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Spotlight on Fair Haven

By Alan Naldrett & Paul Torney

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The settlement of Fair Haven, located on Lake St. Clair in Ira Township, started when it was the eastern end of the Swan Creek Settlement of the Chippewa Indian Reserve. The Indian Reserve was established by the 1807 Treaty of Detroit and lasted until 1835, at which point the Native Americans were transported out west. The land was purchased by Francis Palms, who was at one time the largest landholder in Michigan. Palms Road is named for him.

At the end of Palms Road, Francis Palms had a major interest in a stave mill located there. This mill employed one of Michigan's first railroads. Tracks were put along Palms Road and oxen (or was it horses?) would pull the train down to the waterfront, full of lumber to be used as fuel for the stave mill.

Running through the area was "Swan Creek," named for the number of swans it attracted. The local Chippewa tribe was

named for Swan Creek, as well as the first post office in 1859. In 1862, the post office and town were renamed Fair Haven because of their sheltered location on the bay.

Around 1870, one of Fair Haven's most notable citizens, Vernier patriarch Victor, moved to the area and built an ice cream shop. This grew into a first-class restaurant with a hotel, bowling alley and livery as Vernier descendants Leo, Leo Jr. and Lynn continued to run the establishment. The building still stands as a landmark in Fair Haven, a famed venue that has been frequented by many storied characters over the years.

Just as Vernier's catered to the many tourists that began to frequent the lakefront community, so did the Fair Haven Dance Hall and the Fair Haven Roller Rink. For years these establishments, down by the water, were the gathering place for the young and old of Fair Haven.

From the early 1900s until the 1920s, an



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Lost Towns of the Thumb Part Three

By Alan Naldrett

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The town of Meade was at one time a thriving crossroads village at 26 Mile Road and North Avenue in Ray Township. Meade's first post office was established in 1838, with Stewart Taylor as its first postmaster. It was open until 1905, when Rural Free Delivery (RFD) began. Before RFD was established, residents of rural areas would have to pick up their mail at the closest post office. With RFD, mail carriers began to pick up and deliver mail to resident's roadside mailboxes.



One of the earliest businesses in Meade was W. D. Degrow's general store at the corner of 26 Mile Road and North Avenue. There was a blacksmith shop across the street, one of the few structures still standing in Meade. First known as "Vienna," the town's name was changed to honor Civil War General George Gordon Meade in 1863. During the 1870s, Meade was also known as the "Crawford Settlement" for a local family.

Besides the general store and blacksmith, over the years Meade was home to a number of different businesses. There were schools, churches, barber shops, and later, gas stations, car repair shops, a party store, an airport, a recording studio, a cemetery and other businesses.

The recording studio in Meade put out vinyl records on the Sound Inc. label in the 1960s. Today many of these records are

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The month of October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and has been ever since 1985, when it was founded as a partnership between the American Cancer Society and the pharmaceutical division of Imperial Chemical Industries, maker of several anti-breast cancer drugs. In 2015, it is estimated by the American Cancer Society that among U.S. women alone there will be 231,840 new cases of invasive breast cancer and 40,290 breast cancer deaths. Although the disease certainly affects more women than men, the same society estimates that in 2015, 2,350 men in the U.S. will develop new cases of invasive breast cancer and 440 men will die as a result.

In the fall of 1991, the Susan G. Komen Foundation handed out pink ribbons to participants in its New York City race for breast cancer survivors and then in 1993, when the Breast Cancer Research Foundation was founded, the pink ribbon that we now know became its symbol and its status as creating support for breast cancer awareness was established. (The Susan G. Komen Foundation provides community health outreach, advocacy and programs in more than 30 countries in the fight to end breast cancer.)

There are many charities that support breast cancer awareness and/or research. Obviously, this is a very worthwhile cause. But how does the public determine if a charity makes wise use of their donation dollars? There are several organizations that claim to be watchdogs for donations being

made to charities. One easy way to access their findings is by going to ConsumerReports.org. This organization actually compares reports and commentaries from the three major charity watchdogs: the BBB Wise Giving Alliance, Charity Navigator and Charity Watch. Consumer Reports looks for agreement on positive and negative traits of each charity reviewed and then lists each organization as a high-rated or low-rated charity. It is one way that consumers can feel that their hard-earned money is going to a worthwhile cause.

Perhaps you are at a point in your own life where you are struggling to make ends meet and don't have any extra money left over to give to charity. Giving money is only one way to help out a favorite cause. Other equally helpful charitable actions include:

- Volunteer your time.

Sites like VolunteerMatch (www.volunteermatch.org) help individuals find organizations in their areas that are doing the type of work they would like to get involved in.

- Regularly donate blood and plasma. The Red Cross (www.RedCross.org) will willingly help you find a place to donate nearby to you.
- Get involved in events that support your favorite charity.
- Donate items you no longer need to organizations such as Goodwill or the Salvation Army.
- If you are a crafty person, make items that can be donated or sold to generate money for

charitable causes.

There are many great reasons why donating to charities is worthwhile. Just a few include:

- Donations are tax deductible if it is a charitable organization or a non-profit group.
- Giving to charity may improve your sense of well-being. Knowing that you sacrificed time, money or items of value to help others may give you inner satisfaction.
- Supporting a cause can keep you informed about issues of social injustice. As you research the issues connected to that organization, you may discover new points of view and opinions.
- Giving to charity out of spiritual conviction can strengthen your spiritual life.
- Your acts of charity may inspire others to do the same thing or to get involved in a charity to which they can relate.

The ultimate goal and hope of any worthwhile charity is that someday there will no longer be a need for their organization. A cure for breast cancer will be found – and for all other cancers out there. Shelters for abused people or animals will be empty. Other fatal diseases can be prevented or cured. But it takes each of us to be charitable in whatever way we can to hopefully make this a reality, if not in our lifetime, in the lifetime of our children. As Bob Hope once said, "If you haven't any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble."

Find it in your heart to make a difference in the lives of others. 🌱

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ThumbPrint News travels to Nova Scotia

ThumbPrint News has been traveling the world! Not only has it been seen in many areas of the Thumb of Michigan (over 1,000 businesses in nine Thumb counties are now drop locations for the newspaper), but readers have also taken ThumbPrint News with them to many different states and countries (listed on the right on the chalkboard). ThumbPrint News was even seen on television on the *Tonight Show with Jay Leno* and at Walt Disney World in Florida with several of the Disney characters! The newspaper is very well-traveled, having been to all of the seven continents with our readers.

This month we are featuring ThumbPrint News when it traveled to Nova Scotia, Canada, with Sandy and Max Luenser of Columbus, Michigan. They are pictured in the photos on the chalkboard on the right. Here is what Sandy had to say about their trip:

My husband Max and I have just returned from a wonderful two week road trip to Nova Scotia. We drove through many historic towns, visited many lighthouses, harbors and museums. We also went whale watching. We saw whales, seals and puffins. We stayed in the fishing village of Lunenburg for a week; our room overlooked the beautiful harbor. We took a picture with ThumbPrint News in front of the famous racing schooner Bluenose II which is docked there. Some of the crew even enjoyed reading ThumbPrint News. Our plan is to return and visit many more of the sights.

Nova Scotia is one of Canada's three Maritime Provinces and constitutes one of the four Atlantic Canada provinces, being the second smallest. Nova Scotia is located almost exactly halfway between the Equator and the North Pole: its provincial capital is Halifax. As of 2011, the population was 921,727, making Nova Scotia the second-most-densely populated province in Canada.

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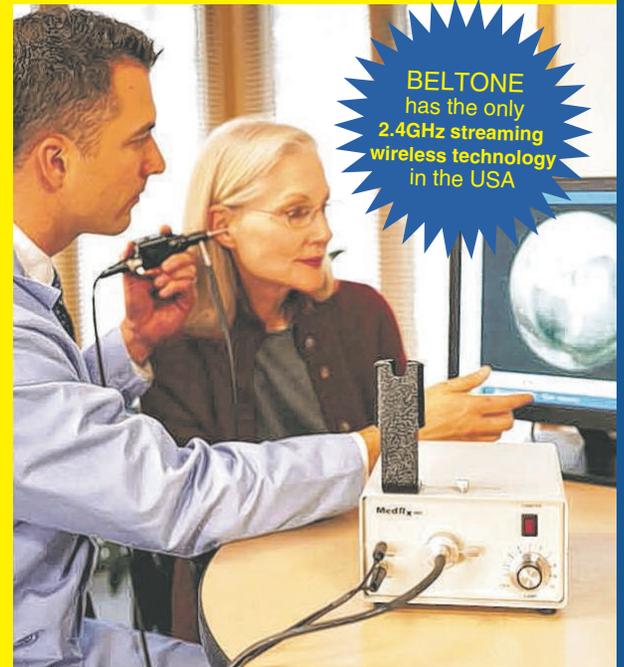


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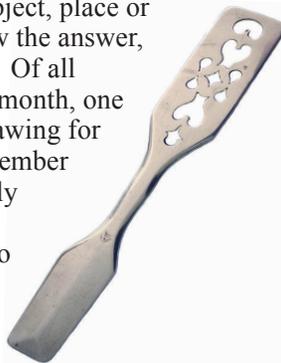
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In the September 2015 edition, we asked our readers to identify what the following object is and for what it was used.



No one correctly identified that this object is an antique tongue depressor (a similar one was designed by Paul Revere). Do you know these interesting facts about our tongues?



- The human tongue on average has 3,000 to 10,000 taste buds.
- There are five elements of taste perception: salty, sour, bitter, sweet and umami (or savory).
 - On average, women have shorter tongues than men.
 - Sticking your tongue out at people is seen as childish or rude in many countries, including the U.S. However, in Tibet it is considered a greeting.

For our October contest, we are asking our readers to identify what the object to the left is and what it was used for. Remember, go to www.thumbprintnews.com if you know the answer. 🍀

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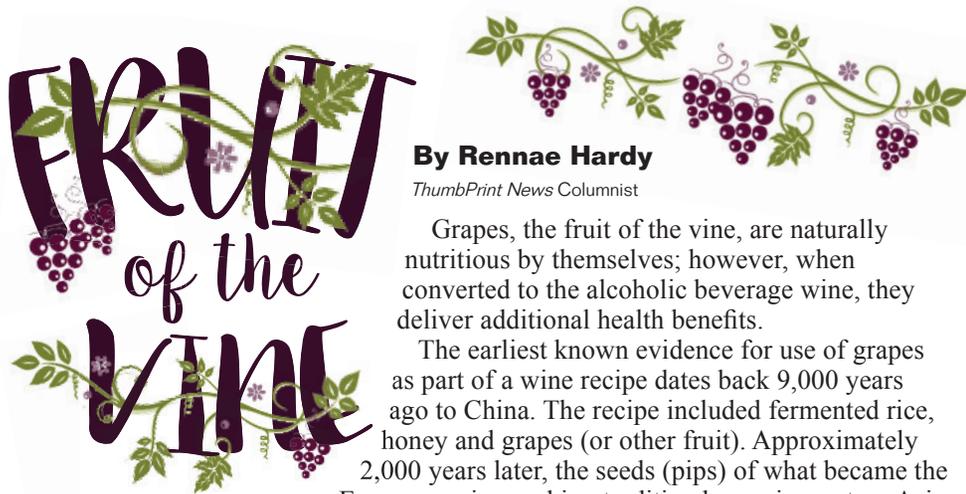
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By Renae Hardy
ThumbPrint News Columnist

Grapes, the fruit of the vine, are naturally nutritious by themselves; however, when converted to the alcoholic beverage wine, they deliver additional health benefits.

The earliest known evidence for use of grapes as part of a wine recipe dates back 9,000 years ago to China. The recipe included fermented rice, honey and grapes (or other fruit). Approximately 2,000 years later, the seeds (pips) of what became the European wine-making tradition began in western Asia.

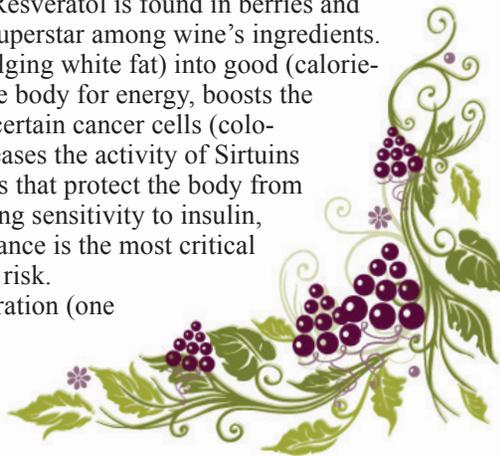
Wine's medicinal value was supported by Hippocrates, the great Greek Physician, and the ancient Egyptians often used wine in many of their herbal preparations. Wine provided an excellent means for dissolving the combined herbs generally taken as medicine as well as allowing for greater ease in its administration.

Wine's health-giving benefits are derived from its contributing components of vitamins B, C, E and P (assists in preventing the permeability of vessels), Quercetin, Resveratrol and antioxidants. Probiotics found in fermented foods like wine can increase energy and aid indigestion.

Free radicals are known to destroy our body's cells. Antioxidants stop the free radicals' destruction. Darker colored wines are believed to have higher antioxidant content. Antioxidants are measured using the ORAC (Oxygen Radical Absorbance Capacity) method. For comparison, the ORAC of cooked tomatoes is 1,350 per cup, a teaspoon of cinnamon is 5,200 and a 6-ounce glass of full-bodied red wine has an ORAC of 7,700. The plant antioxidant compound (flavanoid / catechin) in wine promotes heart health by helping to lower LDL (bad cholesterol) and elevate HDL (good cholesterol). Improved blood flow to the brain is another advantage which can prevent harmful plaque from forming. This lowers the risk of Alzheimer's disease and cognitive decline.

Quercetin promotes balanced blood pressure and has antihistamine as well as bronchial dilating properties. Resveratrol is found in berries and red wines. It is a polyphenol and the superstar among wine's ingredients. Resveratrol converts bad (obesity-indulging white fat) into good (calorie-burning beige fat) which is used by the body for energy, boosts the immune system, slows the growth of certain cancer cells (colorectal, prostate, lung and breast), increases the activity of Sirtuins (longevity pathways - a group of genes that protect the body from disease and aging), as well as improving sensitivity to insulin, which is important since insulin resistance is the most critical factor contributing to Type II diabetes risk.

Drink wine sensibly! Wine in moderation (one 5-6 oz. glass for women / two for men per day) is key. Over indulgence negates wine's health benefits and encourages certain health risks. 🍷



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The Grandparent Scam: The Why, What and How of it All



Melanie Duquesnel

Eighty-six percent of those 65 or older report managing their own finances and one out of five of those Americans has been a victim of financial fraud. Unfortunately, con artists use simple yet very deceitful tactics to gain the trust and sympathy of seniors.

Why? Grandparents and seniors in general, are targeted by scammers for many reasons.

1. They're likely to have a "nest egg" or excellent credit.
2. They were raised to be polite and trusting.
3. Older people are less likely to report a scam because they don't know who to go to, are too ashamed, or are scared of the action relatives may take should they find out about the situation.
4. Even if they do report it, they are often poor witnesses due to memory problems that may be a result of a "long con" that will take most likely weeks or months before they realize they've been scammed.

What? The scam tugs on the heartstrings of a concerned grandparent.

An elderly loved one will get a phone call from someone who says something like, "Hi Grandma, do you know who this is?" and when the trusting grandparent says the name of the grandchild they believe it is the scammer now has a fake identity to use with the target. They then make up a troubling scenario that requires the transmission of money. Typically, they convince the grandparent to transmit money via a pre-paid debit

card or Western Union and to keep the situation confidential. Scammers have the grandparent give them the card's code as the final step of the scam.

Scenarios may include a car accident, jail stay, or even detainment in a foreign country.

How? There are several steps that can be taken to prevent or report this type of scam.

1. Be aware of the scams that target the elderly.
2. Be aware of the activities of family members.
3. Talk to someone trustworthy about such a phone call.
4. Never give personal or financial information away to anyone you don't know via phone, online or even in-person.
5. Keep a check on all financial accounts.
6. Keep a list of all the resources available, such as local police, the bank, and local protective or aging agencies. Contact them if you receive a similar call.

For more information or to report a scam checkout bbb.org, aarp.org, or eldercare.gov. 🍷

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Vestibular Disease

By Dr. DiBenedetto

ThumbPrint News Columnist

Vestibular disorders, like vertigo, are not unique to people. All higher animals that have a vestibular system—from fish to mammals—can be afflicted, including cats and dogs. In general, the vestibular apparatus is the neurological equipment responsible for perceiving your body's orientation relative to the earth (determining if you are upside down, standing up straight, falling etc.), which informs your eyes and extremities how they should move. The vestibular system is made up of two components, the peripheral or inner ear and the central or brain stem component.

Central vestibular disease (CVD) can be caused by inflammatory disease, infection, trauma, bleeding in the brain, stroke and cancer. Causes of peripheral vestibular disease (PVD) can include chronic and recurrent inner and middle ear infections, overzealous cleaning of the ears resulting in a ruptured eardrum, trauma, stroke, tumors, hypothyroidism, as well as reactions to certain antibiotics, when applied into the ear canals. The peripheral form of vestibular disease is much more common and less severe than the central form. This disease can be present from birth as a congenital defect or it can be idiopathic, meaning we are unable to identify a cause. The idiopathic form of PVD is the one we see most frequently in cats and geriatric dogs. It comes on acutely and seems to resolve just as quickly on its own.

Many of the symptoms for both CVD and PVD can be the same. The acute symptoms that indicate vestibular disease include: walking in circles, head tilting to one side, nystagmus (rapid involuntary movement of the eyes), ataxia (stumbling, staggering or a lack of coordination without muscle weakness) and vomiting caused by motion sickness. Because of the sudden and sometimes severe onset of symptoms many patients are seen at emergency clinics afterhours for evaluation of a possible stroke. While a vascular accident is a possible cause, it is a



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rare cause. Vascular disease, while common in people, is unusual in pets. Diagnosis of vestibular dysfunction requires a thorough medical history and physical examination of the patient, including a neurologic exam and an otoscopic exam that explores the pet's ears for signs of infection, inflammation or tumors. In some cases, advanced imaging (CT or MRI) might be used to test for problems deeper within the ear or brain stem. The treatment and long term prognosis will be different based on whether there is central or peripheral dysfunction and the underlying cause.

If the condition is found to be secondary to an inciting cause then the primary disease must be treated. In the case of idiopathic disease, there is no specific treatment. Animals must be kept confined in a safe place where they will not injure themselves. Supportive care may include assisted feeding and fluid administration if your pet is too nauseated to eat or drink. Medications for the motion sickness and vomiting can help as well. In most cases, the signs of idiopathic PVD will improve within 72 hours and your pet will be normal in about two weeks, although some animals will retain a permanent head tilt. 🐾

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HOUSE FOR LIFE

By Paul Welch

ThumbPrint News Columnist

October has come with scary movies, costumes, and more talk about fire safety. This time I am going to deal with fumes. As we retreat inside to stay out of the cold, we increase the risk of fire and other hazards. Electricity, indoor plumbing, as well as heating and cooling systems make our lives very convenient but must also be monitored for hazards to our well-being. An early warning system will go a long way to keep you and your family safe.

That Annoying Beep

– Smoke alarms are the single best way to keep you and your family safe in the event of a fire. Having them near every bedroom and in rooms where fires are more likely to start will make sure you are woken up should a fire begin. This will save lives as well as possibly lessen the damage the fire causes. Make sure you test them every month as well as change the batteries once a year. They are relatively inexpensive to purchase and maintain and worth every penny.



What Don't I Smell? – Furnaces keep us warm and cozy during the winter which is extremely important. They are safe when working properly. As they age, things can go wrong posing new hazards. Gas furnaces burn natural gas for fuel and give off fumes which are vented through the roof. Whenever something burns, carbon monoxide becomes a possible risk. Your furnace is designed to keep carbon monoxide from going into your home, but as it ages it can also break. This does not mean that you shouldn't use a gas furnace, but a carbon monoxide detector becomes a good idea in any home.

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas that is very dangerous to your health. If undetected, it can kill you while you sleep without you knowing it. To protect yourself, buy a detector and put it in an area where it will be heard. Like a smoke alarm, it will make an annoying sound when it detects dangerous levels of carbon monoxide. Also, be aware of the

symptoms. These include feeling drowsy, confused, dizzy, nauseous, and having a headache. While these symptoms may sound like an average Saturday night for some, they are symptoms of a bigger problem. If you have carbon monoxide in your home, turn off your furnace, leave your home and contact a trained heating and cooling technician.

What is that Smell? – Natural Gas or propane is what many people use to heat their homes as well as cook their food. They are both efficient fuels but caution must be exercised. If a leak develops, it poses both an explosive fire hazard and a suffocation hazard. Detecting a leak is easy because the companies that sell you the fuel for your home put an additive in natural gas and propane that makes it smell awful. Most of us will recognize the smell. If you do smell a leak, leave the house and report the leak to your gas company. Another method of protection is to buy a fancier model of carbon monoxide detector that also detects explosive gas. It will sound the alarm if it detects propane or natural gas to let you know of a dangerous leak.

I'm Scared – While this all sounds scary, it is important to not panic about what might happen. As long as you take the proper precautions to protect yourself, you will be able to have a safe and wonderful house for years to come. Just a few simple steps can protect you and those you love from becoming a statistic.

Have a safe and fun October. Enjoy the leaves changing color and the festive decorations. It won't be long until the cold and snow come. Of course, that means hot cider and hot cocoa. If you have any questions or concerns, email me at ThumbPrintNews@comcast.net and I will reply in a timely manner. 🍀

Editor's note: Paul Welch has 16 years of experience working in retail hardware and has been trained and has learned much about home improvement, maintenance and repair. He currently is employed by LumberJack and runs their paint department.

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Secret Masks

By Patricia Cosner Kubic

ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

October is the month when we see lots of masks - some scary, some cute and some questionable. But, like everybody else, I wear masks all year long: the wife mask, the home accountant mask, the parent-worrier mask, and dare I say, the writer mask. Recently though, I discovered that I've been carrying around a mask that I never knew about. And, I seriously doubt that I'm the only who has a mask that he or she didn't know about.

First, I need to tell you that my dad lives in a small assisted living place; it is a bungalow house licensed to care for folks who have lost the ability to take care of themselves. I make the 80-mile round-trip twice a week, on average. This means I've seen my dad around 780 times over the last 7 ½ years. Remember that number; you'll need it soon.

Second, I need to tell you about my dad's roommate, Sam. I met Sam a few months ago; and as you would imagine, we exchanged pleasantries. As it is, Sam really isn't capable of exchanging much of anything. It turns out that three years ago, the then 52-year-old Sam had a brutal, life-changing stroke which stole his entire left side, many of his abilities and all but a few words. Needless to say, I did all the talking the day we met.

A final important fact you'll need soon is to know that last week, due to working extra hours, the only time I could see my dad was Friday evening. While my dad and I watched the news, the house got a call. I heard Linda, the caregiver, answer the call. And then I thought I heard her get loud with the caller; and, then I heard her scream my name. Instantly, I realized that Linda was not yelling at the caller and I bolted from the couch and sprinted to the back of the house.

I saw Sam wedged between his bed and his portable chair. Linda was desperately trying to keep the lower half of his body from falling between the bed and chair. I tried to grab Sam's arms, but reaching far over his portable chair blocked any leverage I could use to keep Sam propped up. Our only choice was to help Sam gently land on the floor. Clearly, we were going to lose round one.

Laying there on the floor, Sam's eyes told me how frightened he was; no words were necessary for sure. Without knowing it, I slipped on my medical mask and all of a sudden I started using my calm voice assuring Sam we had things under control. I took a hot second to look around the room - was it really me who said those

comforting words to Sam?

It didn't take too long for Linda to concoct a plan. We were going to use the hoist to lift Sam to the height of the bed, swing him over it and safely lower him back in his bed. I found myself attacking the situation; goodness, this new mask made me feel like I'd done this a hundred times before.

The first thing we had to do was get the hoist's hammock underneath Sam. Inside I thought no way; we are talking about getting a piece of fabric under a 300-pound weight. Looking at Sam's powerless position, my mask helped me convince Sam that he'd be back in bed in time for *Wheel of Fortune*. After twenty very long minutes of maneuvering Sam's body, we got the hammock under him and I started to pump the hydraulic lift. Slowly we could see Sam rising up from the floor. I swear that every inch higher that Sam got, my blood pressure dropped ten points.

A good 30 minutes later, Sam was almost even with his bed. Then, everything stopped. The hydraulic hoist could lift no higher. We tried to lower the bed. No luck. Poor Sam just hung in the hammock, completely vulnerable.

We were so close; he was just a few inches below his bed, if that. This time I faked being a champion body builder and practically threw myself on that hydraulic pump. A few more pushes and pulls and we got part of his leg on the bed. The promised land was in site! One more push from Linda and me and we got most of his leg and side on the bed. And, then using the arm that does work, Sam got us to the finish line by dragging his uncooperative side safely onto the bed.

It was over. We won. I ripped off my mask like a sweaty t-shirt. Linda and I danced and hugged. Inside I was so relieved this was over, that Sam was safe and I could take off my medical mask and get back to wearing the one that has always felt comfortable. I shook my head as I walked out of Sam's room, but not before I heard, "than-kue", "Thann-kue", and even louder, "THANN-KUE". Sam's words reverberated all over that room and his child-like gratitude left a permanent fingerprint on me. I gave him a small kiss on the cheek and told him he was welcome.

So back to the math. To me, it doesn't feel right to label the whole thing a coincidence. My dad's caretakers have never lost control of my dad or other residents; it just hasn't happened. Out of those 780 visits, I guarantee you less than five were in the evening. Right place, right time, right mask. A coincidence or a Divine plan? I know my answer; you, of




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course, can decide for yourself. But what I know is that scary times aren't limited to the last day of October. And when they jump out, screaming boo in a hard meeting, during an anxious doctor appointment or when a stranger suddenly needs help, there is no need to fear. You already have everything you'll need. I can tell you from personal experience that those secret masks will pop up at the exact moment you need them. They will be the difference in finding your courage and cowering in the corner. And I hope that knowing that will help make this month and every month thereafter a little less scary. 🍀



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The Harsens Island St. Clair Flats Historical Society Presents: A New Exhibit

Submitted By Charles Miller

Artifacts from the Steamer (a.k.a. Propeller) *John N. Glidden*
Sunk October 9, 1903, in the Government Canal, St. Clair Flats, Michigan



The St. Clair River has been an essential passageway for commercial shipping for over 200 years, and stories of collisions and sinkings abound. Over 120 documented shipwrecks/founderings occurred prior to 1900 alone! The sinking of the *John N. Glidden* in October, 1903, is an event, lost in the pages of history until now. The story surrounding this sinking has a special meaning to Harsens Islanders and the St. Clair Flats.

Built in 1879, in Cleveland, Ohio, by William R. Radcliffe, the *John N. Glidden* was a wooden steamer 220 feet in length with a gross tonnage of slightly over 1300 tons. She ran the lakes carrying cargoes of iron ore and coal for 17 years before being refitted with a second mast in 1896. Available photos show her in that post-1896 rig.

An interesting feature for boat nerds is the hexagonal pilot house.

The *Glidden's* career ended abruptly on October 9, 1903, when she collided with the loaded barge *Magna* in the old Government Canal in the St. Clair Flats. She sunk immediately. Documents of the day provide a detailed and interesting story of the event.

"The wooden steamer *John N. Glidden*, of the Nicholas Transportation Co., was sunk by a collision in the St. Clair Flats Canal, causing serious obstruction to navigation, and great delays and losses to vessel owners. The official report given out by Major Bixby, of the United States Engineers Department states that the *Glidden*, down-bound with 1,900 tons of iron ore, when at the lower end of the Canal, came in collision with the up-bound (steel) barge *Magna*, in tow of the *Empire City*, of the Pittsburg Steamship Company. While passing, the suction of the *Empire City* pulled the *Glidden* into the towline of the *Magna*. The *Magna* struck the *Glidden* in the bow cutting her open to the pilothouse. There were no injuries. The *Glidden* sank sideways in the canal immediately leaving only about 75 feet of passageway in the channel. The *Magna*, being intact, passed up-bound. The position of the wreck caused a serious disruption to vessel traffic, and Major Bixby began to divert traffic around the hulk one at a time. Soon there were 200 vessels at anchor waiting their turn to pass. In a hasty effort to re-open the canal to traffic, the *Glidden* was dynamited." 🌱



Editor's notes: See these artifacts and learn more, at the Museum exhibit, of their recovery (...and why they called them "Propellers") from the full text and research prepared by Charles Miller. The Museum is open Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Sundays noon to 4:00 p.m. and by appointment. Admission is free. (There are also a couple of phone numbers on the door. If you are on the Island and the Museum is closed, call the numbers and if someone is available they will come down and open for you.) The Society Museum is an all-volunteer organization that operates on donations from its members and visitors. The Museum is located at 3058 S. Channel Drive, Harsens Island, Michigan.

FAIR HAVEN

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Interurban Railroad connected Port Huron and Detroit and ran through Fair Haven.

Since it is on the water, the community of Fair Haven has been home to many boat and ship building enterprises. The most well-known and successful of these is the Mayea Boat Works, located right on M-29 for over eighty years.

Ice was collected on Bouvier Bay between Fair Haven Point and the Dyke Road from the 1870s to the 1940s. Before refrigeration units, harvesting ice was a way to keep food and other staples preserved. Joseph DeMars was an entrepreneur that helped engineer the machines that cut the ice into blocks that were hauled to the icehouse located on M-29 near Palms Road. Once the ice was stacked, everything was covered with canvas, giving the icehouse a uniquely "wet" smell. Ice was sold for a penny a pound.

During the prohibition years of 1920 to 1933, the Fair Haven area was home to



several blind pigs and speakeasies – places that sold and/or manufactured illegal alcohol. The geographic proximity to Canada made it easy for rumrunners, using boats, to transport alcohol into the canals and bays of Fair Haven. In the winter, they simply drove autos across the ice.



Because Fair Haven offered the beauty of Lake St. Clair and the attraction of swimming, boating and fishing, both in the summer and winter months, it was a destination point for tourism. The people of Detroit would come by rail, boat or automobile, making the trip in about

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two hours. A popular place to build homes and cottages was along M- 29 and Long Island Court. The owners started a tradition of naming the cottages in the manner that pleasure boats are named today.

With the building of new homes and cottages, the population of Fair Haven increased considerably. This created a need for restaurants, gas stations and bait and tackle shops. Bud Goulet saw the need and started Bud's Tavern along M-29. It was originally a lunchroom and grew into a fine popular restaurant, today known as Bobby Mac's Bayside Grill.

Fair Haven is also known for an ice carnival called Shantytown. For years, thick ice and good fishing would bring out hundreds of wooden shanties to Bouvier Bay, the fishing site that for many years has been the access point for a winter gathering called the Shantytown Carnival. An ice shanty city forms each year on the ice at the end of Palms Road, near the old stave mill of Francis Palms. In the 1950s, local radio stations would broadcast from nearby Walt's Fish House. A big tent on the site was heated with kerosene heaters. In the early days there were ice-wagon rides – today the ice fishing has given way to a bit of racing off-road vehicles on the ice, but there is still skating on the bay, food, music, cold beer – as well as ice-fishing, of course!



Broadbridge Road. In 1963, the games moved to the Anchor Bay Lions Field on Short Cut Road. Local brothers Gary and Mike Ignasiak played Little League in Ira Township and would later go on to play Major League Baseball – Gary pitched for the Detroit Tigers and Mike pitched for the Milwaukee Brewers. Thanks to those who volunteer, the program today is still very popular and is one of the oldest in the country!

In 1965, the St. Clair County Library Board established a branch library in Ira Township. It was located at what was formerly Hamlin's store and later John Kandler's Meat Market, off of M-29 in Fair Haven. The Ira Township Library today is located on Meldrum Road, in a building which was once a grange and then the township hall. In 2012, artist Emil Szkipala carved a 22-foot sculpture out of a 150-year-old silver maple tree that stands by the library.

Some of the early pioneers that settled in Fair Haven who were listed in the 1876 *New Historical Atlas of St. Clair County, Michigan* include Lewis Brockmiller, H. Neddermeyer, Stephen Rose, Henry C. Schnoor, James Vernier, as well as many people with the surnames of Beauvais, Chartier, Furtah, Meldrum, Faucher, Marcero, Savoyard, Torney, Eckout, DeMars,

Hart, Meyer, Bethuy and Bourlier. They would become friends and marry into each other's families to the extent that the father of the Archbishop of Detroit and lifelong Fair Haven resident, Elwin Vigneron, made this interesting observation, "Be careful who you talk with – they may be your cousins." 🌱

Editor's note: For more information and fascinating pictures about the Fair Haven area, pick up the Images of America: Ira Township book from the Ira Township hall, Barnes and Noble, Amazon.com, other online bookstores, or from one of the authors, Paul Torney, Lynn Lyon, Rich Gonyeau, Bob Mack or Gail Zabowski.



Downtown Fair Haven circa 1950, from left to right, The Village Tavern, Jeannette's Grocery, a hardware store, Pijanowski's Self-Serve Market, Foss' Rexall Drugs, and Dulac's Five and Dime. Dee Dee's eatery (now known as Buck's Diner) is a favorite breakfast and lunch stop.

On April 2, 1959, Ira Township Little League founders George Hack and Leo Vernier Jr. applied to Williamsport, Pennsylvania, to establish a Little League program for the kids of Fair Haven and Ira Township. The program became a huge success and the first games were played at the Fair Haven Elementary School on



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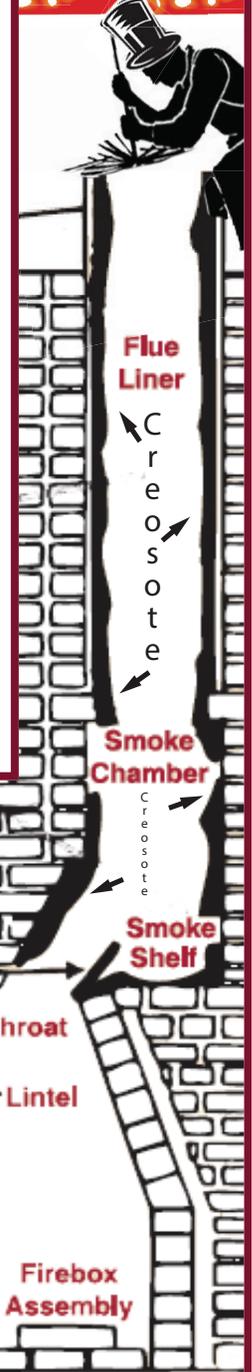
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I have attached a picture of the "Dance Hall at Roberts Landing" from 1937, donated to the Cottrellville Historical Society by Mary Roberts Rose.

The Dance Hall was located at Roberts Landing, north of the ferry to Canada. It had a cement dance floor and a bandstand as pictured. Around the south and west side of the dance floor were concession stands. At the end of this row of buildings next to the river was a room which was taken over by an Indian family. One night there was a bad storm and their building was flooded and they were forced out. The dance floor provided a great place for the

Roberts and the O'Leary children to race their soap box cars. These were made of orange crates with roller skates as wheels.

We would like to reach out to anyone who has memories or more pictures from this "hot spot" of the day to share. Email them to pat.runyon@yahoo.com. Thank you.

Pat Runyon, Secretary
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Senator Phil Pavlov: Proudly Serving the Thumb

Submitted By Senator Phil Pavlov, 25th Senate District

As Michigan's senator for the 25th District, I am blessed to serve my constituents. When I meet with folks in the district at community events, during office hours, or responding to a constituent concern, I am often asked to tell people about myself.

With that in mind, I thought it would be helpful to introduce myself to the readers of *ThumbPrint News*.

I was born and raised in St. Clair Township, where I also raised my two children. The Thumb has always been my home and I am proud to serve this region of the state.

After graduating from St. Clair High School and studying business administration at St. Clair Community College, I joined my family's transportation business. For 14 years, I owned and operated Dexter Equipment Company.

In 2001, I was elected to the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners, where I chaired the Environmental and Public Affairs Committee. I then completed three terms in the Michigan House of Representatives. I was elected to the Senate in 2010, and again in 2014.

I have been incredibly honored to play a part, along with my colleagues in the Senate and House and Gov. Snyder, in helping re-energize Michigan's economy. I have fought for new jobs, good schools and fiscal common sense for Thumb residents and the entire state. Michigan is coming back strong from a decade of stagnation. I will continue to fight for a vibrant economy and a bright future.

A big part of my job in Lansing consists of serving on Senate committees, where we review and revise legislation before it goes to the full Senate. I am currently the chairman of the Education Committee; vice chairman of both the Families, Seniors, and Human Services Committee and the Natural Resources Committee; and a member of the Transportation Committee. I also serve on the Appropriations Subcommittee for K-12, School Aid, Education.

In addition to crafting bills in committee and Senate session, my office team and I are here to serve you, my constituents. We do this in several ways. Some of these include:

- Helping residents work with various state departments, such as the Department of Natural Resources, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, the Unemployment Insurance Agency and others;
- Developing and presenting special proclamations and tributes to constituents;
- Providing booklets upon request, such as *A Citizen's Guide To State Government*, *the Pure Michigan 2015 Spring/Summer Travel Guide*, and others;
- Providing letters in support of grant requests; and
- Offering information on pending legislation.

Please visit my website at www.SenatorPhilPavlov.com for more information. You may contact my office at (866) 305-2125 or by using the "Contact Me" page on my website. My staff is happy to assist you.

I hope this article helped you get to know me and the work I do a little better. It has been a great pleasure serving the residents of the Thumb in different capacities for the past 15 years. I look forward to continued service, and I hope to see you soon. 🍀

Editor's note: Senator Phil Pavlov, R-St. Clair Township, is the chair of the Senate Education Committee. He serves the residents of the 25th Senate District, representing Huron, Sanilac and St. Clair counties; and Armada Township, Memphis, New Baltimore, Richmond and Richmond Township in Macomb County.



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Marine City Home to World Class Ship

By David Odziana

ThumbPrint News Writer and Field Reporter

The RMS *Titanic* is undoubtedly one of the best known ships ever built, and is so iconic that it has been the subject of numerous studies and movies, as well as decades of searching to find the wreck.

The ship that was once thought to be unsinkable is now resting approximately 13,000 feet below the surface of the North Atlantic Ocean, 400 miles south of Newfoundland, Canada. Even though it is required to board a submarine to see the ship in person, you can now view the most accurate builder's model in Marine City, Michigan, while remaining safely on land.

The model has no equal, and is a work of art that stretches 18-feet long; paired with its massive glass case, it weighs about 10,000 pounds and took seven years to complete. It can be viewed at the Mariner Theater, where it will remain as its permanent home, unless it is decided to travel the enormous piece to a different location for a certain amount of time.

"10,000 people built the real ship and we only had six," joked Gary Kohs, President of Fine Art Models. "We had two guys working 12 hours a day, six days a week for two and a half years just to hand place over 3,376,000 rivets. Even the lifeboats took two and a half years – nothing on this ship is a casting; it's all metal or custom milled wood fabricated to exact scale."



No other business aside from Kohs' was offered the opportunity to construct the incredibly detailed builder's model, which gave Kohs a once in a lifetime opportunity – to be one of the only people allowed to view the documents used to manufacture the *Titanic* since it was finished in 1912.

"I go there and they open the vault, rolling out this 80-foot, hand inked linen drawing. The dust was coming off of it because it hadn't been opened in about 90 years," Kohs said. "It was a religious moment; the plans include 650 sheets of paper, as well 272 pages from the designer's notebook detailing changes between the original plans and what was actually built."

It's no surprise that such an outstanding model, which is considered one of the greatest, if not the best builder's model in the world, brings a great amount of wealth, but Kohs has a different view than most involved with the *Titanic*.

"Once the offer to build the model came, I told them I would do it, but I have some ground rules. The model can only be used by non-profits or charities, it can never be shown with the plunder brought up from the gravesite and it can never be used along with the movie that was



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5. On this day in 1970, the U.S. Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) is established.
6. On this day in 1995, astronomers discover that 51 Pegasi is the second star known to have a planet orbiting it.
7. On this day in 1993, the Great Flood of 1993 on the Mississippi and Missouri rivers ends, the worst U.S. flood since 1927.
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9. On this day in 1470, Henry VI of England is restored to the throne. 
10. On this day in 1973, Spiro Agnew resigns the vice presidency amid accusations of income tax evasion. President Richard Nixon names Gerald Ford as the new vice president. Agnew is later convicted and sentenced to three year's probation and fined \$10,000.
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12. On this day in 1933, Alcatraz Island is made a federal maximum security prison.
13. On this day in 1983, The Space Shuttle *Challenger*, carrying seven, the largest crew to date, lands safely at Kennedy Space Center in Florida.
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17. On this day in 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte arrives at the island of St. Helena in the South Atlantic, where he has been banished by the Allies.
18. On this day in 1648, the "Shoemakers of Boston" - the first labor organization in what would become the United States - is authorized by the Massachusetts Bay Colony.
19. On this day in 1873, Yale, Princeton, Columbia and Rutgers Universities draft the first code of football rules.
20. On this day in 1938, Czechoslovakia, complying with Nazi policy, outlaws the Communist Party and begins persecuting Jews.
21. On this day in 1940, Ernest Hemingway's novel *For Whom the Bell Tolls* is published. 
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23. On this day in 2012, the world's oldest teletext service, BBC's Ceefax, ceases operation.
24. On this day in 1945, the United Nations comes into existence with the ratification of its charter by the first 29 nations.
25. On this day in 1962, Adlai Stevenson shows photos to the U.N. Security Council that prove Soviet missiles have been installed in Cuba. 
26. On this day in 1774, the first Continental Congress, which protested British measures and called for civil disobedience, concludes in Philadelphia.
27. On this day in 1927, *Fox Movie-tone News*, the first sound news film, is released.
28. On this day in 1636, Harvard College, the oldest institution of higher learning in the United States, is founded in Cambridge, Massachusetts.
29. On this day in 1945, the first ball-point pen is sold by Gimbell's department store in New York for a price of \$12.
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made,” Kohs said. “I never want to be seen profiting from a tragedy, so all the net profits go to charitable organizations – the model has raised over \$5,000,000 for charity so far.”

Along with the *Titanic* model, the Mariner Theater houses many other pieces guaranteed to be items visitors have never seen before.

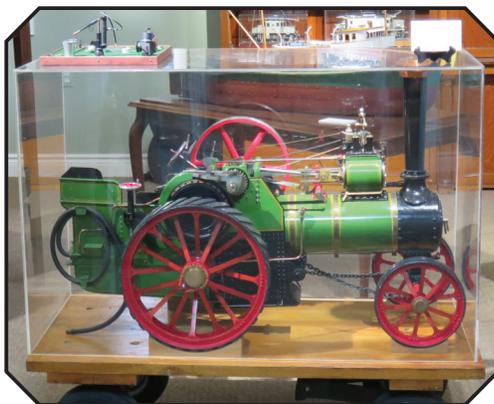
“We have four galleries and a lot of them contain models that we have done, but there are also other world class items that people will be blown away by,”



Kohs said. “Each gallery has an old French clock, one from 1689, that work and keep perfect time. We also have some tractor models, which look just like toy tractors, but they are scale models of the real Lanz Bulldog tractors that run on kerosene – they have gear boxes, and there is no difference between the real tractor and the model, except size.”

Kohs decided to purchase a retail store in Marine City after years of commuting from St. Clair to Royal Oak every day, and he couldn’t be happier with his decision.

“I got tired of playing dodge ’em cars on I-94 after 34 years and wanted something closer to my home in St. Clair,” Kohs said. “We came down here and saw this building and immediately said Marine City is our new home. This city is the best; the people are just sensational – it’s going to be a very good thing, and most importantly, it will be fun.”



Along with the best models and award winning items, the building is being restored to its former glory. Laura Scaccia, who started the business Eclecticasa, converting antique windows and salvaged material into one-of-a-kind furniture, was in charge of furnishing the old theater with pieces from the time period. One of the amazing finds was essential to obtaining the early 1900s feel they were seeking.

“The theater seats are almost identical to the ones that were in here originally,” said Scaccia. “They are red mohair seats that came out of the back of an old church, and since they were rarely used, they are in really good condition.”

In addition to the chairs, Scaccia found many of the items by searching auction websites online. Amazingly, they were even able to obtain two pieces that were original from the theater.

“The items actually found us,” Kohs explained. “A lady two blocks away was given two chandeliers from the original theater. She brought them in and said she wanted to bring them back to the theater.”

Although the pair are not entirely sure how some aspects of the business will work quite yet, they are excited to see what their new venture will bring.

“It’s about giving back; you can’t just take,” Kohs said. “The point is to use this to have some fun and make the area around us better.”



Editor’s note: The Mariner Theater is located in Marine City at 430 S. Water Street. For more information call (810) 765-5155 or visit www.marinertheater.net.

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If you have not yet joined our Thumb Bird group and would like to do so, the only requirements are that you live or have lived in the Thumb of Michigan and that you now spend part or all of the year in Florida. Email us your name and addresses in both Michigan and Florida, your phone number, and an email address where we can contact you. The purpose of this social group is to share ideas, places to visit, restaurants, etc. that have to do with our Florida experiences and to occasionally get together in both Florida and Michigan to talk about all things Michigan and Florida and to enjoy each other’s company. Email your information to ThumbPrintnews@comcast.net. We will welcome you to the group and send you an invitation to our Florida get-together next winter (date not yet established).



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Simple but Effective Solution for Veterans

By David Odziana

ThumbPrint News Writer and Field Reporter

For the thousands of veterans unfortunately suffering from symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), a treatment, newly discovered, may be a simple way to calm the issues caused by this disease.

A recent study conducted by the National Institute of Health showed 31 percent of war veterans suffer from PTSD, but only about 40 percent of those experiencing symptoms seek help. PTSD causes problems such as depression, sleep disorders and anxiety, which can greatly affect the quality of life after returning from war. Researchers at the University of South Florida's College of Nursing have been conducting studies and found a treatment revealing promising results, which is now known as accelerated resolution therapy, or ART. While many traditional treatments often include pharmaceuticals and lengthy sessions with a therapist, the new option doesn't.

Instead of requiring drugs and a lengthy amount of time, this treatment, although in the early stages, uses only two techniques. The therapist and patient spend time alternating between talking about the traumatic events that are causing PTSD, and moving the patient's eyes back-and-forth. While moving their eyes, they are asked to think of the situation as they want to remember it, which helps the brain integrate the new memories. This process helps reprogram the brain to essentially rewrite the thoughts recalled in certain situations, which is known as VIR (Voluntary Image Replacement). By doing this, it helps refile memories in the correct spot, which takes the traumatic memories that are constantly recalled in certain situations, and files them into long term memory, so they are not called up as often.

The initial study took 80 veterans and tested them for PTSD and depression symptoms, which resulted in 90 percent showing signs of depression, and 80 percent for PTSD. After as little as a single one-hour session, but with an average of four treatments, the results showed only 17 percent exhibited signs of PTSD and 28 percent with depression. The study also showed a decrease of other issues such as sleep deprivation and mood swings. Compared to the traditional treatment vets suffering from PTSD receive, which is called attention control (AC), patients given this option experience substantially less symptom reduction compared to ART. Unfortunately, the treatment is not endorsed by the Department of Defense or the Veterans Administration at this point, and as a result, will not be widely used until further testing is conducted.

Although this alternative is not commonplace yet, many involved with the study are hopeful this will be used nationwide for all veterans once more studies are conducted to prove its effectiveness. 🌱





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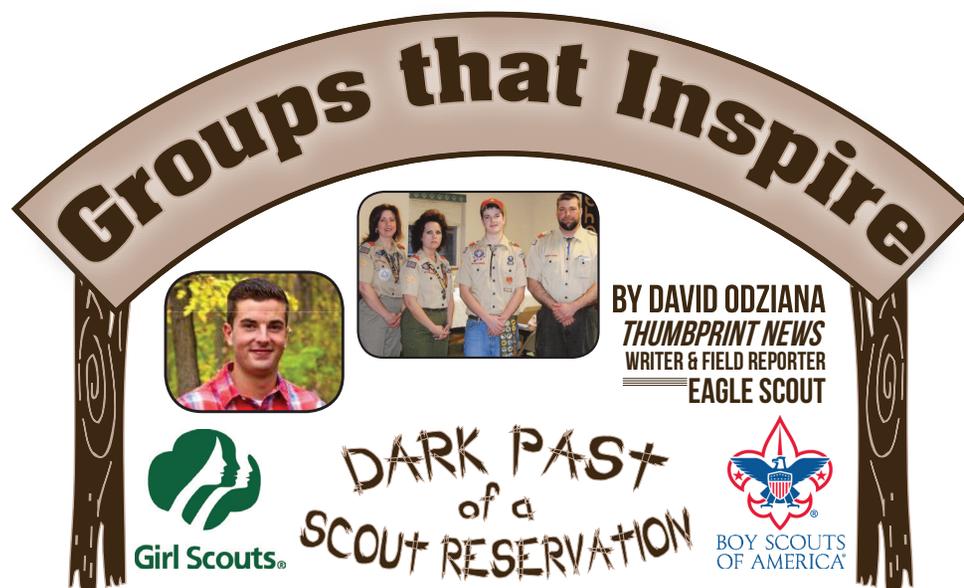
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There are many camps throughout Michigan where Boy Scouts spend their summers exploring the wilderness and earning merit badges. Although it is now shuttered, it would be a long shot to find a reservation able to exceed the interesting history of the one in Freeman Township.

The property encompasses 2,385 acres and was originally owned by Henry Ford's right-hand man; the Boy Scouts of America took possession of the land in 1964. A trained boxer and an ex-Navy sailor by the name of Harry Bennett caught Ford's attention when he aided his friend in a brawl, which was witnessed by columnist Arthur Brisbane; Brisbane in turn introduced him to Ford around 1916. Ford took a liking to Bennett, reportedly only asking one question before hiring him, "Can you shoot?" Although he didn't have knowledge of the car building business, this didn't concern Ford because he had other intentions for Bennett.

Bennett began working at the Rouge plant in 1921, quickly becoming head of the service department. Just six years from taking over that division, Bennett became one of the top six people at Ford Motor Company. Around this time, Bennett was unofficially named head of internal security, where it was said he acquired the likes of football players,

boxers, gang members and wrestlers to join his team. He quickly earned a reputation as a leg-breaker. His daily tasks included monitoring employees, firing executives, guarding Ford and his family, delivering punishments and intimidating those attempting to organize unions. The effort to establish the UAW is when Bennett obtained the most power; he was in charge of firing and beating those who backed the union. He was long remembered for his strange habits while at Ford. Bennett often brought his pets, which were lions, tigers and panthers, into the plant and would walk them around on a leash. It was also said he painted a target on his filing cabinet in his office, which he would shoot with an air gun for target practice.

As a result of all the dirty work he did for Ford, he soon became one of the closest people in Ford's life; it was said that aside from his wife Clara, Bennett was the closest person to him during the final decade of his life. Ford actually favored Bennett over his only son because Bennett did whatever Ford asked of him and did it very efficiently. Bennett was best known for the 1937 *Battle of the Overpass*, in which he and his crew severely beat union organizers and media members. Since the enforcer was so close to Ford, a rivalry formed between himself and a few family members,

especially his son Edsel and grandson Henry Ford II. His son Edsel fell ill and passed away in 1943, which some believe to be Bennett's doing. With one less potential person to head the company, Bennett believed he would take over Ford Motor Company, but the



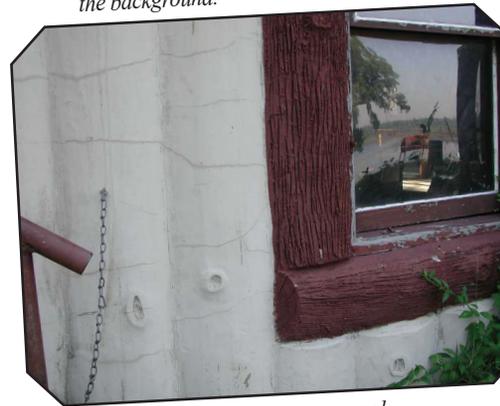
Bennett Lodge (contributed by Parker Thomas)



Staff explains history with fireplace escape in the background.



One of the spikes placed in the moat



Close up of the intricate cement work



Moat around the Bennett Lodge

Ford family wouldn't let that happen. Due to pressure from family members, the business was passed down to his grandson in 1945; Henry Ford II quickly fired Bennett. From the many years he spent working for Ford, Bennett acquired a vast amount of land and money.

While he was with Ford, Bennett built multiple homes throughout Michigan, adding many interesting elements to the houses, which make them fascinating to explore. With the thousands of acres in Clare County given to him, Bennett built a hunting lodge on the largest of three lakes on the property, known as Lost Lake. All the enemies he obtained from his time with Ford caused Bennett to grow very paranoid and he started taking extra precautions to avoid sudden attacks. While constructing his lodge in the vast forest of mid-Michigan, he started with having a moat dug around the area where the house was to be built, making the site into an island. He then made it so only one road led to and from the house, requiring visitors to cross a bridge over the moat, which was said to be wired with explosives in case unwanted guests showed up. The only other way to reach the house was to swim through the moat, which Bennett lined with 12-inch long steel spikes that would impale the trespassers.

When work began on the lodge itself, Bennett constructed the whole dwelling out of thick concrete, which was formed with intricate detail to resemble a log home. The house was also adorned

with one-inch thick bulletproof glass for windows. Inside the home, several hidden features were added during development to aid in his safety. In the living room is a large stone fireplace that has a hidden ladder going up the chimney, which leads up to the roof for a quick escape. Once on the roof, a separate staircase leads back to ground level; the top of the building was also equipped with machine gun turrets, which were manned 24/7 to deal with any intruders. Bennett also had all the ventilation lead to a central point in a secret room, which allowed him to listen to all the conversations taking place in the house. The residence was decorated with multiple hand crafted furniture pieces, many of which were constructed by the artisans at Ford's Greenfield Village. One of the pieces still residing in the home is a table, which has a hidden compartment inside where Bennett would keep his guns for quick access, while his visitors were none the wiser.

The basement of the lodge contains some of the most peculiar characteristics of the whole property. One room's floor is painted dark red, which is original from when the house was built. It is believed this is the room Bennett and his team would kill their victims, painting the floor red to make cleanup easier. The floor and chair found in the room were said to be covered in stains when the Boy Scouts acquired the lodge. There is also a bookcase along one of the walls that was once filled with books, one of which was attached to a rope. When



the book was pulled, the hidden door would unlatch, revealing a set of stairs leading further underground. The steps to this retreat were all of different sizes and pitches. Bennett practiced running these stairs through the dark tunnel to memorize the pattern, but anyone chasing him would almost certainly fall. At the end of the steps is a bunker, which leads two different ways; the left goes to a wet bar with a two way mirror looking into the pool where Bennett and his friends would watch girls swim, and the other extends toward the water. If he was trying to escape someone, he would continue to the lake, where he would exit the tunnel at the foot of his dock to find a boat waiting. He would then drive his watercraft across the water to his personal runway, where he would hop into his plane and take off. Once the Boy Scouts acquired the camp, more strange findings were discovered on the property.

One of those eerie findings is an open area in the moat located behind the lodge, which has been dubbed *devil's hole*. It is here, the legend states, the staff of the camp frequently fished, noticing one day they couldn't see the bottom. After growing curious, they decided to attach a rope to a cinderblock, but ran out of rope before hitting bottom. They then obtained a 500-foot rope and attached it to a block, but again lost the rope before striking ground. It is said this is the spot Bennett would dispose of the bodies of his victims by tying weights to them, never to be seen again. Another interesting find was the license plates found at the bottom of the lake, said to be Bennett disposing of the evidence from his latest "assignment".

Other rumors surrounding the property

are reports of a ghost in all white who has been dubbed *Lady of the Lake*. It is said she has been spotted on the lake, as well as the moat around the house. Legend has it she was the innocent victim of Bennett who saw something she shouldn't have. In addition to ghosts, there have long been whispers of another tunnel that runs beneath the moat, connecting to a separate building on the property.

When the Boy Scouts bought the land in the mid 1960s, the home was left completely furnished, as Bennett abandoned all of his belongings before moving to California after being fired by Henry Ford II, never to return again. Unfortunately, Lost Lake Scout Reservation was forced to close its doors in 2012. Since then, the Bennett Lodge has fallen on hard times because the house is constructed of thick concrete, making repairs extremely costly. Although the camp is no longer open, the property and lodge have left an everlasting impact on the thousands of youth lucky enough to have visited the reserve during its nearly 50 years of operation. 🍀

Editor's note: To learn more about the Boy Scouts, contact the Blue Water Council Boy Scouts of America at (810) 982-9529 or for the Girl Scouts, contact the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan at (313) 972-4475. If any scouts, past or present, would like their pictures included in a future edition of ThumbPrint News, please send your photographs, along with captions, to ThumbPrintNews@comcast.net.

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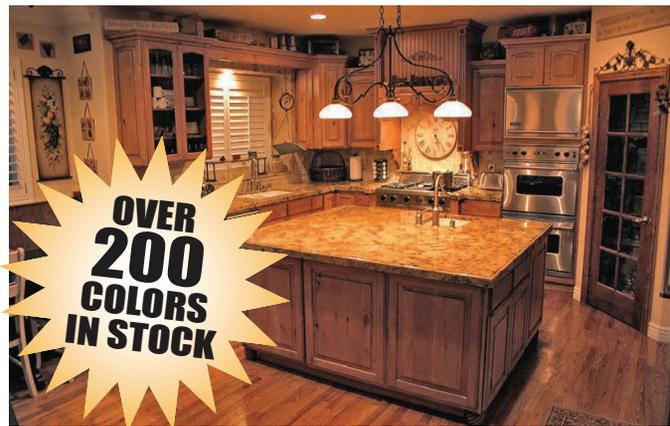
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Americanism

By David Gillis

ThumbPrint News Columnist

Recently, I read an article written by Raymond E. Manchester in the *Journal of Education*. The author, a faculty member at Kent State in Ohio, directed his comments to those in the teaching profession and the focus of his essay was "Americanism."

Now, I like to think I wear my patriotism on my sleeve for all to see and have said so in *ThumbPrint News* and elsewhere in the past. I even become teary-eyed when the Flag of the United States passes in a parade. For this month's column I want to share some of my thoughts in relationship to those of Mr. Manchester's.

At the very beginning of the *Journal* article I read, "During the year very much has been said and written about Americanism. It is a matter of vital interest not only to those who must do the teaching, but to all those who pride themselves upon being truly American."

As I continued to read I found the author telling the reader that definite action was necessary to bind together those who believe in American idealism. He also noted that work was being done in numerous cities to instruct and aid immigrants to this nation in American ways of thinking and doing. Before departing from these thoughts he wrote, "Every thinking person will give support to such work."

With my interest stimulated I continued to read that Americanism is something people accept, that they believe in, something they adopted as a philosophy of life, and something to have faith in.

The author explained that those who stand for Americanism must also insist on a strong national experience. He even said, "If we are to have a strong nation, every person within the boundaries must declare himself to be for America." Without being too critical, I suggest it might be difficult to read that comment elsewhere today.

As a teacher, the article's author advised other American educators that a great task they have is to protect our civilization from trivial attitudes about social adjustment and more towards the greater questions of life as an American.

As I finished reading the composition I learned that the next generation must develop a positive attitude about Americanism built upon the principles of human understanding. I believe we will have less concern about the future if we see that our children have the opportunity to be influenced by teachers who are truly Americans.

For those readers of this column who may view Americanism as I do, you may think the opinions of the article's author are refreshing. Well, they may be if only written in a more recent publication.

Mr. Manchester's advice to educators was published in a 1921 edition of the *Journal of Education*. When he wrote the article he was a professor of mathematics at Kent State Normal College, now Kent State University. He retired as the institution's Dean of Men and is now deceased.

Fast forward 94 years and the results of my research are limited when attempting to find an educator advising other teachers on the exceptionalism of Americanism. In his article, Mr. Manchester wrote about a little "colored girl", a term we wouldn't think about using anymore. He also referred to "doughboys", a term not even recognized by most readers today. And, he wrote about a national attitude that carried this nation through many difficult times. He expounded upon Americanism in a positive sense, not the anti-American rhetoric we see and hear much too often today.

I hope the regular readers of this column don't mind me straying from my normal nonsensical offerings. I came across the *Journal* article only by chance and was intrigued and even motivated by the message presented. My sincere hope is that future generations will embrace the term "Americanism" and not look at it the same way many of us see the term "doughboy" today. 🇺🇸

Remembering
the America
I Know and Love

LOST TOWNS

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labeled “Northern Soul” and the rarer ones sell for upwards of \$300 per record, especially overseas. The studio also included a machine to burn recordings onto vinyl records.



The last party store closed in 2012 and was bulldozed in 2014. Today little remains of Meade

except the cemetery and the memories.

Another lost town of the Michigan Thumb area is **Grindstone City**. Aaron Peer was the captain of a schooner and took shelter during a storm at the natural harbor located in an area near the tip of Huron Township. He noticed an unusual rock and took a load to Detroit. Analysis of what was identified as bluestone sandstone made Captain Peer realize it would be perfect for the manufacturing of grindstones, an instrument needed by mostly everyone, from large factories to individual housewives, to sharpen knives and tools. Opening a factory to manufacture grindstones, whetstones, and axe bits, Peer’s success caused the town, named for its main livelihood, to prosper (Captain Peer is buried in Algonac’s Oaklawn Cemetery.)

In its heyday, Grindstone City was a stop on the Pere Marquette Railroad and besides the grindstone factory had three hotels, a gristmill, churches, post office, doctors, dentists, real estate offices, attorneys, blacksmiths, school, grocery stores, meat markets, a wagon and buggy factory, a box factory, a canning factory and other businesses.



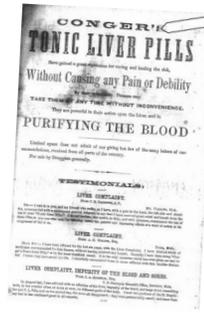
Grindstone City’s downturn began when silicon carbide was developed

in 1893, an abrasive that could more easily be produced. The grindstone factory closed, and the city declined to the point that the post office closed in 1960. With few businesses left in Grindstone City, it has returned to being the small fishing settlement it began as.

The town of **Belvidere** (sometimes called **Huron Point**) was founded by James Conger in Harrison Township, south of Lake St. Clair Metropark in Macomb County, by the Harley Ensign Access Point and Belvidere Bay. It is now part of Lake St. Clair, because in the 1830s, the whole area flooded and was covered by water in less than two years.

James L. Conger made a fortune selling

“Conger’s Tonic Liver Pills” which would, according to his advertisements, help the liver to purify the blood and had a “great reputation for curing and healing the sick without causing any pain or debility.” The pills could “cure every ailment known to man!” Testimonials were offered by residents of Mt. Clemens, Utica and Detroit as to its great curative properties, even though, according to later scientific analysis, any benefits felt from the pills would have been a placebo effect, only in the person’s head.



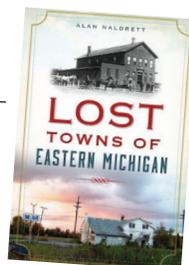
Wishing to invest his liver pill profits somewhere, James partnered with his brother David to buy land in 1835, at the mouth of the Clinton River and plat a waterfront village. Lots were sold and businesses were built: a general store, sawmill, gristmill, a two-story tavern (with a hotel on the second floor), a steamboat landing, a fishery, and other businesses. There were residences built and in 1837, a post office was established.

The 1830s marked an era when President Andrew Jackson was against having a federal bank. Lots of independent banks would form free from federal regulations. Known as “wildcat” banks, James Conger co-founded a bank that he was president of, the “Bank of Lake St. Clair.” They issued their own bills, notably ones, twos, threes and fives.



If only the Congers had heeded the warnings of local Chippewa that the area of Belvidere was located in an area usually underwater! The area was actually just making one of its rare appearances above water when the Congers were unfortunate enough to buy the land from the generally clueless land office in Detroit. In 1838, high waters caused the town to be abandoned. By 1839, the water was up to the second story of the tavern, and by the next year it was gone completely. Divers report finding artifacts in the area but there is otherwise little to no trace of Belvidere remaining! 🌱

Editor’s note: For many more stories of the lost towns of the Thumb area, pick up Alan Naldrett’s book, Lost Towns of Eastern Michigan, available at Amazon, Abe Books, and all other online bookstores, as well as Barnes and Noble, Celtic Sisters in New Baltimore, and the Paperback Writer bookstore in Mt. Clemens.



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Don't Neglect Your Lawn in the Fall

By David Odziana

ThumbPrint News Writer and Field Reporter

With summer coming to a close and winter right around the corner, most yard work is wrapping up for the year, but your lawn requires additional care until the snowy weather is in full effect.

Many people tend to believe the height of your mower deck should shift with the temperature, leaving it taller during the hot months and shorter during the cooler months. Robert Kozlowski, of the Cornell University Cooperative Extension, explains why that statement isn’t necessarily true. When cutting your lawn, he says to make sure it is dry and around 3 ½ inches tall, never cutting it shorter than 2 inches or removing more than 1/3 of the length. Kozlowski also states if you maintain control of your grass, then clippings shouldn’t be bagged. The mulched grass contains valuable nutrients for your lawn and as long as the clippings are not excessive, it is good for your lawn if they remain.

Watering is another aspect many believe is unneeded once the temperature begins to drop, but that theory also proves to be wrong. Your lawn just went through a long stretch of hot and dry weather and if it enters the winter months in the same condition, the likelihood that it becomes damaged from the cold, reappearing weak in the spring, is greatly increased. When watering the grass, plenty of water should be added if rain has been scarce, making sure your lawn receives around one inch of water each week. While watering shrubs and trees, it is very important they continue to receive water until the ground is frozen to ensure they enter winter with hydrated roots. One of the biggest reasons many plants don’t survive the cold months is because the soil has insufficient moisture.

With all the hard work you put into your lawn over the past few months, the natural occurrence of leaves continuously falling on your lawn can reverse progress very quickly. When the leaves fall, it is important to remove them as soon as possible to lower the chances of smothering your grass. If your lawn mower has a mulching mode, leaves can be mulched up along with the grass and remain on the lawn, assuming the debris is not excessive. If your mower doesn’t mulch, ensure leaves are removed by using either a rake or leaf blower before the snow covers them.

With a little extra effort during the months heading into the winter season, your grass could go a long way come spring time, resulting in the lush green lawn desired. 🌱



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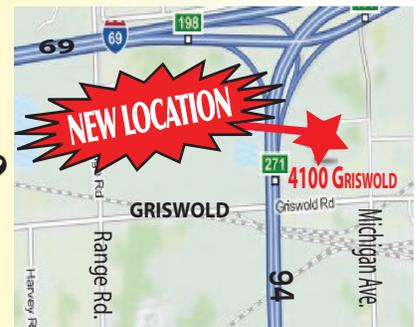
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If you have an event in November that you would like listed in the November issue of *ThumbPrint News*, email it to ThumbPrintNews@comcast.net by October 12, 2015. There is no charge for the listing. Limited space is available for publishing events in this section. If it becomes necessary to eliminate some of the events that were submitted to us, we apologize. Events that were submitted earliest and non-profit events will be given the first priority.

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

Genesee

No events were submitted for Genesee County this month.

Huron

Bad Axe - October 3 & 17
Tip of the Thumb Dancers, Huron County Senior Center, 150 Nugent Rd., 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Admission \$5. Cancellations on WLEW and WMIC radio. Bring finger food and friends. Entertainment provided by The Natural Tones on October 3 and on October 17 (our Sweetest Day dance) by Emerson Pilaske. For more information call Jerry at (989) 269-6348.

Kinde - October 14
Fundraiser Dinner for the Huron County Nature Center, The Pasta House Restaurant, 337 Main St., 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. For more information call (989) 551-8400 or visit www.HuronNatureCenter.org.

Lapeer

Dryden - October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
Euchre Tournament, Dryden Vets Hall, 4223 S. Mill, 8:00 p.m. \$10 to play; no partner is needed. Players can bring additional players. Snack food is available. 50/50 raffles and more. For more information call (810) 796-3746.

Lapeer - October 9
Dance in Memory of Nick Somma, Lapeer County Community Center, 880 S. Saginaw St., 8:00 p.m. For more information call (248) 228-4876.

Almont - October 10
Almont Lions Euchre Tournament, Almont Lions Club, 222 Water St., doors open at 6:00 p.m., play starts at 7:00 p.m. \$15 donation includes prizes and food. For more information call Dan at (810) 798-8321.

Almont - October 13
Almont/Dryden Seniors' Potluck Lunch Program, Almont Lions Club, 222 Water St., noon. For more information call Dan at (810) 798-8321.

Imlay City - October 24
Visit by Clifford, the Big Red Dog, Goodland Township Library, 2370 N. Van Dyke, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Activities will include coloring pictures, make paper bag pumpkins and a button wreath, book readings and snacks. Free. Program is aimed for children ages 5 - 10, but all are welcome. For more information call (810) 721-2110 or email goodlandtwplibrary@gmail.com.

Macomb

Clinton Twp. - October 3
2nd Annual Bread Bowl, Bags and Bingo Fall Fundraiser, Avante Banquet Hall, 36217 Gratiot Ave., 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Benefits Tote Bags of Love and Handbags of Love. \$15 per person in advance or \$20 at the door. Includes two kinds of soup in a bread bowl, salad, dessert and coffee, pop or hot tea. Bake sale too. For more information or to reserve your tickets call (586) 604-6907 or (586) 215-2050.

New Baltimore - October 4, 11, 18 & 25

New Baltimore Farmers Market, Washington St. in the heart of downtown, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Features fruits, vegetables, baked goods, homemade salsas, jams etc. and a variety of other locally made products. For more information contact Donald at ldhuff1231@att.net.

Richmond - October 6
Woman's Life Chapter 855, Lois Wagner Memorial Library, 35200 Division, 6:30 p.m. Bring a friend and join us. See how being a part of something special can change the way you feel about yourself and your community. For more information call (810) 392-5136.

Memphis - October 23
The River Strings Fundraiser, Holy Family Catholic Church, 79780 Main St., 6:30 p.m. Presented by Woman's Life Chapter 855, this fundraiser will benefit the Holy Family Food Pantry. \$10 per person, \$5 per child. Light refreshments provided. For more information call (810) 392-5136.

Richmond - October 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 & November 1, 6, 7 & 8
Richmond Community Theatre Production of *Frankenstein*, 69619 Parker St., 8:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, 2:00 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets: adults \$17, seniors and students \$12. Costume contest on Halloween. For more information visit RichmondTheatre.com or call (586) 727-9518.

Richmond - October 24
St. Peter's Lutheran Church 18th Annual "Share the Gift" Craft Show, 67055 Gratiot, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Donations at the door of 50¢ or a canned food item for needy families. Luncheon from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Cookie walk, homemade German potato salad and baked beans. For more information call (810) 392-2528.

Sterling Heights - October 24
Dance, Dance, Dance, Sterling Chateau Hall/Holy Ghost Church, 38500 Ryan Rd., 8:00 p.m. Cost \$10. Singles, widowed, divorced - all are welcome. For more information call (248) 228-4876.

Sterling Heights - October 31
Trunk or Treat, Lions Clubhouse, 12828 Canal Rd. Looking for people who would like to decorate their vehicles and pass out candy. \$5 suggested donation and bring candy for at least 100 kids or so. Free admission for kids. Face painting, games and bounce house. Call (586) 604-6907 to reserve your spot.

Oakland

Rochester Hills - October 28
New Book Presentation *Michigan at Antietam*, Rochester College, 800 West Avon, 7:30 p.m. Presented by authors Jack Dempsey and Brian Egen. This takes place during the meeting of the Israel B. Richardson Civil Roundtable; meetings take place the last Wednesday of the month from September through May. Public welcome. For more information visit www.richardsoncwr.org or call Bill at (586) 752-6013.

St. Clair

St. Clair County - October 1 - December 7
Bottle and Can Drive, sponsored by Woman's Life Chapter 855 of Memphis. Will benefit Wings of the Harbor Transitional Living Program for homeless youth in Port Huron. For can and bottle drop-off locations, call (810) 392-5136.

Kimball - October 2, 9, 16 & 23
7th Annual Farmers Market, Flea Market and Arts and Crafts Market, 4521 Ravenswood Rd., 10:00

a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Price is still only \$10 per parking space outside for vendors. Our concession stand will also be available for your convenience. For more information call (810) 364-6800 or (810) 824-7435.

Port Huron - October 2
Homeschool Open House, Port Huron Library, 201 McMorrin Blvd., 10:00 a.m. Discover the wide variety of resources and services the library offers to support and enrich your homeschooling experience. A library tour and refreshments are included. Families welcome. Registration requested by calling (810) 987-7323 ext. 132 or 130.

Lakeport - October 3
Banned Books Movie Matinee, Burtchville Township Library, 7097 Second St., 1:30 p.m. Celebrate Banned Books Week by watching this film based on a 1960 Pulitzer Prize-winning autobiographical novel of a lawyer who puts his career on the line when he agrees to represent a black man accused of rape. Ages 12 and up. Popcorn and beverages provided. Rated PG. For more information call (810) 385-8550.

Marysville - October 5, 14, 19 & 26
American Sign Language, Marysville Library, 1175 Delaware, 6:00 p.m. Learn basic communication skills in sign language. Ages 15 and up. Registration requested by calling (810) 364-9493.

Algonac - October 6
"Everyone Has A Story", Algonac-Clay Library, 2011 St. Clair River Dr., 6:00 p.m. Please join us for "October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month" as we welcome Sandy Jenkins, who will share with us the incredible journey she faced with battling and surviving breast cancer twice and her continuing involvement as a recovery volunteer. Registration requested by calling (810) 794-4471.

Port Huron - October 6, 13, 20 & 27
Blue Water Community Chorus Rehearsals, Performing Arts Center, Port Huron High School, 2215 Court St., 7:00 p.m. It is not too late to join! Under the direction of Mr. Terry Beasley, rehearsals conclude with the "Winter Majesty" performance, Friday, November 20, also at the Port Huron High Performing Arts Center. For more information contact Wayne at (810) 388-7189.

Memphis - October 8
Pinterest Craft of the Month, Memphis Library, 34830 Potter St., 6:00



p.m. Make a button bracelet. All materials provided. Adults. Registration requested by calling (810) 392-2980.

East China - October 10
2015 Fall Craft and Vendor Show, St. John River District Hospital, 4101 S. River Rd., 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Sponsored by SJRDH Volunteer Auxiliary. For more information or to reserve a table call (810) 434-5033.

Fair Haven - October 10
Kid Kreations, Ira Township Library, 7013 Meldrum Rd., 10:00 a.m. Get into the Halloween spirit and create a holiday decoration that can be hung on the wall or used to decorate the table. Ages 5 - 10. For more information call (586) 725-9081.

Kimball - October 10
A Snack and a Show, Kimball Township Library, 1955 N. Allen Rd., 1:00 p.m. Kids, join us for the 2012 animated movie where Dracula runs a high-end resort away from the human world, going into overprotective mode when a boy discovers the resort and falls for the count's teenage daughter. Rated PG. All ages welcome, as long as library card reflects movie rating. Registration requested by calling (810) 982-9171.

East China Twp. - October 11
Walk 2 Remember, Walk 2 Prevent Fundraiser, East China Park, 12:00 p.m. Hosted by the St. Clair County Services Coordinating Body Suicide Prevention Workgroup. Participation is free, but donations are accepted. Proceeds from the walk will benefit the Survivors of Suicide (SOS) Support Group, the SOS Memorial Garden and suicide prevention efforts in St. Clair County. To pre-register visit www.walk2remember.myevent.com or register in person at 3111 Electric Ave. in Port Huron. Day-of registration begins at 11:00 a.m. A picnic lunch will be held immediately following. For more information call (810) 966-7830 or email asmith@sccmh.org.

Marine City - October 11
44th Annual Harvest Dinner, Our Lady on the River Parish, Holy Cross Church Activity Center, 610 Water St., 12:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Complete roast beef dinner with all of the trimmings. Adults \$10, children 3 and under free. Carry-out available for \$9. Farmer's wagon, bake sale and raffle. For more information call (810) 765-3568.

Capac - October 15 & 29
Kid Kreations, Capac Library, 111 N. Main, 4:00 p.m. Join us for a story and related craft. Ages 5 - 12. For more information call (810) 395-7000.

Columbus - October 17
Ella's Race, Columbus Township Park, 1515 Kronner Rd. 10K, 5K and 1-mile walk/run benefitting the American Brain Tumor Association. For more information email Ellarace@hotmail.com or visit <http://ellarace.wix.com/ellarace> and click on the "Race Information" link for all times and fees.

Marine City - October 17
Off Our Rockers Variety Show and Luncheon, Washington Life Center, 403 N. Mary, lunch at 12:00 p.m., show at 1:00 p.m. Dancing, singing and comedy. Tickets \$12 with lunch, \$5 show only. Tickets for lunch must be purchased by October 9. Call (810) 765-3523 for tickets and/or more information.

Marine City - October 17
Bats in the Library, Marine City Library, 300 S. Parker, 2:00 p.m. Join us as we welcome the Organization for Bat Conservation. See live bats and learn all about their benefits. For more information call (810) 765-5233.

Memphis - October 17
Sage Creek Wine Tasting, 34758 Pratt Rd., 7:00 p.m. Hosted by the Memphis Lions; proceeds will go for the restoration of the community pavilion. Tickets will be sold in advance or at the door - \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. For more information call (810) 392-5008 or (810) 392-2534 or email kbirkett29@gmail.com.

North Street - October 17
An Art Revolution - Turning Art into Books, The Dorsey House, 6008 Beard Rd., 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. The Ottawa Chapter of the NSDAR will host this silent auction of handcrafted and collectible art that will help to provide patriotic children's books for local libraries and reading material for local veterans. The 125th birthday of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will also be celebrated with a light luncheon with soft drinks, birthday cake and coffee for \$20 (cash bar is available). To RSVP for luncheon or for more information call (586) 784-8783.

Yale - October 20
Movie Matinee, Yale Library, 2 Jones St., 4:00 p.m. Come and join us for a PG movie matinee. Refreshments provided. A movie viewing form signed by a parent or guardian must be on file prior to movie viewing. Registration requested by calling (810) 387-2940.

Marysville - October 21 & 22
Grace Hospice of Marysville Volunteer Training Sessions, 1985 Gratiot, 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. You must be

18 years or older to attend this meeting. For more information on how you may become involved and to register call Marsha at (810) 294-8583.

Kimball - October 24
Craft Show, Bake Sale and Used Book Sale, 4521 Ravenswood Rd., 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus #9526 Auxiliary. For more information call (810) 364-4635 or (810) 650-5419.

Algonac - October 27
Algonac-Clay Township Historical Society 23rd Annual Spaghetti Dinner, St. Catherine's Activity Center, 1103 Washington St., 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. \$8 adults, \$4 children under 12. Raffle tickets will also be sold. For more information call (810) 794-9015.

St. Clair - October 27
Kid Kreations, St. Clair Library, 310 S. Second St., 6:30 p.m. Learn to juggle. Make your own juggling balls and learn the beginning steps to keeping them in the air. Ages 5 - 12. For more information call (810) 329-3951.

Port Huron - October 28
St. Clair County Family History Group, Port Huron Museum, 1115 Sixth St., 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in local history or researching their family tree is welcome to attend as a guest or become a member of the group. October's program will be "Ontario Migration to Michigan and Beyond". For more information visit <http://rootsweb.com/~miscfng/> or call (317) 600-7813.

Sanilac
Lexington - October 10
Coffeehouse Open Mic Night, Trinity Episcopal Church, 5646 Main St., 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Admission is free. Donations are welcome. Refreshments provided. 50/50 raffle to benefit Thumbfest 2015. Bring a non-perishable food item for Project Blessing. Performers - sign up begins at 6:15 p.m. (but no earlier). For more information email Dawn at dawnmalek@comcast.net.

Sandusky - October 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. \$10 membership per year. October 10 is our Sweetest Day Dance and entertainment will be by The Natural Tones (TNT).

October 24 is our Halloween Dance with pumpkin pies and entertainment will be provided by Dick Hedrich and Son. For more information call (810) 657-9349 or (810) 404-4250.

Port Sanilac - October 17 & 24
Haunted Village, Family Event, Sanilac County Historical Museum and Village, 228 South Ridge St., 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. \$3 admission. Refreshments available. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information visit www.sanilaccountyhistoricalmuseum.org or call (810) 622-9946.

Lexington - October 18
"They Had To Go Out" - 100th Anniversary of the U.S. Life Saving Service in Michigan's Thumb, Ava Maria Catholic Parish Community Center, 5366 Main St., 3:00 p.m. Three speakers will captivate the audience with tales of those who served. There will also be displays and some items for sale by the Pointe aux Barques Lighthouse, Mr. McGeevy, Mr. Shook, the U.S. Coast Guard and the Sanilac County Historical Society. This is a fundraising event for the Sanilac County Historical Society - tickets are \$15 and are available at the Sanilac Museum or by calling (810) 662-9946 or (810) 376-4438.

Lexington - October 20
Dead Reckoning - A Great Lakes Love Story, Lexington Trinity Episcopal Church, 5646 Main St., 7:00 p.m. Speaker will be Denise Dutcher, a local author, who wrote the book about the 1870s teenager, Minnie Quay of Forester, whose boyfriend worked on a ship that went down in a storm. Distraught, Minnie drowned after jumping off a Forester dock. Sponsored by the Sanilac County Genealogical Society. Free and open to the public. For more information call (810) 705-1680.

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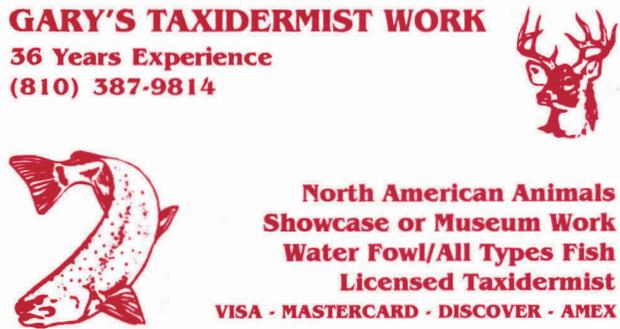
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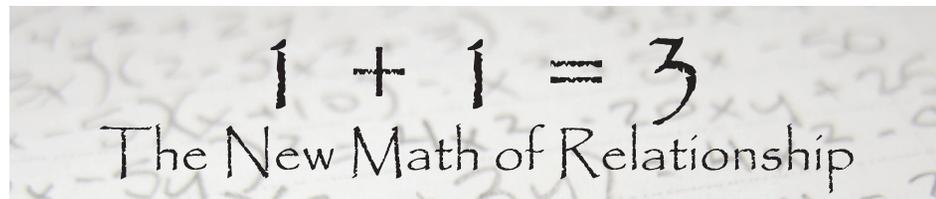
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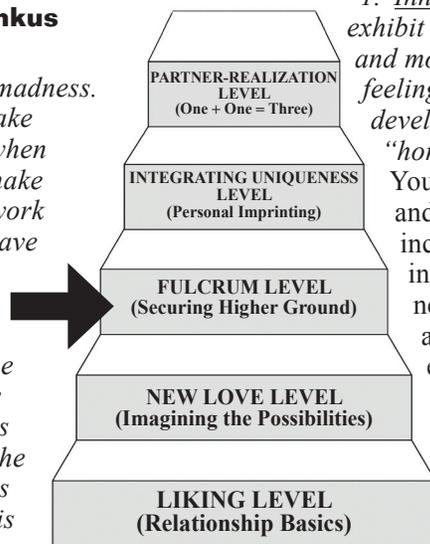


By John Vincent Senkus

ThumbPrint News Guest Writer

“Love is a temporary madness. It erupts like an earthquake and then subsides. And when it subsides you have to make a decision. You have to work out whether your roots have become so entwined together that it is inconceivable that you should ever part. Because that is what love is. Love is not breathlessness, it is not the promulgation of promises of eternal passion. That is just being ‘in love’ which any of us can convince ourselves we are. Love itself is what is left over when being in love has burned away, and this is both an art and a fortunate accident. Your mother and I had it, we had roots that grew toward each other underground, and when all the pretty blossoms had fallen from our branches, we found that we were not two trees, but one.” Louis de Bernieres

For love to grow this deeply, relationship balance must become an art form. And the Fulcrum Level is where the nucleus of this growth and balance will take place. Here the give and take of personal differences begin their melding process, allowing the relationship to reflect the personality and base values of each partner. But just like a teeter-totter, too much weight on one end versus the other—keeps one side up ... and the other down. So it is only by keeping things “level” that secure pillars can be constructed. They not only hold in place the current progress of the relationship, but more importantly, they become the footings on which the weight and bearing of all future growth will hinge upon. Unfortunately, for many couples, this stage feels like a let down or back to reality period, becoming disenchanted after the surge of new love has waned. Also, since this level can easily create more slippage than traction, it is usually the most difficult to navigate through. However, solid ground will ultimately be secured in this vital area by fulfilling the following needs:



1. *Innermost Emotions exhibit the need for deeper and more committed feelings to grow and develop past the “honeymoon” phase.*

Your emotional depth and connection have increased beyond the initial feelings of new love. However, as your feelings expand while your relationship grows in trust and intimacy, it is easier for your negative thoughts

and emotions to surface. At times these may conflict with, or even overpower the positive energies in your relationship. This is a normal transition, because as you grow more and more comfortable with your partner, it is easier for your private self (including the not so desirable traits) to come out of hiding. In fact, as this level continues to evolve, there will be less distinction, because the “whole” you will be comfortable around them. It will also be easier to critique the apparent shortcomings of your partner as well. Some of the things you were uncomfortable to express earlier in the relationship, now aren’t so hard to share. While being completely open and honest with one another is desirable—so is the use of tact! Before blurting out hurtful words or actions, attempt to constructively internalize and work these thoughts and feelings through.

2. *Inward Intimacy reflects the need to share our innermost self and develop an even deeper connection with our partner.* This encompasses the entire range of your many emotions, what makes you happy or sad, your perspectives and beliefs, what makes you wonder, your fears and concerns. Bottom line, it’s those inner workings that make you tick. Intimacy is a process and not an event. There has to be an ongoing connection of trust, support, and understanding, enabling your emotions to be fully disclosed and shared. Getting closer to one another also means sharing the things

you don’t necessarily see eye to eye on. Negative feelings, frustrations, conflict, disagreement, anger, and arguments will all present themselves within your relationship. Your overall compatibility and skill at problem resolution will play a large part in just how frequent these occurrences will arise (or repeat). These are not to be avoided and are important steps in the overall development of your partnership. Don’t be afraid to disclose your true feelings for fear of disagreement or argument. These are vital opportunities to know each other from a deeper level, and can present potent opportunities for growth.

3. *Inner Commitment constitutes the need for complete devotion in our relationship.* Commitment is a primary ingredient in love as it separates love from just intimacy and passion. It is literally where theory meets reality, where the rubber meets the road. All relationships over time will get “tested”. Boredom, monotony, temptation, “the grass is greener”, and many other potential influences will rear their ugly head. A love life is easy when things are going good, but commitment is the glue that holds it together when the winds of doubt start swirling. A complete inner commitment means you have no hesitations about being with your partner; you will do all you can to best support the relationship; and you truly believe the relationship will work no matter what. A full commitment indicates “time is on your side”, and with this comes the assurance that your relationship can develop on its own accord, at its own pace. Lacking true commitment is holding back a part of you—while the essence of love requires “all of you”.

4. *Intimate Sex signifies the need to be emotionally close, connected, secure, and expressive with our partner sexually.* As your love, trust, intimacy, and emotions continue to deepen, your sexual relations will become even more intimately connected. This enables your lovemaking to be more revealing, with a heightened sharing of thoughts and emotions (before, during, and after). While many believe that sexual passion cannot last, and is only an entity of new love, this belief is not accurate. When love is new, there is more energy available for passionate sex. As your love broadens and new responsibilities set in (maintaining a home together, raising children, job responsibilities, financial strains, etc.), your available time and energy now

have to be shared with the many other dimensions of living. All these factors can deplete your sexual energies. While this may decrease the frequency of your sexual episodes, it should not take away the passion and intimacy for when you do make love. Sure, there are those “quick” romantic interludes where time and energy won’t allow a full romantic sexual session to develop. But recognize, the core and intensity of your sexual desires need to be tapped into on a regular basis.

5. *Reality of Differences exhibit the need to continually learn about the characteristics and traits of our partner that are different from our own.* While opposites attract, they can also repel. Some of the differences that initially drew you to one another are entering a “reality is setting in” stage. Traits that seemingly began as cute and interesting may now seem irritating and annoying (on the other hand, some of these may transition to an endearing status). Still some will be constructive differences that will push you outside of your established paradigms and stimulate your growth progression. Absorbing differences is necessary as you now recognize the various degrees of limitations that weren’t so apparent in the beginning phases of your relationship (perceptions, beliefs, preferences, tastes, personality quirks, etc.). Though potentially difficult to work through, integrating these differences can provide valuable steps toward further relationship development and security. However, not all relationship differences will be able to be “assimilated”—there will be those that you and your partner may never fundamentally come to terms with. Unless these are learned to be properly dealt with, much consternation can arise ... even to the point of threatening your relationship’s foundation and longevity.

6. *Appreciation represents the need to be recognized for all of our relationship contributions.* No one wants to feel ordinary, like they could be swapped out for someone else. Recognizing, admiring, and appreciating one another’s individual efforts is a motivating force. It is an energy that can help each partner and the relationship reach higher levels of growth. Appreciation encourages and inspires the development of latent potential. However, this only works when this appreciation is acknowledged. Thoughtful compliments, gestures, and small gifts are all good ways to show your



partner you care and appreciate them. As you are truly appreciated, you want to continue doing what you are being appreciated for. This basic tenet of human nature is too often under utilized, even though it is so easy to do. Keep in mind this perspective is best focused when it's within the ordinary motions of day to day living. This is when it counts the most. Don't just show appreciation during special occasions—while taking for granted the daily routines.

7. *Support demonstrates the need for encouragement, agreement, and alliance from our partner.* Feelings of camaraderie enable a spirit of teamwork to foster which fortifies that you honor each other and are both in this together. Steadfast support cultivates an environment of encouragement—the two go hand in hand. When you feel that you are backed up and encouraged, you are more apt to be your own self and pursue your true life path. Providing strength, a shoulder to lean on, reassurance, approval, and goodwill are all ideal ways to bolster relationship. Remember, strong support for your partner doesn't mean you always see eye to eye, but together as a couple, you still respect your relational differences and uphold them. Knowing you have each other's support, even when not agreeing, goes a long way in building the trust and environment that cultivates both of your unique growth paths.

8. *Security defines the need to be free from fear and to be in a safe, trusting, and stable environment with our partner.* This is created when you look out for one another, follow through on commitments, contribute to a steady home life, and can be trusted and counted on. It should be such an automatic part of your living conditions, that it becomes transparent. Strong security is fundamental to building a solid bond and connection with your partner. Otherwise, fear and insecurities can creep in and disable the element of trust and safety. Security also provides a cushion for when the “reality of differences” (as mentioned earlier) come to light. A secure environment furnishes a buffer to fall back on, giving you time to acclimate and adjust when the stresses from your differences put a strain on the relationship.

9. *Engaged Listening signifies the need for us to be listened to and heard by our partner.* This level of listening involves tuning out all outside noise

and inside thoughts, and really paying attention to what your partner is saying (and trying to say). Being engaged is focusing only on what is being communicated, and blocking all other “noise” from your mind. In essence, it is enabling yourself to hear your partner “loud and clear”. This results in a deeper understanding, which then provides a better sounding board with stronger dialogue, support, and ideas. However, there will be those times when it is more appropriate to just listen and place your own thoughts and opinions on hold. Overall, developing and honing this listening skill will quiet and open your mind, bringing a deeper capacity for effective communication into the relationship.

10. *Empathy illustrates the need for us to be deeply understood by our partner.* This deepest level of identifying with another occurs when you do not diffuse or dilute their point of view with your own. It allows you to not only understand your partner's words and emotions, but to feel them too. Empathy enables your sensitivity skills to become sharpened and adds a vital dimension to your perspectives. It provides deeper insights into knowing your partner. “Feeling” the words said as well as those unspoken, reading facial expressions, sensing vibrations, and noticing the nuances of body language are all elements of being empathic. In fact, one of the most vital applications is *when nothing is said*—those instances when something's not right and no words are exchanged—but you can still feel the unrest. This is when empathy becomes an excellent starting point for conversation, allowing the subtleties that run below the surface to come to light. It makes it easier to be more proactive, thereby giving negative energies less time to fester.

11. *Creating Time demonstrates the need to be together with our partner, in our own “universe” amidst the hectic routines and tribulations of life's demands.* It is a way of exerting discipline and power over the encroachment of your sometimes seemingly overwhelming responsibilities. A relationship can only build and grow when it is nurtured, and this can only be accomplished by the availability of your time together. But time is only the first ingredient, because energy is also required. When energy is not constructively expended within relationship—growth stalls. This doesn't mean you have to be like worker bees in an endless pattern of

motion, but overall there should be some form of balance between work and play. In addition, sometimes the best thing is to do nothing, other than rest and relaxation. Renewing and rebuilding are vital uses of time too. Prioritize how to best spend this essential commodity so you get the biggest return.

12. *Affection reflects the need for physical closeness, tenderness, and attention from our partner in a non-sexual way.* Being desired has many dimensions, and feeling close, without sex, is one of the most important. This demonstrates you are wanted within the normal daily routines of living—while dinner is being made, running around doing errands, or being a taxi service to the kids. Holding a hand, giving a back rub, stroking your partner's hair, or giving them a special look, all go a long way in saying you love them, and that *you are in love with them.* These simple gestures of sweetness pay huge dividends in showing your partner just how much you care. It is the smallest of communications regarding your affection, given during the unexpected moments of daily life, that will generate the most momentum in expressing your heartfelt fondness.

13. *Acceptance constitutes the need for our partner to recognize and receive us for who we are.* This is a true acknowledgement demonstrating that “I am okay”. Genuine acceptance builds your self-esteem, worth, and confidence as well. It also paves the way for you to continually evolve into the person you are meant to be. As Gina Lake stated in her book, *Loving in the Moment*, “Acceptance is the opposite of judgment and the antidote to it.” Full acceptance of your partner paves the way for deeper intimacy—as it openly encourages the roots of trust to flourish. But, full acceptance doesn't always translate into, “I'll take you just as you are”. There will always be some tweaking and adjusting

as you both bend toward middle ground on your differences. However, harmony is key. You cannot lose your identity or yourself in the bending process. Understanding your separate distinctions, and respecting them, goes a long way in equalizing the dynamics toward accepting each other's differing qualities.

14. *Art of Compromise represents the need to meet our partner halfway because we know it cannot always be “our way”.* Truly loving your partner means you want their needs to be fulfilled ... but not necessarily at your full expense. This is where compromise comes in. While it may not be easy, the proper balance of relationship give and take is absolutely vital. Without it, turf wars will rule. It's also important to note that the art of compromise is not the same as sacrifice. Sacrifice implies a win-lose scenario. The art of compromise is a win (some)-win (some) situation. What that means is both of you will derive some positive gains from your compromise—even if it's not everything you each would have fully wanted. Bottom line, you both walk away achieving something you sought. It is successful compromise that hones the skills of balanced giving and receiving; a bedrock for proper relational growth.

Remember, for all of these needs to come together, there must be more focus on the positive, rather than the negative. As Robert Anderson observed, “An ingredient in every successful relationship is ‘looking for the good’... In every marriage more than a week old, there are grounds for divorce. The trick is to find, and continue to find, grounds for marriage.”

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