinical signs can include failure to thrive, having a weakened immune system and neuropathies. These clinical signs may be more commonly observed in dogs with familial cobalamin deficiency. Clinical signs induced by familial cobalamin deficiency are responsive to cobalamin supplementation alone, while if your pet has underlying GI disease, they may require multiple therapies. Also, cats and dogs with low cobalamin levels due to underlying GI disease do not respond as well to treatment as pets that have normal cobalamin levels until they are supplemented with vitamin B12.

Diagnosis of vitamin B12 deficiency requires measurement of serum cobalamin concentrations. This should be done on a fasting blood sample. However, some patients may have serum cobalamin levels that are in the low-normal range, but still have critically low tissue cobalamin concentrations. In these cases, further testing for cobalamin biomarkers in the tissues may be needed.

Treatment involves not only cobalamin supplementation, but also treating any underlying disease that may be present. Cobalamin supplementation can be given by injections that start out weekly and eventually are only needed monthly or it can be a daily oral supplement. It is likely that supplementation will need to be given long term, especially if there is underlying GI disease. In general the response seen to therapy is very good. 🐾

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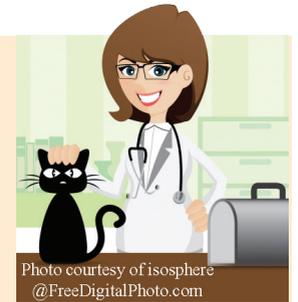


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**GUN LAKE CASINO**



**By Rita MacDonald, ThumbPrint News Columnist**

My granddaughter was sad today. Overnight, some neighborhood kids smashed every one of the pumpkins my son and his wife had used to decorate for fall outside of their home. Lyla pulled her chair up, sat in front of the door, and just kept saying that it wasn't very nice.

Not at all to my surprise, my daughter-in-law wasted no time in recognizing this as a teaching opportunity, and I'm so glad she did!

It doesn't matter how old my sons and daughter-in-law are, I still have a whole lotta Mama Bear in me! Like Holly, I can't help but to be disappointed in the behavior of some. But, as I always told my kiddos – sometimes we have people in our lives who provide really good examples of how to treat others. And every now and then, God places people in our lives to show us how not to treat others. Both are valuable. It doesn't matter if we are two or four or 10 or 30 or even 55 – God is going to allow people in our lives to show us examples of kindness, and, unfortunately, also unkindness.

When I FaceTimed Lyla that night, she told me about the pumpkins and said, "not very nice!" But I reminded her because it's never too soon to learn...



*Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.* —Philippians 4:8

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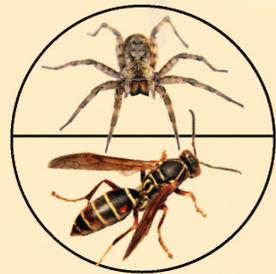
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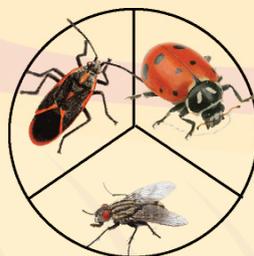
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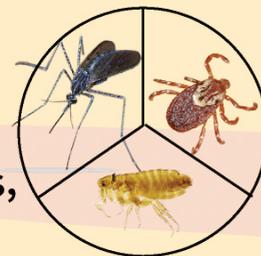


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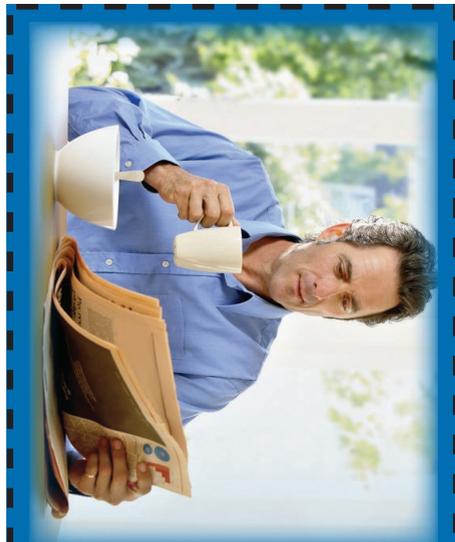
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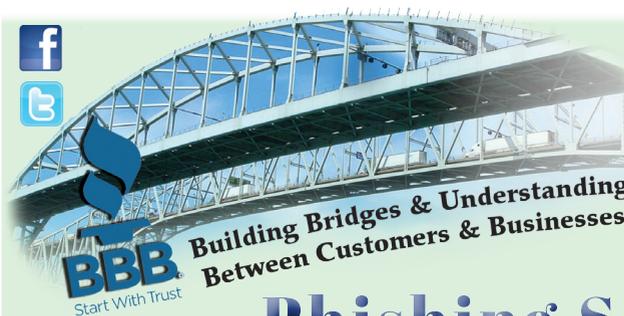
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## Phishing Scams

Phishing scams come in all shapes and sizes. The latest phishing scam has a Spooktacular twist involving calendar invites. Scammers are taking advantage of default calendar settings to plant fake events laced with phishing links on targets' schedules.

### How the Scam Works

You use Outlook, Google Calendar, or a similar program to keep track of your schedule. One day, you check your schedule, and you spot a strange event that you don't remember accepting. It might seem to be an event promoting a special discount or offer. The event body tells you to click a link to take a survey, find a nearby location, or something similar.

Where did this calendar event come from? Scammers are taking advantage of default calendar settings that automatically add any event to a user's calendar, whether they have accepted it or not. Scammers add a phishing link and a short description to entice targets to click. The link might point to a form that requests personal information or downloads malware to your device.

With October being **National Cyber Security Awareness Month**, it's a great time to re-examine your computer's security measures. In this digital age, scammers are becoming more and more sophisticated. One can never be too cautious when it comes to safeguarding your data.

Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula offer these tips to help improve user's digital security and avoid falling for phishing scams.

- Never click on links or download attachments from unknown events. Just like emails, out-of-the blue calendar invites are often attempting to install malware on your computer and/or steal your personal information.
- Change your settings. Check your calendar settings and make sure to turn off any options that say "automatically add invitations" or something similar. You want your calendar set to give you the option of accepting or rejecting every invitation.
- Protect your computer. A computer should always have the most recent updates installed for spam filters, anti-virus and anti-spyware software and a secure firewall.
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Learn more about phishing scams at [BBB.org/PhishingScam](http://BBB.org/PhishingScam). If you've been targeted by this scam, help others by filing a scam report at [BBB.org/ScamTracker](http://BBB.org/ScamTracker) or call (866) 788-5706.

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



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Enjoy a delicious dinner and hear personal stories, collaborative events, projects and outreach efforts that had a transformative impact in the community. There will be a silent auction. To get your tickets or more information, please visit [optrans.org](http://optrans.org) or call Renee Hernandez at Operation Transformation (810) 966-8660.

This event is co-sponsored by Pollock-Randall Funeral Home, Thrivent Financial – Robert Eick, Christians for a New Tomorrow, Dr. Brian & Sandy Pradko, Anthony Essian – Investment Executive, Westhaven Builders and WGRT.

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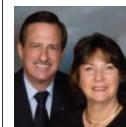
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MARKET MATTERS



With the school year underway, Michigan's housing market is expected to continue along the same trends that it has been experiencing, more money coming in over-listing prices and plenty of people buying. This reinforces that cash is king, as mortgage offers require appraisal at the higher value or buyer contribution on the over-bids.

Part of Michigan's dormant housing market can be attributed to the lack of new construction permits, a slowdown that started back in January 2019. This past June, a total of only 330 single-family home permits were issued in the areas of Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair and Wayne counties, according to the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan (HBA). New home sales sank more than expected in July as builders continue to face challenges including higher material costs as well as land and labor shortages. Pending home sales were also down slightly in July, thought likely to be due to lack of inventory.

There has been increased uncertainty in the stock markets and also some increased concern by consumers. The U.S. consumer confidence index published by The Conference Board declined slightly in August but was still close to a 19-year high. However, the consumer sentiment results from the University of Michigan Surveys of Consumers was revised lower in August to 89.8, the lowest reading since October 2016.

Mortgage rates continue to be a bright spot, remaining stable and likely to continue that way for the balance of the year. Personal-consumption expenditures also increased in July.



## SELLING YOUR HOME IN THE FALL

In Michigan, our second best (to spring) market is traditionally our fall market. In addition to using a trusted real estate professional to guide you through the process, some tips for selling in the fall include:

**Use Fall Curb Appeal** – Give your yard a fall tidy and keep it clean. Rake leaves, remove dead flower blooms and plants, trim bushes and tree limbs to let light in and allow potential buyers to see your house exterior. Place containers of colorful fall plants, such as yellow mums, around or near the front door area, along with a pumpkin or two. But don't go overboard; keep it simple.



**Clean the Front Door Area** – Wash windows and screens, sweep the porch, and remove cobweb around the doorway and exterior lights. Clean the gutters. This is the first impression of your house as the buyer looks around as your realtor is opening the door.

**Let There Be Light and Keep it Cozy** – Days are shorter, so keep your house cozy and bright. Create a light and bright feel to welcome buyers. Open blinds and drapes to let in as much natural light as you can, turn all lights on, add lamps if needed. The more light in the rooms, the bigger the home will appear.



Set the thermostat at a comfortable temperature. If the house has one, be sure the fireplace is clean and turn on gas or electric fireplaces for showings. Add maybe a light touch of cinnamon or apple pie scent for good luck. 🍂

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# Don't Flush and Forget



Informational Tips and Advice on Common Household Maintenance from Nicole Szymczak, President, ABC Home & Commercial Services



We are in the midst of fall now, and between the festive beverages, colorful leaves and exciting football games, septic problems are far from the forefront of most minds. I'm sure you, like most homeowners, have the "flush and forget it" mentality. Be careful though, this kind of thinking can be dangerous and has the potential to lead to tens of thousands of dollars worth of damage.

As winter weather fast approaches, septic owners should be scheduling a septic tank pump to prevent back-ups once the ground freezes. There are many homeowners that don't feel it's necessary to regularly pump the tank and go 20 years between pumps. That has the potential to lead to a massive septic system failure, and once a field fails, you will have no choice but to replace the entire thing. Regularly scheduled maintenance on septic tanks will not only save you funds, headaches and stress in the future, but it will also maintain and extend the life of your septic tank and field. Another way to extend the life of your system is to know that there are several things that should never be flushed into a septic tank, such as feminine hygiene products, household cleaners, detergents, bleach, grease, diapers, cigarette butts and more.

It is safe to say that it's better to pump too often than not enough! But how do you know what's right for you? The length of time between pumps for a household varies based on a number of factors: how many people are living in the house, the size of the septic tank and field, how much water is used in the house on a daily basis,

among others. On average, it is recommended to have your tank pumped every two years. If you can't remember the last time your tank was pumped, it's probably time to have it done again. Having a septic technician evaluate your situation is the best way to get an accurate recommendation for the future. At the time of the pump, the technician can also detect if there are any problems, such as roots growing into the tank, a crack in the tank or lid, if the filter needs replacing, etc.

In general, most septic companies will offer only one type of pump, a full pump where the technician will remove the entire contents of the tanks, liquids and solids. Few companies will offer any other type of pump. But at ABC Home & Commercial Services, we offer a full pump, as well as a solids-only pump. This second service consists of removing the solids and filtering some of the liquids back into the tank. The liquids inside a septic tank are filled with a good bacteria, known as anaerobic bacteria. This bacteria aids in the breakdown of the solids that you will be putting back into the tank and can take years to grow.

As previously mentioned, you shouldn't wait to have your system pumped until you are experiencing problems; maintenance should be a priority. On average, one person will use about 60 gallons of water per day, meaning a four-person household can fill an average-size tank up in about a week. ABC recommends the solids only pump for standard maintenance care, so that the good bacteria will be filtered back into the tank. If all the liquids and solids are removed from the tank, that good bacteria goes with it. If there is no good bacteria, the tank can have a difficult time keeping up with the average amount of weekly human waste entering it. If a complete system pump is required, jump-starting the process of waste breakdown can be achieved by purchasing a product that reintroduces good bacteria.

To ensure your septic system is healthy and functioning properly, call ABC Home & Commercial Services today. We will send out one of our septic specialists to complete a full inspection and service of your tank. Soon fall will fade into winter, bringing all the holiday festivities with it, meaning an increase in the amount of human waste entering your system. Don't hesitate! Now's the time to make sure you have a healthy tank for the winter. Winter pumps are possible and available, but it's no fun for anyone trying to dig up a septic tank lid through the frozen ground. Call our office at (810) 794-5678 to schedule an appointment now!

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

### GENESEE

No events were submitted for Genesee County this month.

### HURON

No events were submitted for Huron County this month.

### LAPEER

#### Lapeer – October 1

**Spaghetti Dinner**, American Legion Post 16, 1701 W. Genesee St., 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](mailto:americanlegion16@gmail.com).

#### Lapeer – October 8

**Taco Night**, American Legion Post 16, 1701 W. Genesee St., 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. For more information email [americanlegion16@gmail.com](mailto:americanlegion16@gmail.com).

#### Imlay City – October 12

**Imlay City Eagles 4082 Ladies Auxiliary 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Craft Show**, 170 S. Almont St., 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Concessions available. For more information email [Donnabroda@hotmail.com](mailto:Donnabroda@hotmail.com).

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#### Lapeer – October 19

**Halloween Spook-Tacular Psychic/Holistic Festival**, American Legion Post 16, 1701 W. Genesee St., 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. For more information email [americanlegion16@gmail.com](mailto:americanlegion16@gmail.com).

### MACOMB

#### Richmond – October 1

**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. – October 2, 9 & 16

**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. 1<sup>st</sup> three visits are free. For more information contact [vpm@confidentcommunicatorsclub.com](mailto:vpm@confidentcommunicatorsclub.com).

#### Memphis – October 4, 11 & 18

**Euchre**, American Legion Hall, 34330 Bordman, 7:00 p.m. \$10. Play the first three Fridays of every month. For more information call (586) 453-4966.

#### Romeo – October 4 – 6

**"Come to the Quiet" Prayer Retreat**, Simpson Park Camp, 70199 Campground Rd., 6:30 p.m. Friday through late Sunday morning. Men and women 18 and older are invited to attend this event led by Joan Dewing. For more information email [spcamp@simpsonparkcamp.org](mailto:spcamp@simpsonparkcamp.org).

#### Mt. Clemens – October 5

**Crocker House Cemetery Walk**, 15 Union St., 12:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. The Crocker House will be set for an 1880s wake. Learn about Victorian mourning and funeral customs. Reservations required for buses leaving every 15 minutes to Clinton Grove Cemetery where re-enactors will be portraying the documented historical past of people buried there. Cost is \$15 for members of the Macomb County Historical Society and \$20 for non-members. For reservations or more information call (586) 465-2488.

#### New Baltimore – October 6, 13 & 20

**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](http://newbaltimorefarmersmarket.com) or call (586) 215-7484.

#### Clinton Twp. – October 11

**The Macomb Symphony Orchestra**, 44575 Garfield Rd., 8:00 p.m. *Scotland the Brave* is our opening show for our 45th season! Ticket prices will be lower, seating will be more flexible and parents with young children will find it easier for the family to attend. Prices: adults \$25, seniors \$20, students \$12, children 12 and under free. In addition, there are season tickets available – four concerts for the price of three! Seating is now general admission: first come, first seated. As always, parking is free. For the full schedule and information, visit [macombsymphony.org](http://macombsymphony.org) or call (586) 286-2043.

#### New Baltimore – October 11, 12 & 13

**St. Mary Queen of Creation Fall Rummage Sale**, St. Mary Queen of Creation gym and Parish Center building, 36285 Main St., Early bird Friday-\$2 entry October 11, 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday, October 11 and 12-free entry 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Sunday, October 13-free entry 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Parking will be in the back parking lot, with signs and directions. Clothing, shoes and accessories are located in the Parish Center building, with the remainder of the items in the gym. Items we don't sell will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul. For more information call (586) 817-1018.

**Romeo – October 11 – 13**  
**Fall Youth Retreat "Choose Joy"**, Simpson Park Camp, 70199

Campground Rd. We invite all 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders to join us for a weekend of worship for inspiration and growth in your faith walk. Our theme will be surrounding the joys of being a Christian and how living your life for Jesus will bring so much happiness. Come experience camp in the fall and share in faith, fellowship, food and fun! Cost is \$65 for the weekend and will include the program, lodging and food. For registration information call the Camp Office at (586) 752-3202 or email [spcamp@simpsonparkcamp.org](mailto:spcamp@simpsonparkcamp.org).

#### Armada – October 12 & 13

**Village of Armada Sesquicentennial Celebration**, downtown area, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. on October 12, and 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on October 13. This is a two-day street fair with a parade, the Dodworth Saxhorn Band, the 5th Michigan Regimental Band, Rib Fest and other food vendors, street magician, Penny Farthings, a Civil War encampment in Memorial Park and much more! Free admission. Event will close with a commemoration ceremony by local dignitaries, pie, cake and ice cream. For more information contact Ross at [ross.boelke@gmail.com](mailto:ross.boelke@gmail.com) or call (586) 784-8593.

#### Utica – October 19

**Boo Bash**, Knights Banquet Hall, 44425 Utica Rd., doors open at 7:00 p.m. Join us for dancing to the live band MainStream Drive, costume contest (costumes encouraged, but not mandatory), 50/50, pick your poison and door prizes. \$30 per person, includes drinks and Coney hot dog bar. For more information call (586) 254-3495 or email [knedz61@hotmail.com](mailto:knedz61@hotmail.com).

#### Memphis – October 26

**Euchre Tournament**, Memphis Lions Club, 34758 Pratt Rd., 7:00 p.m. \$10 per player. Prize money for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places. Snacks available. For more information contact Frank at [memphismichlions@yahoo.com](mailto:memphismichlions@yahoo.com).

**Richmond – October 26**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Share the Gift"**  
**Craft Show**, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, corner of 31 Mile and Gratiot, 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Luncheon: cookie Walk, homemade German potato salad and baked beans. Donation at the door of 50¢ or a canned food for needy families. Spaces still available. For more information call Pat at (586) 784-6098 or Wilma at (810) 392-2528.

## OAKLAND

**Rochester Hills**  
**October 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31**  
**Real Talk on Islam**, Masjid Mahmood-Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Center, 1730 W. Auburn Rd., 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. This is an ongoing, weekly event (every Thursday) for an informal and candid conversation about Islam intended for neighbors, academia, students, media and anyone else interested in learning about the faith from its followers. All questions are welcome and will be addressed in an informal environment over a free cup of coffee and a piece of cake. For more information call (248) 677-1316 or email tabligh.det@ahmadiyya.us.

## ST. CLAIR

**All of St. Clair County**  
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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.

**Fair Haven – October 1**  
**Cozy Mystery Book Club**, Ira Township Library, 7013 Meldrum Rd., 2:00 p.m. Join the Cozy Mystery Book Club to unravel another great mystery! For more information call (586) 725-9081.

**Marysville – October 2 & 9**  
**Read. Learn. Repeat. Storytime**, Marysville Library, 1175 Delaware, 11:00 a.m. Children learn through repetition. Support your child's early literacy skills in a storytime dedicated to exploring the same book for six weeks. Art, science, math and literacy skills will be highlighted each week as your child deepens his or her learning in a storytime full of fun and songs. Join us for one or for all six sessions. Registration requested. Drop-in welcome. Ages 0 – 5 years. For more information call (810) 364-9493.

**Port Huron – October 2, 9 & 16**  
**"Until There's a Cure, There's Care" Series**, Lake Huron Medical Center, first floor conference room, 2601 Electric Ave., 6:00 p.m. –

8:00 p.m. This is a series designed for caregivers of those living with dementia. Presented by Rosemary Hunger, a Positive Approach to Care (PAC) Certified Trainer. The three week topics in order will be Dementia Awareness – the Changing Brain, Building Positive Skills and Teepa's Gems – The Stages of Dementia. While attending all three seminars is not a requirement, it is encouraged because the topics build on each other. To register call Rosemary at (810) 216-1035.

**St. Clair – October**  
**2, 9 & 23**  
**The Almost Every Wednesday**  
**Knitting Group**, St. Clair Library, 310 S. Second St., 11:30 a.m. Knitting, crocheting or any form of needlework is welcome. Hang out and mentor or be mentored by other needlework enthusiasts. Drop-ins are most welcome! For more information call (810) 329-3951.

**Port Huron – October**  
**3, 10, 17 & 24**  
**Photography 101**, Port Huron Library, 210 McMorrin Blvd., 6:30 p.m. April Fox, from ADF Photography, will be teaching four sessions on how to use your camera. Each session will build on the previous one as you learn about aperture, shutter speed, white balance, the "Nifty Fifty" and more. Bringing your camera is encouraged! For more information and to learn what each session's topic is, call (810) 987-7323 ext. 2500.

**Marysville – October**  
**4, 11, 18 & 25**  
**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Farmers Market**, Marysville Park Waterfront, across from the old boat launch, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Vendors wanted – all welcome. October will be the last month for the season for the market. For more information call Matt at (810) 364-6800 or (810) 824-7435.

**St. Clair – October 4**  
**Harvest Dinner**, American Legion Post 382, 1322 Clinton, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Adults \$11, kids 5 – 11 \$6, kids under 5 free. Turkey, pork, stuffing, mashed potatoes with gravy, vegetable, salad, rolls and dessert. For more information call (810) 329-2871.

**Algonac – October 5**  
**Valor League's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Craft Show**, Algonac VFW, 1005 Pointe Tremble Rd., 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Food and bake sale. Free admission. Table rental \$25. For more information contact Beth at (810) 794-4793.

**Kimball – October 5**  
**Garden Weeding Party – Final Cleanup**, G. Lynn Campbell/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 a little dirty, then wash them good and have a terrific pizza fest! All ages welcome; registration is requested (so we know how many pizzas to get). For more information call (810) 982-9171.

**Marysville – October 5**  
**Marysville K of C Auxiliary #9526**  
**Craft Show, Bake Sale and Used Book Sale**, McGivney Banquet Center, 4521 Ravenswood Rd., 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Free admission. For questions call Ann at (810) 434-2924 or Rita at (810) 364-8547.

**North Street – October 5**  
**Women's Life Club 702 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**Annual Craft Show**, North Street United Methodist Church, 4580 North Rd., 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Event is benefitting the Continuing Education Scholarship Fund, helping students to attain their goals. Cost is \$10 per 8' table (provided) or space. Set-up time is Friday, October 4, 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., use rear door gym entrance (if you need the elevator, just let us know!). For more information contact Janet at (810) 966-0521 or jjbopra@comcast.net.

**Algonac – October 6**  
**The Algonac-Clay Township**  
**Historical Society Presents:**  
**Story and Pictures of the Inter-Urban Line**, Maritime Museum, 1117 St. Clair River Dr., 3:00 p.m. Kenneth Schramm is a native Detroitter and has co-authored a series of books *When Eastern Michigan Rode the Rails*. Everyone welcome, \$5 donation would be appreciated. Trivia Question: "Why do you think Fair Haven, Pearl Beach, Point Tremble and Algonac had so many hotels? What time in history did this happen?" See you on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> to find out the trivia answer! For more information call Paula at (810) 794-9641.

**Memphis – October 9**  
**Presentation on Michigan's**  
**Harold C. Wills: the Genius**  
**Behind the Model T and the Wills**  
**Sainte Claire Automobile by Alan**  
**Naldrett**, Memphis Library, 34830

Potter St., at noon. Local author Alan Naldrett presents his book. Learn a part of Michigan's history. Lunch at noon is sponsored by the Memphis Friends of the Library. For more information call (810) 392-2980.

**Lakeport – October 10 & 11**  
**NASA @ My Library**, Burtchville Township Library, 7097 Second St., Thursday, October 10: noon – 8:00 p.m., Friday, October 11: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Stop in anytime during these hours and participate in activities that help us understand our place in space and how the sun and moon impact our planet. In the UV Kid! activity, children use craft materials and ultraviolet beads to construct objects to "test" in the sunlight. Jump to Jupiter has participants jumping through a course from the "Sun" past the "Earth" and on to "Jupiter". Supplies provided. All ages welcome. For more information call (810) 385-8550.

**Marine City – October**  
**10, 17 & 24**  
**Yoga for Teens**, Marine City Library, 300 S. Parker, 3:30 p.m. Learn the basics of yoga with Emilee from Happy Dog Yoga Studio in this three-week course. All skill levels welcome. Yoga mats provided. Ages 12 – 18. A Hold Harmless form must be signed in order to participate. For more information call (810) 765-5233.

**Port Huron – October 12**  
**"Wreck of the Sydney Smith Jr." by Speaker Ric Mixter, a**  
**Lake Huron Lore Marine History**  
**Event**, Conner Street Pub, 2326 Conner St., 5:45 p.m. You must have reservations by October 9<sup>th</sup>. Buffet dinner \$13.50. For more information or to make a reservation, call Ginger at (810) 359-8730.

**Marine City – October 13**  
**48<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Dinner by**  
**Our Lady on the River Parish –**  
**Holy Cross Church**, Holy Cross Center and School, 610 S. Water St., 12:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Come by, tour our school and enjoy the Farmer's

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**Yale – October 15  
Bouquets from London,** Yale Library, 2 Jones St., 6:00 p.m. Create your own English-inspired bouquet with fresh flowers, vases, ribbons and more after enjoying a photographic tour showcasing London's love of flowers and floral displays. All materials provided at this make-and-take program. Registration required. For more information call (810) 387-2940.

**St. Clair – October 18  
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 call Linda at (810) 329-2871.

**Capac – October 19  
Toy Story Mania!** Capac Library, 111 N. Main, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Bounce on in during our *Toy Story* marathon with the new *Toy Story 4* as the finale. Rated-G; library card access must reflect movie rating. Snacks and drinks provided for finale only. Marathon start times: *Toy Story* at 9:30 a.m., *Toy Story 2* at 11:00 a.m., *Toy Story 3* at 12:45 p.m. and *Toy Story 4* at 2:45 p.m. For more information call (810) 395-7000.

**Port Huron – October 19  
Ballroom Dance,** American Legion, 1026 Sixth St., 7:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person. For more information call (586) 453-5470.

**Port Huron – October 19  
Sisters Act Out,** Lake Huron Medical Center, 2601 Electric Ave., Lighthouse Café, doors open at 6:30 p.m., show begins at 7:00 p.m. Come relive those Catholic school days with this fun and engaging musical act! Tickets are \$25 in advance at the Lake Huron Medical Center Gift Shop or from an LHF volunteer, \$30 at the door, if available – seating is limited. For more information contact Rosemary at (810) 216-1035 or at [RHunger@primehealthcare.com](mailto:RHunger@primehealthcare.com).

**Casco Twp. – October 20  
St. James U.C.C. Annual Chili Cook-Off,** Perch Point Conservation Club, 7930 Meisner Rd., 4:00 p.m. Adults \$10, children 12 and under free. Free will offering. Anyone can

enter their chili for judging. Raffle prizes include a handmade quilt and homemade wood bench and table. For more information call (586) 719-5314.

**Ira Twp. – October 20  
Pancake, French Toast and Sausage Breakfast,** Ira Township Fire Hall, 7065 Meldrum Rd., 8:00 a.m. – noon. Price: donations graciously accepted. This event is hosted by the Ira Township Firefighters' Association and the Ira Township Fire Department Women's Auxiliary. Pancakes, French toast, sausage, assorted desserts and beverages included. Come see our antique fire truck! For more information call (586) 725-7771.

**St. Clair – October 20  
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. Scrambled eggs, loaded scrambled eggs, sausage, potatoes, pancakes, Belgian waffles with strawberries and whipped cream, sausage gravy and biscuits, coffee and orange juice. For more information call Linda at (810) 329-2871.

**Algonac – October 21  
Painting on Canvas – Halloween Scene,** Algonac-Clay Library, 2011 St. Clair River Dr., 5:30 p.m. Join us as we welcome Brenda Nummer of Bren's Recreations & Crafts as she teaches us how to paint on canvas, to create a Halloween scene. Registration is requested as class size is limited. Sponsored by Friends of the Algonac-Clay Library. For more information call (810) 794-4471.

**Algonac – October 22  
Algonac-Clay Township Historical Society Annual Spaghetti Dinner,** St. Catherine Activity Center, 1103 Washington St., dinner served 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Homemade desserts. Cash raffle. Adults \$10, children under 12 \$4. For more information email [mandsadkins@gmail.com](mailto:mandsadkins@gmail.com).

**Marysville – October 24  
St. Clair County Family History Group Meeting,** Collective Expressions, 1114 Gratiot Blvd., 6:00 p.m. The topic will be "Discovering Your Irish Roots" by Cathy Cottone, Genealogist from Lyon Township Public Library. The public is welcome. For more information contact [grannyfran21@sbcglobal.net](mailto:grannyfran21@sbcglobal.net) or [carodan1947@gmail.com](mailto:carodan1947@gmail.com).

**Casco – October 26  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Dinner and Dance,** Perch Point Conservation Club, 7930 Meisner Rd., 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Tickets \$30 per person and includes dinner (cash bar) and dancing to DJ

Kevin Frank. Must be 18 to attend. 50/50 raffles and door prizes. Tickets on sale at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Casco; Simply Fresh Café, St. Clair; Riviera Restaurant, Marine City. For more information call (810) 765-4808.

## SANILAC

**Lexington – October 4 & 5  
Quilt Show by Aitkin Library Quilts,** Trinity Episcopal Church, 5646 Main St. Friday, October 4: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Saturday, October 5: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Charity donation of \$5. Over 150 quilts on display. For more information call (810) 359-8730.

**Sandusky – October 12 & 26  
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 October 12, we will be celebrating "Sweetest Day"

with Dick Hedrick & Son playing some favorite love songs, as well as their regular music. The monthly birthday cake will be served. Our Halloween Party will be celebrated on October 26, with entertainment provided by The Natural Tones. On this night you can get in for FREE if you wear a costume! For more information call Nancy at (586) 663-5306.

**Marlette – October 14  
\$5 Jewelry and Accessory Sale,** Marlette Regional Hospital Medical Office Building, 2770 Main St., 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Proceeds benefit MRH to enhance patient care. Sponsored by the Marlette Regional Hospital Auxiliary. For more information email [bjdwlf@yahoo.com](mailto:bjdwlf@yahoo.com).

## TUSCOLA

No events were submitted for Tuscola County this month.

## WAYNE

No events were submitted for Wayne County this month.

# Focus on Hospice

GRIEF IS THE NORMAL RESPONSE TO LOSING A LOVED ONE

Contributed by Faith Jaciuk, Community Liaison for Grace Hospice, Marysville, Michigan

Grief is not easily defined and often it is not well understood. Many descriptive phrases offer some insight into what grieving actually involves. Sometimes it is referred to as "intense sorrow" or "deep mental anguish". Others have described it as "keen mental suffering" and "the normal process of reacting to a loss". Nonetheless, it is widely accepted that grief is not an emotion, but rather a normal experience that people endure after losing a loved one or something of significant value. It gives meaning to the importance of what we no longer have in our lives.

Although grief is defined as an experience, it is full of emotions and feelings. Some examples include sadness, hopelessness, helplessness and loneliness, as well as others like anger, shock, guilt and fear. It's impossible to list them all, as grief is different things to different people. There are also physical aspects that can be overwhelming and exhausting. Many individuals experience sleep disturbances, restlessness or lethargy, diminished appetite and sensitivity to otherwise normal stimuli. It's important to be aware of these expected changes and to know how to stay healthy during the grief experience. Medical professionals, bereavement counselors and clergy are valuable resources for help in navigating the grief process.

Mourning is commonly referred to as the outward expression of grief. It involves socially-accepted rituals such as visitation, the funeral and burial. These are opportunities for others to show their support and acknowledge the loss one has experienced. Unfortunately, this is usually short-lived and the grieving lasts long after others have resumed their normally busy lives. This is when people need to seek additional support or resources to assist with the journey that lies ahead. The grief experience is unique for each individual and there is no specific time period for how long it will last. The physical and psychological aspects can last for weeks, months and even years, but most people would agree that the intensity and severity of the grief response lessens over time.

For more information or if you have questions, call (810) 294-8580. 🌱

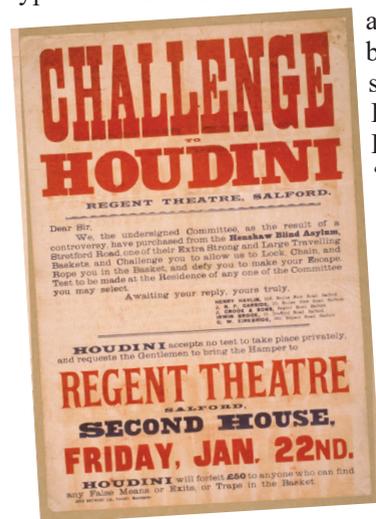
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Houdini with his wife and mother

and the Netherlands, selling out every show they had. It was around this time that Harry added the element of possible death to his acts when he would jump into the water handcuffed. In order to create some buzz around his shows, Houdini had his brother Theo, who performed with him when he was first getting into the industry, travel to Europe with him and act as his competition. Going by the name Theo Hardeen, his brother was actually the first one to perform an escape from a straight jacket out in the open, a trick Harry quickly began executing, rapidly becoming one of his signature acts. Houdini began expanding his reach when he started starring in movies in 1906, most of which depicted Harry's stage routines. He continued his involvement with motion pictures for much of the remainder of his life and even had his own production company at one point. Despite previously being open about his Hungarian heritage, he now pushed the belief that he was born in Appleton, Wisconsin, calling himself The Elusive American – this duplicity continued until his death when his real birthplace was revealed, starting because of the negative stigma in America towards foreigners during the war.

Harry and his wife returned to the United States with their popularity raging, being referred to as Europe's Eclipsing Sensation. They wasted no time before scheduling another show, this time at Murderers Row, escaping out of the same cell that housed Charles Guiteau, who assassinated President James Garfield. As if that wasn't impressive enough, Houdini was also able to get all the other inmates out of their cells and moved them to different cells. Harry put out a challenge to the world to craft any type of restraints and he would be able to escape – he also went on to make his acts more and more detailed, slipping out of mail bags, an iron maiden, riveted boilers and even a sea monster that washed up in Boston. In 1908, Harry revealed a new act called the Milk Can Escape, which was advertised on posters stating "failure means a drowning death".



Houdini also began a new venture in 1908, after being disregarded by Robert-Houdin's family in France. He published a book titled *The Unmasking of Robert-Houdin*, meant to discredit his spiritualist beliefs. While Houdini called the book the first authentic history of magic ever published, the piece did little to tarnish Robert-Houdin's reputation in the magic world. With his shows continuously drawing thousands of spectators, Houdini was now the highest paid act in Vaudeville and considered one of the most famous people alive. His successful career gave him the opportunity to pursue other interests, one of which was flying. After buying a Vision biplane manufactured in France, Harry flew all around France, Germany and England. On March 18, 1910, Houdini made history when he became the first person to fly an aircraft in Australia – interestingly Harry thought this would be his most memorable feat, but there are claims that he might have been bested by just a few months by another pilot.

Arguably Houdini's most well-known act was performed in 1912, known as the Water Torture Cell, created after he became annoyed with other magicians imitating his Milk Can Escape. The act was said to be so dangerous that few men ever tried to duplicate it, requiring Houdini to be lowered into a water-filled

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Master Mystery, 1919 poster



Houdini performing the Chinese Water Torture Cell

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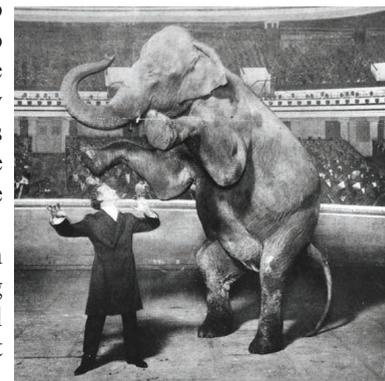
container upside down – it took Harry three minutes of holding his breath to escape. A short time later, Houdini tried a feat that almost cost him his life when he was buried alive in a coffin under a ton of dirt.

Harry spent a large portion of his time during the later part of his life not so much performing magic as trying to disprove those who did, especially spiritualists. He offered anyone \$10,000 that could show him a phenomenon that he was unable to explain. He felt so strongly about people trying to make money off these acts that he tried to pass a bill through Congress in 1926, making it illegal to profit off fortune telling, but it didn't pass. This new path brought Houdini a great deal of fame, but it also brought with it a lot of enemies. The spiritualist community began fighting back at Harry's attempts to expose their practices, which amounted to approximately \$2 million in lawsuits. Despite the fact that Houdini continuously and publicly denounced spiritualists and their beliefs, it is interesting to note that Houdini and his wife made a pact to try and contact the other one from the afterlife.

In October of 1926, Houdini was putting on a show in Montreal, Canada, and following the conclusion of his show, a group of medical students visited him back stage. Curious about a particular rumor they heard about Harry, J. Gordon Whitehead asked the magician if he could really withstand a punch to the gut. Houdini quickly nodded before explaining he had to flex his abs first – before he could brace himself, the student blasted him with two blows to the stomach. Harry left for his next stop on his tour at the Garrick Theatre in Detroit, but during the 15 hour train ride, Houdini began experiencing a great deal of pain in his stomach, which soon brought on a 104 degree fever. A doctor was brought in to examine him before the show with the diagnosis being acute appendicitis. The physician advised him to go to the hospital but he refused to leave before finishing the show.

The pain became so great after the show that he finally went to Grace Hospital. Following an operation performed on Houdini, surgeons discovered his appendix ruptured and by this time peritonitis, which is the inflammation of the inner lining of the abdominal wall, had set in, which led doctors to attempt a second surgery. The next operation took place near the end of October to treat the peritonitis and he was prescribed a newly-created streptococcal serum. There are many contradicting beliefs about his illness, some believe that he already had appendicitis prior to the hit, while others believe Whitehead caused the health issues when he punched Houdini in the stomach.

Sadly, the groundbreaking serum wasn't enough to save him and Ehrich Weisz, aka Ehrie Weiss, but best known as Harry Houdini, passed away at Grace Hospital in Detroit on Halloween day 1936, at just 52 years old. 🇺🇸



Houdini preparing to perform the Vanishing Elephant act in 1917

# 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:

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**“It is what we know already that often prevents us from learning.”**  
–Claude Bernard

## panurgic [pan·urg·gic | \ 'pæn-êr-jik]

An adjective meaning able or ready to do anything; skilled in all types of work. *Ex: A panurgic spouse is quite handy to have around and should be sought out over beauty when choosing.* First known use: 1532, from Ancient Greek πᾶν-(pan-), combining form of πᾶς (pâs, “all, every”) + ἔργον (érgon, “work”).

## quinquennium [quin·quen·ni·um | \ kwîn-'kwe-nē-əm]

A noun meaning a period of five years. *Ex: Recently imposed tariffs will dramatically increase prices in the next quinquennium.* First known use: 1621, from Latin, from *quinque* five + *annus* year

## rubricate [ru·bri·cate | \ 'rû-bri-kāt]

A verb meaning to add elaborate, typically red, capital letters or other decorations to (a manuscript); to fix like a ritual, to furnish with or regulate by rubrics. *Ex: Some lessons are rubricated in the text.* First known use: late 16<sup>th</sup> century; from Latin *rubricat-* ‘marked in red’,

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# FEAR

## Isn't the Only Thing Outside Your Comfort Zone

By **Patricia Cosner Kubic**, *ThumbPrint News* Columnist



Most people don't like to visit this specific place. But, some people do choose to go there, even though it's scary. Others are actually forced to go there, having absolutely no input in that decision. Regardless if you go on your own or are literally dumped there, it's very important to remember that fear doesn't take up all the real estate in this region.

The place I'm referring to is “outside your comfort zone”. Sorry, if you pulled up your map app for nothing.

Recently, I became a new visitor to that zone when I was asked during the board meeting of a small charity to take the role of chairperson for our beneficiary subcommittee. Of course I said yes – anything to further the cause. On the drive home, I started thinking about the responsibilities of this role. I have to keep track of our precious donor dollars, vet beneficiaries, decide how much to spend and on which items. Further, I need to arrange meetings, modify processes, revise intake forms and develop resources. By the time I got home, my heart rate was on the high side.

As the days went by, my to-do list grew longer and my blood pressure got higher. What did I get myself into? Of all words, why did I pick “yes” when asked about this expanded role? Most of all... why was this causing my anxiety to be disproportionately high? After my nerves won too many days, I looked at my to-do list and decided to tackle at least one or two items per day.

And that's exactly what I did. Each day, I figured out a plan for a task and put it into action with emails, research, whatever was necessary. A week later, I noticed most of my anxiety had flown my coop. Bigger yet, I realized that my new-found confidence was actually boosting my posture. Yes, I was still nervous about successfully performing this role, but angst was no longer the only thing I felt.

On the flip side of my trip to Uncomfortable Land is Faye's story. My dear friend, Faye, was handed an unplanned and unwanted divorce after many married years. Faye was violently thrown way outside her comfortable life. It was as if her life hit a brick wall; everything was totaled.

But there was nothing she could do. Faye had to figure out where to live, how to pay for the new place, health insurance, job change and most of all how to help her teenage daughter navigate the especially choppy life of shared custody. Not only was every decision difficult, most of them had long lasting ramifications giving Faye very little breathing space. What's more is that every minute she spent working on these forced, unwanted decisions, worry, sadness and anger followed.

Over months, I closely watched Faye plow through that list and build a new, alas, uncertain life for herself and her daughter. I listened to the legal updates, helped find stuff on Craigslist and spent a few evenings where the infamous dialogue of “this is his; this is mine” was prominent. And then I witnessed her confidence begin to shine a light on months of darkness and doubt.

And that is exactly what happens when we spend time outside our comfort zone. We begin scared out of our wits, panicked even, and at some point, we feel a twinge of strength, a moment of sure footedness. Many times, those self-assured moments start to multiply as time goes by, even if it's a slow build. And at some point, we start to realize that we are managing that new zone; it is no longer managing us.

Regardless if we chose to be outside our comfort zone or we were tossed there, new confidence, new power will rise up. Our history now includes a big win over that daunting, and many times painful, zone. And now we can sleep easier knowing the next time we cross into uncharted territory, the trip will be so much smoother. 🍀

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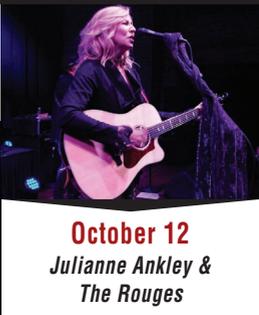
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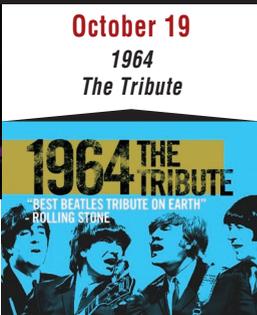


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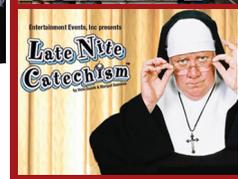
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A Fleetwood Mac Tribute



**COMING IN NOVEMBER**



**LONESTAR**



**Late Nite Catechism**



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**OCTOBER**

<b>1</b> On this day in 1982, EPCOT Center opens in Orlando, Florida.	<b>2</b> On this day in 1535, having landed in Quebec a month ago, Jacques Cartier reaches a town, which he names Montreal.	<b>3</b> On this day in 1967, American folk-singer, Woody Guthrie, dies of Huntington's disease at 55 years old. <b>WORD FIND BONUS "GUTHRIE" ON PAGE 9.</b>	<b>4</b> On this day in 1957, <i>Leave It to Beaver</i> debuts on CBS.	<b>5</b> On this day in 1962, <i>Dr. No</i> , the first James Bond film, based on the novel by Ian Fleming and starring Sean Connery, premieres in London.
<b>6</b> On this day in 1965, Patricia Harris takes post as U.S. Ambassador to Belgium, becoming the first African American U.S. ambassador.	<b>7</b> On this day in 1806, carbon paper is patented in London by inventor Ralph Wedgwood.	<b>8</b> On this day in 1942, comedy duo Abbott and Costello launch their weekly radio show.	<b>9</b> On this day in 1825, the first Norwegian immigrants to America arrive on the sloop <i>Restaurationen</i> .	<b>10</b> On this day in 1877, Lieutenant Colonel George Armstrong Custer is buried at West Point in New York.
<b>11</b> On this day in 1862, the Confederate Congress in Richmond passes a draft law allowing anyone owning 20 or more slaves to be exempt from military service.	<b>12</b> On this day in 1942, Allen Kodet, publisher of <i>ThumbPrint News</i> , is born. <b>WORD FIND BONUS "KODET" ON PAGE 9.</b>	<b>13</b> On this day in 1670, Virginia passes a law that blacks arriving in the colonies as Christians cannot be used as slaves.	<b>14</b> On this day in 1322, Robert the Bruce of Scotland defeats King Edward II of England at Byland, forcing Edward to accept Scotland's independence.	<b>15</b> On this day in 1860, 11-year-old Grace Bedell writes to then-nominee Abraham Lincoln telling him to grow a beard in order to win the election.
<b>16</b> On this day in 1916, nurse Margaret Sanger opens the first birth control clinic in the U.S. at 46 Amboy Street in Brooklyn, New York.	<b>17</b> On this day in 1849, composer and pianist Frederic Chopin dies in Paris of tuberculosis at the age of 39. <b>WORD FIND BONUS "CHOPIN" ON PAGE 9.</b>	<b>18</b> On this day in 1967, Walt Disney's <i>Jungle Book</i> film is released.	<b>19</b> On this day in 1739, England declares The War of Jenkins' Ear on Spain over borderlines in Florida, after the Spanish coast guards cut off the ear of British seaman Robert Jenkins.	<b>20</b> On this day in 1818, the United States and Britain establish the 49th Parallel as the boundary between Canada and the United States.
<b>21</b> On this day in 1959, Guggenheim Museum, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, opens in New York.	<b>22</b> On this day in 1746, Princeton University, in New Jersey, receives its charter.	<b>23</b> On this day in 1998, Britney Spears releases her debut single, "...Baby One More Time".	<b>24</b> On this day in 1861, Western Union completes the first transcontinental telegraph line, putting the Pony Express out of business.	<b>25</b> On this day in 1760, George III of England is crowned.
<b>26</b> On this day in 1905, Norway signs a treaty of separation with Sweden. Norway chooses Prince Charles of Denmark as the new king; he becomes King Haakon VII.	<b>27</b> On this day in 1553, Michael Servetus, who discovered the pulmonary circulation of the blood, is burned for heresy in Switzerland.	<b>28</b> On this day in 1726, <i>Gulliver's Travels</i> by Jonathan Swift is published by Benjamin Motte in London.	<b>29</b> On this day in 1814, the <i>Demologos</i> , the first steam-powered warship, launches in New York City.	<b>30</b> On this day in 1838, Oberlin Collegiate Institute in Lorian County, Ohio, becomes the first college in the U.S. to admit female students.
<b>31</b> On this day in 1803, Congress ratifies the purchase of the entire Louisiana area, adding territory to the U.S. which will eventually become 13 more states.	<b>WHAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY?</b>			

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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